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Part : A

Q.1 Who among the following is the author of the Buddha's early biography named *Buddhacharita*?

- A) Nagasena
- B) Buddhaghosha
- ☒ C) Ashvaghosha
- D) Nagarjuna

Q.2 Among which of the following communities is found the institution of taboo?

- ☒ A) The Polynesians
- B) Latin Americans
- C) North Africans
- D) Chinese

Q.3 Which of the following is the number of sub-divisions into which the eighteen *Puranas* have been broadly classified?

- A) Six
- B) Nine
- ☒ C) Three
- D) Two

Q.4 Which of the following two sets of the Sikh Gurus were martyred?

- A) Guru Ram Das and Guru Hargobind
- B) Guru Angad Dev and Guru Arjan Dev
- C) Guru Amar Das and Guru Har Rai
- ☒ D) Guru Arjan Dev and Guru Gobind Singh

Q.5 In the *Puranas* who among the following is listed as the first *avatara* in the classical list of *avatars* of Lord Vishnu?

- A) Kurma
- ☒ B) Matsya
- C) Balarama
- D) Narasimha

Q.6 Who among the following was Vardhamana Mahavira's mother?

- A) Maya
- B) Subhadra
- ☒ C) Trishala
- D) Yashodhra

Q.7 Who among the following was the most popular Rig Vedic deity according to the number of verses dedicated to him/her?

- ☒ A) Indra
- B) Agni
- C) Varuna
- D) Ushas

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Q.8 With which of the following belief systems is 'Totemism' closely associated?

- A) The belief that spirits, apparitions, angels, or demons inhabit the earth
- ☒ B) A system of belief in which humans are said to have kinship or a mystical relationship with a spirit-being, such as an animal or plant
- C) A system of thought designed for or understood by the specially initiated alone
- D) A mystical belief and practice to find the truth knowledge through direct personal experience of God.

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Q.9 Which of the following material is used in the ritual act of Baptism in Christianity to admit a person to the membership of Church?

- A) Fire
- B) Sword
- C) Wine
- ☒ D) Water

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Q.10 Which of the following is a sectarian division to be found in Sikhism?

- ☒ A) Namdhari
- B) Nishan Sahib
- C) Gurumukhi
- D) Granthi

Q.11 Which of the following is a Jewish house of worship?

- A) Temple
- ☒ B) Synagogue
- C) Mosque.
- D) Church

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Q.12 Who among the following Jaina saints migrated to south India in the wake of a famine in ancient Pataliputra?

- A) Haribhadra
- B) Sthulbhadra
- ☒ C) Bhadrabahu
- D) Hemchandra

Q.13 *Tipitaka* is the collective name given to the sacred texts of which of the following religions?

- A) Jainism
- ☒ B) Buddhism
- C) Ajivikism
- D) Shaivism

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Q.14 Which of the following places, according to traditional accounts and belief is the birth place of Jesus Christ?

- ☒ A) Bethlehem
- B) Nazareth
- C) Galilee
- D) None of the above

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Q.15 Which of the following religions is the first major surviving religion to have subscribed the idea of monotheism?

- ☒ A) Judaism
- B) Christianity
- C) Islam
- D) Buddhism

Q.16 Who among the following is best identified with Animism?

- ☒ A) E.B. Tylor
- B) Evans Pritchard
- C) Victor Turner
- D) Max Muller

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Q.17 Which among the following is the language of Theravada Buddhism's sacred texts?

- A) Sanskrit
- B) Prakrit
- ☒ C) Pali
- D) Tamil

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Q.18 Who among the following is the author of *Yogasutra's* commentary *Ashtadhyayi*?

- A) Panini
- B) Patanjali
- C) Agastya
- ☒ D) Narada

Q.19 Who among the following is the first Western scholar to have translated the Jaina sacred text called *Acaranga Sutra*?

- A) T.W. Rhys-Davids
- B) Hermann Oldenberg
- C) Max Muller
- ☒ D) Hermann Jacobi

Q.20 At which of the following places did the Buddha attain *mahaparinirvana* (final passing away from the physical world)?

- (A) Shravasti
- ☒ B) Kushinagar
- C) Sankasya
- D) Vaishali

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Q.21 Who among the following Sikh Gurus laid the foundation of the Khalsa in 1699?

- ☒ A) Guru Tegh Bahadur
- ☐ B) Guru Arjan Dev
- ☒ C) Guru Gobind Singh
- ☐ D) Guru Angad Dev

Q.22 Who among the following was the Rig Vedic god in-charge of maintenance and protection of the cosmic order (*rita*)?

- ☐ A) Agni
- ☐ B) Indra
- ☐ C) Rudra
- ☒ D) Mitra

~~Q.23~~ Q.23 Who among the following is associated with the Sacred Books of the East series?

- ☐ A) W. C. Smith
- ☒ B) Max Muller
- ☐ C) Mercia Eliade
- ☐ D) Rudolf Otto

Q.24 With which of the following political powers did the Arabs engage with in 'The Battle of Qadisiyya'?

- ☐ A) The Roman Empire
- ☒ B) The Sasanians
- ☐ C) The Byzantine Empire
- ☐ D) The Mongols

Q.25 *Kabbalah* is associated with which of the following religions?

- ☒ A) Judaism
- ☐ B) Islam
- ☒ C) Zoroastrianism
- ☐ D) Jainism

Q.26 According to the Jaina belief who among the following was the twenty-third Jaina *tirthankara* preceding Mahavira?

- ☐ A) Rishabhath
- ☐ B) Neminath
- ☒ C) Parsavanath
- ☐ D) Mallinath

Q.27 Which of the following does not find a place in the traditional iconography of Lord Vishnu?

- ☐ A) Conch
- ☐ B) Discus
- ☒ C) Bow
- ☐ D) Mace

Q.28 In which of the following years the compilation of the *Adi Granth* and construction of the *Harmandir Sahib* (Golden Temple) were completed?

- A) 1708
- ☒ B) 1604
- C) 1699
- D) 1665

Q.29 Which of the following is called the study of Islamic jurisprudence, or interpretation of Sharia?

- ☒ A) Fiqh
- B) Fatwa
- C) Fitna
- D) Ijtihad

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Q.30 *Rahnumai Mazdayasnan Sabha* as a socio-religious reform movement was associated with which of the following religions?

- A) Islam
- ☒ B) Zoroastrianism (Parsees)
- C) Bohra Muslims
- D) Sikhism

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Q.31 Which of the following belongs to the belief system of the Jainas?

- A) Belief in the doctrine of sorrow/pain
- B) Belief in Avataras
- ☒ C) Belief in Tirthankaras
- D) Belief in Seva

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Q.32 Hijrah/Hejira marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad in A.D 622 to which of the following cities of Arabia?

- A) Mecca
- ☒ B) Medina
- C) Jubbah
- D) Thaj

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Q.33 Which of the following doctrines is not associated with the Buddha's teachings?

- A) The Four Noble Truths
- B) The Eight Fold Path
- ☒ C) Sayadvada
- D) Doctrine of Impermanence/Emptiness

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Q.34 Who among the following Rig Vedic god is depicted as going about in horse-drawn chariots, ready to rescue their worshippers?

- ☒ A) Ashvin
- B) Indra
- C) Rudra
- D) Surya

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Q.35 Which of the following is not true of the *Naqshbandi* school of Sufis?

- A) They were ascetic in approach
- ☒ B) They mostly kept aloof from the State
- C) They desired and received State patronage
- D) None of the above

Q.36 Who among the following is the author of the book, '*The Buddha and His Dhamma*'?

- A) M.K. Gandhi
- B) 'Periyar' E. V. Ramasamy
- ☒ C) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- D) Jyotirao Phule

Q.37 How many Gospels are there in the Bible?

- ☒ A) Four
- B) Two
- C) Six
- D) Five

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Q.38 Which among the following stands for *Salat* in Islam?

- ☒ A) The five daily prayers Muslims are expected to perform
- B) The term for Islamic law
- C) The term for a chapter of the Quran
- D) The term for the Ramadan fast

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Q.39 Which among the following Indian religions developed a heightened notion of *ahimsa* to include invisible micro-organisms?

- A) Buddhism
- ☒ B) Jainism
- C) Sikhism
- D) Hinduism

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Q.40 Which among the following is one of the qualities (*gunas*) according to which the Puranas have been classified?

- A) Ahimsa
- B) Nyaya
- ☒ C) Sattva
- D) None of the above

Q.41 Who among the following is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church?

- A) Roman King
- ☒ B) Pope
- C) Mystic
- D) Bishop

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Q.42 Which of the followings are known as 'chapters' of the Quran ?

- ☒ A) Surahs
- ☐ B) Sunnahs
- ☐ C) Shariah
- ☐ D) Ijma

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Q.43 Who among the following Sikh Gurus terminated the office/authority of Human Gurus?

- ☐ A) Guru Teg Bahadur
- ☒ B) Guru Gobind Singh
- ☐ C) Guru Arjan Dev
- ☐ D) Guru Amar Das

Q.44 Who among the following was a contemporary of Mahavira and is considered to be the founder of Ajivikism?

- ☒ A) Makkhali Goshala
- ☐ B) Yajnavalkya
- ☐ C) Apastamba
- ☐ D) Vasishtha

Q.45 Which among the following refers to cooperative, constructive, and positive interaction between people of different religious traditions

- ☐ A) Multi-culturism
- ☐ B) Pluralism
- ☒ C) Inter-faith dialogue
- ☐ D) Humanism

Q.46 Who among the following invented and first coined the term 'anti-semitism'?

- ☐ A) Adolf Stoecker
- ☐ B) Eugene Duhring
- ☐ C) Theodor Herzl
- ☒ D) Wilhelm Marr

Q.47 With which of the following religions is the World Heritage historical site of Sanchi associated?

- ☐ A) Jainism
- ☒ B) Buddhism
- ☐ C) Sikhism
- ☐ D) Brahmanism

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Q.48 Which of the following does not form a part of the four Gospels of the New Testament:

- ☐ A) Mark
- ☐ B) Luke
- ☐ C) John
- ☒ D) Thomas.

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Q.49 Who among the following was the first Caliph of the Muslim community after Prophet Mohammad?

- A) Hazart Umar
- B) Hazart Ali
- ☒ C) Hazrat Abu Bakr
- D) Hazart Usman

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Q.50 In which of the following countries Zoroastrian (Parsi religion) had its origin?

- ☒ A) Iran
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Pakistan
- ☒ D) Uzbekistan

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Q.51 Which among the following terms stands for the spiritual leader and religious teacher of a Jewish community?

- A) Caliph
- B) Archbishop
- C) Bishop
- ☒ D) Rabbi

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Q.52 Which of the following Brahmanical or Hindu texts traditionally mark the end of the later Vedic literature?

- A) Aranyakas
- ☒ B) Upanishadas
- C) Brahmanas
- D) Dharmashastras

Q.53 At which of the following ancient cities was the first Buddhist Council held?

- A) Bodh-Gaya
- B) Sarnath
- C) Vaishali
- ☒ D) Rajgriha

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Q.54 Which of the following is not among the Four Sources/Fundamental Principles (*Usul*) upon which Islamic doctrine, law and thoughts are based?

- A) Quran
- B) Sunnah/Hadith
- ☒ C) Al-Qadar (Divine Predestination)
- D) Ijma

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Q.55 The Biblical account of Jesus Christ's death on the cross, or crucifixion is traditionally marked by which of the following Holy days?

- A) Easter Sunday
- ☒ B) Good Friday .
- C) Easter Monday
- D) None of the above

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Q.56 To which of the following religions do the *Jatakas* belong to?

- ☒ A) Jainism
- ☐ B) Ajivikism
- ☐ C) Virashaivism
- ☐ D) Buddhism

Q.57 Who among the following is the author of the work, *The Sociology of Religion*?

- ☐ A) Max Muller
- ☐ B) Karl Marx
- ☒ C) Max Weber
- ☐ D) Anthony Giddens

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Q.58 Which of the following forms a part of the Five Principles (Five K's) of the *Khalsa*?

- ☐ A) Karma
- ☒ B) Kesh
- ☐ C) Kathina
- ☐ D) Kar-seva

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Q.59 'Passover' is which of the following religions one of the most sacred and widely observed holidays?

- ☐ A) Christianity
- ☐ B) Zoroastrianism
- ☒ C) Judaism
- ☐ D) None of the above

Q.60 Which of the following forms part of the basic ideas associated with Sufism?

- ☒ A) Fanaa
- ☐ B) Karbala
- ☐ C) Jiziya
- ☐ D) None of the above

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