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Q1. Sangai Festival is celebrated in which state of India?

- a) Bihar
 - b) Manipur
 - c) Karnataka
 - d) Assam
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Q2. Consider the following statements about Sikh Gurus:

- Banda Bahadur was appointed as the military leader of the Sikhs by Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- Guru Arjan Dev became the Sikh Guru after Guru Ram Das.
- Guru Arjan Dev gave to Sikhs their own script- Gurumukhi.

Which of the statements given is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
 - b) 2 and 3
 - c) 1 only
 - d) 1 and 3
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Q3. 'Tamasha' is the famous folk form of musical theatre in

- a) Punjab
 - b) Bihar
 - c) Uttar Pradesh
 - d) Maharashtra
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Q4. What is the Jewish place of worship called?

- a) Synagogue
- b) None of these
- c) Church
- d) Mosque

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Q5. Kathakali dance style belongs to

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

Q6. 'Mera piya ghar aaya' has been sung by which Pakistani singer?

- a) Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan
- b) Faiz Ahmad Faiz
- c) Ghulam Ali
- d) Mehdi Hassan

Q7. Which one of the following is the most ancient musical instrument?

- a) Veena
- b) Tabla
- c) Sitar
- d) Sarod

Q8. 'Sufi Kalam' a type of devotional music, is characteristic of

- a) Kashmir
 - b) None of these
 - c) Gujarat
 - d) Rajasthan
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Q9. The Chitragupta Swami Temple considered to be the only temple of Chitragupta is situated in

- a) Mathura
 - b) Ujjain
 - c) Kanchi
 - d) Puri
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Q10. Which of the following statements are **correct** with regard to renowned Indian Hindustani classical singer, Kumar Gandharva?

- He refused to be circumscribed by the specific tradition and rules of a Gharana.
- He was a musicologist as well.
- He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan award in 1990.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

- a) 2 and 3
 - b) 1 and 3
 - c) 1 and 2
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
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Q11. Which of the following is **not correctly** matched?

- a) Bismillah Khan - Shahnai
 - b) Amzad Ali Khan - Sarod
 - c) Birju Maharaj - Kathak
 - d) Zakir Hussain - Harmonium
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Q12. Which of the following statements is **not correct** with regard to Kathak?

- a) A dance of northern India, Kathak is often a dance of love.
- b) It is performed by men only.
- c) Kathak is said to be derived from the word Katha, meaning “the art of storytelling.”
- d) The movements intricate footwork accented by bells worn around the ankles and stylized gestures adapted from normal body language.

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Q13. Four Mathas established by Adi Shankaracharya are

- a) Sringeri, Dwarka, Joshimath, Prayag
- b) Puri, Sringeri, Dwarka, Varanasi
- c) Joshimath, Dwarka, Puri, Sringeri
- d) Dwarka, Joshimath, Prayag, Kanchi

Q14. Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the code given below the lists.

List I	List II
A. Ravishankar	1. Shahnai
B. Hari Prasad Chaurasia	2. Violin
C. Omkar Nath Thakur	3. Sitar
D. Bismillah Khan	4. Flute

Codes: A B C D

- a) 3 4 2 1
- b) 2 4 1 3
- c) 1 2 3 4
- d) 4 3 2 1

Q15. In which of the following place Kumbh Mela is **not** held?

- a) Haridwar
- b) Varanasi
- c) Nashik
- d) Prayag

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

The Manipur Sangai Festival is an annual calendar mega-event of the Government of Manipur spearheaded by the Tourism Department that seeks to showcase and promote the finest of Manipur's

1. arts & culture,
2. adventure sports,
3. indigenous cuisines,
4. handloom & handicrafts,
5. fine arts,
6. indigenous games & music and
7. various other niche products to a regional, national and global audience.

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (a)

Q5. Answer: (b)

Kathakali is the most well-known dance drama from the south Indian state of Kerala. The word Kathakali literally means “Story-Play”.

It is known for its large, elaborate makeup and costumes. The elaborate costumes of Kathakali have become the most recognised icon for Kerala.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Q7. Answer: (a)

Q8. Answer: (a)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Q10. Answer: (d)

One of the most inventive singers in recent years, Kumar Gandharva is remembered for his great legacy of innovation, questioning tradition without rejecting it wholesale, resulting in music in touch with the roots of Indian culture.

Q11. Answer: (d)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Kathakas is performed by both men and women. It was originated by Kathakas, professional storytellers who used a mixture of dance, song, and drama. Like other Indian dances, it began as a temple dance, but soon moved into the courts of ruling houses.

Q13. Answer: (c)

Q14. Answer: (a)

Q15. Answer: (b)

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