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Q1. Consider the following statements:

- Bharata's Natya Sastra, from around the 5th century AD, and Saranga Deva's Sangita Ratnakara, from the early 13th century AD, are considered to be the earliest recorded documents available on the theory and performance of Indian classical music.
- Carnatic music is based on a 22 scale note (swaras) on contrary to the earlier 12 note scale that is used in the western classical music. But in all its practical aspects and purposes, not more than 16 notes are generally used.

Which of the above statements is/are **correct**?

- a) 2 only
 - b) 1 and 2 both
 - c) 1 only
 - d) None
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Q2. With reference to the famous Sattriya dance, consider the following statements.

- Sattriya is a combination of music, dance and drama.
- It is a centuries-old living tradition of Vaishnavites of Assam.
- It is based on classical Ragas and Talas of devotional songs composed by Tulsidas, Kabir and Mirabai.

Which of the statements given above is/are **correct**?

- a) Only 1 and 2
 - b) 1, 2 and 3
 - c) Only 1
 - d) Only 2 and 3
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Q3. Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the code given below the lists.

List I	List II
(Artist)	(Art)
A. Hira Bhattacharya	1. Bharatanatyam dance
B. Malini Rajurkar	2. Hindustani vocal music
C. Pratibha Prahlad	3. Kuchipudi dance
D. Vempati Chinna Satyam	4. Puppetry

Codes: A B C D

a) 3 1 2 4

b) 3 2 1 4

c) 4 2 1 3

d) 4 1 2 3

Q4. The 'yoga' philosophy belongs to

a) Patanjali

b) Kanada

c) Jaimini

d) Gautam

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Q5. Match the following.

List I	List II
(Planets)	(Satellites)
A. Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma	1. Hindustani Music
B. Pt. Mallikarjun Mansur	2. Violin Player
C. V.G. Jog	3. Santoor Player
D. Ali Akbar Khan	4. Sarod Player

Codes: A B C D

a) 1 4 3 2

b) 3 1 2 4

c) 1 2 3 4

d) 4 2 3 1

Q6. Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer by using the codes given below:

List I	List II
A. Bidesia	1. Jharkhand
B. Lajri	2. Uttarakhand
C. Dangri	3. Himachal Pradesh
D. Thullal	4. Kerala

Codes: A B C D

a) 3 4 1 2

b) 2 1 4 3

c) 1 2 3 4

d) 3 2 4 1

Q7. Choose the **correct** chronological sequence.

a) Char Minar, Qutub Minar, Chand Minar, Firoze Minar

b) Chand Minar, Char Minar, Qutub Minar, Firoze Minar

c) Firoze Minar, Chand Minar, Char Minar, Qutub Minar

d) Qutub Minar, Firoze Minar, Chand Minar, Char Minar

Q8. With reference to **Buddhist history, tradition and culture in India**, consider the following pairs. on Famous shrine and Location.

1. Tabo monastery - Spiti and temple Valley complex
2. Lhotsava - Zanskar Lhaxhang Valley temple, Nako
3. Alchi temple - Ladakh complex

Which of the pairs given above is/ are **correctly** matched?

- a) Only 2 and 3
 - b) 1, 2 and 3
 - c) Only 1
 - d) Only 1 and 3
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Q9. Raghu Rai is well known for which one of the following areas?

- a) Photography
 - b) Pollution control
 - c) Research in Mathematics
 - d) Water harvesting
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Q10. Consider the following pairs based on **Tradition** and **State**

1. Gatka, a tradi - Kerala tional martial art
2. Madhubani, a - Bihar traditional painting
3. Singhey Khababs - Jammu and Sindhu Darshan - Kashmir festival

Which of the above pair(s) is/are **correctly** matched?

- a) Only 3
 - b) 1, 2 and 3
 - c) 1 and 2
 - d) 2 and 3
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Q11. Consider the following pairs based on **Traditions** and **Communities**

1. Chaliha Sahib - Sindhis Festival
2. Nanda Raj Jaat - Gonds Yatra
3. Wari-Warkari - Santhals

Which of the pairs given above is/ are **correctly** matched?

- a) Only 2 and 3
- b) None of these
- c) Only 1
- d) Only 1 and 3

Q12. Kuchipudi dance style belongs to

- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Odisha

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Q13. With reference to India's culture and tradition, what is 'Kalaripayattu'?

- a) It is an ancient style bronze and brasswork still found in Southern part of Coromandel area
- b) It is an ancient martial art and a living tradition in some parts of South India
- c) It is an ancient Bhakti cult of Shaivism still prevalent in some parts of South India
- d) It is an ancient form of dancodrama and a living tradition in the Northern part of Malabar

Q14. Gangubai Hangal, who died a few months ago, was a

- a) Dancer
- b) Sitar Player
- c) Classical Singer
- d) Painter

Q15. Who was the producer of the famous T.V. serial 'Ramayan'?

- a) Ramanand Sagar
 - b) Mira Nair
 - c) B.R. Chopra
 - d) Shyam Benegal
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

The origin of Carnatic music or South Indian classical music can be traced back to the age of Vedas. It is a system of music commonly associated with the southern part of the Indian subcontinent, with its area roughly confined to four modern states of India:

1. Andhra Pradesh,
2. Karnataka,
3. Kerala, and
4. Tamil Nadu.

It is one of two main sub-genres of Indian classical music that evolved from ancient Hindu traditions.

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (c)

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Q4. Answer: (a)

The 'yoga' philosophy belongs to Patanjali. The term yoga can be derived from either of two roots, yujir yoga (to yoke) or yuj samadhi (to concentrate). The Yoga Sutra of Patañjali

defines yoga as “the stilling of the changing states of the mind”.

Yoga has also been popularly defined as “union with the divine” in other contexts.

Q5. Answer: (b)

Q6. Answer: (c)

Q7. Answer: (a)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (a)

Q10. Answer: (d)

Q11. Answer: (c)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Kuchipudi is the classical dance form from the state of Andhra Pradesh. It derives its name from the village of Kuchelapuram, a small village about 65 kms from Vijaywada. It is known for its graceful movements and its strong narrative/dramatic character.

Q13. Answer: (b)

Q14. Answer: (c)

Q15. Answer: (a)

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