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Q1. Who laid the foundation of the 'School of Possibilism'?

- a) La Blache
 - b) Ratzel
 - c) Brunches
 - d) Humboldt
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Q2. Who composed 'Jana Gana Mana'?

- a) Rabindra Nath Tagore
 - b) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
 - c) Sarojini Naidu
 - d) Aurobindo Ghosh
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Q3. Who is the author of the book Long Walk to Freedom?

- a) Louis Fischer
 - b) Mao Tse Tung
 - c) Nelson Mandela
 - d) Aung Sang Su Kyi
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Q4. The book 'Long walk to Freedom' is written by

- a) Benazir Bhutto
- b) Nawaz Sharif
- c) Sonia Gandhi

d) Nelson Mandela

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Q5. Which one of the following films directed by Satyajit Ray is based on the story Nastaneer written by Rabindranath Tagore ?

- a) Charulata
- b) Apur Sansar
- c) Aparajita
- d) Pathar Panchali

Q6. Who is the author of Meghdoot?

- a) Vishakhadatta
- b) Chanakya
- c) Shundraka
- d) Kalidasa

Q7. Who wrote the book 'Systema Naturae' ?

- a) Buffon
- b) Linnaeus
- c) Lamarck
- d) Darwin

Q8. The books Chitrangada, Gitanjali and Gora were written by

- a) Amrita Pritam
- b) Khushwant Singh

c) Rabindra Nath Tagore

d) Kuldip Nayyar

Q9. Who wrote the 'Kamayani'?

a) Girija Kumar Mathur

b) Jai Shankar Prasad

c) Mahadevi Verma

d) Shamsheer Bahadur Singh

Q10. The author of the book 'My Experiments With Truth' is

a) Govind Vallabh Pant

b) Tara Ali Beg

c) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

d) M.K. Gandhi

Q11. In whose work do we find the character 'Rusty' ?

a) Ruskin Bond

b) Rabindranath Tagore

c) R.K. Narayan

d) R.K. Laxman

Q12. Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the codes given below:

List I	List II
A. Coolie	1. Mulk Raj Anand
B. Hinduism	2. Nirad C. Chaudhary
C. Gitanjali	3. Rabindra Nath Tagore
D. The judgement	4. Kuldip Nayyar

Codes: A B C D

a) 4 3 2 1

b) 4 2 3 1

c) 1 2 3 4

d) 1 4 3 2

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Q13. Which of the following statements is/are **incorrect** about Nobel Prize?

- a) The Nobel Foundation was founded as a private organisation on 29 June 1900.
- b) The will of the Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel established the prizes in 1895.
- c) The prize ceremonies for all categories take place annually in stock holm, Sweden.
- d) It is widely regarded as the most prestigious award available as the most prestigious, medicine, physics, chemistry, peace and economics.

Q14. The book 'Guilty Man of India's Partition' was authored by

- a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia

Q15. Who wrote Jungle Book?

- a) Sibhu
 - b) R.K. Narayan
 - c) Mohd. Salim
 - d) Rudyard Kipling
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

French geographer Vidal de Lablache laid the foundations of possibilism. He declared that man is not a passive agent ruled by the forces of nature which play their role and determine man's destiny and shape human society.

He developed this geographical approach as a reaction to environmental determinism that regarded all the facets of human activity as ultimately determined in character by the natural-environmental context.

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (c)

Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time: an international hero whose lifelong dedication to the fight against racial oppression in South Africa won him the Nobel Peace Prize and the presidency of his country.

Since his triumphant release in 1990 from more than a quarter-century of imprisonment, Mandela has been at the centre of the most compelling and inspiring political drama in the world.

As president of the African National Congress and head of South Africa's anti-apartheid movement, he was instrumental in moving the nation toward multiracial government and majority rule. He is revered everywhere as a vital force in the fight for human rights and racial equality.

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Q4. Answer: (d)

Long Walk to freedom is an autobiographical work written by South African President Nelson Mandela, which was published in 1995 by Little Brown & Co.

Q5. Answer: (a)

Nastanirh (The Broken Nest) is a Bengali novella by Rabindranath Tagore. It is the basis for the noted 1964 film, Charulata by Satyajit Ray.

The novella explores the lives of the “Bhadralok”, Bengalis of wealth who were part of the Bengal Renaissance and highly influenced by the Brahmo Samaj.

Q6. Answer: (d)

Meghdoot (literally “cloud messenger”) is a lyric poem written by Kalidasa, considered to be one of the greatest Sanskrit poets. A poem of 111 stanzas, it is one of Kalidasa’s most famous works.

Q7. Answer: (b)

‘Systema Naturae’ was one of the major works of the Swedish botanist, zoologist and physician Carolus Linnaeus that introduced the binomial nomenclature. The first edition was published in 1735. The book listed about 10,000 species of organisms, of which about 6,000 were plants and 4,236 were animals.

Q8. Answer: (c)

Chitrangada and Gitanjali was written by Rabindra Nath Tagore. Rabindra Nath Tagore was a Bengali poet, short-story writer, song composer, playwright, essayist, and painter awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913 for Gitanjali.

Q9. Answer: (b)

Q10. Answer: (d)

The Story of My Experiments with Truth is the autobiography of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, covering his life from early childhood through to 1921. It was written in weekly installments and published in his journal Navjivan from 1925 to 1929.

Q11. Answer: (a)

"The Adventures of Rusty: Collected Stories" has been written by Ruskin Bond, one of India's mostloved authors of children's books. This book features the titular character of Rusty, an Anglo-Indian boy who bears close resemblances to author when he was a child himself. It was published in 2012 by Penguin India.

Q12. Answer: (c)

Mulk Raj Anand (12 December 1905 – 28 September 2004) was an Indian writer in English, notable for his depiction of the lives of the poorer castes in traditional Indian society. One of the pioneers of Indo-Anglian fiction, he, together with R. K. Narayan, Ahmad Ali and Raja Rao, was one of the first India-based writers in English to gain an international readership.

Nirad C. Chaudhuri was a Bengali?English writer and cultural commentator. He was born in 1897 in Kishoreganj, which today is part of Bangladesh but at that time was part of Bengal, a region of British India.

Rabindranath Tagore, sobriquet Gurudev, was a Bengali polymath who reshaped his region's literature and music.

Kuldip Nayar is a veteran Indian journalist, syndicated columnist, human rights activist and author, noted for his long career as a left-wing political commentator.

Q13. Answer: (c)

The prize ceremonies take place annually in Stockholm Sweden, except for the peace prize which is held in Oslo, Norway.

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (d)

English author Rudyard Kipling wrote the Jungle Book in 1894. It is a collection of stories.

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