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Q1. The book “**Unto the Last**” which influenced Gandhi was authored by

- a) John Ruskin
 - b) Ruskin Bond
 - c) Boris Yeltsin
 - d) Pushkin
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Q2. The song of Vande Mataram which served as a great inspiration to the patriotic song of India in their freedom struggle is in book

- a) Meghanad-Vadh
 - b) Anand Math
 - c) Virangana Kavya
 - d) Durgesha Nandini
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Q3. ‘India from Curzon to Nehru’ is the book of

- a) Nirad C. Chaudhuri
 - b) Kuldip Nayyar
 - c) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - d) Durga Das
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Q4. Which one of the following is **correctly** matched?

- a) Subhash Chandra Bose - Indian Unrest
- b) Valentine Chirol - Indian Struggle

c) V.D. Savarkar - Unhappy India

d) Rafiq Zakaria - The Man Who Divided India

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Q5. Consider the following statements:

- Golf is related to US Masters tournament.
- Rovers Cup is related to Polo.

Choose the statement/s which is/are correct:

a) 1 only

b) 1 and 2

c) 2 only

d) None of these

Q6. Consider the following statements:

- Patron of Jinasena was Amoghavarsha (Rashtrakuta King)
- Patron of Jaideva was Lakshmanasena (Bengal)

Select the **correct** answer

a) Both 1 & 2

b) Neither of the above

c) 2 only

d) 1 only

Q7. The original name of 'Mahabharata' is

a) Vrahat Katha

b) Rajatarangini

c) Katha Saritsagar

d) Jai Samhita

Q8. The author of the book 'Animal Farm' is

- a) George Orwell
 - b) S.M. All
 - c) Leo Tolstoy
 - d) John Dryden
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Q9. Who wrote the play "Uttararamacharita"?

- a) Tulsidas
 - b) Sudraka
 - c) Harsha
 - d) Bhavabhuti
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Q10. Who is the author of the book 'New Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy'?

- a) P.C. Alexander
 - b) A.B. Vajpayee
 - c) Yashwant Sinha
 - d) Jaswant Singh
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Q11. The famous work of Bhartendu Harishchandra is

- a) Nutan Brahmachari
 - b) Mayanka Manjari
 - c) Chandra Kanta Santati
 - d) Bharat Durdasha
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Q12. Arundhati Roy is the author of :

- a) Disgrace
- b) My Childhood Days

c) God of Small Things

d) The Tin Drum

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Q13. 'The Roots of Ancient India' was written by

a) W.A. Fairservis

b) D.K. Chakravarti

c) A. Ghosh

d) D.P. Agrawal

Q14. The author of the book "India Wins Freedom" is

a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

b) Indira Gandhi

c) Kuldeep Nayyar

d) Jawahar Lal Nehru

Q15. A book entitled "The Hindus : An Alternative History" is written by

a) B.R. Ambedkar

b) Salman Rushdie

c) Shobha De

d) Wendy Doniger

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

John Ruskin was the leading English art critic of the Victorian era, also an art patron, draughtsman, water-colourist, a prominent social thinker and philanthropist.

He wrote on subjects ranging from geology to architecture, myth to ornithology, literature to education, and botany to political economy.

His writing styles and literary forms were equally varied. Ruskin's political ideas, and *Unto This Last* in particular, later proved highly influential, praised and paraphrased in Gujarati by Gandhi, a wide range of autodidacts, the economist John A. Hobson and many of the founders of the British Labour party.

Q2. Answer: (b)

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (d)

Q5. Answer: (a)

The US Masters, is one of the four major championships in professional golf. Scheduled for the first full week of April, it is the first of the majors to be played each year. West Chester

Cup is a trophy in polo that was created in 1876.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (a)

Animal Farm is an allegorical novella by George Orwell published in England on 17 August 1945. According to Orwell, the book reflects events leading up to the Russian Revolution of 1917, and then on into the Stalin era in the Soviet Union.

Q9. Answer: (d)

Bhavabhuti was an 8th-century scholar of India noted for his plays and poetry, written in Sanskrit. His plays are considered equivalent to the works of Kalidasa.

Bhavbhuti was born in a Deshastha Brahmin family of Padmapura, Vidarbha, central India, in Gondia district, on Maharashtra and MP border. His real name was SrikanthaNilakantha, and he was the son of Nilakantha and Jatukarni. He received his education at 'Padmapawaya', a place some 42 km South-West of Gwalior.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (d)

Q12. Answer: (c)

The God of Small Things is the debut novel of Indian writer Arundhati Roy. It is a story about the childhood experiences of fraternal twins whose lives are destroyed by the "Love Laws" that lay down "who should be loved, and how much". It won the Booker Prize in 1997.

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (a)

India Wins Freedom is a historical and semibiographical work by Indian leader Maulana Abul Kalam Azad that recounts and analyses the events of the Indian independence movement.

Q15. Answer: (d)

The Hindus : An Alternative History is a book by American Indologist, Wendy Doniger which the author describes as an "alternative to the narrative of Hindu history that they tell. It was published in March 2009.

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