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Q1. The book 'The White Tiger' is authored by

- a) Kiran Desai
 - b) VS Naipaul
 - c) Arundhati Roy
 - d) Aravind Adiga
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Q2. Which one of the following pairs is **correctly** matched?

- a) Rajendra Prasad - Discovery of India
 - b) D.P. Mishra - Living an Era
 - c) Subhash Chandra Bose - Freedom at Midnight
 - d) Jawaharlal Nehru - India Divided
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Q3. "Life Divine" is a book written by

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
 - b) Shri Aurobindo
 - c) M. K. Gandhi
 - d) S. Radhakrishnan
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Q4. The "Mein Kampf" was written by

- a) Mussolini
- b) Mazzini
- c) Hitler

d) Bismarck

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Q5. The book 'The Audacity of Hope' is written by

- a) Vikram Seth
- b) Barrack Obama
- c) Nayantara Sehgal
- d) Aravind Adiga

Q6. Who created the unforgettable literary character Swami?

- a) R. K. Narayan
- b) Hari vansh Rai Bachchan
- c) Vikram Seth
- d) Mulk Raj Anand

Q7. Who has written 'An Equal Music'?

- a) Khushwant Singh
- b) Shobha De
- c) Anita Desai
- d) Vikram Seth

Q8. Who wrote the book named 'Baiga'?

- a) Verrier Elwin
- b) S.C. Roy
- c) H. Rizle

d) D.N. Majumdar

Q9. Which of the following books was **not** written by a Nobel Laureate?

- a) Beyond Belief
 - b) Midnight's Children
 - c) Miguel Street
 - d) Half a Life
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Q10. Consider the following statements

- Brahma Sutras was written by Badarayana.
- Natya Shastra was written by Bhartrihari.

Select the **correct** answer

- a) All of the above
 - b) None of the above
 - c) 2 only
 - d) 1 only
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Q11. Who amongst the following is the author of the classic book Life Divine ?

- a) Swami Vivekananda
 - b) Aurobindo Ghosh
 - c) Ravi Shankar
 - d) Radha Krishnan
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Q12. The books, Niti Shatak, Shringaar Shatak and Vairagya Shatak are written by

- a) Kabir Das
- b) Bhavabhuti
- c) Bhartrihari
- d) Bana Bhatt

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Q13. Which one of the following works has recently been made into a full length featured film?

- a) Vikram Seth's A Suitable Boy
- b) Upamanyu Chatterjee's English August
- c) R.K Narayan's Malgudi Days
- d) Salman Rushdie's Midnight's Children

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

List I	List II
A. The Dark Room	1. R.K. Narayanan
B. Indian Philosophy	2. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
C. Golden Threshold	3. Sarojini Naidu
D. Anamika	4. Nirala

Codes: A B C D

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

Q15. Match the following works with their authors:

List I	List II
A. Gita-Govinda	1. Hemachandra
B. Yogasastra	2. Bhaskaracharya
C. Sribhasya	3. Ramanuja

Codes: A B C D

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

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

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

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

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

The White Tiger is the debut novel by Indian author Aravind Adiga. It was first published in 2008 and won the 40th Man Booker Prize in the same year.

Q2. Answer: (b)

Q3. Answer: (b)

'The Life Divine' is a metaphysical treatise authored by Sri Aurobindo. It is called the most profound book ever written on the nature of spirit, creation, life, and human evolution.

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Mein Kampf is an autobiographical manifesto by Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, in which he outlines his political ideology and future plans for Germany. Volume 1 of Mein Kampf was published in 1925 and Volume 2 in 1926. The book was edited by Rudolf Hess.

Q5. Answer: (b)

The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream is the second book written by Barack Obama. In the fall of 2006 it became number one on both the New York Times and Amazon.com.

Q6. Answer: (a)

R. K. Narayan was an Indian author whose works of fiction include a series of books about people and their interactions in an imagined town in India called Malgudi.

He is one of three leading figures of early Indian literature in English, along with Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao. Malgudi is a fictitious town in India created by R.K. Narayan in his novels and short stories.

It forms the setting for most of Narayan's works. Starting with his first novel, Swami and Friends, all but one of his fifteen novels and most of his short stories take place here. Narayan has successfully portrayed Malgudi as a microcosm of India.

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (a)

Q9. Answer: (b)

Midnight's Children is a 1980 book by Salman Rushdie that deals with India's transition from British colonialism to independence and the partition of British India. Rushdie has not won the

Nobel Prize. *Midnight's Children* won both the Booker Prize and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize in 1981.

It was awarded the "Booker of Bookers" Prize and the best all-time prize winners in 1993 and 2008 to celebrate the Booker Prize 25th and 40th anniversary.

Q10. Answer: (d)

Natya Shastra was written by Bharata Muni.

Q11. Answer: (b)

The Life Divine is Sri Aurobindo's major philosophical opus. It combines a synthesis of western thought and eastern spirituality with Sri Aurobindo's own original insights.

The Life Divine covers topics such as the human aspiration, the emergence of life in the cosmos from out of a Divine Source, the evolution of matter to spirit in the universe, the division and dualities inherent in human consciousness, the way out of man's ignorance through an evolution of consciousness, and the spiritual destiny of life on earth.

The Life Divine was translated into poetic Bengali in "Divya Jeevan Prasanga" by the scholar saint Sri Anirvan.

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (b)

English, August: *An Indian Story* is a novel by Indian author Upamanyu Chatterjee written in English, first published in 1988. It was adapted into a film of the same name in 1994.

Q14. Answer: (c)

1. The Dark Room — R.K. Narayanan
2. Indian Philosophy — Dr S. Radhakrishnan

3. Golden Threshold — Sarojini Naidu
4. Anamika — Nirala

Q15. Answer: (c)

1. **Gita Govinda**: a 12th Century epic by Jaidev;
2. **Yogasastra**: a treatise on yoga by Hemchandra;
3. **Sribhasya**: the most famous work of Ramanuja (1017–1137);
4. **Siddhanta Siromani**: the major treatise of Indian mathematician Bhaskaracharya, written in 1150 A.D.

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