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Q1. Match the following:

| List I | List II |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| A. Ratnavali | 1. Harshavardhana |
| B. Uttar Ramachari Ta | 2. Bhavabhuti |
| C. Bala Ramayana | 3. Rajasekhara |
| D. Karpuri Manjari | 4. Rajasekhara |

Codes: A B C D

- a) 2 3 1 4
 - b) 2 3 4 1
 - c) 1 2 3 4
 - d) 4 2 3 1
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Q2. Who is the author of the book "Magic Seeds" ?

- a) V.S. Naipaul
 - b) Vikram Seth
 - c) Cyrus Mistry
 - d) Jhumpa Lahiri
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Q3. Which one of the following books is **not** written by Kalidas?

- a) Uttararamacharitam
 - b) Meghadutam
 - c) Ritusamharam
 - d) Kumarasambhavam
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Q4. Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the codes given below:

| List I | List II |
|------------------|----------------------|
| (Books) | (Authors) |
| A. Panchatantra | 1. Panini |
| B. Mudra Rakshas | 2. Raskhan |
| C. Prem Vatika | 3. Pt. Vishnu Sharma |
| D. Astadhyayi | 4. Vishakhadatta |

Codes: A B C D

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

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Q5. Who is the author of 'Annihilation of Caste'?

- a) Kanshi Ram
- b) Jyotirao Phule
- c) Ram Mohan Roy
- d) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Q6. Which of the following is **not correctly** matched?

- a) K.K. Aziz - The Man Who Divided India
- b) Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre - Freedom at Midnight
- c) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad - India Wins Freedom
- d) Durga Das - India from Curzon to Nehru and After

Q7. The author of the novel 'Chandrakanta' is

- a) Rabindra Nath Tagore
 - b) Bhartendu Harishchandra
 - c) Devkinandan Khatri
 - d) Premchand
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Q8. The Nationalist song 'Aie Mere Watan Ke Logo' had been written by poet

- a) Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'
 - b) Javed Akhtar
 - c) Maithili Sharan Gupta
 - d) Pradeep
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Q9. Who is the author of 'Mrignayani'?

- a) Amritlal Nagar
 - b) Vrindavan Lal Verma
 - c) Bhagavati Charan Verma
 - d) Acharya Chatursen
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Q10. The author of the book 'India Divided' was

- a) Narendra Dev
 - b) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
 - c) Asaf Ali
 - d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
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Q11.

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| List I | List II |
| (Scholars) | (Patrons) |

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|---------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Dandin | 1. Narasimhavarma Pallava |
| B. Bharavi | 2. Simha Vishnu Pallava |
| C. Gunadhyaya | 3. Hala of Satavahana |
| D. Inasena | 4. Amoghavarsha of Rashtrakuta |

Codes: A B C D

a) 2 3 1 4

b) 2 3 4 1

c) 1 2 3 4

d) 4 2 3 1

Q12. 'A passage to England' was written by

a) Khushwant Singh

b) Nayantra Sehgal

c) Nirad C Chaudhury

d) RK Narayan

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Q13. Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the codes given below:

| List I | List II |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Bijak | 1. Kabirdas |
| B. Humayunama | 2. Gulbadan Begum |
| C. Kitab-ul-Hind | 3. Al Beruni |
| D. Padmavat | 4. Malik Mohd. Jayasi |

Codes: A B C D

a) 4 3 2 1

b) 3 4 2 1

c) 1 2 3 4

d) 1 3 2 4

Q14. In which of the following year M.K. Gandhi wrote 'Hind Swaraj'?

a) 1910

b) 1908

c) 1914

d) 1909

Q15. What is the name of the book written by Panini ?

a) Mitakshara

b) Ashtadhyayi

c) Mahabhashya

d) Madhyamika Karika

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Magic Seeds is a 2004 novel by Nobel laureate V. S. Naipaul published by Alfred A. Knopf (US). The novel is set in India and Europe (Berlin and London). It is a sequel to Naipaul's 2001 novel Half a Life.

Q3. Answer: (a)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Panchatantra — Pt. Vishnu Sharma. Vishnu Sharma was a scholar and author who had written the Panchatantra, collection of fables. The exact period of the composition of the Panchatantra is uncertain, and estimates vary from 1200 BCE to 300 CE. Some scholars place him in the 3rd century BCE.

Mudra Rakshas — Vishakhadatta. Vishakhadatta was an Indian Sanskrit poet and playwright. Although Vishakhadatta furnishes the names of his father and grandfather as Maharaja Bhaskaradatta and Maharaja Vateshvaradatta in his political drama Mudra Rakshas, we know little else about him. Only two of his plays, the Mudra Rakshas and the Devichandraguptam are known to us.

Prem Vatika — Raskhan. Raskhan was a poet who was both a Muslim and a follower of Lord Krishna. His real name was Sayyad Ibrahim and is known to have lived in Pihani.

Astadyayi — Panini was a Sanskrit grammarian from ancient India. He was born in Pushkalavati, Gandhara, in the modern-day Charsadda of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

Q5. Answer: (d)

Q6. Answer: (a)

Q7. Answer: (c)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (b)

Q10. Answer: (d)

Q11. Answer: (c)

Q12. Answer: (c)

A Passage to England is a book comprising the lectures of Nirad C. Chaudhury.

Q13. Answer: (d)

Kabir was a mystic poet and saint, whose writings have greatly influenced the Bhakti movement. The name Kabir comes from Arabic alKabīr which means 'The Great' – the 37th name of God in Islam.

The Imperial Princess Gulbadan Begum was a Perso-Turkic Princess, the daughter of Emperor Babur, she is most known as the author of Humayun Nama, the account of the life of her half-brother, Humayun.

Abu al-Rayhan Muhammad ibn Ahmad albiruni known as Alberonius in Latin and Albiruni in English was a Persian-Khwarezmian Muslim scholar and polymath from the Khwarezm region.

Malik Muhammad Jayasi was an Indian poet who wrote in the Avadhi dialect of Hindi. He hailed from Jais, presently a city in the Rae Barieli district in Uttar Pradesh.

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (b)

Ashtadhyayi is a Sanskrit treatise on grammar written in the 6th to 5th century B.C by the Indian grammarian Panini. This work set the linguistic standards for Classical Sanskrit. It sums up in 4,000 sutras the science of phonetics and grammar that had evolved in the Vedic religion.

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