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**Q1.** Who is the author of 'Ashtadhyayi'?

- a) Panini
  - b) Gitta Piramal
  - c) Sumitranandan
  - d) Raj Anand
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**Q2.** The memoirs entitled 'Bapu : My Mother' was written by

- a) Mahadev Desai
  - b) B.R. Nanda
  - c) Manubehn
  - d) Rajkumari Amrita Kaur
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**Q3.** Who is the author of Business @ Speed of Thought?

- a) John Gray
  - b) David Baldacci
  - c) Dick Francis
  - d) Bill Gates
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**Q4.** The book 'Meghdootam' is written by

- a) Kalidasa
- b) Vishkhadatta
- c) Panini

d) Shudrak

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**Q5.** The book 'Mother India' is authored by

- a) Katherine Mayo
- b) Sister Nivedita
- c) Annie Besant
- d) Katherine Frank

**Q6.** Which of the following is **not** written by Munshi Premchand?

- a) Godan
- b) Manasorovar
- c) Gaban
- d) Guide

**Q7.** Which of the following books is written by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam?

- a) Science is Today's India
- b) Guiding Soul
- c) Developing India
- d) Defence set up in India

**Q8.** Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the code given below the lists.

| List I          | List II          |
|-----------------|------------------|
| A. Priya Pravas | 1. Indira Gandhi |

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| B. Gaban         | 2. Ayodhya Prasad |
| C. Eternal India | 3. Premchand      |
| D. Shah Nama     | 4. Firdausi       |

Codes: A B C D

a) 3 2 4 1

b) 1 2 3 4

c) 4 3 2 1

d) 2 3 1 4

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**Q9.** Who is the author of the new book “Knowledge Innovation Strategy”?

a) Ravinder Singh

b) Parag Kulkarni

c) Darjoy Datta

d) Amish Tripathi

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**Q10.** Which of the following books was **not** written by a Nobel Laureate?

a) A House for Mr. Biswas

b) A Suitable Boy

c) Among Believers

d) An Area of Darkness and India

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**Q11.** Which one of the following pairs is **not correctly** matched?

a) Rajendra Prasad - India Divided

b) S.C. Bose - Indian Struggle

c) Frank Moraes - India from Curzon to Nehru and After

d) Dadabhai Naoroji - Poverty and Un-British Rule in India

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**Q12.** Who is the author of the book “Worshipping False Gods”?

- a) Vikram Seth
- b) Arun Shourie
- c) Salman Rushdie
- d) Arundhati Roy

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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. Vinay Patrika       | 1. Tulsidas                 |
| B. Virangana           | 2. Maithili Sharan Gupta    |
| C. Vish Vriksha        | 3. Bankim Chandra Chatterji |
| D. Voice of Conscience | 4. V.V. Giri                |

Codes: A B C D

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

**Q14.** The novel 'Durgesha Nandini' is written by

- a) Swarna Kumari
- b) Rabindra Nath Tagore
- c) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- d) Taraknath Gangopadhyaya

**Q15.** Match List-I with List-II and select the **correct** answer using the code given below the lists.

| List I                                      | List II               |
|---|-----------------------|
| A. Gandhian Constitution for India          | 1. D. Mackenzie Brown |
| B. The Republic of India                    | 2. Sriman Narayan     |
| C. The White Umbrella                       | 3. A. Gledhill        |
| D. The Politics of India since Independence | 4. Paul R. Brass      |

Codes: A B C D

a) 2 3 1 4

b) 2 4 1 3

c) 1 2 3 4

d) 2 1 4 3

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

Ashtadhyayi is Sanskrit treatise on grammar written in the 6th to 5th century BCE by the grammarian Panini.

**Q2. Answer: (c)**

**Q3. Answer: (d)**

Business @ the Speed of Thought is a book written by Bill Gates and Collins Hemingway in 1999. It discusses how business and technology are integrated, and shows how digital infrastructures and information networks can help getting an edge on the competition.

Gates asserts cyberspace and industry can no longer be separate entities, and that businesses must change to succeed in the Information Age. Though the book is not a technology handbook it gives interesting insights as to how to integrate business process with

technology.

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**Q4. Answer: (a)**

Meghdootam is written by Kalidasa. The meghaduta is a poem describing the message of departed Yaksha to his wife, to be conveyed through a cloud. Yaksha, a servant of lord, Kubera, made some mistake in his duty; Kubera punished him with a curse, banishing him from Alaka into exile for a period of one year.

Therefore, Yaksha sent his message to his wife through a cloud.

**Q5. Answer: (a)**

Mother India, was a polemical book by the American author Katherine Mayo. It was published in 1927. In her book, Mayo attacked society, religion and culture of the country of India.

**Q6. Answer: (d)**

**Q7. Answer: (b)**

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam usually referred to as Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, is an Indian scientist and administrator who served as the 11th President of India. Kalam was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, studied physics at St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, and aerospace engineering at the Madras Institute of Technology (MIT),

Chennai.

Guiding Souls: Dialogues on the Purpose of Life reveals his spiritual side. He has written poems in Tamil as well. It has been reported that there is considerable demand in South Korea for translated versions of books authored by him. Kalam has also patronized grassroots innovations.

He is closely associated with the Honey Bee Network and The National Innovation Foundation. The NIF is a body of the Government of India and operates from Ahmadabad, Gujarat.

**Q8. Answer: (d)**

**Q9. Answer: (b)**

“Knowledge Innovation Strategy’ is authored by Parag Kulkarni, one of India’s most senior management consultants. It was published by Bloomsbury India in February 2015. The book advocates a new concept of Systemic Knowledge Innovation for professionals.

**Q10. Answer: (b)**

A Suitable Boy is a novel by Vikram Seth, published in 1993. At 1349 pages and 591,552 words, the book is one of the longest novels ever published in a single volume in the English language. It won the Best book, Commonwealth Writers Prize in 1994.

**Q11. Answer: (c)**

**Q12. Answer: (b)**

Worshipping False Gods is a book by Arun Shourie. In this book, he criticized B.R. Ambedkar, the leader of Dalits, for alleged complicity with the British and lust for power and wealth. In Pune, his face was blackened by Dalit peoples for criticizing Ambedkar in his book.

**Q13. Answer: (c)**

The **correctly** matched pairs are :

**Vinay Patrika** — Tulsidas. Tulsidas, also known as Goswami Tulsidas; 1497/1532–1623) was a poet-saint, reformer and philosopher renowned for his devotion to the god Rama.

**Virangana** — Maithili Sharan Gupta. Maithili Sharan Gupta was one of the most important modern Hindi poets. He is considered one of the pioneers of Khari Boli poetry and wrote in the Khari Boli dialect, at a time when most Hindi poets favoured the use of the Braj Bhasha dialect.

**Vish Vriksha** — Bankim Chandra Chatterji. Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay (27 June 1838 – 8 April 1894) was a Bengali writer, poet and journalist. He was the composer of India's national song Vande Mataram, originally a Bengali and Sanskrit stotra personifying India as a mother goddess and inspiring the activists during the Indian Freedom Movement.

**Voice of Conscience** — V.V. Giri. Varahagiri Venkata Giri, commonly known as V. V. Giri, was the fourth President of India from 24 August 1969 to 23 August 1974. He served as Acting President of India from 3 May 1969 to 20 July 1969, before getting elected.

**Q14. Answer: (c)**

**Q15. Answer: (a)**

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