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Q1. Which part of Rigveda gives an account of the origin of the Universe?

- a) Ninth Mandala
- b) Tenth Mandala
- c) Fourth Mandala
- d) Second Mandala

Q2. The Gayatri Mantra is dedicated to :

- a) Gayatri
- b) Savitri
- c) Aditi
- d) Indra

Q3. Match the following:

1. Nishka	(i) Later Vedic coin
2. Ushas	(ii) Rig Vedic coin
3. Apala	(iii) Goddess
4. Krishnala	(iv) Woman poet

Choose the correct code:

- a) 1-ii 2-iii, 3- iv, 4- i
- b) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv
- c) 1-iii, 2-ii, 3-i, 4- iv
- d) 1- ii, 2-iii, 3-i, 4-iv

Q4. The game of ‘dice’ was part of the ritual of :

- a) Aswamedha
- b) Rajasuya
- c) Vajapeya
- d) Agnistoma

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Q5. Which of the following Purusarthas is not a part of Trivarga?

- a) Moksha
- b) Kama
- c) Dharma
- d) Artha

Q6. The game of ‘dice’ was part of the ritual of :

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- b) Vajapeya
- c) Aswamegha
- d) Agnistoma

Q7. Which of the following Upanishad is the smallest?

- a) Katha
- b) Taitariya
- c) Mandukya
- d) Mundaka

Q8. The famous ‘Battle of Kings’ between Bharat and the host of ten kings was fought near the river :

- a) Parushni
 - b) Vitasta
 - c) Saraswati
 - d) Sindhu
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Q9. Which of the following Upanishad is the earliest?

- a) Brihadaranyak Upanishad
 - b) Taitariya Upanishad
 - c) Mundakopnishad
 - d) Chhandogya Upanishad
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Q10. Which of the following statements are correct with regard to the Early Vedic society?

- 1. The family was the basic unit of the Rig Vedic society.
- 2. It was patriarchal in nature.
- 3. Monogamy was the usual norm of marriage but the chiefs at times practised polygamy.
- 4. The Rig Vedic society was a simple and largely an egalitarian society.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

- a) 2, 3, and 4 only
 - b) 1, 2, and 3 only
 - c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - d) 1, 3, and 4 only
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Q11. The Rigvedic concept of Rita denotes the :

- a) Amalgamation of ‘All gods’ into ‘one’
- b) Both (d) and (c)
- c) Ethical and moral order
- d) Cosmic order or law prevailing in nature

Q12. Which of the following Puranaa is the earliest?

- a) Bhagvat
- b) Markandey
- c) Vishnu
- d) Matsya

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Q13. Ashtadhyayi was written by :

- a) Vedvyas
- b) Shukadeva
- c) Katyayan
- d) Panini

Q14. Match the following Vedic gods with actual status or functions and choose the correct answer from the codes given below :

A. Pushan	1. God of heaven and father of Surya
B. Savitri	2. Mother of Surya
C. Aditi	3. God of light
D. Dyaus	4. God of marriages

Codes: A B C D

- a) I II III IV
- b) II III IV I
- c) IV II III I
- d) IV III II I

Q15. Consider the following statements:

1. Iron was not used during the Later Vedic Period.
2. The four divisions of society (Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaisyas and Sudras) or the Varna system was thoroughly established during the Later Vedic period.
3. Gods like Indra and Agni lost their importance during the Later Vedic Period.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) 2 and 3 only

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

In the tenth book (Tenth Mandala) of Rigveda, 129th hymn (Suktam) deals with the origin of the universe and creation.

Q2. Answer: (b)

The Gayatri Mantra is a highly revered mantra, based on a Vedic Sanskrit verse from a hymn of the Rigveda. The Gayatri mantra is dedicated to Savitr, is hence called Savitri. It is considered to be among the holiest mantras of Hinduism.

Q3. Answer: (c)

Besides nishka of the Rig Vedic period, gold and silver coins like satamana and krishnalaya were used as media of exchange during the Later Vedic Period. During the Rigvedic Period, Women were given equal opportunities as men for their spiritual and intellectual development.

There were women poets like Apala, Viswvara, Ghosa and Lopamudra during the Rig Vedic period. Women could even attend the popular assemblies. There was no child marriage and the practice of Sati was absent.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Artha, Dharma and Kama are a part of Trivarga. But Moksh is not a part of Trivarga, it is a part of Chaturvarga.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Dicing seems to have a special significance when connected with myths and rituals. Dicing involves uncertainty, chance, the vagaries of fortune.

The dice game is representative of the challenges that a king must endure during his reign. The game of dice is a part of the rituals of Rajasuya Yagya.

Q7. Answer: (c)

Mandukya Upanishad is the smallest among the ten principal Upanishads. Though being smallest in size, it is highest in philosophy and deals with the subject of Pure Consciousness directly.

Q8. Answer: (a)

The famous Battle of ten kings between Bharat and the host of ten kings was fought near the river of Parushi.

In the most important tribal war, the king of Bharata, Sudas was victorious.

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (c)

There was no caste division. The occupation was not based on birth. Members of a family could adopt different occupations.

However certain differences did exist during the period. Varna or colour was the basis of initial differentiation between the Vedic and non-Vedic people.

Q11. Answer: (b)

The concept of Rita was perhaps the noblest flight of the Rigvedic thoughts. The world takes its regular course, day follows night, and season succeeds season because of Rita.

Man must live according to Rita Varuna was considered to be the guardian or upholder of Rita. The Rigvedic concept of Rita denotes the cosmic order or law prevailing in nature.

Q12. Answer: (d)

Matsya Purana is one of the oldest of the 18 post-Vedic Hindu scriptures called the Puranas. It narrates the story of Matsya, the first of ten major Avatars of the Hindu god Vishnu.

Q13. Answer: (d)

Ashtadhyayi is a Sanskrit treatise on grammar written in the 6th to 5th century BC by the Indian grammarian Panini. This is one of the earliest known grammars of Sanskrit language.

Q14. Answer: (d)**Q15. Answer: (d)**

Iron was used extensively during the Later Vedic Period and this enabled the people to clear forests and to bring more land under cultivation. Agriculture became the chief occupation.

The two higher classes - Brahmana, and Kshatriya enjoyed privileges that were denied to the Vaisya and Sudra. A Brahmin occupied a higher position than a Kshatriya but sometimes Kshatriyas claimed a higher status over the Brahmins. Many sub-castes on the basis of their occupation appeared in this period.

Prajapathi (the creator), Vishnu (the protector) and Rudra (the destroyer) became prominent during the Later Vedic period.

Sacrifices were still important and the rituals connected with them became more elaborate.

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