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**Q1.** The concept of 'Gotra' become established in which period?

- a) Later Vedic age
  - b) Pre Mauryan Period
  - c) Mauryan period
  - d) Rig Vedic age
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**Q2.** Which of the following statements regarding the hymns of the Rig Veda is correct?

1. They refer to the Himavant and the Nujavant.
2. They mention geographical terms like (a) Aryavarta and Dakshinatya. (b) Kshatri-Chamberlain (c) Akshavapa-Superintendent of gambling (d) Adhikari-Superintendent of Police
3. Most rivers mentioned in the flow in areas west of the Yamuna and the Ganga.
4. They mention the ruling families on the Kurus, Panchalas and the Ikshvakus.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 3
  - b) 2, 3 and 4
  - c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - d) 1 and 2
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**Q3.** Which of the following Samhitas of Yajurveda contains only hymns and no prose?

- a) Taittiriya
  - b) Vajasaney
  - c) Maitrayaviya
  - d) Katha
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**Q4.** The rivers Ganga and Yamuna are mentioned for the first time in :

- a) Satapath Brahmana
- b) Chhandogya Upanishad
- c) Atharvaveda
- d) Rigveda

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**Q5.** Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the lists:

List I	List II
(Jain Tirthankars)	(Cognizance)
A. Santi Natha	1. Antelope
B. Malli Natha	2. Lion
C. Parswa Natha	3. Serpent
D. Mahavira	4. Water jar

Codes: A B C D

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

**Q6.** Who among the following artisan classes were entitled to wear the sacred thread in the vedic period?

- a) Goldsmiths
- b) Blacksmiths
- c) Weavers
- d) Chariot-makers

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**Q7.** Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I	List II
A. Ajit Kesh Kamblin	1. Fatalism
B. Sanjay Vethalipulta	2. Atomist
C. Pakudh Kachayan	3. Materialism
D. Puran Kashyap	4. Materialism- Synchronism

Codes: A B C D

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

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**Q8.** To which Sakha does the published Rigveda Samhita belong?

- a) Sakala
- b) Sankhayana
- c) Asvalayan
- d) Sawnaka

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**Q9.** The word Yava mentioned in Rigveda is used for which agricultural product?

- a) Rice
- b) Wheat
- c) Gram
- d) Barley

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**Q10.** King Asvapati of the Upanishadic Age was the ruler of :

- a) Panchala

- b) Sursena
  - c) Matsya
  - d) Kekaya
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**Q11.** Which of the following Mandalas of Rigveda is described the battle of ten kings?

- a) Seventh Mandala
  - b) Ninth Mandala
  - c) Fifth Mandala
  - d) Second Mandala
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**Q12.** Which of the following animals has been mentioned in the Rigveda?

1. Cow
2. Horse
3. Goat
4. Buffalo

Indicate your answer from the codes given below: Codes:

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

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**Q13.** Consider the following statements

1. The prayers to propitiate gods for physical protection and for material gains were the main concerns of the Rig Vedic people.
2. The functions of different gods reflect the needs in the Rig Vedic society.

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

- a) 2 only
  - b) 1 only
  - c) None
  - d) 1 and 2 both
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**Q14.** The word Visamatta was used in the latter Vedic Age for :

- a) The trader
  - b) The tax collector
  - c) The priest
  - d) The king
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**Q15.** Who of the following was the God of morality during the Rigvedic times?

- a) Agni
  - b) Varuna
  - c) Rudra
  - d) Indra
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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

**Q2. Answer: (b)**

**Q3. Answer: (b)**

The Samhita of Yajurveda that contains only hymns and no prose is Vayasaneyi.

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**Q4. Answer: (d)**

The rivers Ganga and Yamuna are first time mentioned in the Rigveda. Vedic literature hymn that starts with the rivers as Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati and then other rivers to the West.

**Q5. Answer: (a)**

**Q6. Answer: (d)**

**Q7. Answer: (d)**

Early Buddhist texts speak of six foremost opponents of Lord Buddha who were:

1. Ajit Kesh Kamblin—Believed in Materialism
2. Maskari Gosal—Founder of Ajivaka sect
3. Puran Kasyap—Atomist
4. Pakudh Katyayam—Believed in Fatalism
5. Sanjay Vethaliputta—Believed in materialism synicism
6. Niggantha Nathputta—He was Bhagvan Mahavir

**Q8. Answer: (a)**

**Q9. Answer: (d)**

It is accepted that the word 'yava' in the oldest texts, including the Rigveda, applied to any type of grain that was grounded into flour. Yet, many Indologists treat the word as meaning specifically barley.

**Q10. Answer: (d)**

The Kekaya kingdom was situated on the bank of river Beas, east of Gandhar kingdom. King Aswapati ruled Kekaya when Janak was the king of Videha.

**Q11. Answer: (a)**

Battle of the Ten Kings is a battle alluded to in Mandala 7 of the Rigveda. It is a battle between Aryans allied with other tribes of the north-west India and guided by the royal sage Vishvamitra, oppose the Trtsu (Bharata) king Sudas in battle, but are defeated.

**Q12. Answer: (a)**

The fauna of the Rigveda is yet more obviously Indian including

- peacocks (Mayur),
- swans (Hamsa),
- water buffalos (Mahish),
- gaura (another type of buffalo or the Indian bison),
- camels (Ushtra) and
- elephants (Hasti) — all of which are common to the region.

Horse and cow were the two most important animals during this period.

**Q13. Answer: (d)**

The Rigvedic gods were generally personifications of different aspects of natural forces such as rain, storm, sun etc.

The attributes of these gods also reflect the tribal and patriarchal nature of the society as we do not find many goddesses mentioned in the text. Indra, Agni, Varuna, Mitra, Dyaus, Pushana, Yama, Soma, etc. are all male gods.

In comparison, we have only a few goddesses such as Ushas, Sarasvati, Prithvi, etc which occupy secondary positions in the pantheon. The functions of different gods reflect their needs in society. Thus, since the Rigvedic people were engaged in wars with each other they worshipped Indra as a god. He is the most frequently mentioned god in the Rigveda.

He carried the thunderbolt and was also respected as a weather god who brought rains. Maruts the god of storm aided Indra in the wars in the way tribesmen aided their leader in the tribal wars. Agni, the fire god was the god of the home and was considered an intermediary between gods and men. Soma was associated with plants and herbs.

Soma was also a plant from which an intoxicating juice was extracted.

**Q14. Answer: (d)**

The word Visamatta was used in the latter Vedic age for the king. In the Shatapatha Brahmana, the king is described as devourer of the people.

**Q15. Answer: (b)**

Varuna, the Vedic god was the custodian of the moral and cosmic order. He was also concerned with societal affairs other than being a deification of nature.



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