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Q1. Which one among the following books was authored by a lady of the Mughal Royal House?

- a) Akbar Nama
 - b) Humayun Nama
 - c) Babur Nama
 - d) Badshah Nama
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Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. Mahapadma Nanda uprooted the kshatriya dynasties in north India and assumed the title ekarat.
2. The Hathigumpha inscription of Kharavela of Kalinga refers to the conquest of Kalinga by the Nandas.

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

- a) 2 only
 - b) 1 and 2 both
 - c) 1 only
 - d) None
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Q3. Name the person who wrote the history of Aurangzeb in total secrecy. What was the name of the work?

- a) Aquil Khan Razi's Zafar Namah-i-Alamgiri
 - b) Mirza Muhammad Kazim's Alamgir naham
 - c) Khafi Khan's Munta Khab-ul-Lubar
 - d) Muhammad Saqi's Masir-i-Alamgiri
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Q4. Which Mughal emperor enrolled Guru Govind Singh into Mughal service?

- a) Bahadur Shah I
- b) Faurkh Siyyar
- c) Jahandar Shaha
- d) Mohammed Shah

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Q5. On whose silver coins, Zodiac was depicted?

- a) Jahangir
- b) Akbar
- c) Humayun
- d) Shahjahan

Q6. Who of the following built the Agra Fort?

- a) Jahangir
- b) Akbar
- c) Sikandar Lodi
- d) Shah Jahan

Q7. Who among the following was illiterate?

- a) Jahangir
- b) Akbar
- c) Shahjahan
- d) Aurangzeb

Q8. Which among the following Hindu Painters was sent by Jahangir to portrait Shah Abbas-I of Persia?

- a) Bishan Das
 - b) Basawan
 - c) Dasrath
 - d) Manohar
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Q9. Which one of the following pairs is **NOT correctly** matched?

- a) Tabaqat-I Akbari : Nizamudding Ahmad
 - b) Padshahnamah : Abdul Hamid Lahori
 - c) Futuhat-I Alamgiri : Mirza Muhammad Kazim
 - d) Humayunamah : Gulbadan Begum
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Q10. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Chandragupta Maurya?

1. He was the first ruler who unified entire India under one political unit.
2. Kautilya was the real architect of the Mauryan Empire and was also the Prime Minister of Chandragupta Maurya.
3. Buddhist sources like Mahavamsa and Dipavamsa describe Chandragupta Maurya as a person of humble origin.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

- a) 2 and 3
 - b) 1 and 3
 - c) 1 and 2
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
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Q11. Who among the following had constructed the Red Fort in Delhi ?

- a) Akbar
- b) Shah-Jahan
- c) Jahangir

d) Aurangzeb

Q12. Historian Abul Fazal was killed by

- a) Bairam Khan
- b) Hemu
- c) Udai Singh
- d) Vir Singh Deo Bundela

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Q13. This chief pays his spies liberally which has greatly helped his conquests by the correct information they give. Who gave this account of Shivaji?

- a) Peter Mundi
 - b) Kafi Khan
 - c) Abbe Carre
 - d) Massieur Germain
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Q14. Who of the following Sikh Guru was started Gurumukhi script?

- a) Guru Angad
 - b) Guru Nanak
 - c) Guru Arjundev
 - d) Guru Govind Singh
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Q15. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the lists:

List I	List II
A. Babar	1. Jami Masjid (Sambhal)

B. Humayun	2. Din Panah
C. Akbar	3. Jahangiri Mahal
D. Jahangir	4. Akbar's Mausoleum

Codes: A B C D

a) 1 2 4 3

b) 1 2 3 4

c) 1 3 4 2

d) 2 1 3 4

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

Gulbadan Begum (daughter of Babur) was the author of Humayun Nama.

Q2. Answer: (b)

Akbar disliked the interference of the Muslim Ulemas in political matters. In 1579, he issued the "Infallibility Decree" by which he asserted his religious powers.

In 1582, he promulgated a new religion called Din-i-I lahi or Divine Faith. It believes in one God. It was aimed at bridging the gap that separated different religions. However, his new faith proved to be a failure.

It fizzled out after his death. Even during his lifetime, it had only fifteen followers including Birbal. Akbar did not compel anyone to his new faith.

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (a)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Zodiac was depicted on the silver coins of Jahangir. Mughal coins depicted images and zodiac signs against Islam's belief.

The reading of the Mughal coins opens up a whole new world. Each Mughal coin has the full name of the respective emperor and the years of his rule. Jahangir's coins depicted him holding a glass of wine, with a halo. He believed in zodiac signs.

However, Shahjahan melted the zodiac coins under pressure from religious leaders.

Q6. Answer: (b)

Akbar built the Agra Fort. The fort is built alongside the Yamuna river and stretches almost 2.5 km. It consists of a wall built in red sandstone and several buildings inside. The wall has 2 gates, the Delhi Gate and the Amar Singh Gate. You can only enter the fort via the Amar Singh Gate.

Q7. Answer: (b)

Akbar spent his childhood in the rough terrain of Afghanistan. His early years were spent learning how to hunt, fight and mature into a skilful warrior. He did not find time to read and write and was illiterate. But his illiteracy did not hamper his quest for knowledge and desire to know about new things.

Akbar had a huge library and a vast collection of books and scriptures.

Q8. Answer: (a)

Bishandas was a 17th-century portrait painter at the court of the Mughal emperor Jahangir. Jahangir praised him as “unrivalled in the art of portraiture”.

Though little is known of Bishandas’ life, his name can indicate that he was a Hindu. In 1613, he was sent on a diplomatic mission to Persia, to paint the Shah’s portrait. Here he was so successful that he remained until 1620 when he returned with the gift of an elephant.

Q9. Answer: (b)

Q10. Answer: (d)

He discontinued the practice of Jarokhadarshan. He also discontinued the celebration of Dasarah and royal astronomers and astrologers were also dismissed from service.

Initially, Aurangzeb banned the construction of new Hindu temples and repair of old temples. Then he began a policy of destroying Hindu temples. The celebrated temples at Mathura and Benares were reduced to ruins.

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (d)

Historian Abul Fazal was killed by Vir Singh Deo Bundela. Vir Singh Deo was an ally of Jahangir in the latter's struggles against his father, Akbar. Vir Singh killed Abul-Fazal Mubarak, an adviser of Akbar in 1602.

Q13. Answer: (c)

Q14. Answer: (a)

Guru Angad Sahib introduced a new alphabet known as Gurmukhi Script, modifying the old Punjabi script's characters. It became the script of the masses very soon.

He took great interest in the education of the children by opening many schools for their instruction and thus increased the number of literates.

Q15. Answer: (b)

- Babar — Jami Majid (Sambhal)
- Humayun — Din Panah
- Akbar — Jhangiri Mahal
- Jahangir — Akbar's Mausoleum

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