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Q1. How many total Subas did Akbar have in his Empire?

- a) Eighteen
 - b) Ten
 - c) Sixteen
 - d) Fifteen
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Q2. Who among the following invitees of Akbar to the Ibadat Khana was not a Jain Monk?

- a) Meher Ji Rana
 - b) Hari Vijay Suri
 - c) Jin Chandra Suri
 - d) Shanti Chandra
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Q3. Who among the following Sufis is known as Mujaddid or reformer?

- a) Khwaja Baqi Billah
 - b) Dara Shikoh
 - c) Shah Waliullah
 - d) Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi
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Q4. Consider these two statements:

1. **Assertion (A):** Akbar constructed the Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri.
2. **Reason (R):** Akbar desired to commemorate his victory.

In the context of these two statements which one of the following is **correct**?

- a) A is true, but R is false.
- b) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is false, but R is true.
- d) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.

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Q5. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. The Jain text, Parisistha Parvam, describes that with the help of Chanakya, Chandragupta defeated the Nanda king and captured him.
2. Chandra Gupta defeated the invading army of the Greek Kshatrpa Seleucus who had succeeded Alexander in the eastern part of his empire.
3. The Junagarh rock inscription of Rudradaman says that a dam on the Sudarshana lake for irrigation was constructed by Pushyagupta, -a provincial governor of Chandragupta Maurya.
4. Seleucus sent Megasthenese as his ambassador to the court of Chandragupta.

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

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the duty of the Muhatsibs.

1. Check gambling dens and prostitution.
2. Check and interfere in the private life of the citizens.
3. Check weights and measures.
4. See that intoxicants were not consumed in public places.

Which of the above statements regarding the duty of Muhatsibs is/are correct?

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

Q7. Which of the following areas was not conquered by Akbar?

- a) Kashmir
 - b) Orissa
 - c) Qandahar
 - d) Bidar
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Q8. Consider the following statements: In 1560's Akbar began to patronise the formation of the Mughal school of painting with the illustration of Dastani-Amir Hamaza, because

1. Akbar inherited Humayun's taste for painting.
2. Akbar was especially interested in book illustration.
3. Akbar was persuaded to take interest in painting by Abdul Fazl.

Of these statements:

- a) 1, 2 and 3 are correct
 - b) 1 and 2 are correct
 - c) 2 and 3 are correct
 - d) 1 and 3 are correct
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Q9. Month scale in the Mansabdari system was introduced by

- a) Shahjahan
 - b) Jahangir
 - c) Aurangzeb
 - d) None of these
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Q10. Which one of the following pairs is **NOT correctly** matched?

- a) Humayunamah : Gulbadan Begum
 - b) Padshahnamah : Abdul Hamid Lahori
 - c) Tabaqat-I Akbari : Nizamudding Ahmad
 - d) Futuhat-I Alamgiri : Mirza Muhammad Kazim
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Q11. The Maratha kingdom was founded by Shivaji during the reign of

- a) Akbar
 - b) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
 - c) Shahjahan
 - d) Aurangzeb
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Q12. Tobacco cultivation was introduced in the Deccan by the Portuguese during the 16th century. Tobacco smoking reached the Mughal Court because of which one of the following?

- a) The Portuguese missionaries introduced it into the Mughal Court
- b) The soldiers of the Deccan spread this among the Mughal nobility
- c) The Mughal ambassador to Bijapur, Mirza Asad baig introduced it to Akbar
- d) The farmers who took tobacco cultivation introduced this to the Mughal Court

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Q13. Who among the following had joined Akbar's Din-i-Ilahi?

- a) Bhagwan Das
 - b) Birbal
 - c) Man Singh
 - d) Surjan Rai
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Q14. Which one of the following pairs is **not correctly matched**?

- a) Khawand Mir — Qanum-i-Humayuni
- b) Ziauddin Barani — Tarikh-i-Firuzshahi
- c) Khwaja Kalan — Tazkira-i-Humayun Akbar
- d) Gulbadan Begum — Humayunama

Q15. Which of the following statements about **Aurangzeb** is true?

1. He was the greatest Mughal emperor.
2. He worked for the glory of the Mughal dynasty.
3. He dismissed the tradition of music in his court.
4. His biggest enemy was Marathas.

Which of the above is/are **correct**?

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

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Mehar Ji Rana was the invitee of Akbar to the Ibadat Khana was not a Jain monk. The first Dastur Mehar Ji Rana was the undisputed spiritual leader of the Parsi community in India during the sixteenth century.

Q3. Answer: (d)

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi is known as Mujaddid or reformer. He is described as Mujaddid Alf Thani meaning the "reviver of the second millennium", for his work in rejuvenating Islam and opposing the heterodoxies prevalent in the time of Mughal emperor Akbar.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Akbar constructed the Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri because he desired to commemorate his victory over Gujarat. A Persian inscription on the eastern archway of the Buland Darwaza records Akbar's conquest over Uttar Pradesh and the victory in Gujarat in 1601.

The Buland Darwaza is made of red and buff sandstone, decorated by white and black marble and towers above the courtyard of the mosque. The total height of the Structure is about 54 metres from the ground level. It is a 15-storey high gateway that guards the southern entrance of the city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Q5. Answer: (c)

During the reign of Sher Shah, the mausoleum at Sasaram in Bihar and the Purana Qila near Delhi were built.

These two monuments are considered as the architectural marvels of medieval India.

Q6. Answer: (b)

Regarding the duty of Muhatsibs, they checked gambling dens and prostitution. They checked weights and measures. They also saw that intoxicants were not consumed in public places.

The Muhatsibs appointed by Aurangzeb failed to improve the lives of the people.

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (a)

Month scale in the Mansabdari system was introduced by Shahjahan. Under Shah Jahan we have new scales of pay, monthly rations and new regulations prescribing the sizes of contingents under various Sawar ranks.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (d)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (b)

Birbal had joined Akbar's Din-i-Ilahi. Akbar had started a religion called Din-i-Ilahi, which acknowledges Akbar as God's representative on earth and had a combination of Hindu and Muslim beliefs.

In the Ain-i-Akbari (The Institutes of Akbar), it is mentioned that Birbal was one of the few people other than Akbar who were its followers, besides being the only Hindu.

Q14. Answer: (a)

Q15. Answer: (d)

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