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Q1. In which Vedic text the term 'Varna' is found referred for the first time?

- a) Rig Veda
 - b) Samaveda
 - c) Atharvaveda
 - d) Yajurveda
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Q2. 'Gopatha Brahmana' is associated with

- a) Yajurveda
 - b) Atharvaveda
 - c) Samveda
 - d) Rig Veda
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Q3. The vajpeya was a rite meant for

- a) Ensuring the prosperity of the realm and the ruler
 - b) Asserting the strength of the ruler
 - c) The daily fire sacrifices prescribed for the male householder
 - d) Legitimization of the action of the ruler's position
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Q4. Which of the following descriptions of the Later Vedic officials is not correct?

- a) Kshatri-Chamberlain
- b) Bhagadugha-Collector of taxes
- c) Akshavapa-Superintendent of gambling
- d) Adhikari-Superintendent of Police

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Q5. Which statement is false with regard to the later Vedic period?

- a) The Vindhyas are indirectly referred to
- b) Specific reference to the Bay of Bengal
- c) Writings mention the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean
- d) Several Himalayan peaks are mentioned

Q6. The three most popular gods of Rigvedic period were

- a) Indra, Soma, Vayu
- b) Indra, Agni, Varun
- c) Indra, Varun, Rudra
- d) Indra, Agni, Soma

Q7. Match List I with List II and select the answer using the codes given below the lists:

| List-I (Varanas) | List-II (Gods) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| I. Brahmins | A. Indra, Varuna. Soma and Yama |
| II. Kshatriyas | B. Rudra, Manns and Vasus |
| III. Vaishyas | C. Agni and Brihaspati |
| IV. Shudras | D. Aditi, Savitri, and Ushas |
| | E. Pushan |

Codes:

- a) I-E. II-D. 1II-C, IV-A
- b) I-D, 1I-E, III-A, IV-B
- c) I-C, II-A, III-B, IV-E
- d) I-B. II-C, III-D, IV-A

Q8. Match List I with List II and choose the correct answer using the codes given below:

| List-I (Vedas) | List-II (Purposes) |
|-----------------|---|
| A. Rig Veda | 1. Mantras having a direct bearing on charms and spells to be followed at the time of Yajnas |
| B. Sama Veda | 2. Hymns, aiming at the occasion of 'Soma' sacrifice by a special class of priests |
| C. Yajur Veda | 3. Hymns, giving tribute to the different objects of nature |
| D. Atharva Veda | 4. Hymns relating to Veda's popular beliefs and superstitions, guidelines to healing diseases, etc. |

Codes: A B C D

a) 4 3 2 1

b) 1 2 3 4

c) 3 2 1 4

d) 2 1 4 3

Q9. Which book of the later vedic age divides the country into five parts?

a) Aitreya Brahmana

b) Atharva veda

c) Satapatha Brahmana

d) Isa Upanishad

Q10. Which one of the following abstract deities of the Vedic religion has been admired most in the Rig Veda?

a) Gandharvas (aerial spirits)

b) Ushas (goddess of dawn)

c) Apsaras (water nymphs)

d) Sraddha (faith)

Q11. (A) is the statement of fact (R) is the explanation or cause of it? Choose the correct answer with the help of the codes given:

(A): Rig Veda mentioned of Goddess 'Usha'

(R): Rigvedic religion was influenced by the religion of Harappa culture

- a) (A) is not correct but (R) is correct
 - b) (A) is correct but (R) is not correct
 - c) (A) and (R) both are correct and (R) is a correct explanation of (A)
 - d) (A) and (R) both are correct but (R) is not a correct explanation of (A)
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Q12. The ceremonies of rajasuya and vajpeya are mentioned in which text?

- a) Sama Veda
 - b) Rig Veda
 - c) Yajur Veda
 - d) Atharva Veda
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Q13. Which of the following is concerned with origin of Indian medicine?

- a) Samveda
 - b) Rigveda
 - c) Yajurveda
 - d) Atharveda
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Q14. With reference to the early vedic age, consider the following statements:

- In Rig Veda, there are 20 mandalas of which book I to X are the oldest and relate to early Vedic Age.
- The total numbers of hymns is 1028.
- Book VIII of Rigveda ascribed to Kanvas and Angirases.
- Samaveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda are composed during the early vedic age.

Which of the above is/are correct

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

Q15. The word Yava mentioned in Rigveda is used for which agricultural product?

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

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

Q2. Answer: (b)

Q3. Answer: (a)

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Q5. Answer: (c)

Q6. Answer: (b)

Q7. Answer: (c)

Q8. Answer: (c)

Q9. Answer: (a)

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (c)

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (d)

Atharvaveda concerned with the origin of Indian medicine. It also consists mainly of magical spells and charms.

Q14. Answer: (b)

Sam, yajur and Atharvaveda are composed during later Vedic Age, Then are ten looks or Mandals in the Rigveda.

Q15. Answer: (b)

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.

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