

RGUCET 22
Common Entrance Test, 2022
Ph D HISTORY

1	Choose the correct alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase underlined. The party high command wanted <u>to starve off</u> an open battle.					
	a) Postpone	b) Wait and see	c) Wait and see	d) Prevent	a	Postpone
2	Find out the wrongly spelt word out of the four responses.					
	a) Conniption	b) Connivance	c) Connoisseur	d) Coagulation	c	Connoisseur
3	Choose relationship between the two words - Cup is to coffee as Bowl is to:					
	a. Dish	b. Soup	c. Spoon	d. Food	b	Soup
4	Choose the matching pairs- Binding: Book					
	a. Criminal: Gang	b. Artist: Carpenter	c. Frame: Picture	d. Nail: Hammer	c	Frame: Picture
5	Choose the correct one which best expresses the meaning <u>OBNOXIOUS</u> .					
	a) Depressing	b) Disgusting	c) Arrogant	a) Depressing	b	Disgusting
6	Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the word <u>DENSE</u> .					
	a) Scarce	b) Slim	c) Sparse	d) Lean	c	Sparse
7	Choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence. A person with a long experience of any occupation-					
	a) Veteran	b) Genius	c) Seasoned	d) Ambidextrous	a	Veteran

8	Choose the correct alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase underlined. For his alleged involvement in espionage, he is <u>under a cloud</u> these days.					
	a) experiencing cloudy	b) enjoying favourable luck	c) under suspicion	d) under observation	c	under suspicion
9	Choose the one which expresses the right meaning of the word <u>COLOSSAL</u> .					
	a) famous	b) vigorous	c) energetic	d) enormous	d	enormous
10	Study of insects is termed as:					
	a) Etymology	b) Entomology	c) Ecology	d) Embryology	b	Entomology

11	Microliths are typical of:					
	a) Palaeolithic Age	b) Mesolithic Age	c) Neolithic Age	d) Chalcolithic Age	(b)	Mesolithic Age
12	Earliest evidence of domestication of animals found in the places comes from:					
	a) Anatolia	b) Fayum	c) Jericho	d) Natufian	(a)	Anatolia
13	Earliest evidence of writing comes from:					
	a) Babylonia	b) Sumer	c) Mesopotamia	d) Indus	(b)	Sumer
14	The English word 'history' is derived from:					
	a) Historismus	b) Istorica	c) Geschichten	d) Historia	b	Istorica
15	The earliest methods of recording traditions, legends, and myths relating to the origin of peoples, towns, kings and temples were known as:					

	a) Hagiography	b) Biography	c) Logography	d) Historiography	c	Logography
16	The historical genius Herodotus was born in:					
	a) Athens	b) Sparta	c) Ionia	d) Halicarnassus	d	Halicarnassus
17	Who among the following called Herodotus the 'Father of History'?					
	a) Lucien	b) Lucretius	c) Cicero	d) Democritus	c	Cicero
18	Majority of the Indus beads meant for export to Mesopotamia were made of:					
	a) Steatite	b) Terracotta	c) Carnelian	d) Jade	c	Carnelian
19	Which one of the following is the origin of agricultural practices in the ancient world?					
	a) Swidden cultivation	b) Fixed-plot horticulture	c) Wet-Paddy Cultivation	d) Nomadic pastoralism	a	Swidden cultivation
20	Which one of the following gave the definition of state in Ancient India?					
	a) Panini	b) Bimbisara	c) Chanakya	d) Mahapadmananda	c	Chanakya
21	The first plant to be domesticated by humankind in the ancient world:					
	a) Barley	b) Einkorn	c) Lentils	d) Vetch	b	Einkorn
22	The broom corn millet was first found from:					
	a) Jarno	b) Beidha	c) Thessaly	d) Maghula	d	Maghula
23	The first animal to be domesticated by humankind in the ancient world is:					
	a) Horse	b) Dog	c) Cat	d) Pig	b	Dog
24	The Roman history 'Origins' was written by:					
	a) Polybius	b) Cornelius Tacitus	c) Cato the Elder	d) Plutarch	c	Cato the Elder
25	Who amongst the following wrote the Kitab-al-Ibar ('Universal History')?					
	a) Ibn Batuta	b) Ibn Khaldun	c) Al-Biruni	d) Muhammad Ben Ishaq	b	Ibn Khaldun

26	Which one of the following is a historian of the era of Enlightenment?					
	a) Baron de la Brede et de Montesquieu	b) Francois Marie Arouet Voltaire	c) David Hume	d) Edward Gibbon	a	Baron de la Brede et de Montesquieu
27	Who among the following historians does not belong to the Annales School?					
	a) Leopold Benjamin Marc Bloch	b) Fernand Braudel	c) Henri Pirenne	d) Lucian Febvre	c	Henri Pirenne
28	Which one of the following thinkers advocated the conception of historical materialism in 19 th century?					
	a) Bruno Bauer	b) Ludwig Feuerbach	c) Hienrich Karl Marx	d) Herodotus	c	Hienrich Karl Marx
29	The earliest forms of oral traditions maintained by ancient Indian society:					
	a) Gatha	b) Purana	c) Sutas	d) Vamsa	a	Gatha
30	The 'Harshacharita' was written by:					
	a) Vasudeva Kanva	b) Jayanaka	c) Bilhana	d) Bana Bhatta	d	Bana Bhatta
31	Which one of the following texts provide us with the earliest literary evidence for land grants to officials?					
	a) Manu Smriti	b) Milinda Panho	c) Narada Smriti	d) Brihaspati Smriti	a	Manu Smriti
32	Which one of the following is considered as ancient Indian equivalent to ancient Greek, Roman and Chinese tradition of historiography?					
	a) Narasamsi	b) Akhyana	c) Itihasa-Purana	d) Itivrta	c	Itihasa-Purana
33	Which one of the following tribes is not a descendant of Aabhu Thanyi?					
	a) Galo	b) Apatani	c) Nyishi	d) Sartang	d	Sartang
34	Which one of the following is an indigenous religious institution?					

	a) Kebang	b) Bulliang	c) Nyele	d) Nyedar Namlo	d	Nyedar Namlo
35	In which one of the following years the North East Frontier Tracts (NEFT) was formally renamed as North East Frontier Agency (NEFA)?					
	a) 1967	b) 1954	c) 1951	d) 1946	b	1954
36	Who among the following was the mother of Buddha?					
	a) Gautami	b) Maya	c) Yasodhra	d) Samavati	b	Maya
37	Who among the following was the first Muslim ruler of Delhi?					
	a) Iltutmish	b) Qutub-ud-din Aibak	c) Balban	d) Ali Mardan	b	Qutub-ud-din Aibak
38	The Mongols attacked India last time in 1308 under the command of:					
	a) Kadar	b) Chingez Khan	c) Iqbalmand	d) Quteugh Khvaja	b	Chingez Khan
39	Nanak travelled widely to preach his teachings. Which of the following places he did not visit?					
	a) Mecca	b) Medina	c) Egypt	d) Ceylon	c	Egypt
40	Which one of the following Acts created the first 'Official Legislature' in India?					
	a) Indian Councils Act of 1861	b) Indian Councils Acts of 1892	c) Charter Act of 1833	d) Charter Act of 1853	d	Charter Act of 1853

41	Who among the following compiled the first Sanskrit grammar in a European tongue?					
	a) Father Hanxleden	b) Father Coeurdoux	c) William Jones	d) Charles Wilkins	a)	Father Hanxleden
42	The Asiatic Society of Bengal was founded in which of the following year?					
	a) 1760	b) 1764	c) 1784	d) 1799	b)	1764
43	What is the literal meaning of the term <i>aranya</i> ?					

	a) Himalayas	b) Rivers	c) Forest	d) Mountain	c) Forest
44	The Rig Veda contains how many <i>mandalas</i> and <i>suktas</i> respectively?				
	a) 10 and 1024	b) 10 and 1022	c) 12 and 1024	d) 10 and 1028	d) 10 and 1028
45	Of the Gangetic system, the only two rivers mentioned in the <i>Rigveda</i> are:				
	a) Ganga and Ghagra	b) Yamuna and Ghagra	c) Ganga and Gomti	d) Yamuna and Ganga	d) Yamuna and Ganga
46	Which of the following crop is NOT mentioned in the <i>Rigveda</i> ?				
	a) Wheat	b) Barley	c) Rice	d) Cotton	a) Wheat
47	Which among the following is the correct Vedic term for chariot-racing:				
	a) <i>agi</i>	b) <i>aksha</i>	c) <i>bhara</i>	d) <i>kara</i>	a) <i>agi</i>
48	Upanishads are essentially:				
	a) mystical tracts	b) rational tracts	c) devotional tracts	d) mythical tracts	a) mystical tracts
49	The Mauryan palace was built of-				
	a) wood	b) stone	c) quartz	d) iron pillars	a) wood
50	The <i>Arthashastra</i> was discovered in which of the following year?				
	a) 1874	b) 1904	c) 1911	d) 1921	b) 1904
51	<i>Milinda-panho</i> was written by				
	a) Demetrious	b) Antiochus	c) Menander	d) Megasthenes	c) Menander
52	Kanishka introduced the Saka Era in				
	a) 70 CE	b) 76 CE	c) 78 CE	d) 80 CE	c) 78 CE
53	Who among the following Gupta Emperors adopted the title <i>Maharajdhiraja</i> first?				

	a) Sri Gupta	b) Chandra Gupta I	c) Samudra Gupta	d) Chandra Gupta II	b)	Chandra Gupta I	
54	Who among the following is the founder of Ajivika?						
	a) Gosala Maskariputra	b) Purana Kasyapa	c) Pakhuda Katyayana	d) Ajita Kesambakalin	a)	Gosala Maskariputra	
55	Who among the following wrote a book on Ajivika sect?						
	a) Gregory L. Possehl	b) B.B. Lal	c) Romila Thapar	d) A.L. Basham	d)	A.L. Basham	
56	Which of the following Buddhist texts mentions about the concept of <i>chakravartin</i> ('universal emperor'):						
	a) <i>Jatakas</i>	b) <i>Digh Nikaya</i>	c) <i>Dipavamsa</i>	d) <i>Divyadhana</i>	b)	<i>Digh Nikaya</i>	
57	Which of the following inscriptions belongs to Heliodorus?						
	a) Mathura	b) Besnagar	c) Junagadh	d) Sarnath	b)	Besnagar	
58	Who among the following Mauryan emperor was known as <i>amitraghata</i> ('destroyer of foes')?						
	a) Chandragupta	b) Bindusra	c) Asoka	d) Dasratha	b)	Bindusra	
59	Which among the following professions was not mentioned by Megasthenes?						
	a) Traders	b) Philosophers	c) Soldiers	d) Farmers	a)	Traders	
60	In the context of the Mauryan political-economy which of the following was the superintendent of weights and measures?						
	a) <i>Panyadhyaksha</i>	b) <i>Samsthadhyaksha</i>	c) <i>Pautavadhyaksha</i>	d) <i>Shulkadhyaksha</i>	c)	<i>Pautavadhyaksha</i>	
61	Who is the author of 'The Fall of the Mughal Empire'?						
	a) Irfan Habib	b) Muzaffar Alam	c) Satish Chandra	d) Jadunath Sarkar	d)	Jadunath Sarkar	
62	The tax on remarriage of widows imposed by the Peshwas was called:						

	a) Sagaura	b) Patdam	c) Kulin	d) Marwach	b	Patdam
63	Battle of St. Thome fought between the French and the Nawab of Carnatic in 1746 took place over the issue of which of the following cities?					
	a) Arcot	b) Hyderabad	c) Madras	d) Pondicherry	c	Madras
64	The Seven Years' War (1756-63) in Europe came to an end with the Treaty of:					
	a) Aix-la-Chapelle	b) Paris	c) Madrid	d) London	b	Paris
65	Who among the following did not contest the accession of Siraj-ud-daulah to the throne of Bengal?					
	a) Alivardi Khan	b) Shaukat Jang	c) Ghasiti Begum	d) The British	a	Alivardi Khan
66	The intermediary who demanded monetary compensation from Robert Clive as a deal to keep the conspiracy against Siraj-ud-daula secret was:					
	a) Rai Durlabh	b) Jagat Seth	c) Omi Chand	d) Manik Chand	c	Omi Chand
67	The author of the book <i>Siyar-ul- Mutakherin</i> is:					
	a) Saukat Ali	b) Sarfaraz Khan	c) Salabat Jang	d) Ghulam Hussain	d	Ghulam Hussain
68	The French official who reached Madras in 1789 to support Haider Ali against the British was:					
	a) Colonel Hutton	b) Admiral Suffrein	c) Sir Eyre Coote	d) Sir Eyre Coote	b	Admiral Suffrein
69	The Peshwa who signed the Treaty of Bassein with the British in 1802 was:					
	a) Baji Rao II	b) Vishwanath Rao	c) Vishwanath Rao	d) Balaji Baji Rao	a	Baji Rao II
70	Who among the following Indian rulers first signed the Subsidiary Alliance in 1798?					

	a) Nawab of Awadh	b) King of Mysore	c) Raja of Tanjore	d) Nizam of Hyderabad	d	Nizam of Hyderabad
71	Who remarked that Indian cloth had 'crept into our houses, our closets, our bed chambers; curtains, cushions, chairs and at last beds themselves were nothing but calicoes or Indian stuffs'?					
	a) John Sullivan	b) Daniel Defoe	c) James Mill	d) Henry Cotton	b	Daniel Defoe
72	Which Indian commodity, on entering England, was imposed a duty that was over three times its cost price?					
	a) Tobacco	b) Opium	c) Cotton	d) Sugar	d	Sugar
73	Which of the following European countries did not prohibit the import of Indian cloth or did impose heavy duties on it?					
	a) Holland	b) Italy	c) Spain	d) France	a	Holland
74	Who among the following lent the idea of introduction of Permanent Settlement in Bengal to Lord Cornwallis?					
	a) Thomas Munro	b) Charles Grant	c) Sir John Shore	d) Warren Hastings	c	Sir John Shore
75	The First Tea Company of Assam was established in the year:					
	a) 1832	b) 1835	c) 1837	d) 1840	c	1837
76	Which newspaper began to expose the oppression and atrocities on Indian peasants by the indigo planters?					
	a) The Telegraph	b) Hindu Patriot	c) Bengal Gazette	d) Madras Gazette	b	Hindu Patriot
77	The British Exported Indian opium to China for the purchase of:					
	a) Tea	b) Coffee	c) Rubber	d) Cotton	a	Tea

78	Who set up the first Indian cotton mill named as 'The Bombay Spinning Mill' in 1854?					
	a) Cursetji Nusserwanji	b) Cowasji Nanabhai Davar	c) Dadoba Pandurang	d) Dhakjee Dadajee	b	Cowasji Nanabhai Davar
79	The Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) produced steel for the first time in the year:					
	a) 1910	b) 1911	c) 1912	d) 1913	c	1912
80	The single biggest item of British capital investment in India was:					
	a) Railways	b) Shipping	c) Plantations and mines	d) Banking and insurance	a	Railways

81	Who built the Brihadeshwara temple?					
	a. Raja Raja I	b. Rajendra I	c. Rajendra II	d. Vikram Chola	a	Raja Raja I
82	Who was the first Muslim ruler to invade India?					
	a. Aibak	b. Iltutmish	c. Mohammad-bin-Qasim	d. Mahmud of Ghazni	c	Mohammad-bin-Qasim
83	The Sultan who transferred his capital from Lahore to Delhi was-					
	a. Aibak	b. Iltutmish	c. Balban	d. Mahmud Ghori	b	Iltutmish
84	Who among the following Sultans made army services hereditary?					
	a. Balban	b. Allauddin Khilji	c. Firoz Shah Tughlaq	d. Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq	c	Firoz Shah Tughlaq
85	The Sultan who issued copper coins in India:					
	a. Iltutmish	b. Balban	c. Allauddin Khilji	d. Mohammad-bin-Tughlaq	d	Mohammad-bin-Tughlaq
86	Who introduced the system of Dagh or branding horses?					

	a. Iltutmish	b. Allauddin Khilji	c. Sikandar Lodi	d. Sher Shah	b	Allauddin Khilji
87	The Sultan who introduced 'theory of the divine right of the kings'?					
	a. Aibak	b. Sikandar Lodi	c. Firoz Shah Tughlaq	d. Balban	d	Balban
88	When was the battle of Khanwa fought?					
	a. 1524	b. 1525	c. 1526	d. 1527	d	1527
89	Who was the founder of Vijaynagar kingdom in India?					
	a. Harihar I	b. Bukka I	c. Devraya I	d. KishnaDevraya	a	Harihar I
90	Who authored 'Tughlaq-Nama'?					
	a. Amir Khusro	b. Barani	c. Ibn Batuta	d. Abul Fazal	a	Amir Khusrow
91	What is Jiziya?					
	a. Religious tax	b. Land Revenue	c. War booty	d. Tax on non- Muslim	d	Tax on non- Muslim
92	Who established the Chishti Sufi order in India?					
	a. Khwaja Moinuddin	b. Khwaja Badrudin	c. Ahmed Sirhindi	d. Mian Mir	a	Khwaja Moinuddin
93	Who among the following introduced the Patta and Kabuliyat system of land deeds?					
	a. Akbar	b. Jahangir	c. Sher Shah Suri	d. Allauddin Khilji	c	Sher Shah Suri
94	Who among the following wrote the biography of Humayun?					
	(a) Humayun	(b) Gulbadan Begum	(c) Khwaza Abdur Samad	(d) Akbar	b	Gulbadan Begum
95	The office of Guru of the Sikhs became hereditary from the period of-					

	(a) Guru Amar Das	(b) Guru Arjun	(c) Guru Ram Das	(d) Guru Govind Singh	b	Guru Arjun
96	Who was the first Governor General of Bengal?					
	(a) Robert Clive	(b) Warren Hasting	(c) William Bentinck	(d) Cornwallis	b	Warren Hasting
97	Which among the following was the chief village administrative officer during the Maratha reign?					
	(a) Zamindar	(b) Patel	(c) Kankut	(d) Marwa	b	Patel
98	When did Akbar establish Ibadat Khana?					
	(a) 1556	(b) 1557	(c) 1558	(d) 1559	b	1557
99	When did Nadir Shah invade India?					
	(a) 1736	(b) 1737	(c) 1739	(d) 1780	c	1739
100	Which one of the following was not a member of Akbar's Navratna?					
	(a) Todar Mal	(b) Abul Fazal	(c) Faizi	(d) Amir Khusro	d	Amir Khusro