

**TEST – 21 (Textbook)**  
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**61. It is one of the oldest writing systems used in South and Central Asia from the 1st millennium BCE. It is written from left to right. It is the originator of most of the present Indian scripts, including Devanagari, Bengali, Tamil, and Malayalam. It is**

- A. Brahmi                      B. Harappan                      C. Kharoshti                      D. Devri

**62. Consider the following statements.**

1. Illustrations on paper manuscript of larger format than the narrow palm leaf can be found as before as 6th century BCE in the Indian subcontinent.
2. Pala rulers patronized miniature paintings.
3. Delhi Sultanate promoted the traditional mural paintings as against the more popular miniature paintings in that age.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 and 3 only                      C. 2 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**63. Consider the following statements.**

1. Phototrophic bio-film microbial fuel cell (MFCs) exploit photosynthetic microbes such as chlorophyta.
2. Some MFCs use electrochemically active bacteria to transfer electrons between electrical terminals in a solution.
3. MFCs can produce electric current by the bacterial decomposition of organic compounds in water.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only                      C. 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**64. Consider the following about the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.**

1. It was founded by Alexander Cunningham.
2. It has never had a women President.
3. It is presently the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (BBRAS).

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 2 only                      B. 1 and 3 only                      C. 3 only                      D. None of the above

**65. This text is widely used in Tibetan and East Asian Buddhism as the major source for non-Mahayana Abhidharma philosophy. The text is**

- A. Buddhacharita                      B. Abhidharmakośakārikā                      C. Pramāṇavārttika                      D. Nyāya-sutra

**66. Consider the following statements.**

1. India has been a net exporter of all varieties of coffee.
2. Almost all Indian coffee is grown in monoculture.
3. Mildly acidic soil favours coffee cultivation in India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only                      B. 1 and 3 only                      C. 1 and 2 only                      D. 3 only

**67. It is primarily a type of highly refined monologue where the performer narrates episodes from Hindu epics and stories from the Puranas. Sometimes it also serves as a traditional equivalent of the modern stand-up comedy act, incorporating commentary on current socio-political events. It is**

- A. Mudiyyettu                      B. Chakyar Koothu                      C. Kalaripayattu                      D. Nirayam

**68. Zadipatti Rangbhumi is practised in the rice cultivating regions of Maharashtra. It is performed by**

1. Gond                      2. Korfu                      3. Pardhi

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 and 3 only                      C. 1, 2 and 3                      D. 3 only

**69. Consider the following statements.**

1. Charasu Marabu is associated with the Mao community in Nagaland.
2. Thok Leela from Manipur has no written dramatic text.
3. Rongkhli or 'Tiger Festival' is practiced in Meghalaya.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only                      C. 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**70. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat scheme aims to**

1. promote the spirit of national integration between all states and union territories through year-long planned engagements
2. introduce heritage education in school and University curriculum
3. bring investment to educationally backward regions of the country

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 and 3 only                      C. 1 and 3 only                      D. None of the above