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1. Which of the following rulers was associated with the Maitraka dynasty? (IB ACIO 16th Sept. 2025 Shift 1)

- a) Narasimhavarman
- b) Dhruvasena II
- c) Ajatashatru
- d) Mihirkula

Answer: (b) Dhruvasena II

2. Which material was predominantly used for constructing the foundations of most buildings of Dholavira sites of Harappan architecture? (IB ACIO 16th Sept. 2025 Shift 1)

- a) Bricks
- b) Stones
- c) Granite
- d) Sandstone

Answer: (b) Stones

3. Which Gupta ruler is credited with founding Nalanda University? (IB ACIO 16th Sept. 2025 Shift 2)

- a) Kumaragupta II
- b) Sri Gupta
- c) Kumaragupta I
- d) Skandagupta

Answer: (c) Kumaragupta I

4. Arrange the following Gupta kings in chronological sequence? (IB ACIO 17th Sept. 2025 Shift 2)

- 1. Kumaragupta
- 2. Skandagupta
- 3. Sri Gupta
- 4. Chandragupta II

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

Answer: (a) 3, 4, 1, 2

5. Which of the following was the capital of the Pushyabhuti dynasty? (IB ACIO 17th Sept. 2025 Shift 2)

- a) Madras
- b) Agra
- c) Valabhi
- d) Thaneshwar

Answer: (d) Thaneshwar

6. The larger Harappan cities were built according to precise plans and were separated in how many distinct parts? (IB ACIO 17th Sept. 2025 Shift 3)
- Two
 - Four
 - Three
 - Five

Answer: (a) Two

7. Who was the first Mauryan king to maintain a standing army? (IB ACIO 17th Sept. 2025 Shift 3)
- Bindusara
 - Chandragupta Maurya
 - Dasharatha
 - Ashoka

Answer: (b) Chandragupta Maurya

8. Which foreign ambassador wrote 'Indica', providing detailed accounts of the Mauryan court? (IB ACIO 17th Sept. 2025 Shift 3)
- Megasthenes
 - Deimachus
 - Dionysius
 - Fa-Hien

Answer: (a) Megasthenes

9. Which Harappan site shows evidence of sophisticated water management with reservoirs? (IB ACIO 18th Sept. 2025 Shift 1)
- Kalibangan
 - Dholavira
 - Banawali
 - Lothal

Answer: (b) Dholavira

10. Which Mauryan ruler is most closely associated with the policy of Dhamma after the war of Kalinga? (IB ACIO 18th Sept. 2025 Shift 1)
- Bindusara
 - Ashoka
 - Chandragupta Maurya
 - Ajatashatru

Answer: (b) Ashoka

11. Which of the statements is/are correct regarding the post-Gupta period?
- The Huna invasions significantly weakened the Gupta Empire and accelerated its decline.
 - Harshavardhana established his capital at Kannauj and patronised Buddhism.
 - The Pallavas emerged as a dominant power in eastern India during the post-Gupta period. (IB ACIO 18th Sept. 2025 Shift 1)
- Only 1

- b) Only 3
- c) Only 2 and 3
- d) Only 1 and 2

Answer: (d) Only 1 and 2

12. Who wrote the book 'Pancha Siddhantika' during the Gupta period? (IB ACIO 18th Sept. 2025 Shift 2)

- a) Varahamihira
- b) Vararuchi
- c) Amarasimha
- d) Kshapanaka

Answer: (a) Varahamihira

13. What is 'Udranga' under the Gupta administration? (IB ACIO 18th Sept. 2025 Shift 2)

- a) Name of a king
- b) Title of a king
- c) A type of army
- d) A tax

Answer: (d) A tax

14. Which material was predominantly used for constructing Harappan houses? (IB ACIO 18th Sept. 2025 Shift 3)

- a) Timber
- b) Bricks
- c) Sandstone
- d) Granite

Answer: (b) Bricks

15. Who among the following was the minister who helped King Ashoka acquire the throne? (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 1)

- a) Susima
- b) Bhadrayudha
- c) Samudra
- d) Radhagupta

Answer: (d) Radhagupta

16. The height of the Dancing Girl figurine of Indus Valley Civilization is about _____. (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 1)

- a) 83 cm
- b) 169 cm
- c) 11 cm
- d) 111 cm

Answer: (c) 11 cm

17. The Harappan site of Indus Valley Civilization was excavated by _____. (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 2)

- a) Rai Bahadur Daya Ram Sahni

- b) N.G Majumdar
- c) Sir John Marshal
- d) R. D. Banerjee

Answer: (a) Rai Bahadur Daya Ram Sahni

18. Who assassinated King Brihadratha of the Mauryan Empire? (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 2)

- a) Vāsishka
- b) Kujula Kadphises
- c) Pushyamitra Sunga
- d) Kanishka

Answer: (c) Pushyamitra Sunga

19. Arthashastra was written by _____. (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 3)

- a) Banabhatta
- b) Megasthenes
- c) Kautilya
- d) Vishakhadatta

Answer: (c) Kautilya

20. Consider the following statements:

- 1.The Tripitaka is the traditional term for Buddhist monasteries.
- 2.The Jatakas are a voluminous body of literature concerning the previous births of Gautama Buddha.
- 3.The Second Buddhist council was convened at Kundalvana, Kashmir and resulted in the first schism in the Sangha.
- 4.The Mauryan emperor Ashoka embraced Buddhism after the Battle of Kalinga and helped in its spread.

Which of the statements above is/are correct? (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 4)

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

Answer: (a) 2 and 4 only

21. Harappa of Harappan civilization was situated on the banks of river _____. (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 4)

- a) Ravi
- b) Indus
- c) Chenab
- d) Ganga

Answer: (a) Ravi

22. The Arthashastra, consists of _____. (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 4)

- a) 15 books
- b) 9 books
- c) 11 books
- d) 13 books

Answer: (a) 15 books

23. Hinayana and Mahayana are the branches of which of the following religion? (IB ACIO 17th Jan 2024 Shift 4)

- a) Buddhism
- b) Sikhism
- c) Jainism
- d) Hinduism

Answer: (a) Buddhism

24. Which of the following statement is correct about Malavikagnimitra? (IB ACIO 18th Jan 2024 Shift 1)

I. It was compiled by kalidasa.

II. It describes Agnimitra, son of Pushyamitra, as belonging to the Baimbika Kula and the Buddhayana Sruta Sutra represents the Baimbikayah as Kashyapas.

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Answer: (c) Both I and II

25. In the east and central India, the Mauryas were succeeded by whom? (IB ACIO 18th Jan 2024 Shift 2)

I. The Sungas

II. The Kanvas

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Answer: (c) Both I and II

26. Historians have used which of the following sources to reconstruct the history of the Mauryan Empire?

I. The account of Megasthenes (a Greek ambassador to the court of Chandragupta Maurya), which survives in fragments.

II. The Arthashastra, parts of which were probably composed by Kautilya or Chanakya. (IB ACIO 18th Jan 2024 Shift 3)

- a) Only I
- b) Both I and II
- c) Only II
- d) Neither I nor II

Answer: (b) Only I and II

27. The Iron Age in North India is archaeologically represented by assemblages that mainly contain which of the following particular pottery types?

I. Painted Grey Ware (PGW)

II. Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) (IB ACIO 18th Jan 2024 Shift 4)

- a) Both I and II

- b) Only II
- c) Neither I nor II
- d) Only I

Answer: (a) Both I and II

28. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists. (IB ACIO 18th February 2021 shift 1)

List-I (Chalcolithic culture sites)	List-II (Rivers of sites of Chalcolithic culture)
A. Ahar	1. Tapi
B. Kayatha	2. Narmada
C. Savalda	3. Kalisindh
D. Malwa	4. Banas

- a) A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3
- b) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
- c) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
- d) A-1, B-3, C-2, D-4

Answer: (b) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2

29. The Chinese traveller Huien Tsang visited India during which king's rule? (IB ACIO 18th February 2021 shift 2)

- a) Pulakesin
- b) Harshvardhana
- c) Rajavardhana
- d) Kirtivarman

Answer: (b) Harshvardhana

30. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists. (IB ACIO 18th February 2021 shift 2)

List I (Mesolithic Sites)	List II (Locations)
A. Langhnaj	1. Telangana
B. Sanganakallu	2. Karnataka
C. Guri Gundan	3. Uttar Pradesh
D. Chopani Mando	4. Gujarat

- a) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
- b) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
- c) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3
- d) A-2, B-1, C-3, D-4

Answer: (c) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3

31. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists. (IB ACIO 19th February 2021 shift 1)

List-I (Mahajanapadas)	List-II (Capitals of Mahajanapadas)
A. Malla	1. Taxila
B. Anga	2. Kausambi
C. Gandhara	3. Champa
D. Vatsa	4. Kusinara

- a) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
 b) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
 c) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
 d) A-1, B-2, C-4, D-3

Answer: (b) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2

32. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists. (IB ACIO 20 th February 2021 shift 1)

List-I (Terms used in Ancient India)	List-II (Meanings of these words)
A. Bhukti	1. Copper coins
B. Kakini	2. An education centre often attached to a temple
C. Ghatika	3. Administrative unit
D. Rajuka	4. Official designation

- a) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
 b) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4
 c) A-4, B-2, C-3, D-1
 d) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3

Answer: (a) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4

33. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists. (IB ACIO 20 th February 2021 shift 2)

List-I (Terms used in ancient India)	List-II (Meanings of these terms)
A. Sethi	1. A heterodox sect of the time of the Buddha
B. Kutumbi	2. A territorial unit in south India
C. Nadu	3. Householder

List-I (Terms used in ancient India)	List-II (Meanings of these terms)
D. Ajivika	4. Merchant

- a) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4
- b) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1
- c) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
- d) A-1, B-4, C-3, D-2

Answer: (b) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1

34. Which king of Magadha was called 'the destroyer of all Kshatriyas'? (IB ACIO 20 th February 2021 shift 3)

- a) Chandragupta
- b) Ajatashatru
- c) Mahapadma Nanda
- d) Bindusara

Answer: (c) Mahapadma Nanda

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