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QUESTIONS

1. Bagru printing is one of the traditional techniques of printing, belong to which of the following states?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Saraswati Samman Award:

1. It is awarded for outstanding prose or poetry literary works in any of the 22 languages listed in Schedule VI of the Constitution of India.
2. The inaugural award was given to Harivanshrai 'Bachchan'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Which of the following statements is correct about Pulikali?

- (a) Pulikali is a kind of theatre art.
- (b) It is performed by men adorning the costume of Lion.
- (c) It is predominantly performed in Tamilnadu.
- (d) It is performed on the occasion of Onam.

4. Consider the following statements regarding Gond Paintings:

1. Gond art encompasses life as the central theme of art.
2. It is practised by "Santhal" tribe of Central India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements regarding Dou Utsav:

1. It is celebrated by the people of Assam.
2. Holigeets of Barpeta is one of its remarkable feature.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

6. Which of the following statements is correct about Belum Caves?

- (a) Belum Caves are the largest cave system open to the public in the Indian subcontinent.
- (b) It is located in Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) It is known for its stalactite and stalagmite formations
- (d) All of the above

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony?

1. It is awarded biannually for outstanding contribution towards promoting values of Cultural Harmony.
2. It is awarded to individuals only.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

8. The Char Dhams included in the "Char Dham Pilgrimage Project" are:

1. Rameshwaram
2. Gangotri

- 3. Badrinath
- 4. Somnath

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9. Recently, a team of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) carried out an excavation at Gottriprolu. In this context, consider the following statements:

- 1. Gottriprolu is situated near the river Swarnamukhi in Tamilnadu's Chidambaram District.
- 2. The remains of a huge settlement surrounded by a massive brick enclosure have been found.
- 3. One life-size Vishnu sculpture has also been unearthed at this site.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

10. Recently the Ministry of Culture launched the Indian Culture web portal. It is available in which of the following languages?

- 1. English
- 2. Hindi
- 3. Urdu

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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Answer Key

Q. 1 (a)	Q. 3 (d)	Q. 5 (c)	Q. 7 (d)	Q. 9 (b)
Q. 2 (b)	Q. 4 (a)	Q. 6 (d)	Q. 8 (b)	Q. 10 (b)

1. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation:

Bagru Printing

- Union Textiles Minister recently inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Bagru that showcases the Chhipa community's hand-block printing.
- **Bagru printing is one of the traditional techniques of hand block printing with natural colour followed by the chhipas of a remote place of Rajasthan.**
- The process starts from preparing the cloth to finished printed fabrics through their indigenous methods.
- Motifs having some specialty are transferred onto light colored background with wooden blocks following two styles direct and resist style.
- Indigo, pomegranate, harda are used to obtain the natural colors.
- Although this technique is facing problems against the threat of globalization, this exotic art of creation is required to be encouraged in the present context of environmental consciousness.

2. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** 22 Languages listed in Schedule VIII.

Supplementary notes:

Saraswati Samman

- Siva Reddy was awarded the latest edition of Saraswati Samman for his collection Pakkaki Ottigilite. K Siva Reddy is a Telugu poet.

- **The Saraswati Samman is an annual award for outstanding prose or poetry literary works in any of the 22 languages of India listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India.**
- The Saraswati Samman was instituted in 1991 by the K. K. Birla Foundation.
- It consists of Rs 15 lakh, a citation and a plaque.
- Candidates are selected from literary works published in the previous ten years by a panel that included scholars and former award winners.
- **The inaugural award was given to Harivanshrai 'Bachchan' for his four volume autobiography.**

3. Correct Option: (d)

Explanation:

- **Option (d) is correct:** It is performed on the occasion of Onam.

Pulikali

- Pulikali (puli means leopard and kali means play) is a dance performed by men adorning the costume of leopard. **It is performed in different parts of Kerala during the festival of Onam.** Yet, the one that is performed in Thrissur district is quite old. From children to elderly people take part in Pulikali. The performer will be wearing masks of leopard face and body painted in black and yellow. Leopard faces are also drawn on bellies.
- The group comprises predominantly male leopards with few female and child leopards. Since wearing masks, there is no significance for facial expressions. Men with potbellies shake it and dance, which is real fun to watch.

4. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is practised by "Gond" tribe of Central India.

Supplementary notes:

Gond Art

- **Gond art encompasses life as the central theme of art.**
- **It is practised by "Gond" tribe of Central India.**
- The art form celebrates life i.e, hills, streams, animals, birds etc.
- The tribes, traditionally painted on the mud walls of their house.

5. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

Doul Utsav

- Doul festival is colorfully celebrated by the people of Assam
- Especially it is the tremendous occasion for the people of Barpeta.
- During the "Doul Utsava," the hearts of Barpetians are overwhelmed with festivity and joy.
- It is a festival of color and happiness.
- Doul festival is a great source of happiness among the people of Barpeta.
- During this festival, the people of Barpeta forget their sorrows and agonies and celebrate this festival with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm.
- Doul utsava is also called 'holi' or 'rang'.
- In the month of "phagun" and "Chot" the spring comes, the world is filled with the green leaves of the trees, the flowers bloom, birds sing sweet songs, the gentle wind blows with fragrance and everything of this world changed into a different one.
- And it this sweet moment when Doul Utsava of Barpeta celebrated.
- Holigeets of Barpeta are remarkably popular which enthralls the heart of every Assamese.
- **These holigeets are the exquisite compositions in praise of Lord Krishna.**
- People from different places visit Barpeta Xatra with a view to seeing this doul utsava.

6. Correct Option: (d)

Explanation:

Belum Caves

- **Belum Caves are the largest cave system open to the public in the Indian subcontinent and is a protected monument.**
- It is known for its stalactite and stalagmite formations.
- **It is located in Andhra Pradesh.**
- They have remained unnoticed as opposed to the **Borra Caves in the Araku Valley.**
- Belum Caves festival is expected to be held in December.
- It will be the first tourism festival to be held in the district after a gap of five years.
- The name 'Kandanavolu Sambaralu' has been proposed for the festival, 'Kandanavolu' being the original name of Kurnool.
- This is the largest cave system in the Indian sub-continent that is open to the public.
- However, minor caves around the State are more popular than Belum Caves due to better publicity.

7. Correct Option: (d)

Explanation:

Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony

- **The President of India presented the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony to Shri Rajkumar Singhajit Singh; Chhayanaaut (a cultural organization of Bangladesh); and Shri Ram Sutar Vanji for the years 2014, 2015 & 2016 respectively on 18.02.2019.**
- Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony was instituted by the Government of India from 2012 recognizing the contributions made by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore to humanity at large with his works and ideas, as part of the Commemoration of his 150th Birth Anniversary in 2012, for promoting values of Cultural Harmony.
- **It is awarded annually** and carries an amount of Rs. One Crore (convertible to foreign currency), a citation in a Scroll, a Plaque as well as an exquisite traditional handicraft / handloom item.
- The Award may be divided between two persons / institutions who are considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.



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- The Jury comprises of Prime Minister (chairman), Chief Justice of India, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and two eminent persons.
- **This annual award is given to individuals, associations, institutions or organizations for their outstanding contribution towards promoting values of Cultural Harmony.**
- The Award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender.
- Normally, contributions made during ten years immediately preceding the nomination are considered. Older contributions may also be considered if their significance has become apparent only recently.
- A written work, in order to be eligible for consideration, should have been published during the last ten years.
- Work by a person since deceased cannot be the subject of an award. If, however, his death occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the Jury in the manner stipulated in the Code of Procedure, then a Posthumous Award may be made.

8. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

Char Dham Pilgrimage Project

- **Char Dham Pilgrimage project involves developing and widening 900-km of national highways connecting and thereby improving access to the Char Dham (four shrines) — Yamunotri, Gangotri, Badrinath, and Kedar Nath** at an estimated cost of Rs.12,000 crores.
- This highway will be called Char Dham Mahamarg(Char Dham Highway) and construction project will be called Char Dham Mahamarg Vikas Pariyojana(Char Dham Highway Development Project).

9. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Its located near Nellore in Andhra Pradesh

Supplementary notes:

Gottiprolu

- The 1st phase of excavation by a team of Archaeological Survey of India's Excavation Branch – VI, Bangalore at Gottiprolu near Naidupeta in Nellore (now renamed as Sri Potti Sri Ramulu) district, **Andhra Pradesh has discovered the remains of a huge settlement surrounded by a massive brick enclosure.**
- Among many other antiquities unearthed are **one life-size Vishnu sculpture and a wide variety of pottery of the early centuries of the current era.**
- **The site of Gottiprolu lies on the right bank of a distributary of river Swarnamukhi** about seventeen kilometers east of Naidupet and eighty kilometers from Tirupati and Nellore.

10. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation

- The content on the portal is currently available in **English and Hindi**, with a vision to expand it in other regional languages in future.

Supplementary notes:

Indian Culture Web Portal

- The **Ministry of Culture** (MoC) recently launched the **Indian Culture web portal.**
- It is the first government authorized portal where knowledge and cultural resources of various organizations of MoC are now available in public domain on a single platform.
- This project is a part of the Prime Minister's **Digital India** initiative to showcase information about the rich tangible and intangible cultural heritage of India both at home and abroad.
- The content on the portal is currently available in **English and Hindi**, with a vision to expand it in other regional languages in future.

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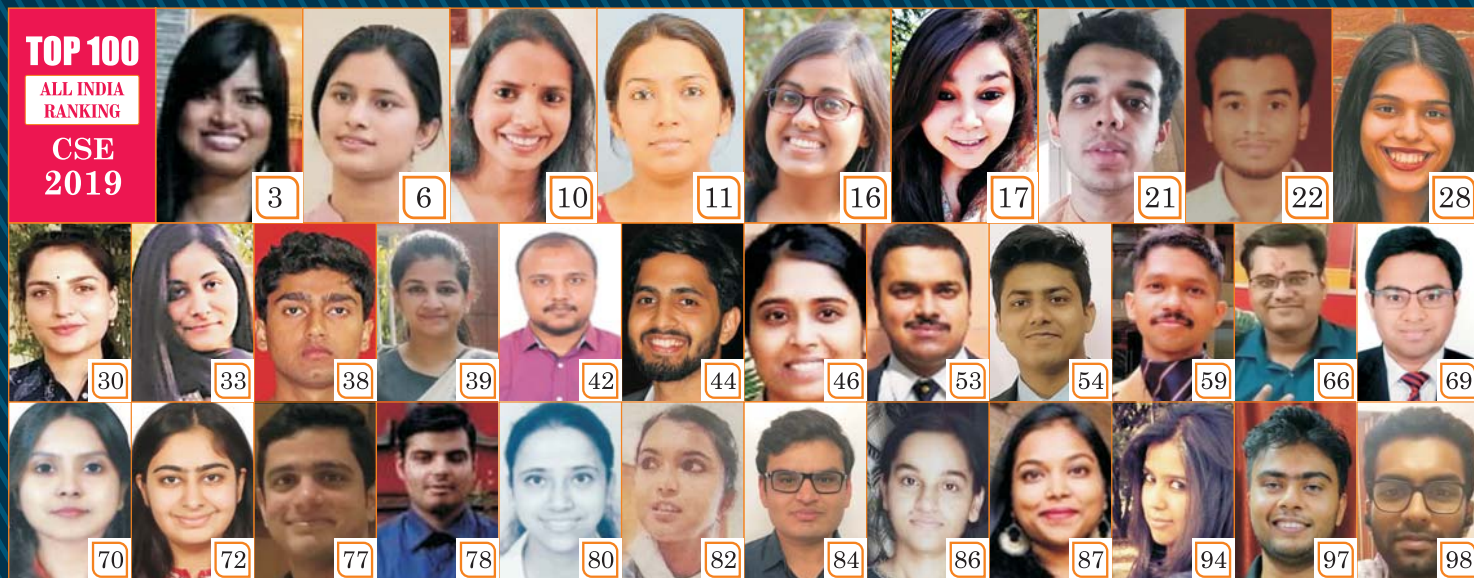
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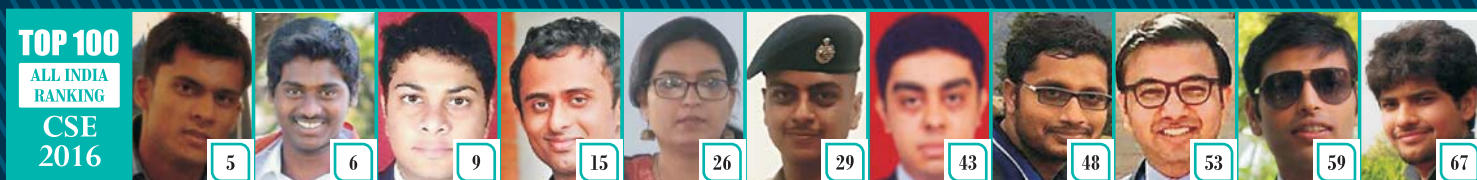
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