

CHAPTER – II
ANCIENT LITERATURE

1. Nagananda', 'Ratnavali' and 'Priyadarshika' was written by
a) Harshavardhana b) Vishakhadatta
c) Banabhatta d) Vatsyayan
2. Lilavathi, a treatise on Mathematics, was written by
a) Bhaskaracharya b) Kautilya c) Ramanuj d) Amartya Sen
3. In which epic it was told 'what is here is also found elsewhere, but if not here is found nowhere else'?
a) Rajtarangini b) **Mahabharata** c) Ramayana d) Geeta
4. The Panchasiddhantika of Varahamihira is based upon
a) Mesopotamian astronomy **b) Greek astronomy**
c) Persian astronomy d) Iranian astronomy
5. Thy right is to work only, but never with its fruits. This is stated in which of the following book?
a) Mahabharata b) Mahabhasya c) Astadhyayi d) **Geeta**
6. Charaka Samhita is related to which of the following subject?
a) Religion b) Politics c) Arthashastra d) **Medicine**
7. Which of the following pair is not correctly matched?
a) Saundarananda–Asvaghosha b) Malvikagnimitra - Kalidasa
c) **Karpurmanjari-Harsha** d) Mudrarakshasa – Vishakhadatta
8. Milindapanha' is a
a) Persian epic b) Jain chronicle
c) Sanskrit drama d) **None of the Above**
9. The protagonist of the Play 'Malvikagnimitra' written by Kalidasa is
a) Chandragupta-II b) Gautamiputra Satakarni
c) Pushyamitra Shunga d) **Agnimitra**
10. Ashtadhyayi' was written by
a) Valmiki b) **Panini** c) Vedavyas d) Shukhadeva

11. Who of the following is especially known for his contribution in the field of Algebra?

- a) Lall b) Brahmagupta c) Aryabhatta d) **Bhaskar**

12. Who was the author of 'MattaVilasaPrahasana'?

- a) Pulakesin II b) MahakshatrapRudradaman
c) GautamiputraSatakarni d) **MahendraVarman**

13. Which one of the following books of ancient India has the love story of the son of the founder of Sunga dynasty?

- a) Ratnavali b) **Malavikagnimitra** c) Swapnavasavadatta d) Meghadoota

14. 'Manusmriti' is mainly related to

- a) Working method of State b) Law c) **Social System** d) Economics

15. Who is the author of 'GeetGovind'?

- a) Mira b) Surdas c) **Jayadeva** d) Kesav

16. Buddhist text 'Milindapanha' throws light on which Indo-Greek ruler?

- a) Strato-I b) Demetrius c) Diodorus-II d) **Menander**

17. What is the name of Kalhana's book?

- a) **Rajatarangini** b) Indica c) Arthashastra d) Purana

18. Aryabhatta was

- a) Indian Politician b) **Indian Mathematician and Astronomer**
c) Indian Sanskrit Scholar and Poet d) None of the above

19. 'Kumarasambhava' an epic poem was composed by

- a) **Kalidasa** b) Chand Bardai c) Banabhatta d) Harishena

20. Which one of the following is not correctly matched?

- a) Harsha–Ratnavali b) Bhasa - SvapnaVasavadattam
c) Kalidasa–Raghuvansa d) **Subandhu - Kadambari**

21. The author of 'Swapnavasavadatta' is

- a) Rajshekhara b) **Bhasa** c) Kalidasa d) Bhavabhuti

22. Who wrote 'Shakuntalam'?

- a) Bhavabhuti b) VedVyas c) Bana Bhatt d) **Kalidasa**

23. 'Panchatantra' was originally written by

- a) Raidas b) **Vishnu Sharma** c) Kalidasa d) Tulsidas

24. Which ancient Indian book has been translated into 15 (fifteen) Indian and 40 (forty) foreign languages?

- a) Shakuntala b) **Panchatantra** c) Hitopadesha d) Katha Saritsagar

25. Which of the following works were authored by Harsha?

- 1) Priyadarshika 2) Nagananda 3) Harshacharita 4) Ratnavali

Select your answer using the code given below.

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

26. Among the four works mentioned below which one is encyclopedic in nature?

- a) Ashtangahridayam b) Siddhantasiromani
c) Amarakosha d) **BrihatSamhita**

27. Name the source that is silent about the trade routes of ancient India

- a) All of the above b) **Milindpanha** c) SangamSahitya d) Jataka Tales

28. How many Tarangas are in Rajtarangini of Kalhana?

- a) Eleven b) Nine c) **Eight** d) Ten

29. Milindapanha is in the form of a dialogue between King Menander and Buddhist monk

- a) Kumarilabhata b) Nagabhata c) Nagarjuna d) **Nagasena**

30. Which of the following is not a literary masterpiece of Kalidasa?

- a) Vikramorvasiyam b) Meghduta c) **Mrichchhakatikam** d) RituSanghar

31. 'Rajatarangini' written by Kalhan is associated with which of the following?

- a) Reign of Krishna Deva Raya b) Anthology of lyrics
c) Chandragupta's reign d) **History of Kashmir**

32. Which one of the following Indian Mathematician invented decimal place value?

- a) **Aryabhata** b) Varahmihira c) Bhaskar d) Brahmagupta

33. Which of the following drama was not written by Kalidas?

- a) **Janakiharanam** b) AbhigyanShakuntalam
c) Malavikagnimitram d) Kumarsambhavam

34. Which of the following Sanskrit works has taken up their theme from the Mahabharata?

- 1) Naishdhiyacharita 2) Kiratarjuniyam 3) Sisupalavadha 4) Dasakumaracharita

Select the correct answer from the code given below

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

35. Whose court was embellished by 'Jaydev' composer of GeetGovind?

- a) **LakshmanaSen** b) Devpala c) Dharmapala d) Vijayasen

36. Who of the following was the writer of Mudrarakshasa?

- a) Bhas b) **Vishakhadatta** c) Ashwaghosha d) Kalidasa

37. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- 1) Mrichchakatikam – Sudraka 2) Buddhacharita – Vasubandhu
3) Mudrarakshasa – Vishakhadatta 4) Harshacharita – Banabhatta

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

38. DaskumarCharitam was composed by

- a) Kalidas b) **Dandin** c) Surdas d) Tulsidas

39. Saundarananda was the composition of

- a) Bhaas b) Banabhatta c) **Asvaghosa** d) Bhavbhuti

40. Which of the following statement (s) is/are correct about Panini's great grammar the Ashtadhyayi?

- a) It was most probably composed towards the 4th century BC)
b) It was stated that with Panini the language attained its highest state of development and thereafter there was improvement only in its vocabulary.
c) **Both A & B**
d) None of the above

41. Who among the following had written the 'Rajatarangini' which was the metrical legendary and historical chronicle of the north-western Indian subcontinent?

- a) Megasthenese b) **Kalhana** c) Al-Biruni d) Herodotus

42. Consider the following statements related to the Megasthenese profess of writing:

I. Megasthenese wrote extensively in a book called 'Indica' which is no longer available to us.

II. Megasthenese's writings could be seen through various extracts in the writings of Diodorous, Strabo and Arrian.

III. Megasthenese mentions that Indian society comprised of seven castes (jatis).

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) Only I b) I and II c) II and III d) **All of the above**

43. Consider the following statements regarding the age of Vedic Civilisation:

- I. BalGangadharTilak, on astronomical grounds, dated Rig Veda to .6000 BC to Harmon Jacobi, Vedic civilization flourished between 4500 BC and 2500 BC and the Samhitas were composed in the latter half of the period
- II. Famous Sanskritist, Winternitz felt that the Rig Veda was probably composed in the third millennium BC

Which of the following statement(s) is/are not correct?

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

44. Which of the following statement (s) is/are correct about ancient Indian literature?

- a) The Puranas is important as they were the main influence in the development from early Vedic religion to Hinduism.
- b) The Shastras contained works of science and philosophy.
- c) The Bhagvad Gita a later addition to the Mahabharata enshrines a philosophical doctrine and in it are described the three paths to salvation: karma, gyan and bhakti.
- d) **All of the above**

45. Select correct pair of book and author.

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| a)Mudrarakshasa: Somdeva | b)BrihatSamhita: Ravi Kriti |
| c)Kathasaritsagar: Visakdatta | d)Panchsidhantika : VarharSomdeva |

46. Find the correct pair of Poet in the Court of the King during Ancient India

- a)Vasumitra : Kanishka**
- b)Harsens : Chandragupta II
- c)Kalidasa : Samudragupta II
- d)Banabhatta : Pulkesin II

47. Consider the following statement (s) is/are related to the historical literary sources of Ancient India

- I. The 'Puranas' serves as a source of historical facts of ancient India. There are eighteen Puranas. They provide historical information of various dynasties.
- II. According to Dr. R.C Majumdar, the war occurred in 1000 BC Apart from the Kurukshetra war, the Mahabharatam contains various accounts of social life and religious thinking of the people of ancient India.

Which is/are correct statement (s)?

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

48. Who among the following had written down the 'Ramcharita'?

- a) Sandhyakara Nandi b) ChandBardoi c) Banabhatta d) Kalhana

49. Which of the following Indian literature is the earliest known works?

- a) Puranas b) Rig Vedas c) Sama Vedas d) Rajtrangani

50. Which Indian literature is a collection of 1028 hymns written in Vedic Sanskrit?

- a) Rig Vedas b) Sama Vedas c) Brahamans d) Aryankas

ANSWERS:

1.a	2.a	3.b	4.b	5.d	6.d	7.c	8.d	9.d	10.b
11.d	12.d	13.b	14.c	15.c	16.d	17.a	18.b	19.a	20.d
21.b	22.d	23.b	24.b	25.b	26.d	27.b	28.c	29.d	30.c
31.d	32.a	33.a	34.a	35.a	36.b	37.b	38.b	39.c	40.c
41.b	42.d	43.d	44.d	45.d	46.a	47.c	48.a	49.b	50.a