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Q. 1

Fill in the blanks.

20 Marks (Solve any 20)

- was the first name of Bharatnatyam style.
A) Nrutyanaitya B) Mangalam C) Dassiatam D) Bihu
- was a type of Devdasi dance.
A) Shantikuttu B) Arangery C) Sadirnatya D) Ganika
- taal shows two Laghu and two Drut combinations.
A) Triput B) Atta C) Rupak D) Jhampa
- Rukmini Devi Arundel received her dance education from
A) Thanjavur Brothers B) Udayshankar C) Balasaraswati D) Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai
- Who is the male Bharatnatyam dancer from the following ?
A) Muthuswami Dikshitar B) Guru Bipin Singh C) C. V. Chandrashekhar D) Balamurali Krishna
- Sitar, Guitar, Violin, Veena these are types of instruments.
A) Wind B) String C) Keyboard D) Taal
- 'Dholaki, Tuntuna' these instruments are used in folk dance.
A) Kummi B) Bihu C) Lavani D) Santhal
- Shwetavasani, Mayurasini, Vidyadayini these adjectives applies to the mother of Goddess.
A) Durga B) Mahalaxmi C) Uma D) Mahasaraswati
- Kuruvañji dance drama is from region.



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- A) Assam B) Tamil Nadu C) Uttar Pradesh D) Odisha
10. is the present day's famous nartika (dancer) from Kalakshetra Baani (gharana).
- A) Chitra Vishweshvaran B) Manaswini C) Arunima Kumar D) Leela Samson
11. 'Rasabhava Nritya Miteeryate'
- A) Taaladiyukta B) Vyanjanadiyukta C) Vibhavadi yukta D) Sancharidiyukta
12. In folk dance form the dancers adorn themselves with leaves, flowers and branches of trees.
- A) Bihu B) Garba C) Bhangra D) Santhal
13. In this 'Vishprashan' incident, ... snake was used as a rope by the Devas (God) and Danavas (Demons).
- A) Cobra B) Vasuki C) Dhaman D) Kaliya
14. Another name of Adi Taal is taal.
- A) Chatushraekam B) Chatushrajhampa C) Chatushratritput D) Chatushradhruva
15. Hindustani music : Tarana is similar to Carnatic music : -----
- A) Tatkar B) Tode C) Mangalam D) Tillana
16. The Mellatur Baani (gharana) of Bharatnatyam was founded by
- A) Rukmini Devi Arundel B) Mangudi Dorairaja Iyer C) Krishnaraja Wadiyar D) Kamala Laxman
17. Tanvi Rupvati peenonnatpayodhara |
..... sarasa kanta grahamokshayoho ||
- A) Kushala, Geetavadya, Nartaki B) Vishalalochana, Shyama, Kushala C) Shyama, Pragalbha, Kushala D) Pragalbha, Kushala, Shyama
18. gharana of Kathak dance is led by Padma Vibhushan Pt. Birju Maharaj.
- A) Jaipur B) Lucknow C) Raigarh D) Uttar Pradesh
19. is Shirobheda and is Drishtibheda.



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A) Alolitam-Alokitam B) Alokitam-Alolitam C) Alokitam-Pralokitam D) Pralokitam-Alolitam

20. ----- is the God of Love.

A) Shiv B) Ganesha C) Shri Krishna D) Madana

21. folk dance is performed only by women.

A) Giddha B) Garba C) Bhangra D) Santhal

22. There are types of Satvika Bhava.

A) 4 B) 7 C) 3 D) 8

Q. 2

Multiple choice questions.

30 Marks (Solve any 30)

1. 'Cheshtakruta' is which type of Abhinaya ?

A) Angika B) Vaachika C) Aaharya D) Saatvika

2. Which of the following is type of Tandava ?

A) Shyam B) Sandhya C) Krishna D) Neel

3. Which is the 'Ek Aaharya' dance style ?

A) Kathakali B) Kuchipudi C) Odissi D) A and B both

4. Which of the following is not related to 'Upanga' ?

A) Kapola B) Sheersha C) Adhara D) Bhru

5. What is the name of Rukminidevi Arundel's father ?

A) Subraya Nattuvanar B) Guru Kandappa C) Shri. Neelkanth Shastri D) Ramaiya Pillai



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6. In which folk dance, Six beat rhythm of the 'Khemta' taal is used ?
A) Kummi B) Garba C) Lavani D) Bihu
 7. Which type of dance style do not require the trappings of a stage and set ?
A) Classical Dance B) Bollywood Dance C) Folk Dance D) Ballet
 8. In which dance style 'Chenda, Mangalam' these instruments are require ?
A) Kathakali B) Kathak C) Odissi D) Kuchipudi
 9. 'Prithvipradakshina' incident is not related with which god ?
A) Ganesha B) Shiv-Parvati C) Vishnu D) Kartikeya
 10. What is the name of King of Mithila Nagari ?
A) Dasharath B) Rama C) Bharat D) Janak
 11. Dhana, Gaja, Santaana, Veera etc are the adjectives of which Goddess ?
A) Pavarti B) Laxmi C) Durga D) Saraswati
 12. Which of the following is not a name of god Shri. Ganeshji ?
A) Ekdant B) Bhalchandra C) Govind D) Gouri Putra
 13. 'Sweda' (sweating) means which type of Abhinaya ?
A) Angika B) Vaachika C) Aaharya D) Saatvika
 14. According to 'Abhinayadarpan'. how many Gatibheda and Charibheda are there ?
A) 10-10 B) 8-10 C) 10-8 D) 8-8
 15. According to Mythological stories what is the relation between Shri. Krishna - Sudama ?
A) Brothers B) Friends C) Father - Son D) Guru - Shishya
 16. By what name were Devadasi known in Karnataka state ?



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- A) Jogathi B) Mahari C) Dasi D) Ganika
17. Lambadi folk dance belongs to which state ?
- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Andhra Pradesh C) Assam D) Kerala
18. 'Pattabhisheke poojayam' is the viniyoga of which hasta mudra ?
- A) Kartarimukh B) Katakamukh C) Kartariswastika D) Katakavardhan
19. Which weapon does God Shri Ramji have in his hands ?
- A) Sword B) Trishul C) Bow-Arrow D) Chakra
20. Who has significantly contributed to the revival and popularization of Mohiniattam dance ?
- A) Tanjore Quartet B) Swathi Tirunal C) Vempati Chinna Satyam D) Sankardeva
21. What is the vehicle of God Vishnu ?
- A) Mayur B) Mushaka C) Garuda D) Hansa
22. Who is known as father of South Indian music ?
- A) Tyagaraja B) Balasaraswati C) Shivanandan D) Purandar Das
23. "Romanche" is the Viniyoga of which hasta mudra ?
- A) Bhramara B) Mayura C) Hamsasya D) Karkata
24. 'Raas nrutya' is an important anga (part) of which dance style ?
- A) Kathak B) Manipuri C) Odissi D) Bharatnatyam
25. 'Vyaghra, katak, palli' these are which types of Hasta Mudras ?
- A) Asamyukta Hasta B) Devata Hasta C) Samyukta Hasta D) Hasta-Rechaka
26. According to 'Natyashastra' how many Hastaprachara and Padabheda are there ?
- A) 7-5 B) 4-7 C) 5-6 D) 6-7



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27. What is the total (count) number of Mishra Atta taala ?
A) 12 B) 24 C) 7 D) 18
28. Which type of dance composition is 'Varnam' ?
A) Nritha B) Nrutya C) Nritha & Nrutya D) Natya
29. In the songs of which folk dance, words 'Banjaro', 'Banjara' are repeatedly used ?
A) Santhal B) Lambadi C) Bhangra D) Lavani
30. 'Vacha Virachita ' explains which Abhinaya ?
A) Angika B) Aaharaya C) Saatvika D) Vachika
31. How many parts are there in Nritha composition like 'Alaripu' ?
A) Two B) Four C) Three D) One
32. 'Khajuraho Dance Festival' is organised in which State of India ?
A) Uttar Pradesh B) Odisha C) Kerala D) Madhya Pradesh
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Q. 3

State whether True or False.

20 Marks (Solve any 20)

1. The percussion instrument used in Bharatnatyam dance is Tabla.
2. Odissi dance is related to 'Gotipua'.
3. The Manipuri Drum is known as 'Punga'.



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4. According to legend, Devi Uma was the daughter of Daksha Prajapati.
 5. Shri Ram was the son of mother Kaikeyi.
 6. Sopan sangeet is used for Kathakali dance style.
 7. Abhinaya Darpan granth is known as fifth veda.
 8. 'Anyonyakalahe pashe' is the viniyoga of Killaka Hasta.
 9. Total akshara of Tishra Mathya Taala are 8 in number.
 10. Kalamandalam institute is situated at Karnataka.
 11. Head, Hand, Waist, Leg these are parts of 'Pratyanga'.
 12. According to Abhinaya darpan there are five utplavana bheda.
 13. The Tandava dance which is performed after sunset is called Ananda Tandava.
 14. In Nritya composition Jatiswaram Mayee adavu is used.
 15. Shringar rasa is dominant in Lavani folk dance.
 16. Bihu is a folk dance from the state of Tamil Nadu.
 17. Sign of Dhruva Taala is || OO.
 18. There are ten Mandala Bheda and six Sthanaka Bheda.



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19. 'Sabhakalpatrurbhati ' is the shloka of Patraprana.
20. Anudhrutam is represented by 'U' symbol.
21. There are five types of Laasya.
22. Tarangam composition is speciality of Kathakali dance style.
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Q. 4

Answer in one word.

20 Marks (Solve any 20)

1. The drummers of Bihu folk dance are called
A) Dholika B) Dholiya C) Dholana D) Dholaka
2. In folk dance the women wear a white or yellow saree with red borders.
A) Garba B) Santhal C) Lambadi D) Lavani
3. Male dancers wear a traditional Tamba, kurta, jacket, pagadi in folk dance.
A) Bhangara B) Garba C) Kummi D) Bihu
4. Devi Parvati taught Lasya to the daughter of Banasur.
A) Mohini B) Usha C) Uma D) Radha
5. is not a part of Drishti Bheda.
A) Ullokita B) Anuvrutta C) Prakampita D) Saachi
6. Who designed the Bharatnatyam Margam ?



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- A) Sarfojiraje Bhosale B) Tanjavur Brothers C) Kittappa Pillai D) Bharatmuni
7. A deity with kapittha hasta in both hands is
- A) Shiv B) Vishnu C) Parvati D) Laxmi
8. Creator-protector-destroyer tridev of creation cycle are -
- A) Shiv-Parvati-Ganesh B) Brahma-Vishnu-Mahesh C) Ram-Krishna-Mahadev D) Indra-Krishna-Mahesh
9. In Abhinaya darpan, there are Patrapranas.
- A) 12 B) 8 C) 10 D) 5
10. There are Lalit kalas in numbers.
- A) 5 B) 6 C) 4 D) 3
11. A small part of tihai / tirmanam which is performed at the end of every korvai in Tillana is called
- A) Jati B) Jaathi C) Arudi D) Pallavi
12. is the name given to the group of ornaments worn on the head along with the moon and the sun.
- A) Rakudi B) Matal C) Nattu D) Talai Saman
13. The second line of any composition of Bharatnatyam Margam is called
- A) Charanam B) Pallavi C) Jati D) Anupallavi
14. The basic unit of Odissi dance is called
- A) Mandal B) Ayatam C) Bhang D) Chowk
15. Costumes, makeup, ornaments, stage decoration etc which abhinaya does this depict ?
- A) Angika B) Vachika C) Aaharaya D) Satavika
16. Which colour is used for make up of the characters having a virtuous nature in kathakali ?
- A) Red B) Black C) Yellow D) Green



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17. From which folk dance tradition has the Manipuri classical dance style developed ?
- A) Kummi B) Lai Haraoba C) Giddha D) Kirtanam
18. How many types of Aaharya Abhinaya have been described by Bharatmuni, which are based on the make-up, on the face of the dancer ?
- A) Eight B) Five C) Four D) Three
19. In whose court were the Thanjavur Brothers employed as musicians ?
- A) Muthuswami Dixitaar B) Subaraya Natuvanar C) Shahaji raje Bhosale (II) D) Sarfojiraje Bhasale (II)
20. Rukminidevi Arundel was born in the year.
- A) 1911 B) 1904 C) 1920 D) 1907
21. Total counts of Sankeerna Jati Taala are in number.
- A) 18 B) 20 C) 22 D) 16
22. Famous film actress and Bharatnatyam dancer Vijayantimala is follower of which baani (gharana) ?
- A) Tanjavur B) Vazhuvour C) Kalashetra D) Mysore
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Q. 5

Solve the following.

10 Marks (Solve any 10)

1. Which sequence is not correct ?
- A) Chakore Kramukhe Baalukuche B) Samuhagamne Tundadarshane Shankhpurane C) Virahe Mukure Purnachandre D) Vivahadishu Pujayam Pattabhisheke
2. Which of the following is a non - group word :-



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- A) Bake B) Kake C) Kapote D) Vatse
3. Identify the incorrect pair -
- A) Shakate - Alapadma B) Mantrapushpe-Padmakosha C) Shate-Suchi D) Billvapatre-Trishul
4. Mrugasheersha hasta is used to denote
- A) Deer B) Tiger C) Hansa D) Peacock
5. 'Alingane cha Lajjayam ' is the viniyoga of hasta.
- A) Pushpaputa B) Swastik C) Kurma D) Utsanga
6. cha kilako viniyujiyate ||
- A) Pashe Shrunkhalayam B) Snehe Narmanulape C) Etasya viniyogastu D) Rakshasabhinaye Praya
7. Samput Samyukta Hasta is made by combination of hasta.
- A) 2 pataka B) 2 Padmakosha C) 2 Sarpasheersha D) 2 Tamrachuda
8. Padmakosha hasta is used to denote
- A) Kalkalarave B) Kramuke C) Kasturyam D) Kanduke
9. Identify the correct pair :-
- A) Mrugasheersha - Chatak Bird B) Mayur - Coconut C) Alapadma - Mirror D) Chatur - Pearl
10. 'Nikash Mallikadau cha ' is viniyoga of hasta.
- A) Chatur B) Hansapaksha C) Hansasya D) Bhramar
11. Identify the incorrect line of viniyoga.
- A) Shivlingasya Darshne | B) Kumarthe kar Iritaha | C) Sammato Mastya Darshane | D) Shakato Viniyujiyate
12. Full moon, lake, praise - these are viniyoga of hasta mudra.
- A) Suchi Hasta B) Chatur Hasta C) Alapadma Hasta D) Padmakosha Hasta
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