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**DIRECTIONS** *for questions 1-35: Mark the best option:*

1. 'Father of History' is the name given to
  - A) Herodotus
  - B) Megasthenese
  - C) John Rey
  - D) Ibn Batuta
2. Who was the first President of USA ?
  - A) Abraham Lincoln
  - B) Wilson Woodrow
  - C) George Washington
  - D) Thomas Jefferson
3. Which of the following was the first metal to be used by humans?
  - A) Copper
  - B) Bronze
  - C) Iron
  - D) Steel
4. From which country did the USA purchase Alaska to make it the 49th federating State ?
  - A) Canada
  - B) Britain
  - C) Russia
  - D) France
5. Arrange the following events in the chronological order :
  - I. Sir Winston Churchill dies
  - II. Alaska becomes the 49th State of the USA
  - III. China and Pakistan sign frontier treaty



- IV. First earth satellite (Sputnik 1) launched by the USSR
- A) I, II, III, IV                      B) IV, II, III, I  
C) II, III, I, IV                      D) III, IV, II, I
6. Which two countries were involved in a Hundred Years War?
- A) Turkey and Austria    B) England and France  
C) Palestine and Israel    D) Germany and Russia
7. How many countries have exploded the atom bomb before India ?
- A) 5                      B) 6                      C) 4                      D) 3
8. Marx belonged to
- A) Germany    B) Holland    C) France    D) Britain
9. The treaty of Versailles restored Alsace-Lorraine to:
- A) Italy                      B) Britain                      C) France                      D) Belgium
10. The Social Contract theory deals with
- A) The Purpose of State  
B) The Origin of the State  
C) The Nature of State  
D) The Functions of State



11. Match the following:

**List-I (Scientists)**

- A. Archimedes
- B. Alexander Graham Bell
- C. Nicolas Copernicus
- D. Albert Einstein

**List-II (Country)**

- 1. Britain
- 2. Germany
- 3. Greece
- 4. USA
- 5. Poland

- A) A B C D    B) A B C D    C) A B C D    D) A B C D  
    3 2 4 5      3 1 5 2      4 5 2 1      4 3 5 2

12. Ms Angela Merkel is the:

- A) First woman Chancellor of Germany
- B) President of South Africa
- C) Prime Minister of Dominica
- D) President of Denmark

13. The remains of which ancient civilization can be seen at the site of Machu Pichu in Peru?

- A) Incas
- B) Aztecs
- C) Mayans
- D) Indians



14. In 1985-86, an official policy introduced by Gorbachev in Soviet Union that stressed on honest discussion about the country's social issues and concerns was called
- A) Glasnost                      B) Gosplans  
C) Irredentism                  D) Oligarchs
15. Who advocated Nazism in Germany?
- A) Adolf Hitler                  B) William III  
C) Fedrick William IV      D) Bismark
16. Sans culottes meant
- A) loose clothes  
B) without knee breeches  
C) comfortable clothes  
D) tunics
17. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?
- A) Indus civilization : Indian subcontinent  
B) Mayan civilization : Central Asia  
C) Nubian civilization : Egypt  
D) Norse civilization : Scandinavia



18. Industrial Revolution led to
- I. Guilds and Putting out system gave way to factory system
  - II. International independence of major industrial nations
  - III. Mass production led to decline in unemployment
- A) I only                                      B) I & III  
C) II & III                                     D) All of the above
19. Who was the British commander who surrendered to the American and French armies at Washington?
- A) Henry Clinton                            B) Guy Carleton  
C) John Burgoyne                         D) Charles Cornwallis
20. **Assertion:** The English repealed the Stamp Act and withdrew its right to levy taxes
- Reason:** The Massachusetts Assembly threatened to stop import of British goods
- A) Both A & R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A  
B) Both A & R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A



C) A is true but R is false

D) A is false but R is true

21. Which of the following was a direct result of the American revolution?

A) State religion was completely abolished in public offices

B) A truly democratic republic was established

C) Inspired the African and Asian colonies to rebel and gain independence

D) Election laws in all states favoured men of property for many years

22. Consider the following with respect to the French Revolution:

I. The Second and Third Estate formed the National Assembly

II. It adopted the 'Declaration of Independence' after the fall of Bastille

A) Only I

B) Only II

C) Both I & II

D) Neither I or II



23. The Townshend Act of 1767 in America imposed duties on colonial imports of \_\_\_?
- A) Cotton, glass, lead & tea
  - B) Glass, lead, paint, paper & tea
  - C) Cardamom, cloves, sugar, cotton & tea
  - D) Tobacco, cotton, tea, coffee & paper
24. ...there is something absurd in supposing a Continent to be perpetually governed by an Island, was written in a pamphlet 'Common Sense'. This idea was propagated by:
- A) Thomas Hobbs
  - B) John Locke
  - C) Thomas Paine
  - D) James Harrington
25. Consider the following statements:
- I. Jean Jacques Rousseau asserted the doctrine of popular sovereignty and democracy
  - II. He said that freedom of man was lost following the emergence of property
  - III. His theories have been incorporated in the American Declaration of Independence
- A) Only II
  - B) I & II
  - C) II & III
  - D) All of the above





26. Which statement is a valid generalisation about the immediate result of the French Revolution of 1789?
- A) The Roman Catholic Church increased its power and wealth
  - B) The revolution achieved its goal of establishing peace, democracy and justice for all
  - C) The revolution had little impact outside France
  - D) The French middle class gained more power
27. Which statement describes a direct effect of the Renaissance on Western Europe?
- A) The philosophy of humanism brought about a decrease in the power of the Roman Catholic Church
  - B) Art began to reflect an increased emphasis on religious themes
  - C) Nationalistic movements among the minority ethnic groups in the region declines
  - D) The feudal system was developed to provide stability in a decentralised political structure



28. In the Renaissance period, which factor was emphasized by the philosophy of humanism?
- A) Superiority of medieval thought
  - B) Devotion to religion
  - C) Value of the individual
  - D) Obedience to government rules and officials
29. Which among the following is not among the ancient list of seven wonders of world?
- A) Statue of Zeus at Olympia
  - B) Great Wall of China
  - C) Colossus of Rhodes
  - D) Lighthouse at Alexandria
30. Who was acclaimed as the 'Fullest Man of Renaissance' by Will Durant?
- A) Michealangelo
  - B) Raphael
  - C) Leonardo da Vinci
  - D) Van Gogh
31. Treaty of Versailles marked the end of which war?
- A) World War 2
  - B) World War 1
  - C) American Civil War
  - D) Korean War



- 32.** Who among the following was overthrown by Fidel Castro in 1959?
- A) Augusto Pinochet      B) Fulgencio Batista  
C) Juan Peron              D) Salvador Allende
- 33.** In whose period did the 'Era of Stagnation' begin in Soviet Union?
- A) Leonid Brezhnev  
B) Yuri Andropov  
C) Konstantin Chernenkov  
D) Georgy Malenkov
- 34.** In 1960, the Sharpeville Massacre took place in which African nation?
- A) South Africa              B) Kenya  
C) Zimbabwe                D) Congo
- 35.** Which of the following was the cause of American Civil War?
- A) Slavery  
B) Revolts by Red Indians (Native Americans)  
C) Increase in taxes  
D) Communist revolts



## Answer Key

Q. No.	Key	Q. No.	Key
1.	A	21.	D
2.	C	22.	C
3.	A	23.	B
4.	C	24.	C
5.	B	25.	D
6.	B	26.	D
7.	A	27.	A
8.	A	28.	C
9.	C	29.	B
10.	B	30.	C
11.	B	31.	B
12.	A	32.	B
13.	A	33.	A
14.	A	34.	A
15.	A	35.	A
16.	B		
17.	B		
18.	A		
19.	D		
20.	D		