

9th Social Science Lesson 3 Questions in English

3. Early Tamil Society and Culture

1. _____ script was adopted to write the Tamil language

- a) Prakrit
- b) Devanagiri
- c) Tamil – Prakrit
- d) Tamil - Brahmi

2. Which of the following are included in Classical Sangam Tamil Literature?

1) Tholkappiyam

2) Pathinen Melkanakku

3) Pathinen Kilkanakku

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

3. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) Tholkappiyam, attributed to Tholkappiyar, is the earliest written work on Tamil grammar.

2) The 1st section of Tholkappiyam describes poetic conventions that provide information on Tamil social life.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

4. Which of the following is not one of the eight anthologies?

- a) Natrinai
- b) Kalithogai
- c) Tholkappiyam
- d) Puranaanuru

5. Which of the following is a Pathupattu?

- a) Thirumurugatrupadai
- b) Perumpanatrupadai
- c) Mullaipaattu
- d) All the above

6. Which of the following statement is correct about Pathinen Kilkanakku?

1) The Pathinen Kilkanakku comprises eighteen texts elaborating on ethics and morals.

2) The pre-eminent work among these is the Thirukkural composed by Thiruvalluvar

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

7. Which of the following is five epics?

- a) Silappathikaaram
- b) Kundalakesi
- c) Seevaka Chinthamani
- d) All the above

8. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions have been found in more than 30 sites in Tamil Nadu mostly on cave surfaces and rock shelters

2) The natural caves were converted into residence by cutting a drip-line to keep rain water away from the cave. Inscriptions often occur below such drip-lines.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

9. In which of the following sites Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions was/were found?

- 1) Pugalur
- 2) Mangulam
- 3) Kongarpuliyankulam

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

10. The acts of destruction of heritage property or property belonging to others are called _____

- a) Vulnerism
- b) Vanishing
- c) Sketching
- d) Vandalism

11. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) Hero stones are memorials erected for those who lost their lives in the battles and in cattle raids.

2) During the Sangam Age, the Palai landscape followed the pastoral way of life.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

12. _____ describes the procedures for erecting hero stones

- a) Thirukural
- b) Akanaanuru
- c) Nattrinai
- d) Tholkappiyam

13. Hero stones of the Sangam Age with Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions found in _____

- 1) Pulimankombai
- 2) Thathapatti
- 3) Pallavaram

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

14. Pulimankombai is a village in the _____ river valley in Theni district

- a) Thamirabarani
- b) Cauvery
- c) Vaigai
- d) Thenpennai

15. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) Hero stones of the post-Sangam Age and the Pallava period occur in large numbers in pastoral regions especially around the Chengam region near Thiruvannamalai district

2) These hero stones have inscriptions and the images of warriors and names of heroes

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

16. _____ was the language used by the common people in the Northern part of India during the Mauryan period

- a) Brahmi
- b) Prakrit
- c) Sanskrit
- d) Persian

17. In Tamil Nadu Potsherds have been discovered in _____

- a) Arikamedu
- b) Keezhadi
- c) Kodumanal
- d) All the above

18. _____ near Puducherry, is a Sangam Age port, excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

- a) Kodumanal
- b) Keezhadi
- c) Puhar
- d) Arikamedu

19. Match the following

1) The Indian Treasure Trove Act - I. 1958

2) The Antiquities and Art Treasures Act - II. 1878

3) The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act - III. 1972

- a) II, III, I
- b) II, I, III
- c) III, II, I
- d) I, III, II

20. Which of the following is correctly matched?

1) Cameo – an ornament made in precious stone where images are carved on the surface.

2) Intaglio – an ornament in which images are carved as recess, below the surface.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

21. Roman coins are found in _____

- 1) Azhagankulam
- 2) Karur
- 3) Madurai

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

22. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) Bullion means precious metal available in the form of ingots

2) Punch-marked coins are mostly made of silver and have numerous symbols punched on them

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

23. Arthasastra was written by_____

- a) Chanakya
- b) Chandragupta Maurya
- c) Kautilya
- d) Ramanda

24. Mahavamsa, the Sri Lankan Buddhist chronicle, composed in_____

- a) Prakrit
- b) Sanskrit
- c) Brahmi
- d) Pali

25. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) Periplus of Erythrean Sea is an ancient Greek text whose author is not known.

2) The term Periplus means navigational guide used by sailors

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

26. Natural History was written by_____

- a) Ptolemy
- b) Pliny the Elder
- c) Pliny Junior
- d) James

27. How many days it takes to reach India, from Ocealis near North East Africa as mentioned in Natural History?

- a) 90
- b) 40
- c) 20
- d) 10

28. Which of the following places of Tamil Nadu are mentioned in Ptolemy's Geography?

- 1) Kaveripoompattinam
 - 2) Korkai
 - 3) Muciri
- a) 1, 3
 - b) 2, 3
 - c) 1, 2, 3

- d) 1, 2

29. In Peutingerian table Taprobane refers to_____

- a) Muziris
- b) Thondi
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Kaveripoompattinam

30. What is the name of a ship that shipped from India to the Roman Empire as mentioned in Vienna Papyrus?

- a) Hermapollon
- b) Zamose
- c) Heimdol
- d) Aryastas

31. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) The Sangam Age or the Early Historic period is an important phase in the history of South India

2) This period is marked out from prehistory, because of the availability of textual sources, namely Sangam literature and Tamil Brahmi inscriptions.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

32. The Sangam texts are generally dated to between_____

- a) 3rd century BC to 1st century AD
- b) 3rd century BC to 3rd century AD
- c) 2nd century BC to 2nd century AD
- d) 3rd century BC to 1st century BC

33. The references in Greco-Roman texts, Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions and the references to the Cheras, Cholas and the Pandyas in the_____ inscription

- a) Ashokan
- b) Kalashoka
- c) Karikalan
- d) Chandra Gupta

34. _____ script used in Ashokan edicts or inscriptions.

- a) Prakrit
- b) Pali
- c) Sanskrit
- d) Brahmi

35. The concept of Thina is presented in_____

- a) Thirukural
- b) Puranannur
- c) Akannanur
- d) Tholkappiyam

36. Which of the following are incorrectly matched?

- 1) Akam - interior
- 2) Puram - exterior

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

37. Which of the following statement is correct?

- 1) Tamilagam was divided into five landscapes
- 2) Each region had distinct characteristics – a presiding deity, occupation, people and cultural life according to its specific environmental conditions.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

38. Match the following correctly

- 1) Kurunji - i. coastal region
- 2) Mullai - ii. hilly and mountainous region
- 3) Neythal - iii. forested and pastoral region
- 4) Marutham - iv. fertile riverine valley

- a) ii, iii, i, iv
- b) iii, iv, ii, i
- c) ii, i, iii, iv
- d) iv, iii, ii, i

39. In _____ Age people were organised into chiefdoms

- a) stone
- b) copper
- c) bronze
- d) Iron

40. Who among the following were called as Muvendhar?

- 1) Chera
 - 2) Chola
 - 3) Pallava
 - 4) Pandya
- a) 1, 2, 4

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

41. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) The Cheras, referred to as Keralaputras in the Ashokan inscriptions, controlled the region of present-day Kerala and also the western parts of Tamil Nadu

2) Vanci was the capital of the Cheras while Muciri and Thondi were their port towns.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

42. _____ speaks about the Chera kings and their territory

- a) Manimekalai
- b) Thirukural
- c) Pathirruppathu
- d) All the above

43. The Cheras wore garlands made from the flowers of _____

- a) Neem
- b) Palm
- c) Mango
- d) All the above

44. According to Silappathikaram, who built a temple for Kannagi?

- a) Needunchezhiyan
- b) Chera Senguttuvan
- c) Nedumaran
- d) Raja Raja Cholan

45. The Cholas capital was _____

- a) Uraiyyur
- b) Kaveripoompattinam
- c) Pumpuhar
- d) Thondi

46. Pattinappaalai is composed by _____

- a) Tholkappiyar
- b) Thiruvalluvar
- c) Kadiyalur Uruthirankannanar
- d) Ilangovaligal

47. The Chola emblem was _____

- a) Lion

- b) Tiger
- c) Snake
- d) Fish

48. _____ Tamil-Brahmi inscription mentions the king Nedunchezhiyan.

- a) Keezhadi
- b) Arikemedu
- c) Kodumanal
- d) Mangulam

49. The Pandyan symbol was _____

- a) Tiger
- b) Lion
- c) Fish
- d) Snake

50. Who among the following are velirs?

- 1) Ori
- 2) Pari
- 3) Athiyaman

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

51. Priests during sangam age were called as _____

- a) Panar
- b) Antanars
- c) Maravar
- d) Eyinar

52. Women are frequently referred to in Tamil texts as _____

- a) Mothers
- b) Heroines
- c) foster-mothers
- d) all the above

53. Match the following correctly

- 1) sennel** **i. a type of rice**
- 2) vennel** **ii. red rice**
- 3) aivananel** **iii. white rice**

- a) iii, ii, i
- b) ii, iii, i
- c) iii, i, ii
- d) ii, i, iii

54. Rice grains were found in burial urns at excavations in _____

- a) Adichanallur
- b) Kodumanal
- c) Porunthal
- d) Both a and c

55. Evidence of iron smelting has been found in _____

- 1) Kodumanal**
- 2) Guttur**
- 3) Adichanallur**

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

56. Evidence of gold smelting has been found at _____

- a) Pallavaram
- b) Guttur
- c) Palayam
- d) Pattanam

57. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) The presence of glass beads at the sites reveals that people of the Sangam Age knew how to make glass beads

2) Arikamedu and Kudikkadu, near Cuddalore show evidence of glass beads industry.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

58. _____ is famous for pearl fishery.

- a) Kaveripompattinam
- b) Puhar
- c) Pamban coast
- d) Vanchii

59. Which of the following statement is correct?

1) The terms vanikan and nigama (guild) appear in Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions

2) Salt merchants were called Umanars and they travelled in bullock carts along with their family.

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

60. Which of the following is/are water crafts and sea-going vessels mentioned in Tamil literature?

- a) Odam
- b) Pahri
- c) Navai
- d) All the above

61. Which of the following statement is correct?

- 1) Barter was the primary mode of exchange**
- 2) The extensive availability of coin hoards of the Sangam Age of the Cheras, Cholas, Pandyas, and Malayaman indicates that they were used widely**

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

62. Which of the following were exported from Tamil country?

- 1) Pepper**
- 2) Ivory**
- 3) Precious stones**

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

63. Which of the following statement is correct?

- 1) A stone with the name "Perumpatankal" has been found at Khuan Luk Pat, Th ailand.**
- 2) Southeast Asia was known as Suvarna Bhumi in Tamil literature**

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

64. Which of the following statement is correct?

- 1) The Sangam Age saw the first urbanization in Tamilagam.**
- 2) Arikamedu, Kaveripoompattinam, Azhagankulam and Korkai on the east coast and Pattanam in Kerala were port centres.**

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

65. Which of the following were inland trade centres?

- 1) Uraiyur
- 2) Kanchipuram
- 3) Karur
- 4) Kodumanal

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

66. In which district Kodumanal is located?

- a) Erode
- b) Karur
- c) Madurai
- d) Vellore

67. Which of the following statement is incorrect?

- 1) Keezhadi is located near Silaimaan east of Madurai, on the highway to Rameswaram.**
- 2) In Keezhadi a large coconut garden, called Pallichandai Tidal, the Archaeological Survey of India excavated an ancient town dating to the Sangam Age.**

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

68. Match the following

- 1) Kurunji i. Murugan**
- 2) Mullai ii. Varunan**
- 3) Neythal iii. Thirumal**

- a) iii, ii, i
- b) i, iii, ii
- c) ii, iii, i
- d) ii, i, iii

69. Which of the following statement is correct?

- 1) Performances of ritual dances called Veriyatal are referred to in the literature**
- 2) People took care of their appearance and evidence of antimony rods (kohl sticks) made of copper has been found in archaeological sites**

- a) 1 alone
- b) 2 alone
- c) 1, 2
- d) None

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