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## Static GK

### Dance

**Q.1.** Sattriya dance form is famous in which of these states?

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- (a) Assam (b) Himachal Pradesh  
(c) Punjab (d) Tamil Nadu

**Sol.1.(a) Assam.** Sattriya dance originated in Sattri, a monastery, as a part of the neo-Vaishnavite movement started by Srimanta Sankardev. Sattriya was given the status of a classical dance in the year 2000 by the Sangeet Natak Akademi. The dance styles of Sattriya are Paurashik Bhangi (male style) and Stri Bhangi (female style). Folk dances of Assam: Bihu, Bagurumba, Deodhani, Bhortal dance.

**Q.2.** Which of the following statements is true?

**Statement I:** Indian techniques such as Rasa and Bhava in classical dances have their origins in Bharatmuni's Natyashastra.

**Statement II:** Bharatanatyam has its origin in Odisha.

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- (a) Only Statement II is true.  
(b) Both Statement I and Statement II are true.  
(c) Neither Statement I nor Statement II is true.  
(d) Only Statement I is true.

**Sol.2.(d) Bharatanatyam** is a classical dance form that originated in Tamil Nadu. The Indian classical dances have two basic aspects - Tandava (movement and rhythm) and Lasya (grace, bhava and rasa) and three main components - Natya (the dramatic element of the dance); Nritya (the dance movements in their basic form); Nritya (expressional component i.e. mudras or gestures).

**Q.3.** When was Bharatanatyam banned by the British colonial government ?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) 1885 (b) 1910 (c) 1897 (d) 1927

**Sol.3.(b) 1910.** Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu): It traces its origins back to the Natyashastra, an ancient treatise on theatre written by the mythic priest Bharata. Features :- It encompasses Bhav, Rag, Ras and Taal. It consists of six portions: Alarippu (Invocation), Jathiswaram (Nritya part), Shabdham (Short compositions with word), Varnam (a story, that includes both Nritya and Nritya), Padam (Religious prayer, Bhajan,

Keerthanam) and Tillana (Origin in the Tarana of Hindustani Music).

**Q.4.** Which of the following is a folk dance from the state of Maharashtra?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Ghoomar (b) Bhangra  
(c) Garba (d) Dhangari Gaja

**Sol.4.(d) Dhangari Gaja.** States and their folk dances: Maharashtra - Lavani, Powada dance, Koli, Waghya Murali. Gujarat - Dandiya Raas, Tippani, Bhavai, Garba, Daang. Rajasthan - Ghoomar, Bhavai, Kalbelia, Terah Taali. Punjab - Bhangra, Giddha, Luddi, Julli.

**Q.5.** What is a one act play of Sattriya called?

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- (a) Ekam Nat (b) Vishesham Nat  
(c) Anant Nat (d) Ankiya Nat

**Sol.5.(d) Ankiya Nat:** It is a form of Sattriya that involves musical drama or play. It was initially written in Brajavali, an Assamese-Maithili hybrid language. It's also known as 'Bhaona,' and it tells stories about Lord Krishna. The Sattriya dance form was introduced in 15th century AD by Mahapurusha Sankaradeva in the state of Assam.

**Q.6.** The origin of most of the classical dance forms of India is \_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Yajur Veda (b) Arth Shastra  
(c) Atharva Veda (d) Natya Shastra

**Sol.6.(d) Natya Shastra.** Natya Shastra (Sanskrit text on dance art and music): Compiled by Bharat Muni. The text consists of 36 chapters with a cumulative total of 6000 poetic verses describing performance arts.

**Q.7.** Bhutia dance is performed in which of the following states?

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- (a) Nagaland (b) Odisha  
(c) West Bengal (d) Sikkim

**Sol.7.(d) Sikkim.** Other dances: Sikkim - Singhi Chham, Tamang Selo, Sherpa Dance, Ghantu, Gayley-Yang Dance, Sangey Chham Dance and Chu Faat. West Bengal - Purulia Chhau, Baul, and Gambhira. Odisha - Gotipua Dance, Dhap, and Paika. Nagaland - Modse, Agurshikukula, Aaluyattu, Sadal Kekai, and Changai Dance.

**Q.8.** Which dance form of Goa is also known as the 'Warrior Dance'?

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Lavani (b) Ghode Modni  
(c) Bihu (d) Rauf

**Sol.8.(b) Ghode Modni** - It is a dance commemorating the Maratha rulers and warriors of the past. Other dances of Goa : Tarangamel, Dekhni, Fugdi, Shigmo, Samayi nrutya, Ranmale, Gonph, Tonnya mell.

**Q.9.** Which of the following dances is based on Rasleela themes of Radha and Krishna?

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Kathak  
(c) Sattriya dance (d) Manipuri dance

**Sol.9.(d) Manipuri dance.** Classical dances of India : Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu), Manipuri (Manipur), Kathak (Northern India), Odissi (Odisha), Kathakali (Kerala), Mohiniattam (Kerala), Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh), Sattriya (Assam).

**Q.10.** Sattriya was recognised in \_\_\_\_ as a Classical Dance by Sangeet Natak Akademi.

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- (a) 2005 (b) 2000 (c) 2020 (d) 2010

**Sol.10.(b) 2000.** The primary accompanying instruments for this dance genre include the khol (drum), manjira (cymbals), and flute. Songs: Shankaradeva's 'Borgeets.'

**Q.11.** In 2010, considering its outstanding value and vulnerability, UNESCO recognised 'Mudiyettu', an age-old ritual-drama of \_\_\_\_ as an 'intangible cultural heritage of humanity'.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Kerala (b) Telangana  
(c) Karnataka (d) Tamil Nadu

**Sol.11.(a) Kerala.** Mudiyettu - A ritual dance drama based on the mythological tale of a battle between the Goddess Kali and the demon Darika.

**Q.12.** Thullal dance originated in which of the following states ?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Kerala (b) Uttarakhand  
(c) Manipur (d) Gujrat

**Sol.12.(a) Kerala.** There are three versions of this art form Seethankan Thullal, Parayan Thullal and Ottan Thullal. Other dances : Kerala - Theyyam, Thirvathirakali, Kolkali. Uttarakhand - Choliya, Pandav Nritya, Bhotia Dance, Jhora Dance. Manipur - Lai Haraoba, Kabui Dance, Luivat Pheizak Dance.

**Q.13.** Which of the following dance forms traces its origins to the ancient dance Sadir Attam ?

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Kathakali

**Sol.13.(b) Bharatanatyam** - It is a classical dance of Tamil Nadu. It is known as Sadir Attam, because it can be traced back to 'Sadir' which was a solo dance. Sadir was performed by temple dancers or 'devadasis' in Tamil Nadu, hence named 'Dashiattam'.

**Q.14.** Maimata is a popular folk dance of which of the following states?  
SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Punjab (b) Tripura  
(c) Haryana (d) Uttarakhand

**Sol.14.(b) Tripura.** Mamita dance is a traditional dance associated with the Kaloi community of Tripura and is performed during the harvest festival. Other folk dances of Tripura: Garia, Lebang Boomani, Hozagiri, Bizu, Hai-Hak, Cheraw, Jhum. Punjab - Bhangra, Giddha, Jhumar, Gatka. Haryana - Phag, Saang, Chhathi, Khorja, Gugga.

**Q.15.** Bharatanatyam is traditionally performed to which type of music?  
SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Lavani (b) Baul  
(c) Hindustani (d) Carnatic

**Sol.15.(d) Carnatic** is a form of Indian classical music which originated in Southern India. Dances and the type of music : Kathak - Hindustani Music, Mohiniattam - Carnatic, Odissi - Odissi music, Kuchipudi - Vocal and instrumental Carnatic music, Sattriya - borgeet, Kathakali - Sopana sangeet, Manipuri - Classical nat music.

**Q.16.** With which of the following dance forms is Thumri music associated?  
SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Kathak (b) Kathakali  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Sattriya

**Sol.16.(a) Kathak:** It is a classical dance form of Uttar Pradesh. Thumri: It is a common genre of semi-classical Indian music originating in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh. Kathakali (Kerala): It is a combination of 5 forms of fine art which are Literature (Sahithyam), Music (Sangeetham), Painting (Chithram), Acting (Natyam) and Dance (Nritham)..

**Q.17.** The masculine aspect of the Manipuri classical dance is known as:  
SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Choloms (b) Pareng (c) Maiba (d) Ras

**Sol.17.(a) Choloms.** The Kirtan form of congregational singing accompanies the dance which is known as Sankirtana in

Manipur. The male dancers play the Pung and Kartal while dancing. The masculine aspect of dance - the Choloms are a part of the Sankirtana tradition.

**Q.18.** Lavani is a traditional dance of which of the following states?  
SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Maharashtra (b) Madhya Pradesh  
(c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Sol.18.(a) Maharashtra.** Folk Dances of Different states: Madhya Pradesh - Jawara, Matki, Aada, Khada Nach, Phulpati, Grida Dance, Selalarki, Selabhadoni, Maanch. Himachal Pradesh - Jhora, Jhali, Chharhi, Dhaman, Chhapeli, Mahasu, Nati, Dangi. Uttar Pradesh - Nautanki, Raslila, Kajri, Jhora, Chappeli, Jaita.

**Q.19.** Which of the dance was immediately preceded by a practice session called sevakali and undertaken in the precincts of a temple?  
SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Kathakali (b) Kathak  
(c) Odissi (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.19.(a) Kathakali** (dance of Kerala).

**Q.20.** Which of the abhinayas deals with the use of costumes, jewellery, facial make-up etc?  
SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Vachika Abhinaya (b) Aharya Abhinaya  
(c) Sattvika Abhinaya (d) Angika Abhinaya

**Sol.20.(b) Aharya Abhinaya.** A dancer wears a readymade stitched costume. The lower garment is dhoti and the upper garment is a choli with a davani. The traditional jewellery used is the head ornaments known as "tal saman", the sun and moon diadems. **Vachika Abhinaya:** It constitutes the Kavyas (poems) and natakas (dramas) which are made up of speech. **Saatwikam Abhinayam:** It is performed with the sattvika emotions by those who can represent them proficiently. **Aangika Abhinaya:** It is expressed by the bodily movements where the body becomes the sole medium of expression.

**Q.21.** The cultural heritage of Siddhis from \_\_\_\_\_ dates back to almost 300 years and their Siddhi Dhamal dance is an exquisite art form.  
SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Gujarat  
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

**Sol.21.(b) Gujarat. Siddhis** - They are descendants of East African people who came to India as slaves during the 14th

and 17th century AD. Dhamal is one such dance form that reflects the Siddhis' passion for hunting. In the old days, also known as Mashira Nritya, this dance was performed by Siddhis after returning from a successful hunting expedition.

**Q.22.** \_\_\_\_\_ has two traditions: one is the sankeertana (which is the devotional aspect) and the other is the raasa.  
SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (1st Shift)  
(a) Odissi (b) Sattriya  
(c) Manipuri dance (d) Chhau

**Sol.22.(c) Manipuri dance.** Sankirtana at the temple involves performers narrating Krishna's life and deeds through song and dance.

**Q.23.** Which dance form is associated with Natwari Dance?  
SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Kathak (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathakali

**Sol.23.(a) Kathak** is famous for its spectacular footwork, amazing spins, Nazakat and Padhant. Natwari Nritya is also known as the dance of Krishna.

**Q.24.** \_\_\_\_\_ literally means 'dance of the enchantress'. It is one of the most striking in the Indian classical dance repertoire.  
SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Kathakali (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.24.(b) Mohiniyattam** (Kerala) - Also known as the dance of Mohini (an incarnation of Lord Vishnu). Performance: Solo recital by women; The Lasya aspect of dance is dominant and inculcates elements of Bharatanatyam and Kathakali.

**Q.25.** Dandari (Dancing) troupes perform \_\_\_\_\_ during the festival of Diwali for a fortnight with participation from Kolam and Raj Gond tribes.  
SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Chhau (b) Baiga Pardhoni  
(c) Ghusadi (d) Rout Nacha

**Sol.25.(c) Ghusadi** (in the Adilabad district of Telangana). Baiga Pardhoni (Madhya Pradesh) dance is performed by the Baiga tribals. Raut Nacha (Chhattisgarh) is mainly performed by Yaduvanshis.

**Q.26.** Paika dance of Jharkhand is usually performed by \_\_\_\_\_ tribe to welcome special honoured guests or during religious processions (shobha yatra).  
SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Santhal (b) Munda  
(c) Oraon (d) Bhumij

**Sol.26.(b) Munda** - One of the aboriginal people found in the Chota Nagpur region of eastern India. They are a Proto-Australoid Tribe. Their Language is Mundari which belongs to Astro-Asiatic Family. Paika Dance - It symbolises battle-art. Dances of Jharkhand: Phagua Nach, Munda Dance, Sohrai Dance, Sarhul Dance, Jamda dance.

**Q.27.** Gaur Maria, a dance form from \_\_\_\_\_ state, is a famous art form of joy and invocation. It is a group dance and both men and women participate enthusiastically in this dance.

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- (a) Maharashtra (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Gujarat (d) Chhattisgarh

**Sol.27.(d) Chhattisgarh. Gaur Maria Dance:** It is performed on the occasion of marriage by the Gaur Madiya of Abujhmad plateau of Bastar in Chhattisgarh and is called Gaur after the bison. Other dances of Chattisgarh: Pandavani, Raut Nacha, Panthi and Soowa.

**Q.28.** Lebang Boomani dance is the harvest dance of \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Mizoram (b) Tripura  
(c) Assam (d) Meghalaya

**Sol.28.(b) Tripura.** Folk dance of Tripura and its related Community : Hozagiri dance - Reang community. Garia, Jhum, Maimita, Masak Sumani and Lebang Boomani - Tripuri community. Mamita' is a popular dance of the Kaloi community of Tripura.

**Q.29.** Mahari Dance and Gotipua Dance belong to which of the following states ?

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- (a) Odisha (b) Haryana  
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Bihar

**Sol.29.(a) Odisha.** Mahari Dance - A ritualistic dance form from the eastern Indian state of Odisha that used to be performed at the temple of Lord Jagannatha at Puri by devadasi dancers called Maharis. Gotipua Dance - Performed in Orissa for centuries by young boys, who dress as women to praise Jagannath and Krishna.

**Q.30.** The Songi Mukhawate dance of \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates the victory of truth over falsehood. The name of the dance is derived from the two lion masks worn by two dancers who represent Narasimha,

an aspect of Lord Vishnu.

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- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Jharkhand  
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

**Sol.30.(c) Maharashtra.**

**Q.31.** Chhau, identified by the Ministry of Culture as a classical dance, is prevalent in eastern India and has three distinct forms. Which of the following is NOT one of them ?

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- (a) Seraikela Chhau of Jharkhand  
(b) Marwahi Chhau of Chhattisgarh  
(c) Purulia Chhau of West Bengal  
(d) Mayurbhanj Chhau of Odisha

**Sol.31.(b) Marwahi Chhau of Chattisgarh.** Chhau dance has a significant role in the celebration of the spring festival Chaitra parva. It is performed by male dancers from families of traditional artists, or those trained under Gurus or Ustads (masters). It enacts episodes from the epics including Ramayana, the Mahabharata and abstract themes. Famous Chhau dancers : Upendra Biswal, and Rajendra Pattanayak.

**Q.32.** Rikham pada dance belongs to which of the following states ?

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- (a) Meghalaya (b) Assam  
(c) Mizoram (d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Sol.32.(d) Arunachal Pradesh.** Rikham Pada Dance : Performed by the women of the Nishi tribe only to express their love for their husbands and to offer their reverence to the gods. Other Dances of Arunachal Pradesh : Bhuiya dance, Chalo dance, Wancho dance, Pasi Kongki, Ponung dance and Popir dance.

**Q.33.** \_\_\_\_\_ word of Indian dance is derived from a Sanskrit word and literally means 'taking towards'.

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- (a) Nritta (b) Laasya  
(c) Taandava (d) Abhinaya

**Sol.33.(d) Abhinaya** (Facial expressions): It tells a tale to the audience using mudras, bhavas, eye motions, and body movements. Enacts a traditional story about the deeds of a specific God/Goddess.

**Q.34.** Which form of Indian dance is said to be 'soft and suitable for female presentation'?

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- (a) Nritta (b) Taandava  
(c) Laasya (d) Nritya

**Sol.34.(c) Laasya.** The Indian classical dances have two basic aspects: Tandava (movement and rhythm) and Lasya (grace, bhava and rasa). Natya (the dramatic element of the dance i.e. the imitation of characters). Nritta (the dance movements in their basic form). Nritya (expressional component i.e. mudras or gestures). The nine rasas are - Shringaara, Haasya, Karuna, Rudra, Veera, Bhayaanaka, Bheebhatsya, Adbhutha and Shaantha.

**Q.35.** The Rathwas, who dwell in the state of \_\_\_\_\_, perform the Rathwa dance on the occasion of Holi (festival of colours).

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- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Telangana  
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

**Sol.35.(d) Gujarat.** Rathwas - Tribe of Gujarat dwell in Rath-Vistar, the hilly area of the southeastern part of the state. Rathwa dance - The dance is performed for five days as part of Holi celebrations and the dancers observe a fast during this period. The male dancers are called gherriyas while the female dancers are called gheranis.

**Q.36.** The word 'kathak' is derived from which of the following words?

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- (a) Story (b) Narrator  
(c) Dance steps (d) Bells

**Sol.36.(a) Story.** Classical Dances Etymology: Bharatanatyam - Natyam is a Sanskrit word for dance. Kathakali - katha (story or a conversation) and Kali (performance or play). Mohiniyattam - Mohini (female avatar of Vishnu) and Aattam (motion or dance).

**Q.37.** In the performance of \_\_\_\_\_ dance, on one side raasa dances are performed by women, whereas on the opposite side instrumentalist play the pung choloms (drums) and the karataala (cymbals).

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- (a) Kathakali (b) Yakshagana  
(c) Odissi (d) Manipuri

**Sol.37.(d) Manipuri.** There are two prominent manners or Choloms in Manipuri dance: Pung Cholom (roar of the drums) borrows elements from the Manipuri martial arts Thang Ta, Sarit Sarak and Maibi Jagoi dance. Kartal Cholom - This is a group dance, where dancers form a circle. Women dance in groups, called Mandilla Cholom.

**Q.38.** The technique of classical dancing

was codified by \_\_\_\_\_ in about the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

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- (a) Sudraka (b) Bharata  
(c) Chanakya (d) Kalhana

**Sol.38.(b) Bharata.** Bharata's Natyashastra, is a detailed treatise and handbook on dramatic art that deals with all aspects of classical Sanskrit theatre. Sudraka - 'Mrcchakatika'. Chanakya - 'Arthashastra'. Kalhana - 'Rajatarangini'.

**Q.39.** The Lambadi dance is a folk dance form of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe and originated in Andhra Pradesh.

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- (a) Sugali (b) Banjara  
(c) Nakkala (d) Dabba Yerukula

**Sol.39.(b) Banjara** - A nomadic tribe of India. The community was denotified in the 1950s but was listed under the Habitual Offenders Act, 1952. Other names of Banjara : Lambani in Karnataka and Gwar or Gwaraiya in Rajasthan. Language of Banjara : 'Gorboli' 'Gor mati Boli' or 'Brinjari', an independent dialect. The dialect falls in the category of Indo-Aryan Language. Another Tribal dance of Andhra Pradesh - 'Dhimsa' (Performed by the Porja tribes).

**Q.40.** The Balti dance of \_\_\_\_\_ is distinct as it has its own costume, music and songs in the Balti language. The dance is only performed on rare occasions, such as feasts or celebrations.

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- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Ladakh  
(c) Kashmir (d) Himachal Pradesh

**Sol.40.(b) Ladakh.** Other dances : Kathok Chenmo, Kompa Tsum-Tsag, Koshan, Shondol, Takshon or Shon. Uttarakhand: Bhotiya, Pandav Nritya, Chholiya, Jhumela, Jagar. Kashmir: Kud, Dumhal, Rouf, Bhand Pather, Bachha Nagma.

**Q.41.** The fundamental vocabulary of \_\_\_\_\_ dance constitutes mock combat techniques, stylised gaits of birds and animals and movements modelled on the chores of village housewives and mostly performed by male dancers in Eastern India.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Kathakali  
(c) Chhau (d) Sattariya

**Sol.41.(c) Chhau** : A semi-classical Indian dance with martial and folk traditions. It enacts episodes from epics including the Mahabharata and Ramayana, local folklore and abstract themes. Origin - Kalinga (Odisha), India.

Forms - Seraikella (Jharkhand), Purulia (West Bengal), Mayurbhanj (Orissa).

**Q.42.** Mundari dance is associated with the tribal community of which Indian state?

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- (a) Mizoram (b) Karnataka  
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Jharkhand

**Sol.42.(d) Jharkhand.** Mundari dance - Community - Munda Tribe. Time - During Harvest Season accompanied by musical Instrument Madal, Nagara and Bansi. Other Tribal Dances: Santhali Dance - Santhal (West Bengal, Jharkhand). Bamboo Dance - Mizoram. Kalbelia Dance - Kalbelia Community (Rajasthan). Bhagoria Dance - Bhils (Madhya Pradesh). Dhimsa Dance - Porja Tribe (Andhra Pradesh).

**Q.43.** Which of the following dance forms is performed by the Adi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh?

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Tapu (b) Karma  
(c) Sangphao (d) Kaksar

**Sol.43.(a) Tapu.** Indian folk and tribal dances : **Arunachal Pradesh** - Buiya, Chalo, Wancho, Pasi Kongki Ponung, Popir, Bardo Chham, etc. **Assam** - Bihu, Bichhua, Bagurumba, Khel Gopal, Tabal Chongli, Jhumura Hobjanai etc. **Nagaland** - Chong, Nuralim, Temangnetin, Rangma, Zeliang, etc. **Mizoram** - Cheraw Dance (Bamboo dance), Khuallam, Chailam, Zangtalam, Khanatm, etc. **Manipur** - Thang Ta, Lai Haraoba, Pung Cholom, Nupa Dance, etc. **Tripura** - Hojagiri. **Meghalaya** - Laho, Shad Suk Mynsiem, Nongkrem.

**Q.44.** Chali, Jhumura and Nadu Bhangri are associated with which Indian classical dance form?

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Kathakali (b) Sattriya  
(c) Manipuri (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.44.(b) Sattriya** (Assam): Gayan - Bhayanar Nach, Kharmanar Nach are also associated with Sattriya dance. There were two dance forms prevalent in Assam before the neo-Vaishnava movement i.e Ojapali and Devadasi with many classical elements. Two varieties of Ojapali dances are still prevalent in Assam i.e. Sukananni or Maroi Goa Ojah and Vyah Goa Ojah. Sukananti Ojapali is of Shakti cult and Vyah Goa Oja paali is of Vaishnava cult.

**Q.45.** Dhimsa folk dance is performed by the tribes of :

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Solan Valley (b) Araku Valley  
(c) Ketti Valley (d) Parvati Valley

**Sol.45.(b) Araku Valley. Folk dances** (Andhra Pradesh): Gobbi, Dandaria, Veeranatyam, Butta bommalu, Bonalu, Dappu, Dhamal, Mathuri and Bathukamma. **Tribal (Adivasi) Dances of India:** Santhali Dance - West Bengal, Jharkhand. It is practiced by Santhal tribes. Bamboo Dance - Mizoram. Kalbelia Dance - Rajasthan. Elelakkardi Dance - Kerala. Bhagoria Dance - Madhya Pradesh. Chhau Dance - West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha. Shad Suk Mynsiem - Meghalaya.

**Q.46.** Which of the following is a traditional dance form of Sri Lanka?

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Bihu (b) Kathak  
(c) Kandyan dance (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.46.(c) Kandyan Dance** (Developed during the Kandyan kings' reign) - It is an ancient dance style narrating stories from the Indian epic Ramayana. Other Dances of Sri Lanka: PahathaRata Netum, Sabaragamuwa.

**Q.47.** Which of the following classical dance forms is associated with Hindustani Classical Music?

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Sattriya  
(c) Mohiniyattam (d) Kathakali

**Sol.47.(a) Kathak** (Uttar Pradesh). Indian Classical Music has 2 Schools - Hindustani Music (mainly in North India) and Carnatic music (mainly in Southern India).

**Q.48.** The traditional singing of 'Nat' is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ Dance.

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Manipuri  
(c) Odissi (d) Chhau

**Sol.48.(b) Manipuri.** Nat is the Manipuri classical style of singing, Pung or the Manipuri classical drum is the musical instrument used. Exponents - Guru Bipin Singh (father of Manipuri dance), Darshana Jhaveri. **Manipuri Dance Styles** - Raas, Nata-Sankirtan, Pung Cholam (Dancers play the pung or drum while dancing), Dhola Cholam, Kartal Cholam, Thang ta (martial art form).

**Q.49.** The 'Karma' tribal dance form is associated with which of the following states?

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Goa  
(c) Kerala (d) Karnataka

**Sol.49.(a) Chhattisgarh.** Karma dance is performed during the autumnal festival of Karma Puja. The tribal group presents this folk dance in front of the Karam tree that symbolizes the KaramDevta. Other folk dances from: Chhattisgarh - Raut Nacha, Panthi, Pandavani, Saila, Suwa, Gendi, Cherchera.

**Q.50.** Laho is the dance form of which state?

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Manipur (b) Sikkim  
(c) Meghalaya (d) Kerala

**Sol.50.(c) Meghalaya. Laho Dance :** Performed during the Behdienkhlam festival by the Jaintia tribe. Other dances of Meghalaya : Nongkrem, Shad Suk Mynsiem, Wangala and Dorsegata.

**Q.51.** The folk dance of Chavittu Kali is associated with which of the following Indian states?

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- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh  
(c) Kerala (d) Gujarat

**Sol.51.(c) Kerala.** Other folk dances : Ottam Thulal, Kaikottikali, Tappatikali, Kali Auttam. **Andhra Pradesh** - Ottam Thedal, Kummi, Siddhi, Bhamakalpam, Veeranatyam, Dappu, Tappeta Gullu, Lambadi, Dhimsa, Kolattam, Butta Bommalu.

**Q.52.** Which of the following folk dance forms is performed by men in Haryana?

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Khoria (b) Gidda  
(c) Ghoomar (d) Gugga

**Sol.52.(d) Gugga:** It is known by several names like Baggawala, Zahir Pir, and Guru Gugga. Gugga is worshipped all over Haryana and neighbouring states like Punjab, Rajasthan, and Himachal Pradesh. Folk Dances of Haryana: Khoria, Daph, Loor, Phag.

**Q.53.** Tevitchiyattam, Nangai Natakam and Dasiyattam are the forms of which of the following classical dances?

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Odissi dance (b) Kathakali dance  
(c) Sattriya dance (d) Mohiniyattam dance

**Sol.53.(d) Mohiniyattam dance** (Classical dance form of Kerala in South India).

**Q.54.** Sarhul is a famous tribal festival of dance in which state ?

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Assam (b) Sikkim  
(c) Jharkhand (d) Chhattisgarh

**Sol.54.(c) Jharkhand.** Sarhul - The festival of the Oraon tribe. It is the festival of the New Year and celebrated in the Hindu month of Chaitra, three days after the appearance of the new moon. It is also a celebration of the beginning of spring.

**Q.55.** Ghurehi is the folk dance of which of the following Indian states?

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) West Bengal (b) Himachal Pradesh  
(c) Karnataka (d) Jharkhand

**Sol.55.(b) Himachal Pradesh.** Ghurehi Dance - Performed by Ladies of Chamba Region, during the annual fairs. It is a devotional dance form, dedicated to Lord Shiva and performed during Shivratri festival.

**Q.56.** Kamsale is the folk dance of which of the following Indian states ?

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Jharkhand (b) Karnataka  
(c) Kerala (d) Bihar

**Sol.56.(b) Karnataka.** Kamsale dance (Beesu Kamsale) - A unique folk art performed by the devotees of God Mahadeshwara. It also refers to a brass made musical instrument. It is a group dance form performed by the menfolk in villages in the Mysore, Nanjangud, Kollegala and Bangalore areas. Other folk dances - Dollu Kunita, Bolak-aat (Bolak Dance), Bhootha Aradhane, Nagamandala Dance, Veeragase, Yakshagana.

**Q.57.** Which of the following erstwhile Princely states was primarily associated with Kathak?

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Tripura (b) Avadh  
(c) Baroda (d) Vijaynagar

**Sol.57.(b) Avadh.** Kathak (Uttar Pradesh) - It was performed under the Mughal emperors. Exponents - Pandit Birju Maharaj, Shovna Narayan, Shambhu Maharaj, Lachhu Maharaj. Other dances of Uttar Pradesh: Charkula, Khyal, Rasliila, Nautanki Dance, Kajri. Tripura - Hojagiri, Garia, Jhum, Bijhu, Sangrai, Lebang boomani.

**Q.58.** The Pakhawaj syllables are primarily used to conclude which of the following Indian classical dances?

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- (a) Manipuri (b) Kathak  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathakali

**Sol.58.(c) Odissi.** The "Mangalacharan," a concluding prayer or benediction, is

often recited using Pakhawaj bols, creating a powerful and symbolic ending.

**Q.59.** Bharatanatyam expresses South Indian religious themes and spiritual ideas of \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Sufism (b) Shaivism  
(c) Buddhism (d) Jainism

**Sol.59.(b) Shaivism** - A Hindu tradition (which worships Shiva) that most accepts ascetic life and emphasises yoga. The followers of Shaivism are called Shaivas or Shaivites. Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu) : It traces its origins back to the Natyashastra, an ancient treatise on theatre written by the mythic priest Bharata.

**Q.60.** Daskathia of \_\_\_\_\_ is the tribal dance performed by two males depicting the historic and Puranic events.

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- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Gujarat  
(c) Goa (d) Odisha

**Sol.60.(d) Odisha.** Daskathia (Folk theatre form, associated with the worship of Lord Shiva). Some Folk theatre form:- Bhavai (Rajasthan), Garodas (Gujarat), Jatra (Odisha), Kariyila (Himachal Pradesh), Maach (Madhya Pradesh), Swang (Haryana), Ojapali (Assam), Powada (Maharashtra), Tamasha (Maharashtra), Bhand Pather (Jammu and Kashmir), Bhaona (Assam), Dashavatar (Konkan area), Naqal (Punjab).

**Q.61.** Which of the following dances is performed by the Santhal tribe of Jharkhand?

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- (a) Jhika Dasain (b) Kolkali  
(c) Ghumar (d) Koli

**Sol.61.(a) Jhika Dashain.** It is performed a few days before Dussehra. **Folk dance** - Jharkhand : Alkap, Karma, Agni, Jhumar, Paika, Phagua.

**Q.62.** Changai dance is associated with which Indian state?

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- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Maharashtra  
(c) Nagaland (d) Jharkhand

**Sol.62.(c) Nagaland.** Changai Dance: Performed by the Chang tribe during the Naknyulum festival, which lasts for three days. Folk Dances of Nagaland: Aaluyattu (Konyak tribe), Agurshikukula (war dance), Butterfly Dance (Zeliang tribe), Khamba Lim, Kuki Dance, Leshalaptu, Mayur Dance (Animal dance). Modse (Ao tribe), Monyu Asho,

Sadal Kekai (Kuki tribe), Seecha & Kukui Kucho (Angami tribe), Rengma.

**Q.63.** 'Alarippu' is a dance piece from which of the following classical dances of India?

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathakali  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathak

**Sol.63.(a) Bharatanatyam.** The word Alarippu means "a flowering bud." It is an invocatory piece meaning it is performed before a dancer begins a whole performance.

**Q.64.** Thabal Chongba is a folk dance of which Indian state ?

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Goa (b) Mizoram  
(c) Manipur (d) West Bengal

**Sol.64.(c) Manipur.** Folk dances : Manipur - Rasa lila, Gaura Lila, Pung Cholom. Goa - Ghode Modni, Dhangar Dance, Goff Talgadi, Shigmo and Mussel khel.

**Q.65.** The Raigarh Gharana is associated with which of the following dance forms?

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Odissi (b) Kathakali  
(c) Kathak (d) Manipuri

**Sol.65.(c) Kathak:** Raigarh Gharana - Developed under the patronage of Raja Chakradhar Singh.

**Q.66.** 'Kalasam' is a dance sequence in which of the following classical dances of India ?

SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Kathakali  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Manipuri

**Sol.66.(b) Kathakali (Kerala).** The text of Kathakali songs known as Attakkatha. Major instruments used in Kathakali music - Chenda, Maddalam, Chengila and Elathalam.

**Q.67.** How many main styles of Chhau folk dance exist?

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- (a) 7 (b) 3 (c) 9 (d) 5

**Sol.67.(b) 3. Chhau** - A classical Indian dance with martial, tribal and folk traditions, with origins in eastern India.

**Types of Chhau dance forms** - Saraikela (Jharkhand), Mayurbhanj (Orissa) and Purulia (West Bengal). The dance was inscribed in the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2010.

**Q.68.** Kalakshetra style is associated with which Indian classical dance form?

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Odissi (b) Kathak  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.68.(d) Bharatanatyam.** This style was developed by Rukmini Devi Arundale, the founder of Kalakshetra, and is known for its emphasis on pure lines, precise geometry, and emotive storytelling.

**Q.69.** 'Vazhuvoor' is one of the styles in which Indian classical dance forms?

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kathakali (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.69.(b) Bharatanatyam.** Other dance forms of Bharatanatyam: Melattur and Pandanallur. **Kuchipudi** - Pure dance (Nritha) and Expressive dance (Nritya), Storytelling through dance (Natya).

**Q.70.** Kathak is found in three distinct forms, called 'gharanas', named after the cities where the Kathak dance tradition evolved. Name those three cities.

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- (a) Jaipur, Benaras, Lucknow  
(b) Prayagraj, Thiruvananthapuram, Surat  
(c) Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Jaipur  
(d) Banaras, Ayodhya, Lucknow

**Sol.70.(a) Jaipur, Benaras, Lucknow.** Lucknow Gharana (Founded by Ishwari Prasad). Jaipur Gharana (founded by Bhanu Ji Maharaj). Banaras Gharana (Founded by Janakiprasad).

**Q.71.** Lai Haraoba is the earliest form of which of the following classical dances of India?

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Sattriya (d) Kathakali

**Sol.71.(a) Manipuri. Lai Haraoba** - It is performed by the Meitei tribe of Manipur. Types of Haraoba dances : Kanglei Haraoba, Chakpa Haraoba, Moirang Haraoba, Kakching Haraoba.

**Q.72.** The 'Joempa Legso' is a welcome dance of\_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Afghanistan (b) Bhutan  
(c) Sri Lanka (d) Bangladesh

**Sol.72.(b) Bhutan.** Other Dances of Bhutan - Drametse NgaCham Dance, Pa Cham Dance, Zhungdra Dance, Boedra Dance. Dance forms of other countries : Afghanistan - Atan, Ishala and Natsa. Sri Lanka - Kandyan dance.

**Q.73.** 'Mati-Akhora' is associated with which of the following classical dances of India?

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Odissi (b) Kathakali  
(c) Sattriya (d) Kathak

**Sol.73.(c) Sattriya (Assam).** Mati-Akhora means exercise done on the ground. Sattriya's one-act plays are called Ankiya Nat. It had its influences from folk dance forms like Ojapali, Devadasi, Bihu and Bodos etc. It is performed only by Bhokots (male monks) in monasteries and on stage by men and women, Mati Akhara (basic dance unit and exercise).

**Q.74.** The "Nalacharitham" play is associated with which Indian dance form?

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Kathakali  
(c) Sattriya (d) Odissi

**Sol.74.(b) Kathakali (Kerala).** The story **Nalacharitham** is written by "Unnai Warriar". It is the romantic story of unlimited love between Nala and Damayanthi. There are 24 Basic Mudras (hand gestures) and a total of 470 different symbols used in this dance. Characters in this dance are broadly divided into satvika (noble characters like Krishna and Rama), rajasika (evil characters) and tamasika (beard characters). In Kathakali emphasis is given more on "Aharya Abhinaya", the use of costumes, ornaments and facial make-up

**Q.75.** Which of the following ritual dances is performed by the Kamar tribe of Madhya Pradesh?

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- (a) Ghapal (b) Munari  
(c) Painka (d) Terah tali

**Sol.75.(d) Terah tali.** A small group of women dance together and start their performance by sitting on the ground. Other dances of **Madhya Pradesh** - Chatkora Dance (Korku Tribe), Bhagoria Dance - (Bhils), Bar Dance - (Kanwar tribe), Pardhoni Dance (Baiga tribe), Bardi Dance - (Gwal tribe), Goncho Dance - (Gond tribe). **Tribes of Madhya Pradesh** - Gond, Bhil, Baiga, Korku, Bhariya, Halba, Kol, Mariya and Sahariya.

**Q.76.** Moksha is an item of which of the following classical dance forms of India?

Graduate Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Odissi (b) Sattriya  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kathak

**Sol.76.(a) Odissi.** A classical Odissi performance consists of five different types of items: "**Mangalacharan**", a praise to a particular Divinity, to the stage and to

the audience; "**Sthayee**" or "**Batu**" that introduces the techniques of Odissi Dance; "**Pallavi**" that creates a particular sentiment through abstract forms; "**Abhinaya**" that enacts a traditional story about the deeds of a specific God/Goddess; "**Mokshya**" that transcends all the participants to a higher spiritual level.

**Q.77.** Which of the following traditional dances is mainly performed during Navratri ?

Higher Secondary 28/06/2023 (Shift - 2)  
(a) Ras leela (b) Nati (c) Dumhal (d) Garba

**Sol.77.(d) Garba** (Gujarat). Other Navratri dances: Dandiya (Rajasthan and Gujarat).

**Gujarat** :- Siddi Dhamal (hunting dance), Padhar Dance (rituals dance). **Rajasthan** : Ghoomar (weddings and Festivals dance), Kalbeliya Dance, Chari Dance. Nati (Himachal Pradesh), Dumhal (Jammu and Kashmir).

**Q.78.** Which of the following classical dance forms is related to the worship of Lord Jagannath?

Matric Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

(a) Odissi (b) Kathak  
(c) Sattriya (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.78.(a) Odissi. Kathak** : North Indian dance. Worship of Hindu god Krishna (or Shiva or Devi in some cases). **Sattriya** : Assam. Worship of Lord : Shiva Nataraja. **Bharatanatyam** (Oldest classical dances) : Tamil Nadu. Worship : Lord Shiva.

**Q.79.** Which of the following classical dance forms begins with a drum playing performance called 'Kelikottu'?

Matric Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

(a) Bharatanatyam (b) Odissi  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Kathakali

**Sol.79.(d) Kathakali** (Kerala, classical dance). The instruments used are - Chenda (Cylindrical drum), Madhalam (a long cylindrical drum), Chengila, Ilathalam (Resembles miniature pair of cymbals), Idakka (drum) and Sankhu (conch). Kathakali music follows the traditional Sopana sangeet of Kerala.

**Q.80.** Karagam Folk Dance is associated with which state?

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Morning)

(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Assam (d) Haryana

**Sol.80.(a) Tamil Nadu. Karagam dance** - It is a folk dance with musical accompaniment, performed balancing a pot on the head. **Dances of Tamil Nadu** - Bharatanatyam, Kolattam, Karakattam, Kazhai Kothu, Devaraattam, Mayil Attam,

Kummi, Oyilattam, Karagam.

**Q.81.** Bhoota Kola, a spirit worship ritual dance is of which state?

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Evening)

(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Tamil Nadu  
(c) Kerala (d) Karnataka

**Sol.81.(d) Karnataka.** Andhra Pradesh - Kuchipudi (classical), Vilasini Natyam, Veera Natyam, Tappeta Gullu, Butta Bommalu. Kerala - Kathakali (classical), Mohiniyattam, Theyyam, Ottamthullal, Padayani.

**Q.82.** Suggi is a famous folk dance form of \_\_\_\_\_ state of India

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Morning)

(a) Karnataka (b) Chhattisgarh  
(c) Punjab (d) Sikkim

**Sol.82.(a) Karnataka. Suggi** - A dance performed at the time of harvesting by the Halakki Vokkaliga tribe.

**Q.83.** Which among the following dance forms was originally performed in the temples of Tamil Nadu, by the Devadasis and therefore it is also known as Dasiattam ?

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Morning)

(a) Kuchipudi (b) Bharatnatyam  
(c) Odissi (d) Manipuri

**Sol.83.(b) Bharatnatyam.** Rukumini Devi was the first who raised the level of Dasi Attam from being just a mere dance practised by devadasis. Dasi Attam, just like other classical dance forms, has generated from Natya Shastra. Dasi Attam is mainly an ancient dance form developed by the Dravidians.

**Q.84.** Which folk dance of Rajasthan is also known as 'Sapera dance'?

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Afternoon)

(a) Gair (b) Kalbelia (c) Chari (d) Ghoomar

**Sol.84.(b) Kalbelia dance** (Snake Charmer Dance). It is mainly performed by the Kalbelia Community in Rajasthan. **Chari dance** is prominent in the Gujjar and Saini community in Rajasthan.

**Q.85.** Nati is a folk dance of which of the following states?

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Evening)

(a) Himachal Pradesh  
(b) Madhya Pradesh  
(c) Arunachal Pradesh  
(d) Andhra Pradesh

**Sol.85.(a) Himachal Pradesh. Nati** - It was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest folk dance in the world. It is known as Tandi in upper districts of Garhwal.

**Q.86.** Jhijhiya is a famous folk dance of Bihar and is performed in the mythological town of Mithila. This dance is performed by women only. The whole Navaratri 'nine nights' festival is celebrated to worship the three forms of Lord \_\_\_\_\_ .

SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Afternoon)

(a) Kali, Lakshmi, Durga  
(b) Sita, Durga, Laxmi  
(c) Lakshmi, Parvati, Saraswati.  
(d) Sita, Kali, Parvati

**Sol.86.(c) Lakshmi, Parvati, Saraswati.** Jhijhiya is a cultural folk dance of Mithila regions of Bihar and Madhesh province of Nepal. It is performed in the Hindu month of Ashwin (September/October). It has its own types of songs either in Maithili or Bhojpuri language.

**Q.87.** Jagoi and cholom are the two main divisions in \_\_\_\_\_ dance.

SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Evening)

(a) Kathakali (b) Manipuri  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kathak

**Sol.87.(b) Manipuri.** Varieties of Manipuri forms of dance: Raas, Sankirtan, Dhola Cholam, Kartal Cholam, Pung Cholam (Dancers playing pung /drum while dancing), and Thang ta (martial art form).

**Q.88.** Kathakali took shape in Southern India in the seventeenth century under the patronage of the\_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 11/05/2023 (Afternoon)

(a) Prince of Tamil Nadu  
(b) Prince of Bengal  
(c) Prince of Karnataka  
(d) Prince of Punjab

**Sol.88.(c) Prince of Karnataka.** Kathakali (Kerala) - A classical Indian dance that originated in Kerala. Most of the stories for the play are taken from Hindu epics like "Bhagavata Purana", "Mahabharata" and "Ramayana". The term Kathakali is derived from Katha (conversation or traditional story) and Kali (performance).

**Q.89.** Sangphao tribal dance is performed in which of the following states?

SSC MTS 11/05/2023 (Evening)

(a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan  
(c) West Bengal (d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Sol.89.(d) Arunachal Pradesh.** Popular folk dances: Arunachal Pradesh - Aji Lhamu, Roppi, Hurkani, Ponung, Lion and Peacock dance, Hurkani, Buiya, Chalo, Rekham Pada, Popir and Wancho.

**Q.90.** 'Charkula' is a famous dance form

associated with which of the following states?

SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Tripura  
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Andhra Pradesh

**Sol.90.(c) Uttar Pradesh** (Braj region).  
Uttar Pradesh - Raslila, Kathak, Ramlila, Khyal, Nautanki, Dadra, and Kajri Dance.  
Tripura - Hojagiri.

**Q.91.** Which among the following is a dance performed by the devotees during the ceremonial worship of Murugan the Hindu God of war?

SSC MTS 16/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Mayilattam (b) Yaksha  
(c) Kavadi attam (d) Kummi

**Sol.91.(c) Kavadi attam** (Burden Dance) - part of Thaipusam festival and is celebrated in Tamil Nadu. Yakshagana (song of the yaksha) - celebrated in Karnataka. It has originated as a product of the Vaishnava bhakti movement. Kummi - celebrated in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Mayilattam - performed in the Hindu temples of Tamil Nadu in reverence to Lord Subrahmanya.

**Q.92.** Predominant theme of Manipuri dance is \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) devotion (b) warfare  
(c) patriotism (d) bravery

**Sol.92.(a) Devotion.** Manipuri dance is based on Vaishnavism and spectacular execution of Ras-Lila, dance dramas based on the love between Radha and Krishna.

**Q.93.** \_\_\_\_\_ poses are depicted on the gopurams of the Chidambaram temple (Tamil Nadu).

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bharatnatyam (b) Kathak  
(c) Kathakali (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.93.(a) Bharatnatyam.** It is a classical dance of Tamil Nadu. Chidambaram temple (Tamil Nadu): Dedicated to the Nataraja form of lord Shiva. It was Built in the Dravidian style of temple architecture in the 10th century during Chola's rule.

**Q.94.** Kuchipudi dance is accompanied by which type of music?

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Fusion (b) Carnatic  
(c) Jazz (d) Hindustani

**Sol.94.(b) Carnatic.** It originated in South India. 'Father of Carnatic Music' - Saint Purandara Dasa. Three essential

elements of Carnatic music are Shruti, Raga and Tala.

**Q.95.** After recovering from an infectious illness, often smallpox, Brita dance is typically performed to thank the local deity. It is one of the most well-known dances of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 16/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) West Bengal (b) Bihar  
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Jharkhand

**Sol.95.(a) West Bengal.**

**Q.96.** Which Indian classical dance is distinguished by elaborate colourful makeup and unique masks depicting the ancient martial art practised in the state of Kerala ?

SSC MTS 19/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathakali

**Sol.96.(d) Kathakali.** Vedantam Lakshminarayana Sastri played a major role in reviving and reconstructing Kuchipudi.

**Q.97.** Hai - Hak Dance is associated with which state?

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Sikkim (b) Andhra Pradesh  
(c) Tripura (d) Rajasthan

**Sol.97.(c) Tripura.** Other dances of Tripura - Garia, Hojagiri, Sangrai, Mamita, Lebang Boomani.

**Q.98.** Which of the following dance is particular to the women of the Kamad tribe ?

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bhutia dance (b) Mask dance  
(c) Garai dance (d) Teratali dance

**Sol.98.(d) Teratali dance** - This folk dance originated from Rajasthan and involves the use of pots and a sword. This folk dance is usually performed during festive and auspicious occasions such as a marriage. Dance and Community - Gair (Bhil), Valar (Garasiya), Chakri (Kanjar). Bhutia dance - Sikkim, Garai dance - Tripura.

**Q.99.** The Zo - Mal - Lok folk dance is associated with which community?

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Chaimal community  
(b) Jamatia community  
(c) Lushai community  
(d) Lepcha community

**Sol.99.(d) Lepcha community.** Zo Mal Lok dance (Sikkim) - It portrays the sowing, reaping and harvesting of paddy. Dances performed by the Lepcha

community - Chu Faat, Damsang-Lyang, Kinchum-Chu-Bomsa. **Jamatias** are fond of their traditional folk culture like Drama, Garia festival and other common dances of Kok-Borok speaking tribes. **Lushai community** (Tripura) - Cheraw Dance or Bamboo dance.

**Q.100.** \_\_\_\_\_ a 500-year-old dance form, is an Indian Classical dance that developed from the Vaishnavite monasteries of Assam.

SSC CHSL 13/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Bharatnatyam  
(c) Sattriya (d) Mohiniattam

**Sol.100.(c) Sattriya. Bharatanatyam** (Tamil Nadu) : An ekaharya dance genre in which a single dancer represents numerous roles in a single performance; Most crucial text - Nandikesvara's Abhinaya Darpana. **Kuchipudi** (Andhra Pradesh) : Its general moniker was yakshagana developed in the 17th century by Siddhendra Yogi; Performed in groups because it is a dance play.

**Q.101.** \_\_\_\_\_ dance is introverted and restrained compared to most other dances of India - the artist never establishes eye contact with the audience.

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Kathakali (b) Manipuri  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Bharatnatyam

**Sol.101.(b) Manipuri.** The dance in Manipur is associated with rituals and traditional festivals, there are legendary references to the dances of Shiva and Parvati and other gods and goddesses who created the universe.

**Q.102.** Which of the following dance forms is associated with the state of Arunachal Pradesh?

SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Panwariya (b) Dhaman  
(c) Buiya (d) Garba

**Sol.102.(c) Buiya** performed by the Digaru Mishmi tribe. This dance is performed in multiple festivals like Tazampu, Duiya, and Tanuya. Other dances of Arunachal Pradesh include Chalo dance (Nocte tribe), Oriah Dance (Wancho tribe), Pasi Kongki (Adi Tribe), Ponung Dance (Adi Tribe), Popir Dance (Galo tribe), Bardo Chham (Sherdupkens community), etc.

**Q.103.** Which of the following Indian classical dance forms uses various colours on face to symbolise the characters?

SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (3rd Shift)



- (a) Odissi (b) Kathakali  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Mohiniattam

**Sol.103.(b) Kathakali** is famous for its intricate choreography and elaborate makeup and costumes. The characters in a Kathakali performance are broadly divided into Satvika, Rajasika and Tamasika.

**Q.104.** Which of the following dance forms is mentioned in the ancient text of Vyavahar Mala?

SSC CGL 05/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sattriya (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Manipuri (d) Odissi

**Sol.104.(b) Mohiniyattam** (Kerala) - Dance of Mohini (an incarnation of Lord Vishnu) mentioned in the ancient text of **Vyavaharmala** (written in 1709 by Mazhamagalam Narayanan Namputiri) and in **Ghoshayathra** (written later by poet Kunjan Nambiar). **Odissi** (Odisha) - it incorporates two major postures - Tribhanga & Chowk.

**Q.105.** 'Nupa' dance is associated with which Indian state?

SSC CGL 07/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Karnataka (b) Manipur  
(c) Jharkhand (d) Tamil Nadu

**Sol.105.(b) Manipur.** Nupa Pala (Kartal Cholom or Cymbal Dance) is a ramification of the Manipuri style of dance and music.

**Q.106.** Ekaharya is the solo artist in which Indian classical dance form?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.106.(b) Bharatanatyam** (Tamil nadu) - includes three basic forms - Melattur, Pandanallur and the Vazhuvoor. Abhinaya - Facial expressions of Bharatanatyam. Mangalam - End of a dance. Thillana - final part of a recital. Aramandi - posture used in dance where the dancer sits all the way down.

**Q.107.** Borgeet, a musical composition, is used in which of the following classical dances of India?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Kathak  
(c) Sattriya (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.107.(c) Sattriya.** It was composed by Srimanta Sankardeva and Madhavdeva in the 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century.

**Q.108.** The women of which tribe perform the traditional folk dance called Chakri?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Kaul (b) Kanjar (c) Gond (d) Bharia

**Sol.108.(b) Kanjar.** It is performed exclusively by womenfolk in marriages and festivals. Kanjar tribe inhabited some parts of the Kota and Baran districts of Rajasthan. Gond tribe - Karma, Goncho Dance. Bharia tribe - Bharam, Setam, Saila, and Ahirai dance.

**Q.109.** Mohiniyattam is associated with which Hindu God?

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Ganapati (b) Brahma  
(c) Vishnu (d) Shiva

**Sol.109.(c) Vishnu.** Mohiniattam (Kerala). It narrates the story of the dance of Mohini (female incarnation of Lord Vishnu). **Kathakali** (God Krishna), **Bharatanatyam** (Lord Shiva), **Manipuri** (Theme - Love Stories of Radha - Krishna), **Kuchipudi** (God Krishna), **Odissi** (Hindu Gods Shiva and Surya). Odissi dance is also associated with the love theme of Radha and Krishna.

**Q.110.** Ghoomar dance form was developed by which of the following tribes to worship Goddess Saraswati?

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Gujjar (b) Sahariya (c) Gond (d) Bhil

**Sol.110.(d) Bhil.** It is the largest tribal group in India as per 2011 Census. Bhil tribes are found in the states of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura. **Gond Tribe** (Karma dance). **Sahariya tribe** (Lehngi dance). **Gujjar Tribe** (Chari dance).

**Q.111.** Which of the following is the main percussion instrument used in the performance of Mohiniyattam dance?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Sitar (b) Edakka  
(c) Dhumsa (d) Nagada

**Sol.111.(b) Edakka.** The musical instruments used in Mohiniyattam:- Mridangam or Madharam (barrel drum), Idakka (hourglass drum), flute, Veena, and Kuzhitalam (cymbals). **Nagadas** are used in Punjabi and Rajasthani folk music. **Dhumsa** used in 'Seraikella Chhau' dance of Orissa and 'Purulia Chhau' dance of West Bengal.

**Q.112.** Which folk dance represents a mock fight between Goddess Durga and Mahishasura?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bhangra (b) Raslila  
(c) Kalbelia (d) Dandiya Raas

**Sol.112.(d) Dandiya Raas** is a folk dance of Gujarat which is performed during the Navratri festival. Other folk dances of Gujarat are Garba, Gheriya, Dangi Nritya, Matukadi, Siddi Dhamal, Tippani and Hudo.

**Q.113.** \_\_\_\_\_ is a traditional tribal dance performed mainly by the women of Jharkhand during the cultivation season.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Vera Dance (b) Yakshagana  
(c) Verdigao Dance (d) Jhumur

**Sol.113.(d) Jhumur** (Kudmi community). Other famous dances of Jharkhand - Santhali (folk dance of Jharkhand), Mardana Jhumair, Janani Jhumair, Domkach, Fagua, Chhau dance. Yakshagana dance (Karnataka), Verdigao (Daman and Diu).

**Q.114.** Which is one of the most famous dance forms of Assam performed by the 'Kulis' (people who work in the tea gardens) during autumn?

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mahasu dance (b) Jhumur dance  
(c) Lambadi dance (d) Karga dance

**Sol.114.(b) Jhumur Dance** (folk dance). Dances of Assam: Folk dance (Bihu Dance, Ali Ai Ligang dance, Deodhani, Barpeta's Bhortal Nritya, Dhuliya and Bhawariya, Bodo's Bagurumba, Khamba Lim, Bhaona, Oja Pali).

**Q.115.** In which of the following dances from Manipur is the drum prominently used as a part of dance movements?

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- (a) Luivat Pheizak (b) Thang La  
(c) Pung Cholom (d) Shim Lam

**Sol.115.(c) Pung Cholom** (meaning "roar of the drums") is the soul of Manipuri Sankirtana music and classical Manipuri dance. This dance may be performed by men or women and is usually a prelude to the Ras Lila. It borrows elements from the Manipuri martial arts Thang Ta and Sarit Sarak and also from the traditional Maibi Jagoi dance. **Luivat Pheizak** is one of the most popular dances of the Tangkhul Naga community of Manipur. **Shim Lam** Dance (Fly dance) of Manipur is the traditional folk dance of the Rongmei community.

**Q.116.** Which of the following dance forms depicts the anguish of women whose partners are gone from home?

SSC MTS 06/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Matki (b) Biraha (c) Alkap (d) Paika

**Sol.116.(b) Biraha** is an Ahir ethnic Bhojpuri folk genre from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand.

**Q.117.** Gatka, a traditional fighting style of the Nihang Sikh warriors, used both for self-defence as well as a sport, has originated from which of the following states of India?

SSC MTS 07/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Bihar (d) Punjab

**Sol.117.(d) Punjab.** Famous **Martial Arts** in India: Kalaripayattu (Oldest Martial Art in India; Kerala), Silambam (Tamil Nadu), Thang-ta, and Sarit Sarak (Manipur), Thoda (Himachal Pradesh), Lathi (Punjab and Bengal), Inbuan Wrestling (Mizoram), Musti Yuddha (Varanasi), and Pari-Khanda (Bihar).

**Q.118.** 'Elelakkari' is a tribal dance form of which Indian state?

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Goa (b) Kerala  
(c) Rajasthan (d) Jharkhand

**Sol.118.(b) Kerala. Tribal Dances of India:** Santhali Dance (West Bengal, Jharkhand & Odisha), Bamboo Dance (Mizoram), Kalbelia Dance (Rajasthan), Bhagoria Dance (Madhya Pradesh), Chhau Dance (West Bengal, Jharkhand & Odisha), Dhimsa Dance (Andhra Pradesh), Shad Suk Mynsiem (Meghalaya).

**Q.119.** 'Waghya Murali' dance, associated with Lord Khandoba, originated in which state of India?

SSC MTS 12/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Maharashtra (b) Bihar  
(c) Rajasthan (d) Gujarat

**Sol.119.(a) Maharashtra.** Waghya Murali or Khandera Bhakti Geet is a dance of the pair Waaghya and Murali who devote their entire lives in the worship of Lord Khandoba of Jejuri.

**Q.120.** Sangrai is a folk dance of which state of India?

SSC MTS 14/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Bihar (b) Tripura (c) Karnataka (d) Goa

**Sol.120.(b) Tripura.** Sangrai dance is performed by the Mog tribal community on the occasion of Sangrai festival during the month of Chaitra (in April) of the Bengali calendar year.

**Q.121.** Which of the following is a traditional masked dance of West Bengal?

SSC MTS 18/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kavadi (b) Gidda  
(c) Gambhira (d) Jawara

**Sol.121.(c) Gambhira dance** is performed during the festival of Chaitra Sankranti. The masks are made out of neem and fig trees by the local Sutradhar community. Gidda (Punjab); Kavadi (Tamil Nadu); Jawara Dance (Madhya Pradesh).

**Q.122.** Which is the first of India's traditional dances to be refashioned as a theatre art and to be exhibited widely both at home and abroad?

SSC CHSL 26/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Manipuri  
(c) Kathakali (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.122.(d) Bharatanatyam** is a major form of Indian classical dance that originated in Tamil Nadu. The dance form is also briefly mentioned in the Kannada text Manasollasa written by Someshwara III.

**Q.123.** Which one of the following dances is associated with the Vaishnavism of the Meitai people?

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Chhau (b) Sattriya  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Manipuri

**Sol.123.(d) Manipuri Dance. Chhau dance** is a semi classical Indian dance with martial and folk traditions. **Sattriya Dance** is a dance-drama performance art with origins in the Krishna-centered Vaishnavism monasteries of Assam. **Kuchipudi** is a dance-drama performance, with its roots in the ancient Hindu Sanskrit text of Natya Shastra.

**Q.124.** 'Ummatt-aat' is a folk dance form performed in \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL 13/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kasauli (b) Coorg  
(c) Itanagar (d) Gangtok

**Sol.124.(b) Coorg.** There are many other traditional dance forms of Karnataka which include Dollu Kunitha, Suggi Kunitha, Kamsale, Gorava Kunitha, Somana Kunitha, Bolak-aat, Komb-aat, Bhootha Aradhane, Yaksha Gana, Naga Mandala, Veeragase.

**Q.125.** \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular folk dance of Minicoy Island.

SSC CGL 20/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Leshalaptu (b) Aaluyattu  
(c) Lava (d) Moyashai

**Sol.125.(c) Lava.** Nagaland Famous folk dance - Leshalaptu, Aaluyattu, Moyashai, Modse, Bamboo Dance, Agurshikukula,

Butterfly Dance, Sadal Kekai, Changai Dance, Kuki Dance, Khamba Lim, Mayur Dance, Monyoasho, Rengma, Seecha and Kukui Kucho, Shankai, War Dance and Zeliang Dance .

**Q.126.** \_\_\_\_\_ is a mask dance popular in South Malabar.

SSC CGL 20/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Dhangar (b) Kummattikali  
(c) Parichakali (d) Zemmado

**Sol.126.(b) Kummattikali. Dhangar** - The Dhangar dance is performed by the shepherd community of Goa during Navratri. Parichakali (Lakshadweep). Other famous folk dances of south India are - Padayani or Padden (Kerala), Kummi and Kolattam (Tamil Nadu), Kargam and Puli Vesham (Tamil Nadu).

**Q.127.** In which of the following dances chairs on heads with lighted diyas are performed by women ?

SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Dhangari Gaja Dance (b) Koli Dance  
(c) Tamasha Dance (d) Chari Dance

**Sol.127.(d) Chari Dance** (Rajasthan). Chari dance describes the art of collecting water in a chari or pot by the Rajasthani Women. Koli Dance is a popular folk dance of Maharashtra. Dhangari Gaja dance (Maharashtra) is performed to please their God for his blessings. Tamasha (Maharashtra), as a theatre form, is a style that can be called a mix of a regular play, a musical and dance.

**Q.128.** The 'Veeragase' dance, performed during the Dussehra festival holds a special place in the folk dances of the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 06/10/2021 (Evening) .

- (a) Karnataka (b) Assam  
(c) Odisha (d) Sikkim

**Sol.128.(a) Karnataka.** It is primarily performed during the Hindu months of Shravana and Karthika.

**Q.129.** 'Ratvai' is a dance form associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of India.

SSC MTS 11/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Mewati (b) Khasi (c) Jatapus (d) Bhil

**Sol.129.(a) Mewati.** It is performed during the monsoons to the accompaniment of large drums. Dances of Haryana include the 'chaupaia', which is a devotional dance and is performed by men and women carrying 'manjiras'.

**Q.130.** 'Chad Sukra', a popular traditional dance-festival of Meghalaya, is celebrated as a \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 18/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) community marriage festival  
(b) thanksgiving festival  
(c) birth festival  
(d) sowing festival

**Sol.130.(d) Sowing festival.** Folk Dance of Meghalaya:- Behdienklam, Nongkrem, Shad Suk Mynsiem, Wangala, Dorsegata, Lahoo.

**Q.131.** In which of the following states is the 'Mathuri' folk dance practised?  
SSC MTS 26/10/2021 (Afternoon)  
(a) Telangana (b) Haryana  
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Sol.131.(a) Telangana.** The most popular folk dances of Telangana are Perini Sivatanavam, Dappu Dance, Lambadi, Oggu Katha, Chindu Bhagavatam, Gussadi Dance, Tholu Bommalata. Dances of Uttarakhand- Choliya, Jhumelo, Pandavart / Pandava Leela, Langvir, Chanchari, Chhapeli, Tandi, Chaunfula, Jhoda, Thadiya.

**Q.132.** Which of the following is a dance form in Mizoram participated exclusively by 'village guests' ?  
SSC CHSL 13/04/2021 (Afternoon)  
(a) Khuallam (b) Cheraw  
(c) Solakia (d) Chailam

**Sol.132.(a) Khuallam.** It is a dance usually performed in the ceremony called 'Khuangchawi'.

**Q.133.** 'Ranapa', a folk dance form of Odisha, consists of enacting chapters from the life of Lord \_\_\_\_\_.  
SSC CHSL 06/08/2021 (Afternoon)  
(a) Indra (b) Ram (c) Krishna (d) Hanuman

**Sol.133.(c) Krishna. Ranapa** is performed on the stilt and accompanies by drum music, along with songs related to Lord Krishna childhood stories.

**Q.134.** Which of the following is a dance form of West Bengal where there is a confluence of dancing, singing, drama and recital?  
SSC CHSL 09/08/2021 (Afternoon)  
(a) Bhavai (b) Alkap (c) Tippani (d) Hudo

**Sol.134.(b) Alkap.**

**Q.135.** 'Aaluyattu' is a folk-dance form from the state of \_\_\_\_\_.  
SSC CGL 13/08/2021 (Evening)  
(a) Goa (b) Nagaland  
(c) Kerala (d) Haryana

**Sol.135.(b) Nagaland.** This dance is performed by the Konyak tribe of Nagaland. Some other folk dances of

Nagaland are Modse, Agurshikukula, Butterfly Dance, Sadal Kekai, Changai Dance, Kuki Dance etc.

**Q.136.** 'Bolak-aat' is a \_\_\_\_\_ from the state of Karnataka.  
SSC CGL 16/08/2021 (Morning)  
(a) music form (b) painting form  
(c) dance form (d) sculpting form

**Sol.136.(c) Dance form.** This dance form is performed by Kodava men in the back of an oil lamp in an open field. The men hold chiavari (yak fur) in one hand and the Kodava short sword (odi-kathi) in the other while performing this dance.

**Q.137.** Hallisaka is a group dance native to \_\_\_\_\_.  
SSC CPO 24/11/2020 (Evening)  
(a) Rajasthan (b) Goa  
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

**Sol.137.(d) Gujarat.** It is a type of group dance in which a young man stands in the middle of damsels who form a circular ring by joining hands. The time (tala) is kept by clapping and is accompanied by singing.

**Q.138.** Birhor dance is a tribal folk dance from \_\_\_\_\_.  
SSC CPO 24/11/2020 (Evening)  
(a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Punjab  
(c) Jharkhand (d) Karnataka

**Sol.138.(c) Jharkhand.**

**Q.139.** Kadsa is a dance style performed by women in Jharkhand, carrying a \_\_\_\_\_.  
SSC CPO 25/11/2020 (Evening)  
(a) Kalasha (b) Kamandal  
(c) Kumbha (d) Kapala

**Sol.139.(a) Kalasha** (Earthen pot). This is a female dominated dance. Normally in this dance style, women perform carrying a 'Kalash' on their shoulders or heads.

**Q.140.** The 'Kathakali' dance is a harmonious combination of \_\_\_\_\_ forms of fine art.  
SSC CHSL 18/03/2020 (Morning)  
(a) four (b) six (c) five (d) seven

**Sol.140.(c) Five.** Kathakali is a classical dance form of Kerala. It is a harmonious combination of 5 forms of fine art - Literature (Sahithyam), Music (Sangeetham), Painting (Chithram), Acting (Natyam) and Dance (Nritham).

**Q.141.** Which of the following is a popular dance form of Lakshadweep island?  
SSC CHSL 16/10/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Koli  
(c) Kathak (d) Kolkali

**Sol.141.(d) Kolkali** (Stick dance). This specific Indian folk dance is very popular in the Lakshadweep islands. Only men can participate in this dance form as women are not allowed to take part.

**Q.142.** In which state did the 'Saila' dance originate? The dance is performed by boys after the harvest season.  
SSC CHSL 19/10/2020 (Afternoon)  
(a) Bihar (b) Jharkhand  
(c) Chhattisgarh (d) Odisha

**Sol.142.(c) Chhattisgarh.** This dance is performed only by boys after the harvest season in the Hindu month of Aghan (November-December).

**Q.143.** Which of the following dance forms is also known as the 'Royal Dance of Ladakh'?  
SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Afternoon)  
(a) Yak dance (b) Jabro dance  
(c) Shondol dance (d) Koshan dance

**Sol.143.(c) Shondol dance.** It is a famous dance which was earlier used to be performed by artists for the King of Ladakh on special occasions.

## Arts Personality

**Q.144.** Padma Bhushan, Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam is renowned for having trained hundreds of students in which of the following dance forms?  
SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Odissi  
(c) Bharatnatyam (d) Kathak

**Sol.144.(a) Kuchipudi** (Andhra Pradesh). Vempati Chinna Satyam: Awards - Padma Bhushan (1998), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1981), Kalidas Samman (1992), Kalaimamani (1994). He started the Kuchipudi Art Academy at Madras in 1963.

**Q.145.** As an exponent of Khayal, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi belonged to which music Gharana ?  
SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Agra (b) Benaras  
(c) Kirana (d) Gwalior

**Sol.145.(c) Kirana.** Famous Gharanas: Kirana Gharana - Abdul Karim Khan, Abdul Wahid Khan, Ustad Abdul Karim Khan, Ustad Shakoor Khan. **Agra Gharana** - Haji sujan Khan, Faiyyaz Khan, Malka Jaan, Sumati Mutatkar, Subhra Guha. **Gwalior gharana** - Ustad Nathan Pir Baksh, Ustad Nathu Khan, Hassu

Khan, Haddu Khan. **Benares gharana** - Kanthe Maharaj, Anokhelal Mishra, Shamta Prasad, Kishen Maharaj.

**Q.146.** Who was one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's foremost exponents of the Bharatanatyam style of classical dance? SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Nirmala Mehta (b) T Balasaraswati  
(c) Bijayini Satpathy (d) Kumudini Lakhia

**Sol.146.(b) T Balasaraswati.** Other famous bharatanatyam exponents:- Mallika Sarabhai, Yamini Krishnamurthy, Alarmel Valli, Rukmini Devi Arundale, Padma Subrahmanyam, Jayalakshmi Eshwar, Geeta Chandran. Nirmala Mehta (Manipuri), Bijayini Satpathy (Odissi), Kumudini Lakhia (Kathak).

**Q.147.** From which state of India does Indira PP Bora, internationally acclaimed exponent of Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and Sattriya dances conferred with Padma Shri belong? SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Kerala (b) West Bengal  
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Assam

**Sol.147.(d) Assam.** Awards received by Indira PP Bora:- Padma Shri (2020), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1996), State Bishnu Rava Award (2004).

**Q.148.** Who among the following musicians is given credit for collaborating with the famous band 'The Beatles' ? SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Pandit Kumar Gandharva  
(b) Pandit Bhimsen Joshi  
(c) Pandit Ravi Shankar  
(d) Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

**Sol.148.(c) Pandit Ravi Shankar :** Indian musician and composer, and known for popularising the Indian classical instrument Sitar all over the world. Awards - Bharat Ratna (1999), Padma Vibhushan (1981), Padma Bhushan (1967), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1962), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1975), Kalidas Samman (1987-88). He was the first Indian to win the Grammy Award. **The Beatles** - English Rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960.

**Q.149.** 'The Unforgettables' was the collection of semi-classical music of which Ghazal singer? SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Mehdi Hassan (b) Jagjit Singh  
(c) Mallika Pukhraj (d) Talat Mahmood

**Sol.149.(b) Jagjit Singh:** Popularly

known as the 'King of Ghazal'. Ghazal is one of the styles of singing in Hindustani music. Tradition of singing ghazals was established by Hazrat Amir Khusrau.

**Q.150.** Dr.Teejan Bai, a Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardee is globally recognised for her contribution to which of the following art forms? SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Pandavani (b) Raut Nacha  
(c) Jhirliti (d) Gendi

**Sol.150.(a) Pandavani** (a traditional performing art form of Chattisgarh). Dr.Teejan Bai (Chhattisgarh) awarded: Padma Vibhushan Award (2019), Padma Bhushan (2003), Padma Shri (1988), and M. S. Subbulakshmi Centenary Award (2016).

**Q.151.** Who among the following founded the Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai that is an important center for the study and performance of fine arts? SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Alarmel Valli  
(b) Mrinalini Sarabhai  
(c) Yamini Krishnamurthy  
(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale

**Sol.151.(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale** founded the Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai in 1936. Foundation was declared as an institution of national importance by an Act of Parliament in 1993. It is an important centre for the study and performance of fine arts, especially Bharatanatyam dance and Carnatic music.

**Q.152.** Who among the following is considered as the 'Father of Carnatic Music in India' ? SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Gopala (b) Purandar das  
(c) Krishna Bharati (d) Narayan Tirtha

**Sol.152.(b) Purandar Das.** Famous Carnatic Musicians: M.S. Subbulakshmi (Bharat Ratna 1998), Balamuralikrishna (Padma Vibhushan 1991), D.K. Pattamal (Padma Bhushan 1971). Important elements of Carnatic Music: Sruti, Swara, Raga system, Tala system.

**Q.153.** In 2015, the eminent danseuse and \_\_\_\_\_ exponent, Padma Subrahmanyam was selected for Kerala's prestigious choreography award 'Nishagandhi Puraskaram' instituted by the state tourism department. SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Sattriya (d) Kathakali

**Sol.153.(b) Bharatanatyam.** Her Awards: Padma Vibhushan (2024), Padma Bhushan (2003), Padma Shri (1981), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1983).

**Q.154.** Gopika Varma has won the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2019 in which of the following dance forms ? SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Bharatanatyam (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Kathak (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.154.(b) Mohiniyattam** - Gopika Varma was the first Mohiniyattam dancer to receive the 'Kalaimamani'. Other Dancers- Sunanda Nair, Kalamandalam, Kalyanikutty Amma, Jayaprabha Menon, Pallavi Krishnan, Vijayalakshmi, Radha Dutta, Nirmala Panikar.

**Q.155.** Haripriya Namboodiri is an exponent of which Indian classical dance form ? SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Odissi  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kathakali

**Sol.155.(d) Kathakali.** She was winner of Stree Ratnam and Devdasi National Award. Other Dancers: Kavungal Chathunni Panicker, Kalamandalam Gopi, Kottakkal Sivaraman, Kalanilayam Balakrishnan, Kottakkal Sivaraman, Rita Ganguly.

**Q.156.** The Wadali Brothers are \_\_\_\_\_ singers. SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Bhatiali (b) Lavani  
(c) Sufi (d) Pandavani

**Sol.156.(c) Sufi.** Wadali Brothers: Puranchand Wadali and Pyarelal Wadali. They are famous for various styles of singing including Kaafian, ghazal and bhajan. Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1991), Padma shri (2005).

**Q.157.** Which Manipuri dance expert founded Govindji Nartanalaya dance school for women in Imphal ? SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Guru Bipin Singh  
(b) Guru Amubi  
(c) Rajkumar Singhajit Singh  
(d) Phanjoubam Iboton Singh

**Sol.157.(a) Guru Bipin Singh.** He is known as the Father of Manipuri Dance. Manipuri dancers - Darshana Jhaveri, Guru Amubi, Rajkumar Singhajit Singh, Yumlembam Gambhini Devi, Nirmala Mehta, Charu Mathur.

**Q.158.** Ammanur Madhava Chakkir was awarded the Padma Shri for his contribution to which of the following

dance forms ?

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Kutiyattam (b) Yakshagana  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Kathakali

**Sol.158.(a) Kutiyattam** (Kerala) - Its stylized and codified theatrical language, neta abhinaya (eye expression) and hasta abhinaya (the language of gestures) are prominent. Ammanur Madhava Chakkir: Award - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1979), Padma Shri (1982), Padma Bhushan (2003) etc.

**Q.159.** Kanaka Raju has been awarded Padma Shri in 2021 for which of the following folk dances?

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Fugdi (b) Gussadi  
(c) Ganagor (d) Bhavai

**Sol.159.(b) Gussadi:** It is a folk dance performed by Raj gond tribes of Adilabad, Telangana.

**Q.160.** Aluna Kabuini is associated with which of the following dances ?

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kathak (b) Sattriya  
(c) Manipuri (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.160.(c) Manipuri.** She is a Ras exponent. She was the recipient of the Manipur State Kala Academy Award in 2001 for her contribution in the field of Tribal Kabui dance.

**Q.161.** The Madhya Pradesh government conferred the Dhananjayans, a celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ couple from Chennai, with the prestigious Rashtriya Kalidas Samman for 2019 - 2020.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Sattriya (d) Kathakali

**Sol.161.(b) Bharatanatyam.** Dancing couple - Vannadil Pudiyeveettil Dhananjayan and Shanta Dhananjayan (together known as Dhananjayans).

**Q.162.** Ustad Asad Ali Khan is famous for which of the following schools of Dhrupad as an instrumentalist?

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Nauhar (b) Dagar  
(c) Khandarbani (d) Gauri

**Sol.162.(c) Khandarbani. Awards :** Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1977), and Padma Bhushan (2008). Famous Dhrupad singers - Ustad Rahim Fahimuddin Dagar, Nasir Aminuddin Dagar, Zia Fariduddin Dagar, Zia Mohiuddin Dagar. Four schools of Dhrupad: the Gauri (Gauhar), Khandar,

Nauhar, and Dagar.

**Q.163.** Roshan Kumari, Shovana Narayan, Maya Rao and Kumudini Lakhia are eminent \_\_\_\_\_ artists.

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- (a) Odissi (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Kathak (d) Manipuri

**Sol.163.(c) Kathak.** Famous Classical Dancers : Kathak (Uttar Pradesh): Birju Maharaj, Shambhu Maharaj, Lachhu Maharaj; **Kuchipudi** (Andhra Pradesh) - Raja and Radha Reddy, Yamini Reddy, Kaushalya Reddy; **Odissi** (Odisha) - Kelucharan Mohapatra, Sujata Mohapatra, Madhumita Raut.

**Q.164.** Rani Machaiah is a \_\_\_\_\_ folk dancer who was awarded Padma Shri in 2023.

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Ummathat (b) Lambadi  
(c) Gussadi (d) Dhimsa

**Sol.164.(a) Ummathat** - The traditional dance form of Coorg (Karnataka) performed by the Kodava women.

**Q.165.** Indian classical vocalist Pandit Jasraj belonged to which of the following musical gharanas?

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Patiala Gharana (b) Dagar Gharana  
(c) Gwalior Gharana (d) Mewati Gharana

**Sol.165.(d) Mewati Gharana. Pandit Jasraj : Awards** - Padma Bhushan (1990), Padma Vibhushan (2000), Padma Shri (1975), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1987). **Gharanas and Artists :** Mewati Gharana - Ghagge Nazir Khan. Patiala gharana - Ali Baksh Jarnail Khan, Bade Ghulam Ali Khan. Dagar - Gundecha Brothers, Zia Mohiuddin Dagar. Gwalior Gharana - Nanthan Khan, Meeta Pandit.

**Q.166.** Who among the following was the director of Kathak Kendra and also opened his own dance school named 'Kalashram'?

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Pandit Lachhu Maharaj  
(b) Pandit Shambhu Maharaj  
(c) Pandit Birju Maharaj  
(d) Pandit Acchan Maharaj

**Sol.166.(c) Pandit Birju Maharaj.** He belongs to the Kalka-Bindadin Gharana of Lucknow. **Awards :** Padma Vibhushan (1986), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1964), Kalidas Samman (1987). National Institute of Kathak Dance (also Kathak Kendra) - Founded in 1964. Headquartered at New Delhi.

**Q.167.** Shambhu Maharaj was a renowned guru of which of the following Gharanas of Kathak?

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Lucknow (b) Jaipur  
(c) Raigarh (d) Banaras

**Sol.167.(a) Lucknow.** Pandit Shambhu Maharaj awards : Sangeet Natak Akademi award (1955), the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1967), Padma Shri (1958). Famous Dancers from Lucknow Gharana: Birju Maharaj, Maharaj Bindadin, Kalika Prashad. Jaipur Gharana: Sunder Prasad, Durga Lal. Banaras Gharana: Rudra Shankar Mishra, Sneha Bajaj, Kamalini Asthana and Nalini Asthana.

**Q.168.** Which Indian musician personality's native place is West Bengal?

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Naushad (b) OP Nayyar  
(c) Ilayaraja (d) Bappi Lahiri

**Sol.168.(d) Bappi Lahiri** (Bappida) was an Indian singer and composer. His Awards - Filmfare Award (1985, 2018). Personalities and their native place: O.P. Nayyar - Lahore (Pakistan), Ilayaraja - Pannaipuram, Theni district (Tamil Nadu) and Naushad Ali - Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

**Q.169.** To which Gharana did Gangubai Hangal primarily belong?

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Patiala (b) Agra  
(c) Banaras (d) Kirana

**Sol.169.(d) Kirana Gharana** (founded by Abdul Karim Khan). Gangubai Hangal was an Indian vocalist of Hindustani classical tradition. Awards - Padma Vibhushan (2002), Padma Bhushan (1971), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1973) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1996). **Artists of Kirana Gharana:** Baldev Singh Bali, Bhimsen Joshi, Abdul Wahid Khan, Hirabai Barodekar and Upendra Bhat.

**Q.170.** Famous Bollywood actress Hema Malini is a trained \_\_\_\_\_ dancer.

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- (a) Kathak (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Odissi (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.170.(b) Bharatanatyam** (Tamil Nadu). Hema Malini: Awards - Padma Shri (2000).

**Q.171.** Which of the following musicians is popularly known as 'Panchamda'?

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- (a) Ravi (b) Khayam  
(c) Naushad (d) RD Burman

**Sol.171.(d) RD Burman** : Indian music director, composer, and singer. Indian musicians and their nicknames : A.R. Rahman - The Mozart of Madras. Asha Bhoshle - The Queen of Indipop. Lata Mangeshkar - Queen of Melody, Voice of the Millennium. Mohammed Rafi - Pheeko.

**Q.172.** Identify the WRONG pair of dancers and the related dance form from the following.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Meenakshi Chithranjan-Bharatanatyam  
(b) Kumkum Dhar- Kuchipudi  
(c) Sruti Bandopadhyay- Manipuri  
(d) Trilichan Mohanta- Chhau

**Sol.172.(b) Kumkum Dhar- Kuchipudi.** Kumkum Dhar is known for Kathak. She is the recipient of Yash Bharti Award (highest civilian award given by Uttar Pradesh state government).

**Q.173.** Who among the following is best known for creating a fusion style of dance by adapting European theatrical techniques to Indian classical dance?

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Yamini Krishnamurthy  
(b) Uday Shankar  
(c) Gopi Krishna  
(d) Sonal Mansingh

**Sol.173.(b) Uday Shankar** was an Indian dancer and choreographer. His Awards: Padma Vibhushan (1971).

**Q.174.** Which Indian musical legend is credited with composing Talas such as Trimukhi, Panchamukhi, Saptamukhi and Navamukhi ?

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) M Balamuralikrishna  
(b) Bade Ghulam Ali Khan  
(c) KJ Yesudas  
(d) Pandit Jasraj

**Sol.174.(a) M Balamuralikrishna** was an Indian Carnatic vocalist. His Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1975), Padma Vibhushan (1991), Padma Shri (1971), Mahatma Gandhi Silver Medal (1995) - UNESCO. Famous Carnatic vocalist: Dandapani Desikar, T. Brinda, B.S. Raja Iyengar, Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer, Semmangudi R. Srinivasa Iyer.

**Q.175.** Who among the following is primarily regarded as a maestro of Hindustani classical music ?

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Bade Ghulam Ali Khan  
(b) Mavelikkara Prabhakara Varma  
(c) Sampagodu Vighnaraja  
(d) Sai Vignesh

**Sol.175.(a) Bade Ghulam Ali Khan** (from the Patiala gharana). **Awards** : Padma Bhushan (1962), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1962). Mavelikkara Prabhakara Varma was an Indian carnatic singer and teacher. Sampagodu S. Vighnaraja is an Indian Carnatic music vocalist, flutist and music composer. Sai Vignesh is an Indian Carnatic vocalist, playback singer, and musician in Tamil, Telugu and Kannada music and cinema.

**Q.176.** Bharati Shivaji and Kanak Rele are exponents of \_\_\_\_\_ .

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Kathak (d) Odissi

**Sol.176.(b) Mohiniyattam (Kerala).** Bharati Shivaji (Awards: Padma Shri-2004). Kanak Rele (Awards: Padma Shri -1990, Padma Bhushan- 2013).

**Q.177.** Pandit Janki Prasad was associated with which of the following Gharanas of Kathak?

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Banaras (b) Raigarh  
(c) Jaipur (d) Lucknow

**Sol.177.(a) Banaras.** Gharanas of Kathak: Lucknow Gharana (Founded by Ishwari Prasad) - Wajid Ali Shah, Lachhu Maharaj, Shambhu Maharaj. Jaipur Gharana (founded by Bhanu Ji Maharaj) - Sunder Prasad, Puru Dadheech, Mangala Bhatt. Banaras Gharana (Founded by Janakiprasad) - Sitara Devi, Jitendra Maharaj, Kamalini Asthana and Nalini Asthana. Raigarh Gharana (Founder - Raja Chakradhar Singh): Exponents - Kartik Ram, Pt. Kalyan Das Mahant, Shree Firtu Maharaj and Pt. Barman Lal.

**Q.178.** Manna Dey was a famous personality of India in the field of \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Science (b) Games  
(c) Politics (d) Music

**Sol.178.(d) Music. Manna Dey** : Indian playback singer. He belonged to the Bhendibazaar Gharana and was trained under Ustad Aman Ali Khan. Awards - Padma Bhushan (2005), Padma Shri (1971), Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2007).

**Q.179.** \_\_\_\_\_ was a star of the Kathak dance form described as 'Nritya Samragini' (the empress of dance) by Rabindranath Tagore.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sitara Devi  
(b) Rukmini Devi Arundale  
(c) Mrinalini Sarabhai  
(d) Mallika Sarabhai

**Sol.179.(a) Sitara Devi** (Queen of Kathak) - She studied under the three great masters of the Lucknow gharana-Achchan Maharaj, Lachhu Maharaj and Shambhu Maharaj.

**Q.180.** Who is the renowned kathak dancer, student of 'Pandit Birju Maharaj' and also served as an officer with Indian Audit and Accounts Services?

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Sonal Mansingh  
(b) Guru Bipin Singh  
(c) Shovana Narayan  
(d) Padma Subrahmanyam

**Sol.180.(c) Shovana Narayan.** Her Awards - Padma Shri (1992), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1999).

**Q.181.** In which Indian musician's name did the state of Massachusetts in the USA declare April 20th in 1984 as a day in his name?

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Brij Narayan (b) Ali Akbar Khan  
(c) Rajeev Taranath (d) Amjad Ali Khan

**Sol.181.(d) Amjad Ali Khan** (sarod player). His Awards : Padma Shri (1975), Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2001). Other Sarod Artists :- Ali Akbar Khan, Rajeev Taranath, Brij Narayan, Gurdev Singh, Hafiz Ali Khan and Radhika Mohan Maitra. Instruments and their Players : Sitar (Ravi Shankar, Vilayat Khan). Tabla (Alla Rakha, Zakir Hussain, Ahmed Jan Thirkawa).

**Q.182.** Who among the following singers is from Andhra Pradesh ?

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Usha Uthup (b) Asha Bhosle  
(c) Alka Yagnik (d) S Janaki

**Sol.182.(d) S Janaki.** Famous singers of Andhra Pradesh: Puvvula Suri Babu, M. Balamuralikrishna, R. Balasaraswathi Devi, S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, G. Anand, Mohana Bhogaraju. Usha Uthup (Chennai, Tamil Nadu), Asha Bhosle (Maharashtra), Alka Yagnik (Kolkata, West Bengal).

**Q.183.** Which of the following playback singers of India received the Padma Shri in 2009 and Padma Bhushan in 2016 ?

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sonu Nigam  
(b) Abhijit Bhattacharya

- (c) Kumar Sanu Bhattacharjee  
(d) Udit Narayan Jha

**Sol.183.(d) Udit Narayan Jha.** Other Playback Singers and their Awards: Sonu Nigam (Padma Shri, 2022). Kumar Sanu Bhattacharjee: Padma Shri (2009).

**Q.184.** The Padma Shri awardee (2016) Gulabo Sapera is known as the Queen of \_\_\_\_\_ dance.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Chari (b) Bhavai  
(c) Kalbeliya (d) Kacchi Ghodi

**Sol.184.(c) Kalbelia** ('Sapera Dance' or 'Snake Charmer Dance'). This dance is particularly performed by a Rajasthani tribe called 'Kalbelia'. Songs and dances are an expression of the Kalbelia community's traditional way of life. It was included in UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2010.

**Q.185.** Who among the following is the Indian classical dancer who masters both Bharatanatyam and Odissi dancing style?

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Shovana Narayan  
(b) Guru Bipin Singh  
(c) Padma Subrahmanyan  
(d) Sonal Mansingh

**Sol.185.(d) Sonal Mansingh** received Padma Bhushan (1992), Padma Vibhushan (2003). **Indian Classical Dancers:** Bharatanatyam - Padma Subrahmanyan, Yamini Krishnamurthy, T. Balasaraswati, Shanta Rao. Odissi - Kelucharan Mohapatra, Mayadhar Raut, Ranjana Gauhar, Sharmila Biswas, Sujata Mohapatra. Kathak - Shovana Narayan, Shambhu Maharaj. Manipuri - Guru Bipin Singh.

**Q.186.** Deba Prasad Das, Pankaj Charan Das and Gangadhar Pradhan are associated with which of the following dance forms ?

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Odissi (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Manipuri (d) Kathak

**Sol.186.(a) Odissi** - Classical dance forms of Odisha. Its dance theoretical base traces back to 'Natya Shastra' of Bharatamuni. Some other exponents of Odissi: Kelucharan Mohapatra, Jhelum Paranjape, Mayadhar Raut, Leana Citaristi (Odissi and Chhau dancer) and Myrila Barvie.

**Q.187.** Bhanu Ji is associated with which of the following Gharanas of Kathak?

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Lucknow (b) Raigarh  
(c) Banaras (d) Jaipur

**Sol.187.(d) Jaipur Gharana of Kathak** was conceived by Bhanu Ji Maharaj. Exponents of Jaipur gharana: Chunnilal Prasad, Kundan Lal Gangani, Sunder Prasad, Mangala Bhat.

**Q.188.** Who is the first female classical dancer in Indian history to be nominated as a Member of Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Parliament of India?

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Mukti Mohan  
(b) Shobha Naidu  
(c) Sanjukta Panigrahi  
(d) Rukmani Devi Arundale

**Sol.188.(d) Rukmani Devi Arundale** was an Indian classical dancer of 'Bharatnatyam' and founded the Kalakshetra Foundation in Madras. She was awarded with Padma Bhushan in 1956, Kalidas Samman (1984), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1957) and Prani Mitra Award in 1968.

**Q.189.** Which of the following music directors is known as 'Mozart of Madras'?

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) AR Rahman (b) Madan Mohan  
(c) RD Burman (d) Himesh Reshammiya

**Sol.189.(a) AR Rahman** was born in 1967 in Madras (Tamil Nadu). **His Awards:** Padma Bhushan (2010), Padma Shri (2000); Two Oscar Awards (2009), BAFTA Awards (2009), Golden Globe (2009) and Two Grammy Awards (2010).

**Q.190.** Rohini Bhate, Pandit Munnalal Shukla, Kumudini Lakhia and Uma Sharma are famous exponents of which of the following classical dance forms?

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathakali  
(c) Kathak (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.190.(c) Kathak.**

**Q.191.** The four Nattuvanars namely Ponaiyah, Vadivelu, Sivanandam and Chinnaiya, who are renowned as Tanjaore Bandhu shaped up the modern day \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Kodiattam (d) Kathakali

**Sol.191.(a) Bharatanatyam.** The term 'Nattuvanar' means dance teacher.

**Q.192.** Which of the following Indian musicians was called 'Mallika-e-Ghazal' ?

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Prabha Bharti (b) Begum Akhtar  
(c) Chitra Singh (d) Farida Khanum

**Sol.192.(b) Begum Akhtar:** Awards - Padma Shri (1968), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1972), Padma Bhushan (posthumously) - 1975.

**Q.193.** The efforts of Malayalam poet Vallathol Narayana Menon and dancer and guru Kalyanikutty Amma brought back and gave a new life to the dance form \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Mohiniyattam (d) Kathakali

**Sol.193.(c) Mohiniyattam. Dance and their Exponents :** Mohiniyattam (Kerala) - Sunanda Nair, Jayaprabha Menon, Pallavi Krishnan. Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu) - Mrinalini Sarabhai, Rukmini Devi Arundale, Padma Subrahmanyam, Yamini Krishnamurthy. Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh) - Raja and Radha Reddy, Lakshmi Narayn Shastri, Swapana Sundari. Kathakali (Kerala) - Kalamandalam Gopi, Kalamandalam Krishna Prasad, Kottakal Sivaraman, Kalamandalam Ramankutty Nair.

**Q.194.** Who was the music director of the famous song "Aye Mere Watan Ke Logon" sung by Lata Mangeshkar?

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Kishore Kumar (b) Rajesh Roshan  
(c) C Ramchandra (d) Anand Raaj Anand

**Sol.194.(c) C Ramchandra.** Deshbhaki songs and their singers : Aisa Desh hai mera (Lata Mangeshkar), Mera Rang De Basanti Chola (Udit Narayan), Yeh Desh hai veer jawano ka (Mohammad Rafi), Teri Mitti (B Praak), Sandese Aate hain (Sonu Nigam), I Love my India (Hariharan), Mera Mulk Mera Desh (Aditya Narayan and Kumar Sanu), Mere Desh ki Dharti (Mahendra Kapoor).

**Q.195.** Which actress-cum dancer was honoured with the Padma Bhushan award in 2011 ?

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Hema Malini (b) Waheeda Rehman  
(c) Meena Kumari (d) Rekha

**Sol.195.(b) Waheeda Rehman. Other Awards :** Filmfare Award for Best Actress (1969), Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award (1995), Madhya Pradesh government's National Kishore Kumar Samman (2020).

**Q.196.** Sutapa Talukdar is associated with which Indian Classical dance form ?

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Odissi  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.196.(b) Odissi.** Sutapa Talukdar Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (2019).

**Q.197.** Who among the following personalities is known as the 'Queen of Carnatic Music'?

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) MS Subbulakshmi  
(b) Vijaya Rajendran  
(c) Kavita Krishnamoorti  
(d) Lata Mangeshkar

**Sol.197.(a) MS Subbulakshmi.** An Indian Carnatic singer from Tamil Nadu. She was the first musician to be awarded the Bharat Ratna (1998). Other Awards: Padma Vibhushan (1975), Padma Bhushan (1954), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1956), Ramon Magsaysay Award (often considered Asia's Nobel Prize) (1974), Kalidas Samman (1988), Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration (1990), Sangeetha Kalanidhi (1968).

**Q.198.** Who among the following is a famous music director?

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Khayyam (b) Sameer  
(c) Anjaan (d) Kaifi Azmi

**Sol.198.(a) Khayyam** (Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi) was a famous music director in Hindi cinema. Award - Padma Bhushan (2011). Sameer was a lyricist. Anjaan was an Indian lyricist. Kaifi Azmi was a poet.

**Q.199.** Talat Aziz is primarily a \_\_\_\_\_ singer.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Hindustani Classical  
(b) Carnatic Classical  
(c) Ghazal  
(d) Folk

**Sol.199.(c) Ghazal.** Musical genres and singers: Ghazal - Jagjit Singh (King of Ghazals), Hariharan, Pankaj Udhas, Bhupinder Singh; Hindustani Classical - Ananda Shankar, Tansen. Carnatic Classical - M. S. Subbulakshmi, Aruna Sairam, M. Balamuralikrishna. Folk - Swaroop Khan, Sharda Sinha, Kailash Kher.

**Q.200.** Who among the following personalities is an award winning Bhojpuri folk singer?

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Ila Arun (b) Rabbi Shergill  
(c) Malini Awasthi (d) Papon

**Sol.200.(c) Malini Awasthi** - An Indian

folk singer who sings in Bhojpuri, Awadhi/Audhi, and Hindi languages. Award - Padma Shri (2016). Ila Arun is an Indian film actress, music composer and singer. Rabbi Shergill is a Punjabi folk singer. Papon is an Assamese folk singer.

**Q.201.** Kottakkal Nandakumaran Nair is a Sangeet Natak Akademi 2019 Awardee for his contribution to \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Contemporary  
(c) Kathakali (d) Odissi

**Sol.201.(c) Kathakali** (Classical Indian dance of Kerala). Kottakkal Nandakumaran Nair - He is famous for his 'Kathi' Veshas and has skill in enacting 'Pacha' and 'Minukku' veshas.

**Q.202.** Who among the following personalities won the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2021 for contribution to Manipuri Dance?

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Bhuvan Kumar  
(b) Thokchom Ibemubi Devi  
(c) Sruti Bandopadhyay  
(d) Kumkum Dhar

**Sol.202.(b) Thokchom Ibemubi Devi.** The Manipuri Dance, also referred to as the Manipuri Raas Leela, is anchored in the Vaishnava faith of the Meiteis. The four Jhaveri sisters (Nayana, Ranjana, Suverna and Darshana) are classical Manipuri dancers. **Bhuvan Kumar** (Chhau Dancer)

**Q.203.** Asghari Bai is primarily remembered for her contribution to which of the following genres of music?

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Folk (b) Carnatic  
(c) Dhrupad (d) Ghazal

**Sol.203.(c) Dhrupad.** Awards of Asghari Bai - Padma Shri (1990), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1986). Other Dhrupad Artists: Ramakant Gundecha, Umakant Gundecha, Zia Fariddudin Dagar, Pelva Naik, Pandit Ram Kumar Mallick, Mukund Dev Sahoo, Uday Bhawalkar.

**Q.204.** Who among the following personalities was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2020 for his/her contribution to contemporary dance?

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Bhushan Lakandri  
(b) Sruti Bandopadhyay  
(c) Bickram Ghosh  
(d) Sumitra Guha

**Sol.204.(a) Bhushan Lakandri.** Sangeet

Natak Akademi Award: First Awarded - 1952. Awarded for - Performing arts in India. Organiser - Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Headquarters - New Delhi.

**Q.205.** Who is called the father of the modern Indian dance ?

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Uday Shankar (b) Ambui Singh  
(c) CV Chandrasekhar (d) Raja Reddy

**Sol.205.(a) Uday Shankar.** A proponent of the fusion style of dance. His dance - 'Hi-dance' (later renamed it to 'Creative dance'). Awards - Padma Vibhushan (1971).

**Q.206.** Who among the following personalities is associated with synthesising classical and modern Indian dance through a theatre group called Ranga Sri Little Ballet Troupe ?

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Guru Bipin Singh  
(b) Pandit Birju Maharaj  
(c) Shanti Bardhan  
(d) Remo Fernandes

**Sol.206.(c) Shanti Bardhan** - A junior colleague of Uday Shankar, produced some of the most imaginative dance-dramas of the 20th century. He produced Ramayana, in which the actors moved and danced like puppets.

**Q.207.** Subha Mudgal is famous for which of the following music forms?

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Carnatic music (b) Reggae music  
(c) Hip hop music (d) Hindustani music

**Sol.207.(d) Hindustani music.** Subha Mudgal: Awards - Padma Shri (2000), Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award (2016). Major exponents of **Hindustani Music**: Allauddin Khan, Vilayat Khan, Bismillah Khan, Bhimsen Joshi, Pandit Jasraj, Ravi Shankar, Hariprasad Chaurasia, Zakir Hussain, Shivkumar Sharma, Ali Akbar Khan. **Carnatic Musicians**: Aruna Sairam, M. S. Subbulakshmi, Lalgudi Jayaraman.

**Q.208.** Who among the following personalities coined the term 'Odissi' for Odisha's classical dance?

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Kabichandra Kalicharan Patnaik  
(b) Kelucharan Mohapatra  
(c) Raja Rammohan Roy  
(d) Rabindranath Tagore

**Sol.208.(a) Kabichandra Kalicharan Patnaik.** His Contribution was in the field of Odissi music, Odissi dance and Odia



theatre. Some of his major published works: Kalanka Bhanjana, Milana Madhuri, Daridrya Bhanjana.

**Q.209.** Padma Bhushan Kumari Kamala is associated with which Indian dance?  
SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (4th shift)  
(a) Kathakali (b) Kathak  
(c) Odissi (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.209.(b) Kathak.** Kumari Kamala (also known as Kamala Lakshman) was invited to perform for Queen Elizabeth II during her coronation festivities in 1953. Awards: Kalaimamani (1967), Padma Bhushan (1970). She is a preeminent artist of the Vazhuvoor tradition of the dance.

**Q.210.** Who among the following personalities is a professional Kuchipudi Dancer?  
SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (4th shift)  
(a) Radha Sridhar (b) Surupa Sen  
(c) Anupama Hoskere (d) Kaushalya Reddy

**Sol.210.(d) Kaushalya Reddy.** Famous Kuchipudi Dancers: Bhavana Reddy, Yamini Reddy, Vempati Chinna Satyam, Manju Bhargavi.

**Q.211.** In 2018, Google Doodle celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrinalini Sarabhai. She is an exponent of which of the following dance forms?  
SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (1st shift)  
(a) Bharatanatyam and Kathakali  
(b) Odissi and Kathak  
(c) Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam  
(d) Yakshagana

**Sol.211.(a) Bharatanatyam and Kathakali.** Awards of Mrinalini Sarabhai - Padma Shri (1965), Padma Bhushan (1992), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1970), Dhirubhai Thakar Savyasachi Saraswat Award (2014), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1994). She was the founder of Darpana Academy of Performing Arts (1949).

**Q.212.** Guru Bipin Singh, a Nrityacharya awardee, Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee and Kalidas Samman awardee, was renowned for promoting which classical dance form?  
SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (2nd shift)  
(a) Manipuri (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathak

**Sol.212.(a) Manipuri.** Awards of Guru Bipin Singh - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1966), Kalidas Samman (1989), Title of Hanjaba by the Maharaja of Manipur. Famous Dancers : Manipuri - Yumlembam Gambhini Devi, Darshana

Jhaveri, Nirmala Mehta.

**Q.213.** Urmila Satyanarayanan is an exponent of which Indian classical dance form ?  
SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (3rd shift)  
(a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathak  
(c) Manipuri (d) Sattriya

**Sol.213.(a) Bharatanatyam.** Urmila Satyanarayanan (Tamil Nadu) - Awards: Kalaimamani award (1997), Nritya Choodamani (2001).

**Q.214.** Which of the given personalities is NOT associated with Carnatic Music?  
SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (4th shift)  
(a) Kalyani Varadarajan  
(b) MS Subbulakshmi  
(c) Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande  
(d) Subramania Bharathiyar

**Sol.214.(c) Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande** - He was related to Hindustani classical music. Other personalities related to Carnatic music - Purandaradasa (Father of Carnatic music), Kanaka Dasa, Muthu Thandavar, Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar, Syama Sastri, Aruna Sairam, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, Lalgudi Jayaraman.

**Q.215.** Who was hailed as a resident dancer of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam for her unique contribution to the promotion of classical dance forms?  
SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (2nd shift)  
(a) Uma Sharma (b) Rukmini Devi  
(c) Yamini Krishnamurthy (d) Ragini Devi

**Sol.215.(c) Yamini Krishnamurthy.** She is an Indian dancer of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, recognised as "Asthana Nartaki" of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam. **Awards** - Padma Shri (1968), Padma Bhushan (2001) and Padma Vibhushan (2016). **Uma Sharma** (Kathak): Awards - Padma Shri (1973), Padma Bhushan (2001).

**Q.216.** Satyaram Reang received the Padma Shri for promoting the Hojagiri dance form. He belongs to which of the following states?  
SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (3rd shift)  
(a) Sikkim (b) Manipur  
(c) Assam (d) Tripura

**Sol.216.(d) Tripura.** His Awards - Padma Shri (2021), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986), Hojagiri dance (Reang community).

**Q.217.** Who among the following Indian classical tabla players was called

'Abbaji'? He collaborated with American jazz drummer Buddy Rich to create a music album in 1968 ?  
SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (1st shift)  
(a) Taufiq Qureshi (b) Zakir Hussain  
(c) Fazal Qureshi (d) Alla Rakha

**Sol.217.(d) Alla Rakha.** He belongs to Punjab Gharana. Awards: Padma Shri (1977) and Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1982).

**Q.218.** Who among the following personalities is associated with the musical instrument Mandolin?  
SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (4th shift)  
(a) Brij Bhushan Kabra  
(b) Vishwa Mohan Bhat  
(c) U Srinivas  
(d) MS Gopalkrishnan

**Sol.218.(c) U Srinivas** (Uppalapu Srinivas) - He was an Indian mandolin player in Carnatic classical music. **Awards:** Padma Shri (1998), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2009).

**Q.219.** Who among the following Kathak dancers of India founded the KADAMB Centre for Dance in 1964?  
SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (1st shift)  
(a) Shovana Narayan (b) Sitara Devi  
(c) Rohini Bhate (d) Kumudini Lakhia

**Sol.219.(d) Kumudini Lakhia:** Award - Padma Shri (1987), Padma Bhushan (2010), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1982), Kalidas Samman (2002-03).

**Q.220.** Shivaputra Siddaramaiah Komkalmath is the original name of which of the following Indian classical singers?  
SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (1st shift)  
(a) Pandit Omkarnath Thakur  
(b) Pandit Kumar Gandharva  
(c) Pandit Jasraj  
(d) Pandit Dinkar Kaikini

**Sol.220.(b) Pandit Kumar Gandharva.** Awards - Padma Vibhushan (1990). Pandit Jasraj (Rasraj) - Mewati Gharana.

**Q.221.** Pandit Kishan Maharaj of Benaras Gharana was a \_\_\_\_\_ player.  
SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (2nd shift)  
(a) santoor (b) flute (c) sarangi (d) tabla

**Sol.221.(d) Tabla.** Awards of Kishan Maharaj - Padma Shri (1973), Padma Vibhushan (2002).

**Q.222.** V Satyanarayana Sarma, a Padma Shri awardee, was recognised for which of the following dance forms?  
SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (2nd shift)  
(a) Odissi (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kathak (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.222.(d) Kuchipudi.** Awards : Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1961), Padma Shri (1970), Sangeet Natak Akademi Ratna (1967), Kalidas Samman (1988). Famous Dancers of Kuchipudi - Indrani Bajpai, Yamini Krishnamurthy, Lakshmi Narayn Shastri.

**Q.223.** Padma Shri awardee, Darshana Jhaveri is a \_\_\_\_\_ dancer of India.

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Kathakali (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kathak (d) Manipuri

**Sol.223.(d) Manipuri.** Darshana Jhaveri is the youngest of the four Jhaveri sisters (Nayana, Ranjana, Suverna, and Darshana). She is one of the founders of the Manipuri Nartanalaya established in 1972. Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1996), Padma Shri (2002).

**Q.224.** Ustad Hassu Khan was one of the founders of which of the following Gharanas of music?

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Rampur (b) Agra  
(c) Gwalior (d) Patiala

**Sol.224.(c) Gwalior Gharana:** Oldest khayal gharana. Singers - Vishnu Digambar Paluskar, Nisaar Husain Khan, Ulhas Kashaalkar. Gharanas and their founders: Rampur - Ustad Inayat Hussain Khan, Agra - Hajisujan Khan, Kirana - Abdul Karim Khan.

**Q.225.** Ramkrishna Talukdar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2018 for his contribution to the Sattriya dance form. To which state does this dance form belong?

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) West Bengal (b) Assam  
(c) Meghalaya (d) Jharkhand

**Sol.225.(b) Assam.** Ramkrishna Talukdar : Awards - Asom Gaurav, Sangeet Jyoti Award, Nritya Ratna, Kala Gaurav. It was given the status of a classical dance in 2000 by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

**Q.226.** In which of the following cities of British India was Lata Mangeshkar born ?

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Bombay (b) Calcutta  
(c) Lucknow (d) Indore

**Sol.226.(d) Indore. Lata Mangeshkar** - She was India's playback singer and music composer. **Awards:** Padma Bhushan (1969), Padma Vibhushan (1999) and Bharat Ratna (2001), Maharashtra Bhushan Award (1997), Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1989). Titles: "Queen of Melody" and "Voice of the

Millennium". First Song - 'Aayega aane wala' (1942, Mahal).

**Q.227.** Akham Lakshmi Devi, a recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi award, is renowned for which of the following dances?

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Kathak (b) Odissi  
(c) Sattriya (d) Manipuri

**Sol.227.(d) Manipuri dance.** Akham Lakshmi: Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi (2018), Manipur State Kala Akademi Award (2010).

**Q.228.** Who was the founder of Benaras Gharana of Kathak?

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Ishwari Prasad  
(b) Shambhu Maharaj  
(c) Raja Chakradhar Singh  
(d) Janaki Prasad

**Sol.228.(d) Janaki Prasad.** Notable dancers - Sitara Devi, Kamalini Asthana and Nalini Asthana. **Ishwari Prasad** - Founder of the Lucknow Gharana; Notable dancer - Pandit Birju Maharaj. **Shambhu Maharaj** - Celebrated Guru of the Lucknow Gharana.

**Q.229.** For contribution to which dance was Tanjore Balasaraswati awarded the title of Sangita Kalanidhi by Madras Music Academy in 1973 ?

Graduate Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Kathakali (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Mohiniyattam (d) Kathak

**Sol.229.(b) Bharatnatyam.** Tanjore Balasaraswati: Awards - Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1955) and Padma Vibhushan (1977).

**Q.230.** Shahid Parvez Khan, Budhaditya Mukherjee, Anushka Shankar and Hara Shankar Bhattacharya are well known players of which of the following instruments?

Graduate Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Veena (b) Sitar  
(c) Mohan veena (d) Surbahar

**Sol.230.(b) Sitar** - Plucked stringed instrument. **Sitar players** - Ravi Shankar, Annapurna Devi, Ustad Rais Khan and Ustad Abdul Jaffer Khan.

**Q.231.** Which danseuse among the following was called to perform for Queen Elizabeth-II's coronation festivities in 1953 ?

Graduate Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Mrinalini Sarabhai  
(b) Sitara Devi

(c) Rukmini Devi Arundale

(d) Kamala Lakshmi Narayanan

**Sol.231.(d) Kamala Lakshmi Narayanan** (Bharatanatyam). **Awards** - Padma Bhushan (1970), Lifetime Achievement Award (2004), Natya Padmam (2007), Platinum Jubilee Award (2002).

**Q.232.** Vasundhara Doraswamy was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (Akademi Puraskar) for the year 2019 for her contribution to which of the following ?

Graduate Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathak

**Sol.232.(a) Bharatanatyam** (Tamil Nadu). She is the only Bharatanatyam danseuse to have been invited from India to perform for 'WORLD PEACE' conference in Paris under the aegis of UNESCO. She was honoured with "Shantala Natya Sri Award" - The highest State Award for Dance by the Karnataka State Government and the Rajyotsava Award (Karnataka State).

**Q.233.** Which dancer was the first person from Odisha to get Padma Vibhushan in 2000 ?

Graduate Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Guru Shyama Charan Pati  
(b) Guru Bipin Singh  
(c) Guru Mayadhar Rout  
(d) Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra

**Sol.233.(d) Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra.** **Awards** - Padma Bhushan (1988), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1966), Kalidas Samman (1987).

**Q.234.** Jyoti Prasad Agarwala was a music composer popularly called 'Rupkonwar' in the state of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Higher Secondary 27/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Gujarat (d) Assam

**Sol.234.(d) Assam. Jyoti Prasad Agarwal** - First filmmaker of Assam. He made the first Assamese Movie - 'Jyoti' (1935). **His Famous Play** - 'Sonit - Konwari', 'Rupali', 'Karengar Ligiri', 'Lobhita' and 'Jyoti'. His death anniversary (17 January) is observed as 'Silpi Divas' in Assam.

**Q.235.** The noted danseuse Yamini Krishnamurthy opened Yamini School of Dance in \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 1990.

Higher Secondary 28/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Mumbai (b) Delhi  
(c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad

**Sol.235.(b) Delhi.** Yamini Krishnamurthy

- Awards - Padma Shri (1968), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1997), Padma Bhushan (2001), Padma Vibhushan (2016), "Natya Shastra" award (2014). Autobiography - "A Passion For Dance".

**Q.236.** Who among the following was the founder and director of the 'Darpana Academy of Performing Arts', an institute that focuses on training students in dance, drama, music and puppetry, in the city of Ahmedabad?

Higher Secondary 30/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Amala Shankar (b) Sitara Devi  
(c) Padmini Chettur (d) Mrinalini Sarabhai

**Sol.236.(d) Mrinalini Sarabhai.** Darpana Academy was founded in 1949 by Bharatanatyam and Kathakali dancer Mrinalini Sarabhai.

**Q.237.** Who among the following personalities has received both Grammy and Oscar awards?

Matric Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Javed Akhtar  
(b) Jagjit Singh  
(c) Gulzar  
(d) Amitabh Bhattacharya

**Sol.237.(c) Gulzar** (Sampooran Singh Kalra) is a famous lyricist of Hindi films. Awards - National Film Award (1991, 1988). Filmfare Award (2021, 2019, 2013). Academy Award (2009). Padma Bhushan (2004). **Jawed Akhtar** : Poet and lyricist and screenwriter of Hindi films. Award : Padma Shri (1999), Padma Bhushan (2007).

**Q.238.** Ratikant Mohapatra, an awardee of 'Sangeet Natak Akademi Award', is known for which of the following classical dances of India?

Matric Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Odissi (b) Manipuri  
(c) Kathak (d) Kathakali

**Sol.238.(a) Odissi (2016). Other Awards** : Bhumi Putra Samman (2016), Nritya Choodamani (2014). **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (Odissi)** - Pankaj Charan Das (1970), Deba Prasad Das (1970), Mayadhar Raut (1985), Sonal Mansingh (1987), Kumkum Mohanty (1994), Gangadhar Pradhan (1997), Gita Mahalik (2009), Aruna Mohanty (2010), Sujata Mohapatra (2017), Surupa Sen (2018), Sutapa Talukdar (2019), Rabindra Atibudhi (2020).

**Q.239.** Kamalini and Nalini Asthana, the dancer duo have been conferred with the Padma Shri in 2022. They are renowned for which of the following dance forms?

Matric Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Manipuri  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kathak

**Sol.239.(d) Kathak.** Kamalini Asthana and Nalini Asthana (Agra, Uttar Pradesh) known for their performances of the Benaras Gharana style of Kathak.

**Q.240.** Surupa Sen is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ dancer.

Matric Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Kathak (b) Kathakali  
(c) Odissi (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.240.(c) Odissi.** Awards of Surupa Sen: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2018), Raza Foundation Award (2006).

**Q.241.** Who was the recipient of Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2017 for Kathak ?

Matric Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Jitendra Maharaj (b) Rajendra Gangani  
(c) Geetanjali Lal (d) Vidha Lal

**Sol.241.(d) Vidha Lal.** She is a disciple of Kathak dancer Geetanjali Lal of Jaipur Gharana. **Awards:** 'Sri Krishna gana sabha endowment award (2010) and Guinness world record for the most number of spins (103) in one minute (2011).

**Q.242.** Papanasam Sivan was related to the following music?

Matric Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Carnatic (b) Punjabi  
(c) Khyal (d) Dhrupad

**Sol.242.(a) Carnatic. Papanasam Sivan Awards:** Padma Bhushan (1972), Sangeet Natak Academy Fellow (1962), President Award (1962).

**Q.243.** Who among the following musicians was awarded a Grammy in the Music Album category for his collaborative album 'Global Drum Project' along with Mickey Hart, Sikiru Adepouju and Giovanni Hidalgo ?

Matric Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Ricky Kej (b) Vikku Vinayakram  
(c) Zakir Hussain (d) A R Rahman

**Sol.243.(c) Zakir Hussain.** Awards - Padma Shri (1988), Padma Bhushan (2002), Padma vibhushan (2023) National Heritage Fellowship (1999), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1990), Kalidas Samman (2006), Guru Gangadhar Pradhan Lifetime Achievement Award (In 2012 at Konark Dance & Music Festival), Grammy Award (1992 and 2009).

**Q.244.** Ilyas Khan was born in Lucknow to a family of musicians. He was famous

for playing

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Tabla (b) Sitar  
(c) Veena (d) Mridangam

**Sol.244.(b) Sitar. Ilyas Khan (1924-1989)**

- He was a disciple of Abdul Ghani Khan (a dhrupad singer from Kalpi). His father belonged to the Shahjahanpur gharana of sarod players while his mother came from the Lucknow gharana of sarod players.

**Q.245.** Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, an Indian musician and composer was the foremost exponent of the\_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Guitar (b) Santoor  
(c) Harmonium (d) Violin

**Sol.245.(b) Santoor. Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma (Jammu and Kashmir) Awards -** Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986), the Padma Shri (1991), and the Padma Vibhushan (2001).

**Q.246.** Ustad Shafaat Ahmed Khan was best known for which of the following instruments?

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Tabla (b) Rudra Veena  
(c) Violin (d) Harmonium

**Sol.246.(a) Tabla. Ustad Shafaat Ahmed Khan (Delhi gharana). Awards -** Padma Shri Award in 2003. Famous Tabla players - Zakir Hussain, Trilok Gurtu, Kishan Maharaj, Alla Rakha. Rudra Veena Player - Asad Ali Khan.

**Q.247.** V. Satyanarayana Sarma was awarded with Padma Shri in 1970 for his contributions in the field of \_\_\_ dance

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Odissi  
(c) Manipuri (d) Kathak

**Sol.247.(a) Kuchipudi** - It originates from a village named Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh). Awards - Padma Shri (1970), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1967), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1961), Kalidas Samman (1988).

**Q.248.** Who among the following was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2001 and has been credited with taking the shehnai from the marriage mandap to the concert hall ?

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Ravi Shankar  
(b) Ali Akbar Khan  
(c) Hari Prasad Chaurasia  
(d) Bismillah Khan

**Sol.248.(d) Bismillah Khan (Ustad).**

**Awards:** Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1956), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1994), Swathi Sangeetha Puraskaram (1998) by Government of Kerala, T Choudayya National Award (1995) by Government of Karnataka, Tahar Mausique from the Republic of Iran (1992), Tansen Award by Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

**Q.249.** Who among the following was known as the 'Queen of Thumri' ?  
SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Siddheswari Devi  
(b) Girija Devi  
(c) Gangubai Hangal  
(d) Begum Parveen Sultana

**Sol.249.(b) Girija Devi. Awards** - Padma Shri (1972), Padma Bhushan (1989), Padma Vibhushan (2016), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1977), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2010).

**Q.250.** A biopic on legendary Sitara Devi has been announced on her 101st birth anniversary by producer Raj C Anand. Sitara Devi was a recognized \_\_\_\_ dancer.  
SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Kathak (b) Odissi  
(c) Kathakali (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.250.(a) Kathak. Sitara Devi: Awards** - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1969), Padma Shri (1973), Kalidas Samman (1995).

**Q.251.** Ustaad Allauddin Khan, a famous Indian musician is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ musical instrument.  
SSC MTS 08/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Surbahar (b) Santoor  
(c) Sarod (d) Sitar

**Sol.251.(c) Sarod. Awards** - Padma Bhushan (1958), Padma Vibhushan (1971), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1954).

**Q.252.** Saswati Sen is the proud recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2004-2005. She is recognized for which dance form?

- SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Kathak (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Manipuri (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.252.(a) Kathak. Saswati Sen** was a senior disciple of Pandit Birju Maharaj.

**Q.253.** Who among the following was the first musician ever to be awarded the Bharat Ratna?  
SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer  
(b) Girija Devi  
(c) Siddheswari Devi  
(d) M.S. Subbulakshmi

**Sol.253.(d) M.S. Subbulakshmi** is famous for carnatic music and the first Indian classical musician to perform at the United Nations General Assembly in 1966. **Awards:** Bharat Ratna (1998), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1974), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1956).

**Q.254.** Who among the following was the first Indian musician to receive the Grammy LifeTime Achievement Award?  
SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Bismillah Khan  
(b) Pandit Ravi Shankar  
(c) Hariprasad Chaurasia  
(d) Ustad Zakir Hussain

**Sol.254.(b) Pandit Ravi Shankar** (Bharat Ratna in 1999). He won Best Chamber Music Performance for 'West Meets East' in 1967. The **Grammy Awards** are presented annually by the Recording Academy of the United States. The first Grammy Awards ceremony - May 4, 1959. **Other Indian Grammy winners** - Zubin Mehta (1981, Best Classical Performance), T. H. Vinayakram and Zakir Hussain (1991, Best World Music Album), Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (1993, Best World Music Album).

**Q.255.** Which of the following singer is the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Afternoon)  
(a) Sonu Nigam (b) Asha Bhosle  
(c) Neha Kakkar (d) Arijit Singh

**Sol.255.(b) Asha Bhosle** - She was honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in **2000**. **Awards** - Padma Vibhushan (2008), Maharashtra Bhushan (2021). Awards : **Sonu Nigam** - Padma Shri (2022). First recipient of Dadasaheb Phalke Award was Devika Rani who received it in 1969.

**Q.256.** Saroja Vaidyanathan received Kalidas Samman for classical dance in\_\_\_\_\_.

- SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Evening)  
(a) 2009 - 10 (b) 2020 - 21  
(c) 2001 - 02 (d) 2002 - 03

**Sol.256.(a) 2009-10. Saroja Vaidyanathan** (Bharatanatyam). Her awards: Padma Bhushan (2013), Padma Shri (2002). Bharat Kala Sunder (2006). Book by her :- "The Science of Bharatanatyam". The first recipients (1980) of the Kalidas Samman - Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer (Classical music) and Mallikarjun Mansur (Classical Music).

**Q.257.** Identify the famous Indian music

personality. In 2011, the Guinness Book of World Records officially acknowledged her as the most recorded artist in music history.

- SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Asha Bhosle (b) Shreya Ghoshal  
(c) Usha Uthup (d) Alka Yagnik

**Sol.257.(a) Asha Bhosle.** She has recorded over 12000 songs in more than 20 Indian and foreign languages. The World Records Academy certified her as the "Most Recorded Artist" in the world in September 2009.

**Q.258.** Lata Mangeshkar recorded her first playback song for a \_\_\_\_\_ film.  
SSC MTS 11/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Bengali (b) Punjabi  
(c) Marathi (d) Tamil

**Sol.258.(c) Marathi. Lata Mangeshkar** - She recorded her first song "Naachu Ya Gade, Khelu Saari Mani Haus Bhaari" in 1942 at age of 13 for Marathi film Kiti Hasaal and recorded her last song 'Saugandh Mujhe Is Mitti Ki' in 2019.

**Q.259.** Alla Rakha left home at age 12 to learn a musical instrument under the great master (ustad) Mian Qadir Baksh. He became a renowned player of \_\_\_\_\_.

- SSC MTS 12/05/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Sarod (b) Sarangi (c) Tabla (d) Sitar

**Sol.259.(c) Tabla.** Alla Rakha specialized in Hindustani classical music. He was born in Ghagwal (Jammu and Kashmir). He is a player of Tabla and Pakhawaj. **Awards:** Padma Shri (1977) and Sangeet Natak Akademi (1982).

**Q.260.** Which among the following is not associated with Tabla?

- SSC MTS 12/05/2023 (Evening)  
(a) Shakoor Khan  
(b) Jnan Prakash Ghosh  
(c) Sabir Khan  
(d) Sandeep Das

**Sol.260.(a) Shakoor Khan - Sarangi** player, related to the Kirana Gharana. Padma Shri (1973).

**Q.261.** Who popularised the 'Pandanallur Style' in Bharatanatyam and received Padma Bhushan in 2004?

- SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Morning)  
(a) Kumari Kamala (b) Madhuri Dixit  
(c) Mallika Sarabhai (d) Alarmel Valli

**Sol.261.(d) Alarmel Valli.** She was the second youngest dancer to be conferred the Padma Shri (in 1991) from the Government of India, after Vyjayanthimala .

**Q.262.** Who among the following is a celebrated sarod maestro?

SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Niladri Kumar (b) Vilayat Khan  
(c) N. Ramani (d) Zarin Sharma

**Sol.262.(d) Zarin Sharma** - She was a famous Sarod player of Khayal (Agra gharana). **Award** - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1988), Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar (1990), Dadasaheb Phalke Academy award (2007).

**Q.263.** The Indian classical dancer Sonal Mansingh was honoured with which of the following awards?

SSC MTS 16/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri  
(b) Padma Bhushan and Bharat Ratna  
(c) Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan  
(d) Padma Vibhushan and Padma Shri

**Sol.263.(c) Sonal Mansingh** is an Indian classical dancer. She was the youngest recipient of the Padma Bhushan award in 1992. In 2003, she became the second Indian woman dancer to be honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award, after Balasaraswati.

**Q.264.** Vidushi Sharan Rani is famous for playing which musical instrument?

SSC MTS 16/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Flute (b) Sitar (c) Tabla (d) Sarod

**Sol.264.(d) Sarod.** She is the first woman sarod player in India. She was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2000.

**Q.265.** Who was popularly known as the Melody Queen in India?

SSC MTS 17/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Zarin S Sharma (b) Lata Mangeshkar  
(c) Shubha Mudgal (d) Anuradha Paudwal

**Sol.265.(b) Lata Mangeshkar.**

(Nightingale of Bollywood, Voice of the Millennium).

**Q.266.** Sri Deepak Mazumdar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year

SSC MTS 17/05/2023 (Afternoon) .

- (a) 2016 (b) 2019 (c) 2017 (d) 2018

**Sol.266.(d) 2018** (for his contribution to contemporary dance). **Deepak Mazumdar** :

Founded - Shiladhish Art and Research Institute in Mumbai. **Awards and honours** - Maharashtra Gaurav; Kala Ratna (Andhra Pradesh), Acharya Nritya Sundaram by the Bharatanjali Trust (2007).

**Q.267.** Who among the following was

awarded with 'Padma Vibhushan' in the year 1986 and choreographed famous song 'Kahe Chhed Mohe' from the movie Devdas and 'Mohe Rang Do Laal' from Bajirao Mastani?

SSC MTS 17/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Birju Maharaj  
(b) Uday Shankar  
(c) Bipin Singh  
(d) Kelucharan Mohapatra

**Sol.267.(a) Birju Maharaj.** He was associated with the Kathak (classical dance of Uttar Pradesh) dance form. Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (1964).

**Q.268.** "Bombay" Ramnath is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ singer of India.

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Carnatic (b) Folk (c) Jazz (d) Hip-hop

**Sol.268.(a) Carnatic. Bombay Jayashri Ramnath** (Padma Shri in 2021) has sung in multiple languages including Tamil, Telugu, Kannada. Famous Carnatic singer - M. S. Subbulakshmi, S. Sowmya, M Balamuralikrishna, Nithyasree Mahadevan. Famous folk singers: Mame Khan, Swaroop Khan, Ila Arun, Nooran Sisters, The Wadali Brothers, Malini Awasthi, Dipali Borthakur, Kollangudi Karuppayee. Famous jazz singers: Shankar-Jaikishan, Trilok Gurtu, Louiz Banks. Famous hip-hop singers: Divine, Naezy, Raja Kumari, Brodha V.

**Q.269.** Who among the following was awarded the prestigious title of "Nrityacharya" conferred by the Maharaja of Manipur?

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Guru Bipin Singh  
(b) Rukmini Devi  
(c) Uday Shankar  
(d) Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra

**Sol.269.(a) Guru Bipin Singh.**

**Q.270.** Who among the following is widely credited for introducing new forms of music, theatrical performance, language and the 'Sattriya' Dance?

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Padma Subrahmanyam  
(b) Srimanta Sankardev  
(c) Uday Shankar  
(d) Shovana Narayan

**Sol.270.(b) Srimanta Sankardev:** He is widely credited with building on past cultural relics and devising new forms of music (Borgeet), theatrical performance (Ankia Naat, Bhaona), dance (Sattriya), literary language (Brajavali). **Popular Sattriya Dancers** - Guru Jatin Goswami, Ranjumoni Saikia, Guru Ghanakanta Bora,

Manik Barbayan and Bhabananda Barbayan and Late Moniram Dutta.

**Q.271.** Brij Bhushan Kabra is associated with which of the following musical instruments?

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Shehnai (b) Guitar (c) Violin (d) Flute

**Sol.271.(b) Guitar.** Brij Bhushan Kabra is related to the Jodhpur royal family. He was the first artist to play ragas on the guitar.

**Q.272.** Who is noted as a pristine Indian Classical Dancer to perform at Salzburg Festival in 2015?

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Tanjore Balasaraswati  
(b) Alarmel Valli  
(c) Kumari Kamala  
(d) V. Satyanarayana Sarma

**Sol.272.(b) Alarmel Valli** : An exponent of the Pandanallur style of Bharatanatyam. **Awards** - Padma Bhushan (2004), Chevalier of Arts and Letters award (2004), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2001).

**Q.273.** Jayanthi Kumaresh is one of the foremost exponents of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) santoor (b) tabla (c) sitar (d) veena

**Sol.273.(d) Veena. Jayanthi Kumaresh** is known for her mastery of the Saraswati veena, a plucked string instrument that is one of the most important instruments in Carnatic music. **Awards** - Sangeet shikhar samman award (2019); Music academy award (2015).

**Q.274.** Ali Akbar Khan is associated with which of these instruments?

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Shehnai (b) Sarod (c) Tabla (d) Sitar

**Sol.274.(b) Sarod. Ali Akbar Khan:** Gharana - Maihar. He established a music school in Calcutta in 1956, and the Ali Akbar College of Music in 1967. He created Raag Chandranandan ('Moonstruck') in the 1940s. **Awards** - Padma Bhushan (1967) and Padma Vibhushan (1989).

**Q.275.** In 2019, the Government of India honoured Milena Salvini, an Italian-born Kathakali dancer, with which of the following awards?

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Padma Shri (b) Bharat Ratna  
(c) Padma Vibhushan (d) Padma Bhushan

**Sol.275.(a) Padma Shri. Milena Salvini** - Obtained a two-year scholarship to train

in Kathakali at the Kerala Kalamandalam in 1962.

**Q.276.** Nahid Siddiqui was awarded Milapfest's Lifetime Achievement Award in October 2017. She is recognized for which dance form?

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Odissi (b) Sattriya  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Kathak

**Sol.276.(d) Kathak.** Nahid Siddiqui (born in Pakistan), A disciple of two great teachers: Maharaj Kathak (Pakistan) and Birju Maharaj. **Other Awards** - Pride of Performance (1994), Time Out Award (1991), British Cultural Award, International Dance Award.

**Q.277.** Which famous female personality received the Padma Shri award for Manipuri classical dance?

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Kalabati Devi (b) Devyani Chalia  
(c) Elam Endira Devi (d) Charu Mathur

**Sol.277.(c) Elam Endira Devi** (Manipur). She is an Indian classical dancer and teacher. She performed in the film 'Matangi Manipur', which won the National Film Award (1972). **Other awards** - Excellence Award, Nritya Rani Upadhi, Best Actress Award.

**Q.278.** Indore gharana is one of the vocal gharanas of Indian classical music. It was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Ustad Amir Khan  
(b) Doreswamy V. Iyengar  
(c) Dr. Lakshminarayana Subramaniam  
(d) Ustad Bundu Khan

**Sol.278.(a) Ustad Amir Khan.** Other disciples of Indore gharana - Pandit Amarnath, Shankar Lal Mishra, Kankana Banerjee, Purvi Mukherjee. **Other gharana and its founder** - Gwalior Khayal style (Ustad Nathan Pir Baksh), Agra (Hajisujan Khan), Rangeela (Faiyyaz Khan), Jaipur (Alladiya Khan).

**Q.279.** Which famous Indian dancer was given the title of Asthana Nartaki ("Resident Dancer") by the Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam temple, India?

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Manjamma Jogati  
(b) Yamini Krishnamurthy  
(c) Rukmini Devi Arundale  
(d) Laxmi Narayan Tripathi

**Sol.279.(b) Yamini Krishnamurthy.**

**Q.280.** Who among the following is not associated with the Kuchipudi dance

form?

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Ghanakanta Bora Barbayan  
(b) Vyjayanti Kashi  
(c) Vempati Chinna Satyam  
(d) Radha Reddy

**Sol.280.(a) Ghanakanta Bora Barbayan** (Sattriya dance): **Awards** - Padma Shri (2013), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2001).

**Q.281.** Who among the following is a sitar maestro of global acclaim?

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Bismillah Khan  
(b) Girija Devi  
(c) Shahid Parvez Khan  
(d) Vishwa Mohan Bhatt

**Sol.281.(c) Shahid Parvez Khan. Awards** - Kalajyothi Lifetime Achievement Award (2020), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2006), Padma Shri Award (2012).

**Q.282.** He is also known as the God of ghatam. Who is 'He' in the preceding line?

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- (a) Ustad Bundu Khan  
(b) Pandit Ravi Shankar  
(c) TH Vinayakram  
(d) Ustad Bismillah Khan

**Sol.282.(c) TH Vinayakram.** He is a percussionist and plays Carnatic music with the ghatam. **Awards:** Padma Shri (2002), Padma Bhushan (2014).

**Q.283.** Which former Miss India, also the recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, popularised Indian classical dance in the west?

SSC MTS 16/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Leela Naidu (b) Lona Pinto  
(c) Indrani Rahman (d) Peace Kanwal

**Sol.283.(c) Indrani Rahman.** She was the first South Asian to compete in the Miss Universe pageant (1952). Indrani was a successful classical dancer in Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali and Odissi. In 1961, she became the first dancer to be a part of the Asia Society tour. **Awards** - Femina Miss India (1952), Padma Shri (1969), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1981).

**Q.284.** M.S. Gopalakrishnan mastered both Carnatic and Hindustani classical music. He was the master of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 19/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sarangi (b) violin (c) sitar (d) Santoor

**Sol.284.(b) Violin.** Awards and Honours:- Padma Bhushan (2012), Padma Shri

(1975), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1982), Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2012), Kalaimamani (Tamil Nadu) - 1978.

**Q.285.** Budhaditya Mukherjee is associated with which of the following musical instruments?

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Veena (b) Sitar (c) Violin (d) Sarangi

**Sol.285.(b) Sitar. Budhaditya Mukherjee** : First-ever musician to perform at the House of Commons, London.

**Q.286.** Shri Mani Prasad is associated with which form of music?

SSC CHSL 10/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Fusion Music  
(b) Folk Music  
(c) Carnatic vocal music  
(d) Hindustani vocal music

**Sol.286.(d) Hindustani vocal music.** Pandit Mani Prasad was an Indian classical vocalist from the **Kirana gharana** (singing style). He was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2019. **Hindustani music** is the classical music of the Northern parts of the Indian subcontinent. **Carnatic Music** originated from Southern India, the city of Hyderabad and other Dravidian-speaking regions of India.

**Q.287.** Shri Jatin Goswami received several honours for his contribution to

SSC CHSL 13/03/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Bharatnatyam Dance  
(b) Kathak Dance  
(c) Sattriya Dance  
(d) Manipuri Dance

**Sol.287.(c) Sattriya dance** (Assam): Awards and Honours:- Padma Shri (2008), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2004), Silpi Divas Award (1994), Sangeet Jyoti Award (2004), Assam Natya Sanmilon Award (1997), Hiraprova - Chandrakanta Award (2006).

**Q.288.** With which of the following classical dance forms is Deepika Reddy associated?

SSC CHSL 15/03/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Kathak (d) Sattriya

**Sol.288.(b) Kuchipudi** (Classical dance of Andhra Pradesh): Guru Smt. Vijaya Prasad, Shri Vedantam Lakshmi Narayana Sastry, Dr. Vempati Chinna Satyam, Yamini Krishnamurthy, Shobha Naidu, Raja and Radha Reddy, Kaushalya Reddy, Yamini Reddy, Bhavana Reddy, Atisha Pratap Singh, Arunima Kumar.

**Q.289.** The poet saint Kabir Das was born in sometime in the 15th century. SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (1st Shift)  
(a) Kashi (b) Amritsar  
(c) Somnath (d) Agra

**Sol.289.(a) Kashi** (Uttar Pradesh). Kabir was a 15th century mystic poet, saint of the Bhakti Movement. Books - Bijak, Kabir Parachai, Sakhi Granth, and Kabir Granthawali. His verses are found in Sikhism's scripture Guru Granth Sahib. Saint Kabir was the contemporary of Guru Nanak and Delhi Sultan Sikandar Lodhi.

**Q.290.** Aditi Mangaldas is a leading dancer & Choreographer in the classical Indian dance form of \_\_\_\_\_. SSC CHSL 21/03/2023 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Kathak (d) Kathakali

**Sol.290.(c) Kathak.** Awards Received by Aditi Mangaldas - National Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 2013.

**Q.291.** Abdul Karim Khan was the exponent of which school of Hindustani Music? SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Jaipur Gharana (b) Gwalior Gharana  
(c) Delhi Gharana (d) Kirana Gharana

**Sol.291.(d) Kirana Gharana.** He introduced Hindustani Khayal singing and Indian classical music. Jaipur gharana (founder: Alladiya Khan). Delhi gharana (founder: Hazrat Ameer Khusro).

**Q.292.** Who among the following was the guru of Pandit Ravi Shankar ? SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Bismillah Khan (b) Amjad Ali Khan  
(c) Ali Akbar Khan (d) Allaudin Khan

**Sol.292.(d) Allaudin Khan** (Sarod player) was the guru of Pandit Ravi Shankar. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan (1958) and the Padma Vibhushan (1971), Sangeet Natak Akademi award and Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1954).

**Q.293.** Which of the following pairs of musicians and their instruments are INCORRECT? SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (1st Shift)  
(a) K Vaidyanathan - Sitar  
(b) Pt. Ram Narayan - Sarangi  
(c) Ustad Vilayat Khan - Sitar  
(d) Bismillah Khan - Shehnai

**Sol.293.(a) Kunnakudi Vaidyanathan** was an Indian classical music violinist and music composer.

**Q.294.** Bimbavati Devi is an exponent of

which Indian dance form?  
SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Chhau (b) Manipuri  
(c) Kathakali (d) Odissi

**Sol.294.(b) Manipuri.** She is the daughter of Guru Bipin Singh and Guru Kalavati Devi.

**Q.295.** In which state is the Maihar court where Baba Allaudin Khan was a musician? SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Tripura (b) Uttar Pradesh  
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Chhattisgarh

**Sol.295.(c) Madhya Pradesh.** Baba Allaudin Khan (Sarod player) laid the foundation of Maihar Gharana and became the court musician for the Maharaja of Maihar.

**Q.296.** Who among the following is known as a pioneering dance educationist and a prominent Mohiniyattam exponent? SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Madhavi Mudgal  
(b) Shagun Butani  
(c) Mohanrao Kallianpurkar  
(d) Dr Kanak Rele

**Sol.296.(d) Dr. Kanak Rele.** She is the founder-director of the Nalanda Dance Research Centre (1967) and the founder-principal of the Nalanda Nritya Kala Mahavidyalaya in Mumbai. **Awards and Honors:** Padma Shri (1990), Kalidas Samman (Madhya Pradesh, 2006), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1994), Padma Bhushan (2013).

**Q.297.** Birju Maharaj was awarded which of the following awards in 2012? SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (4th Shift)  
(a) Sangam Kala Award  
(b) Filmfare Award  
(c) National Film Award  
(d) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

**Sol.297.(c) National Film Award.** National Film Award for Best Choreography for Unnai Kaanaathu (2012).

**Q.298.** An exponent of Hindustani classical music, Gangubai Hangal was an eminent singer to have hailed from the \_\_\_\_ gharana of the Hindustani Khyal family. SSC CGL 03/12/2022 (1st Shift)  
(a) Patiala (b) Kirana (c) Agra (d) Gwalior

**Sol.298.(b) Kirana gharana. Awards and Honors:** Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy Award (1962), Padma Bhushan (1971), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

(1973), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1996), and Padma Vibhushan (2002).

**Q.299.** Rajashree Shirke was given which of the following prestigious dance awards of 2013 for her excellence in Kathak? SSC CGL 03/12/2022 (1st Shift)  
(a) Sangeet Natak Academy Award  
(b) Padma Shri  
(c) Kalidas Samman  
(d) National Film Award

**Sol.299.(a) Sangeet Natak Academy Award.** Awards and Honors: Mumbai Mayor's Award for Women Achievers of the Year, Best Shikshak for the year 2007, and Title "Khosrovani" by Halim Academy of Sitar. Shambhu Maharaj was the first Kathak dancer to win Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 1955.

**Q.300.** Who among the following Indian classical musicians has an auditorium named after it in Tehran, Iran? SSC CGL 05/12/2022 (3rd Shift)  
(a) Ustad Bismillah Khan  
(b) Ustad Sultan Khan  
(c) Ustad Zakir Hussain  
(d) Ustad Vilayat Khan

**Sol.300.(a) Ustad Bismillah Khan** (shehnai) - Became the third classical musician of India after M. S. Subbalakshmi and Ravi Shankar to be awarded the Bharat Ratna (2001).

**Q.301.** Rani Karnaa Nayak, who was awarded the Padma Shri in 2014, was a \_\_\_\_\_ dancer. SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (1st Shift)  
(a) Odissi (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Kathak (d) Kathakali

**Sol.301.(c) Kathak. Awards and Honors :** Vice-President's Gold Medal - Shankar's Weekly (1954), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1996), Order of the Queen of Laos (1964), Sangeet Varidhi - Bharatiya Kala Kendra, New Delhi (1977). Samskritiki Shreyaskar Kolkata is a dance academy founded in 1995, by Rani Karnaa.

**Q.302.** Sundaram Balachander has been the main player of which of the following musical instruments? SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Mridangam (b) Bansuri  
(c) Veena (d) Santoor

**Sol.302.(c) Veena.** Awards to S Balachander :- Padma Bhushan (1982), Sangeetha Kala Shikhamani (1982). Famous Artists of Veena : Rajhesh

Vaidhya, Jayanthi Kumaresh, Nageswara Rao, E. Gayathri etc. King Samudragupta was also a great Veena Player.

**Q.303.** Who among the following was the first recipient of the State annual award Nishagandhi Puraskaram from the Government of Kerala in 2013?

SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Madhavi Mudgal (b) Shobana C Pillai  
(c) Uday Shankar (d) Mrinalini Sarabhai

**Sol.303.(d) Mrinalini Sarabhai** (Bharatanatyam) was the founder and director of Darpana Academy of Performing Arts in Ahmedabad.

**Q.304.** Shovana Narayan was awarded which of the following awards in 2013 ?

SSC CGL 07/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Guru Deba Prasad  
(b) Sangam Kala  
(c) Kalidas Samman  
(d) Bharat Muni Samman

**Sol.304.(a) Guru Deba Prasad. Awards and Honors:** Oisca Award (Japan) (1990–91), Dadabhai Naoroji Award (1993), Bihar Gaurav Puraskar (1985), Guru ML Koser Award (2013), Art Karat Award (2014), Bharat Nirman's Social Responsibility Award (2014) etc.

**Q.305.** Who among the following is a famous performer of the Kathakali classical dance?

SSC CGL 07/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Pankaj Charan Das (b) Sunanda Nayar  
(c) Gopinath (d) Raja Reddy

**Sol.305.(c) Guru Gopinath. Awards and Honors:** Sangeet Natak Akademi's award (1965), 'Kala Tilakam' by the Guruvayur Devaswom (1968), 'Kala Ratna' title by the Travancore Devaswom Board (1973), etc.

**Q.306.** Rajkumar Singhajit Singh, a leading exponent and guru of Indian classical Manipuri dance form, was awarded which of the following Indian civilian honours in 1986?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) PadmaBhushan (b) Padma Shri  
(c) BharatRatna (d) Padma Vibhushan

**Sol.306.(b) Padma Shri.** Rajkumar Singhajit Singh (Manipuri dancer). **Awards and Honors** - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1984), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2011), Tagore Award (2014), Delhi Sahitya Kala Parishad Award (1975), Manipur Sahitya Parishad Nritya Award (1975), etc.

**Q.307.** Which of the following Gharanas

does Padma Bhushan Kishori Amonkar belong to?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Gwalior (b) Kirana  
(c) Patiala (d) Jaipur - Atrauli

**Sol.307.(d) Jaipur - Atrauli.** Kishori Amonkar - She was a performer of the classical genre khyal and the light classical genres thumri and bhajan.

**Awards and Honors:** Padma Bhushan (1987), and Padma Vibhushan (2002), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1985) and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2009).

**Q.308.** Who among the following personalities is an exponent of Kathak dance in India?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Prerna Shrimali (b) Usha Uthup  
(c) Suman Kalyanpur (d) Monali Thakur

**Sol.308.(a) Prerna Shrimali.** She is a senior dancer of Jaipur Gharana of Kathak. Honours - 2001 Rashtriya Ekta Award 57th Birth Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.

**Q.309.** Guru Nileswhar Mukherjee is the exponent of which of the following Indian classical dance forms?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sattriya (b) Manipuri  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathak

**Sol.309.(b) Manipuri.**

**Q.310.** With which instrument do the sisters Lalita and Nandini identify?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Mandolin (b) Violin  
(c) Sarod (d) Flute

**Sol.310.(b) Violin. Awards and Honors:** 'Kalaimamani' (Tamil Nadu), Title of 'Haratha Violin Vadya Thilakangal', Best senior violinist (Madras music academy, and Indian fine arts society). **Violinist** in India: Mysore brothers – Mysore Nagaraj and Mysore Manjunath, Abhijith P. S. Nair, Ambi Subramaniam, B. Sasikumar, Balabhaskar Chandran, Embar Kannan, H. K. Narasimhamurthy, Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi, etc.

**Q.311.** Who was the recipient of the National Devdasi Award in 2016?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Geeta Kapoor  
(b) R Muthukannammal  
(c) Prerana Deshpande  
(d) Dr Sohini Ray

**Sol.311.(c) Prerana Deshpande (Kathak).** Gaurav Puruskar at the hands of Pt. Birju Maharaj, Singar Mani title, by

the Sur Singar Samsad of Mumbai, Nrityashree title, Kiran, Katan (1994). R MuthuKannammal (Sadir dancer) - Padma Shri (2022).

**Q.312.** Name the classical dancer who was given the Prani Mitra Award in 1968.

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Dr Padma Subrahmanyam  
(b) Shovana Narayan  
(c) Rukmini Devi Arundale  
(d) Bipin Singh

**Sol.312.(c) Rukmini Devi Arundale** (Bharatanatyam). **Awards:** Padma Bhushan (1956), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1957).

**Q.313.** Which Indian musician served as the artistic director of the World Music Department at the Rotterdam Music Conservatory in the Netherlands?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Hariprasad Chaurasia  
(b) Pravin Godkhindi  
(c) Ronu Majumdar  
(d) Nityanand Haldipura

**Sol.313.(a) Hariprasad Chaurasia** (Flutist). **Awards and honours:** Sangeet Natak Academy (1984), Konark Samman (1992), Padma Bhushan (1992), Yash Bharati Samman (1994), Padma Vibhushan (2000). Ronu Majumdar (flutist). Pravin Goidkhindi (flutist). Nityanand Haldipura (flutist).

**Q.314.** Who among the following is NOT an exponent of Mohiniyattam classical dance form?

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Smitha Rajan  
(b) Jayaprabha Menon  
(c) Prateeksha Kashi  
(d) Radha Dutta

**Sol.314.(c) Prateeksha Kashi** (Kuchipudi dancer). **Awards and honours:** Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2014), Aditya Vikram Birla Kalakiran Puraskar (2014), Aryabhata International Award (2011), Kalabharathi National Young Talent Award (2014), Natyaveda Award (2014). Kalamandalam Kalyanikutty Amma: Mother of Mohiniyattam.

**Q.315.** Surekha Punekar is a \_\_\_\_\_ dancer from the Indian state of Maharashtra.

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Tamasha (b) Lavani  
(c) Povada (d) Koli

**Sol.315.(b) Lavani.** Vithabai Narayangaonkar, Kantabai Satarkar, Mangala Bansode, Sandhya Mane,



Roshan Satarkar are well known artists presenting Lavani on stage.

**Q.316.** Which of the following was awarded to Bharatnatyam dancer Priyadarshini Govind in 1998 ?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Tagore Ratna  
(b) Kalaimamani  
(c) Nritya Choodamani  
(d) Kalidas Samman

**Sol.316.(b) Kalaimamani.** Other Awards - 'Nritya Kalanidhi' title by The Music Academy in 2019, Sangeet Natak Akademi award (2012).

**Q.317.** Nritya Bharati Kathak Dance Academy in Pune was established by which of the following Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardees?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Rohini Bhate (b) Roshan Kumari  
(c) Kumidini Lakhia (d) Sitara Devi

**Sol.317.(a) Rohini Bhate.** Nritya Bharati Kathak Dance Academy (1947). Books - Majhi Nritya Sadhana (autobiography), Abhinaya Darpana. Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1979), Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar (1990), Kalidas Samman (2001), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2006).

**Q.318.** Kumkum Mohanty, an Odissi dancer received which of the following awards in 2005?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Padma Bhushan (b) Kalidas Samman  
(c) Padma Shri (d) Padma Vibhushan

**Sol.318.(c) Padma Shri.** Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra Award (2011), Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi (1993). Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1994).

**Q.319.** Sharodi Saikia is an exponent of which Indian classical dance form?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sattriya (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kathak

**Sol.319.(a) Sattriya.** Awards :- Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2015), Bishnu Rabha Award (2022).

**Q.320.** Sharmila Biswas, who was awarded the 'Best Choreography Award' in 1998 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, represents which of the following classical dance forms?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Odissi  
(c) Kathakali (d) Kathak

**Sol.320.(b) Sharmila Biswas** (Odissi dancer and choreographer) established

Odissi Vision and Movement Center (1995, Kolkata). Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2012), Uday Shankar Award for Best Choreography (1998), Mahari Award (2010).

**Q.321.** With which instrument is Ustad Sultan Khan associated?

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Sitar (b) Sarod (c) Tabla (d) Sarangi

**Sol.321.(d) Sarangi player.** He was one of the founding members of the **Tabla Beat Science** (Indian Fusion group) with Zakir Hussain and Bill Laswell. **Awards:** Padma Bhushan (2010), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1992), American Academy of Artists (1998).

**Q.322.** Who among the following teamed up with flautist Hariprasad Chaurasia and guitarist Brij Bhushan Kabra and produced a concept album, 'Call of the Valley' (1967)?

SSC CGL 12/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Tarun Bhattacharya (b) Bhajan Sopori  
(c) Shivkumar Sharma (d) Satish Vyas

**Sol.322.(c) Pandit Shivkumar Sharma** (santoor player). Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986), Padma Vibhushan (2001).

**Q.323.** Who among the following is Telangana's first Sangeet Natak Akademi Award winner ?

SSC CGL 12/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Padmaja Reddy  
(b) Yamini Reddy  
(c) Deepa Sashindran  
(d) Shantala Shivalingappa

**Sol.323.(a) Padmaja Reddy** (Kuchipudi). She developed Kakatiyam (a two-part Kuchipudi classical visual dance form). Awards: Kala Ratna (2006), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2015), and Padma Shri (2022). Sangeet Natak Akademi: Founded (1953), Headquarters (New Delhi).

**Q.324.** Who among the following was popularly called the 'Australian Mother of Kathakali'?

SSC CGL 13/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Margot Fonteyn  
(b) Anna Pavlova  
(c) Yelena Andreyanova  
(d) Louise Lightfoot

**Sol.324.(d) Louise Lightfoot** was popularly called the Australian Mother of Kathakali by Vallathol Narayana Menon (the founder of Kerala Kalamandalam). Kathakali is known as the ballad of the East. It is performed on the Sopana

sangeet.

**Q.325.** Who among the following has the credit to invent and create a new style of 'Bharatanatyam' ?

SSC CGL 13/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Yamini Krishnamurthy  
(b) Dr Padma Subrahmanyam  
(c) Rukmini Devi Arundale  
(d) Chinta Ravi Bala Krishna

**Sol.325.(b) Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam:** Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1983), Padma Bhushan (2003) Padma Shri (1981).

**Q.326.** Abdul Karim Khan and Abdul Wahid Khan were the founders of the \_\_\_\_\_ gharana.

SSC CGL 13/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Jaipur - Atrauli (b) Gwalior  
(c) Agra (d) Kirana

**Sol.326.(d) Kirana. Feature** - mastery of slow-tempo ragas, Sargam. Exponents - Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, and Gangubai Hangal. **Gwalior Gharana** (Nathu Khan and Vishnu Palushkar). **Agra Gharana** - Rangeela Gharana, a mix of Khyal and Dhrupad styles. Exponents - Mohsin Khan Niazi and Vijay Kichlu.

**Q.327.** Sudha Chandran is a known actress and an accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ dancer.

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Kathakali (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Sattriya

**Sol.327.(c) Bharatanatyam.** Sudha Chandran (National Award- 1985). Nandi Special Jury Award for Mayuri (1985).

**Q.328.** Which Gharana was propounded by Bade Fateh Ali Khan and Ali Baksh Jarnail Khan?

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Gwalior Gharana  
(b) Agra Gharana  
(c) Patiala Gharana  
(d) Bhandi Bazaar Gharana

**Sol.328.(c) Patiala Gharana.** Malika Pukhraj, Gauhar Jan, Ghulam Ali are all related to Patiala Gharana. **Gwalior Gharana** : Ghulam Hassan Shaggan, Vasundhara Komkali, Narayanrao Bodas, Sunanda Patnaik. **Agra Gharana** : Yaqoob Hussain Khan, Yusuf Hussain Khan, Khurshid Hussain Khan, Shamim Ahmed Khan, Ghulam Rasool Khan. **Bhandi Bazaar Gharana** : Pandit Shivkumar Shukla, Ramesh Nadkarni, T.D. Janorikar. Tansen belonged to Gwalior Gharana.

**Q.329.** Violin virtuoso L Subramaniam is

famous for which of the following genres of music globally?

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Jazz (b) Hindustani music  
(c) Carnatic music (d) Rock

**Sol.329.(c) Carnatic music.** Padma Shri (1988), Padma Bhushan (2001), Manaviyam (Millennium) Award, Kerala (2001). Popular Violists : Abhijith P. S. Nair, Ambi Subramaniam, Arrol Carelli, Avaneeswaram S R Vinu, B. Sasikumar, Ragini Shankar.

**Q.330.** The first Indian musician to receive the Ramon Magsaysay award for public service is:

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) MS Subbulakshmi (b) Zakir Hussain  
(c) Bhimsen Joshi (d) Bismillah Khan

**Sol.330.(a) MS Subbulakshmi. Awards:** Padma Bhushan (1954), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1956).

**Q.331.** The famous musician, Appa Jalgaonkar is associated with which musical instrument?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Harmonium (b) Tabla  
(c) Sarod (d) Violin

**Sol.331.(a) Harmonium** - Appa Jalgaonkar (Sangeet Natak Akademi Award - 2000). It is also called Reed Organ, a free-reed keyboard instrument. Famous Harmonium players - Mehmood Dhaurpuri, R. K. Bijapure, Sudhir Nayak, Tulsidas Borkar.

**Q.332.** Hari Prasad Chaurasia, an Indian flutist, is associated with which of the following music gharanas?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Maihar (b) Rampur-Jaipur  
(c) Senia (d) Prasanna

**Sol.332.(c) Senia gharana** (Founder - Bilas Khan and Naubat Khan). Official Biography of Hari Prasad Chaurasia - 'Breath of Gold' (2019) by Sathya Saran. Other famous **flutists** - Ronu Majumdar, Pravin Godkhindi, Raghunath Seth. Other Gharana - Agra (Hajisujan Khan), Lucknow (Bindadin Maharaj), Banaras (Pandit Ram Sahai), Jaipur (Ustad Alladiya Khan).

**Q.333.** Which extraordinary scholar and artist of the 17th century AD composed Bhaamaakalaapam, a dance drama based on Kuchipudi?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Sachindra Yogi (b) Shivendra Yogi  
(c) Siddhendra Yogi (d) Sidharth Yogi

**Sol.333.(c) Siddhendra Yogi.** Bhama

Kalapam (story of Satyabhama, wife of the god Krishna). Most popular classical dance-dramas, Kathakali (sage Bharata).

**Q.334.** Ustad Bundu Khan and Santosh Mishra are the famous players of which musical instrument?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) sitar (b) shehnai (c) sarangi (d) sarod

**Sol.334.(c) Sarangi.**

**Q.335.** The famous musician Satyadev Pawar is associated with which musical instrument?

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Violin (b) Shehnai (c) Veena (d) Sitar

**Sol.335.(a) Violin.** Other Violin Players - Lalgudi Jayaraman - Padma Shri (1963), Padma Bhushan (1994), Sangeet Natak Akademi (2010), L. Subramaniam {Padma Shri (1998) Padma Bhushan (2001), Balabhaskar, M. S Gopalakrishnan {Padma Shri (1975), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1982), Padma Bhushan (2012)}.

**Q.336.** Mallika Sarabhai was honoured by the \_\_\_\_\_ government with Chevalier des Palmes Academiques 2005.

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- (a) French (b) Canadian  
(c) Swiss (d) Belgian

**Sol.336.(a) French. Mallika Sarabhai** (Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dancer) - Padma Bhushan (2010). **Book** - In Free Fall: My Experiments With Living. Founder of Darpana dance Academy.

**Q.337.** The Sabri brothers, Aziz Warsi and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan are associated with which singing style?

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Qawwali (b) Shabad  
(c) Bhatiali (d) Bhajan

**Sol.337.(a) Qawwali.** Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (President of Pakistan Award for Pride of Performance by the Government of Pakistan). **Indian folk music** - Bhavageethe (Karnataka and Maharashtra), Bhangra and Giddha (Punjab), Lavani (Maharashtra). Alha (Madhya Pradesh) and Panihari, Pankhida and Maand (Rajasthan).

**Q.338.** Who among the following was a famous sitar player?

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- (a) Zakir Hussain  
(b) Hari Prasad Chaurasia  
(c) Raja Khan  
(d) Nikhil Banerjee

**Sol.338.(d) Nikhil Banerjee** (Maihar

Gharana). **Awards** - Padma Shri (1968), Padma Bhushan (1987). Hari Prasad Chaurasia (Flute Player), Zakir Hussain (Tabla Player). The Sangeet Sudarshana states that the sitar was invented during the 18th century by a fakir named Amir Khusru.

**Q.339.** Laxmipriya Mohapatra was associated with which of the following classical dances of India?

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sattriya (b) Kathakali  
(c) Odissi (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.339.(c) Odissi dancer. Laxmipriya Mohapatra** is said to be the first woman to perform Gotipua (folk dance of Odisha) on stage, and the first dancer to perform Odissi on stage.

**Q.340.** Ileana Citaristi is the first classical dancer of foreign origin who was conferred the Padma Shri Award in 2006 for her contributions to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Kathakali (b) Kathak  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Odissi

**Sol.340.(d) Odissi.** Ileana Citaristi is an Indian Odissi and Chhau dancer. **Awards:** 43<sup>rd</sup> National Film Awards (1996), Padma Shri (2006), Leonide Massine for the Art of Dance (Italy, 1992), Sanskriti Siromani (2006), Lalithakala award (2007), Pandit Jasraj Award (2009), Pranath Patnaik Award (2005).

**Q.341.** Who was hailed as the 'Tansen of the 20th century'?

Higher Secondary 01/08/2022 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Ustad Abdul Karim Khan  
(b) Ustad Faiyaz Khan  
(c) Ustad Amir Khan  
(d) Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan

**Sol.341.(d) Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan** (Patiala gharana). Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1962), Sangeet Natak Akademi fellow (1967), Padma Bhushan Award (1962). Ustad Abdul Karim Khan (founder of the Kairana gharana of classical music). Ustad Faiyaz Khan (exponent of the Agra gharana). Ustad Amir Khan (founder of the Indore gharana of Classical Music).

**Q.342.** Who among the following dancers was awarded the Queen Victoria Silver Medal of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, London in 1958?

Graduate Level 01/08/2022 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Sitara Devi  
(b) Sonal Mansingh  
(c) Sanjukta Panigrahi

(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale

**Sol.342.(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale.**

**Q.343.** Who achieved fame for the Pandanallur school of Bharatanatyam?

Graduate Level 02/08/2022 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Anita Ratnam  
(b) Padma Subramanyam  
(c) Mallika Sarabhai  
(d) Meenakshi Pillai

**Sol.343.(d) Meenakshi Pillai.** Other two prominent styles of Bharatanatyam (classical dance, Tamil Nadu) are Vazhuvoor Dance Form (Vazhuvoor B. Ramiah Pillai and his ancestors) and Melattur Dance form (Guru Mangudi Dorairaj).

**Q.344.** Tankeswar Hazarika Borbayan received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2018 for his contribution to which classical dance of India?

SSC MTS 05/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Sattriya (d) Kathak

**Sol.344.(c) Sattriya dance (Assam).**

**Q.345.** Madhavi Mudgal is associated with which classical dance of India?

SSC MTS 06/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Manipuri (b) Kathak  
(c) Odissi (d) Sattriya

**Sol.345.(c) Odissi. Awards :** Sanskriti Award (1984), Padma Shri (1990), Orissa State Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1996), Grande Medaille de la Ville by Govt. of France (1997), Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2000), Delhi State Parishad Samman (2002) and the title of Nritya Choodamani in 2004.

**Q.346.** With which musical instrument was Ali Akbar Khan associated?

SSC MTS 07/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sarangi (b) Manjira  
(c) Sarod (d) Veena

**Sol.346.(c) Sarod.** Famous **Sarod** (stringed musical instrument of the lute family) **Players** in India: Ali Akbar Khan, Allaudin Khan, Amjad Ali Khan, Buddhadev Dasgupta, Bahadur Khan, Sharan Rani, Zarin S. Sharma.

**Q.347.** With which of the following was Kadri Gopalnath associated?

SSC MTS 08/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Sitar (b) Saxophone  
(c) Tabla (d) Flute

**Sol.347.(b) Saxophone.** Famous **Saxophone players** in India - Manohari

Singh, Allah Rakha Rahman, Braz Gonsalves, Adnan Sami Khan, George Brooks, etc. The saxophone is a type of single-reed woodwind instrument with a conical shape, usually made of brass.

**Q.348.** Radha Sridhar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2018 for her contribution to which classical dance of India?

SSC MTS 08/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kathak dance (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Sattriya (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.348.(d) Bharatnatyam.** She established Venkatesha Natya Mandira in 1969. She choreographed her first dance-drama based on the Ramayana, followed by Hanumadvilasa.

**Q.349.** Dr N Rajam is known for playing the \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) veena (b) guitar (c) violin (d) flute

**Sol.349.(c) Violin. Popular Violinist in India:** Abhijith P. S. Nair, B. Sasikumar, Harikumar Sivan, Embar Kannan, Kala Ramnath, Sunita Bhuyan, Akkarai Subbalakshmi, Vittal Ramamurthy, Ragini Shankar, Manoj George, Gagan Chandra Chatterjee, Sangeeta Shanka etc

**Q.350.** Who is the first trans woman to win a Padma Shri award for Bharatanatyam?

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Bishesh Huirem (b) Narthaki Nataraj  
(c) Sruthy Sithara (d) Sadhana Mishra

**Sol.350.(b) Narthaki Nataraj.**

Kalaimamani Award of Tamil Nadu Government in 2007, Nritya Choodamani Award from Krishna Gana Sabha in 2009, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2011, Vetri Award from University of Madras in 2013. Honorary Doctorate from Periyar Maniammai University 2016, ICCR Empanelled Dance Artist in Outstanding Category 2017.

**Q.351.** Pandit Rajendra Gangani is associated with which classical dance of India?

SSC MTS 19/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Manipuri dance (b) Kathak dance  
(c) Odissi dance (d) Sattriya dance

**Sol.351.(b) Kathak Dance.** Pandit Rajendra Gangani: Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2003). He is one of the leading exponents of the Jaipur Gharana style of Kathak.

**Q.352.** His compositions for blockbusters such as Silsila and Chandni

are a manifestation of his musical brilliance. Who is he?

SSC MTS 19/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Ustad Bismillah Khan  
(b) Pandit Shivkumar Sharma  
(c) Ustad Zakir Hussain  
(d) Jagjit Singh

**Sol.352.(b) Pandit Shivkumar Sharma.** He was awarded Platinum Disc for music of film Silsila, Gold Disc for music of film Faasle, Platinum Disc for music of film Chandni.

**Q.353.** Minati Mishra was associated with which classical dance of India?

SSC MTS 20/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) kathak (b) kuchipudi  
(c) odissi (d) manipuri

**Sol.353.(c) Odissi.** Minati Mishra was a recipient of the 1975 Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. She also received the Kalinga Shastriya Sangeet Parishad Award and in 2000, she received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. In 2012, the Government of India awarded her the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award of India.

**Q.354.** Chitti Babu is associated with which musical instrument?

SSC MTS 21/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Guitar (b) Santoor (c) Sitar (d) Veena

**Sol.354.(d) Veena.** Famous Veena players in India - Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, Ayyagari Syamasundaram, Doraiswamy Iyengar, Emani Sankara Shastri, Dhanammal, KR Kumaraswamy, Sundaram Balachandrer, etc.

**Q.355.** S Balachander is famous for playing the \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 22/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) sitar (b) veena (c) violin (d) flute

**Sol.355.(b) Veena.** Sundaram Balachander (veena player and filmmaker) was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1982.

**Q.356.** Yog Sunder Desai, a pioneer who ventured into the world of Indian Dance in the pre-independence era, was born on July 16, 1921 in \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Maharashtra (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Gujarat

**Sol.356.(d) Gujarat.** Yog Sunder Desai directed the 'Ram Lila' for Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra in 1966. Yog Sunder founded his dance ensemble in 1948 in Calcutta and called it the Indian Revival Group in the spirit of revivalism that was sweeping the country.

**Q.357.** \_\_\_\_\_ along with his wife, herself a dancer, and their son built Srjan in 1993.

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- (a) Pankaj Charan Das  
(b) Kelucharan Mohapatra  
(c) Raghunath Dutta  
(d) Deba Prasad Das

**Sol.357.(b) Kelucharan Mohapatra.** He is an exponent of Odissi Dance. he choreographed a number of dance - dramas in Odissi style, including "Panchapuspa", "Krushna Gatha", "Geeta Govinda", "Urbashi", "Krushna Leela", "Sakhigopal", "Konark" and "Sri Kshetra".

**Q.358.** The Nooran Sisters are renowned for which of the following genres of Indian Music?

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- (a) Qawwali (b) Sufi  
(c) Ghazals (d) Hindustani Classical

**Sol.358.(b) Sufi.** The Nooran Sisters (Jyoti Nooran and Sultana Nooran) are a Sufi singing duo from Jalandhar, India. They perform Sham Chaurasia gharana classical music.

**Q.359.** Which of the following Hindustani vocalists from Allahabad, along with her famed contemporary Gauhar Jaan, had the privilege of performing for Emperor George V at the Delhi Darbar in 1911 ?

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- (a) Shobha Abhyankar (b) Annapumaa  
(c) Allah Jilai Bai (d) Janki Bai

**Sol.359.(d) Janki Bai.** She was popularly known as "Chhappan chhuri" or the 'woman with 56 stab wounds'. Shobha Abhyankar (Pune) - Mewati Gharana. Annapumaa (Chennai)- Carnatic Music, Allah Jilai Bai (Rajasthan) - Folk Music.

**Q.360.** Padma Shri awardee Gopal Prasad Dubey was awarded for his contribution to which of the following dances?

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- (a) Sattriya (b) Panthi  
(c) Chhau (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.360.(c) Chhau.** Awards: Padma Shri (2012), Suvarna Shanku (2010), Natya Shri title from Nataraj Music Academy (2010).

**Q.361.** Who is the first Indian musician to win the Oscar award for Best Original Score?

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- (a) Bhanu Athaiya (b) Resul Pookutty  
(c) Mehboob Khan (d) A.R. Rahman

**Sol.361.(d) AR Rahman.** Resul Pookutty

won an oscar award for best sound mixing. Bhanu Athaiya won an Oscar for costume design for her work on "Gandhi". Mehboob Khan was the Director of the movie Mother India which was nominated in the best foreign film category.

**Q.362.** Shamshad Begum, one of the first women to sing playback for Hindi movies, was conferred with the prestigious OP Nayyar Award for her contribution to Hindi film Music in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) 2001 (b) 2009 (c) 2012 (d) 2005

**Sol.362.(b) 2009. Awards:** Padma Bhushan (2009).

**Q.363.** Meenakshi Srinivasan received the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2011 for which of the following dance forms?

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- (a) Sattriya (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.363.(d) Bharatanatyam.** In 2018 (Last Awarded) - Durgesh Gangani (Kathak), Dr Manju Elangbam (Manipuri), Madhulita Mohapatra (Odissi) .

**Q.364.** Which of the following dancers of Mohiniyattam form of Indian classical dance was given the Devadasi National Award in 2013?

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- (a) Smitha Rajan (b) Jayaprabha Menon  
(c) Sunanda Nair (d) Gopika Verma

**Sol.364.(b) Jayaprabha Menon.** Prerana Deshpande, a kathak dancer, has been awarded the Devadasi National Award for her contribution to Kathak dance in 2016.

**Q.365.** Tulsidas Borkar, who was awarded with the Padma Shri in 2016, was a \_\_\_\_\_ player.

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- (a) nadhaswaram (b) shehnai  
(c) bansuri (d) Harmonium

**Sol.365.(d) Harmonium player.** Famous harmonium players are RK Bijapure, Sudhir Nayak, Vidyadhar Oke, Aditya Oke, Kedar Naphade, Santosh Ghante etc.

**Q.366.** Who among the following Sadir dancers received the Padma Shri 2022?

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- (a) Tsering Namgyal  
(b) Sulochna Chavan  
(c) R Muthu Kannammal  
(d) Thavil Kongampattu Murugaiyan

**Sol.366.(c) R Muthu Kannammal.** Bharatanatyam traces its lineage to the ancient dance of Sadir Attam. Sulochana Chavan is an Indian singer, known for her lavis in Marathi. R Muthu Kannammal is a seventh generation veteran Sadir dancer from the Indian State of Tamil Nadu. She is the only surviving person among the 32 Devadasis.

**Q.367.** Haleem Khan is associated with which of the following classical dances ?

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- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Kathak  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.367.(c) Kuchipudi.**

**Q.368.** Guru Makar Dhwaja Darogha, was conferred the Padma Shri award for his contribution to which form of dance in India ?

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- (a) Panthi (b) Saila  
(c) Chhau (d) Raut Nacha

**Sol.368.(c) Chhau.** Padma Shri (2011).

**Q.369.** Padma Shri awardee Guru Amubi Singh was conferred the award for his significant contributions in which of the following dance forms ?

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- (a) Kathak (b) Manipuri  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Odissi

**Sol.369.(b) Manipuri.** Padma Shri (1970), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1956).

**Q.370.** \_\_\_\_\_ was first trained in classical music under her father Ustad 'Baba' Allauddin Khan, and established the Maihar-Senia gharana with his help.

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- (a) Anupama Bhagwat  
(b) Annapurna Devi  
(c) Roopa Panesar  
(d) Sahana Banerjee

**Sol.370.(b) Annapurna Devi** was an Indian surbahar (bass sitar) player of Hindustani classical music. She was given the name 'Annapurna' by former Maharaja Brijnath Singh of the former Maihar state.

**Q.371.** Due to the service done by the poet \_\_\_\_\_, the Kathakali dance form received a new impetus and today, many innovations are also being made to suit the needs of a changing society.

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- (a) Purandara Dasa  
(b) Vallathol Narayana Menon  
(c) Satchidanandan  
(d) Gopal Bhatta

**Sol.371.(b) Vallathol Narayana Menon** was a poet in the Malayalam Language. His famous poem is "Ente Gurunathan" ("My Great Teacher"). He was one of the triumvirate poets of modern Malayalam, along with Kumaran Asan and Ulloor S. Parameswara Iyer.

**Q.372.** Padma Shri awardee Guru Gangadhar Pradhan is an accomplished dancer of which of the following dance forms ?

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- (a) Manipuri (b) Kathakali  
(c) Odissi (d) Kathak

**Sol.372.(c) Odissi.** He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1998 and the Padma Shri (India's fourth highest civilian award) in 2008.

**Q.373.** Who among the following personalities was awarded the Officer of the Legion of Honour award?

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- (a) Asha Bhosle (b) Shamshad Begum  
(c) S Janaki (d) Lata Mangeshkar

**Sol.373.(d) Lata Mangeshkar (2009).** The Legion of Honour is the highest French Honour. Shri A.S Kiran kumar conferred "Knight of the Legion of Honour". Azim Premji also was conferred with the Legion of Honour award.

**Q.374.** Who among the following versatile musicians of India won the Best Music Director National Award for the Hindi movie 'Rudaali' and was also known as the 'Bard of Brahmaputra'?

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- (a) Bhupen Hazarika (b) Manas Robin  
(c) Joi Barua (d) Jayanta Hazarika

**Sol.374.(a) Bhupen Hazarika.** He received Bharat Ratna Award in 2019. He is from Assam.

**Q.375.** Ashish Sankrityayan is an exponent of \_\_\_\_\_ music.

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- (a) Odissi (b) Dhrupad  
(c) Thumri (d) Kajari

**Sol.375.(b) Dhrupad.** In Hindustani music, there are ten main singing styles: Dhrupad, Tappa, Chaturang, Ragasagar, Dhamar, Hori, Khayal, Tarana, Sargam, and Thumri. Every composition in the Carnatic style is made up of several parts: Pallavi, Anu Pallavi, Varnam and Ragamalika.

**Q.376.** The nineteenth century saw the golden age of Kathak under the patronage of Wajid Ali Shah, the last

Nawab of \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Hyderabad (b) Rampur  
(c) Oudh (d) Jaunpur

**Sol.376.(c) Oudh.** He patronised the Lucknow Gharana of Kathak.

**Q.377.** Which Manipuri Classical Dancer opened the 'Govindji Narthanalaya' dance school for women in Imphal?

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- (a) Chandrakanta Singh  
(b) Bipin Singh  
(c) Senarik Rajkumar  
(d) Nileshwar Mukherjee

**Sol.377.(b) Bipin Singh** (Manipuri Dancer) opened the 'Govindji Narthanalaya' dance school for women in Imphal.

**Q.378.** Who among the following is an Indian Singer of Hindustani Classical Music?

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- (a) L Subramaniam  
(b) Shubha Mudgal  
(c) Kishan Maharaj  
(d) Dwaram Venkataswamy Naidu

**Sol.378.(b) Shubha Mudgal.** Award: Padma Shri (2000). Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award (2016). L Subramaniam - Violinist. Kishan Maharaj - Tabla Player. Dwaram Venkataswamy Naidu - Violinist.

**Q.379.** Shobana Chandrakumar, a recipient of Padma Shri, is a dancer of which of the following Indian classical dance forms?

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- (a) Manipuri (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kathak (d) Odissi

**Sol.379.(b) Bharatanatyam.** Padma Shri (2006). She won the Kalaimamani (Tamil Nadu) award in 2011. She won the Kalarathna (Kerala) award in 2013.

**Q.380.** Who among the following is known as a descendant of Ishwari Prasad, the first Kathak teacher?

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- (a) Sambhu Mahara (b) GopiKrishna  
(c) Lacchu Maharaj (d) Birju Maharaj

**Sol.380.(d) Pandit Birju Maharaj.** He was an exponent of the Lucknow "Kalka-Bindadin" Gharana of Kathak. He was a descendant of the Maharaj family of Kathak dancers, which includes his two uncles, Shambhu Maharaj and Lachhu Maharaj, and his father Acchan Maharaj. Gopi Krishna was also a Kathak dancer

who received the title of "Nataraj" (King of Dancers) at the All Bengal Music Conference at the age of 15.

**Q.381.** The first recipient of the National Award for Best Music Direction was \_\_\_\_\_ who was honoured for his composition in the Tamil film Kandan Karunai.

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- (a) KV Mahadevan (b) Vidyasagar  
(c) Deva (d) Karthik Raja

**Sol.381.(a) K. V. Mahadevan.** He was again awarded the same in 1979 for Sankarabharanam (Telugu film). National Award for Best Music Direction 2019: D. Imman was awarded for Viswasam (Tamil film).

**Q.382.** In which of the following years did Pandit Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi give his first ever live performance?

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- (a) 1937 (b) 1945 (c) 1941 (d) 1950

**Sol.382.(c) Pandit Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi** (Pandit), was one of the greatest Indian vocalists from Karnataka and belongs to the Kirana gharana tradition of the Hindustani classical tradition. He gave his first live performance in 1941 at the age of 19.

**Q.383.** Padma Shri awardee Chittani Ramachandra Hegde is known for his contribution to which of the following dance forms in India?

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- (a) Sattriya (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Yakshagana (d) Kathakali

**Sol.383.(c) Yakshagana.** He was the first Yakshagana artist to be awarded the Padma Shri Award by the Government of India in 2019. His style is so popular that it is called Chittani Gharana. Other Yakshagana artists include Balipa Narayana Bhagavatha, Naranappa Uppoor, Parameshwar Hegde, Kalinga Nevada, Keremane Shivarama Hegde, etc.

**Q.384.** Who among the following Khayal singers of the 19th century was given the title of "Tanras" by Bahadur Shah Jaffar, the last Mughal Emperor of India?

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- (a) Bade Ustad Ghulam Ali Khan  
(b) Meer Qutub Baksh  
(c) Ustad Amir Khan  
(d) Sadarang

**Sol.384.(b) Meer Qutub Baksh.** He was also a member of the Qawwal Bachchon Ka Delhi Gharana. His tomb in Hyderabad

is near Khamas Shah Dargah. Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan (vocalist, from Patiala Gharana), Ustad Amir Khan (founder of the Indore gharana) and Sadarang (Khayal Gharana).

**Q.385.** Who among the following Indian Playback Singers holds the Guinness world record for singing the highest number of songs in one day?

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- (a) Alka Yagnik (b) Kumar Sanu  
(c) Kavita Krishnamurthy (d) Udit Narayan

**Sol.385.(b) Kumar Sanu** holds the Guinness world record for singing the highest number of **28** songs in one day in 1993. Honours- Maharashtra Ratna Awards (2014), Mahanayak Samman Lifetime Achievement: as Bengali Playback Singer (2014), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award (2017), Bishesh Sangeet Mahasanman (2019).

**Q.386.** Padma Shri Guru Mayadhar Raut's pioneering spirit revived which of the following dances in the 1950s and redefined the grammar and Abhinaya vocabulary of the dance form?

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- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Odissi  
(c) Manipuri (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.386.(b) Odissi. Guru Mayadhar Raut:** Awards- Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2011), Sahitya Kala Parishad Award (1984).

**Q.387.** Who among the following Hindustani classical vocalists was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the Government of India and the title of 'Rajya Gayika' by the Government of Maharashtra in 1969?

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- (a) Gangubai Hangal (b) Sundari Dasi  
(c) Kesarbai Kerkar (d) Nagarathamma

**Sol.387.(c) Kesarbai Kerkar** was an Indian classical vocalist of the Jaipur-Atrauli gharana. She was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1953, followed by Padma Bhushan, in 1969. The Maharashtra Government awarded her the title Maharashtra Rajya Gayika. Gangubai Hangal (Khyal, Kirana Gharana, Karnataka). Nagarathamma (Carnatic Singer, Bangalore).

**Q.388.** Who among the following Indian Carnatic musicians received the Padma Vibhushan award in 1991 and established the Academy of Performing Arts and Research in Switzerland?

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- (a) Kishan Maharaj

- (b) Dr. Mangalampalli Balamuralikrishna  
(c) Ghulam Mustafa Khan  
(d) Chhannulal Mishra

**Sol.388.(b) Dr. Mangalampalli Balamurali Krishna** (Andhra Pradesh) was an Indian Carnatic vocalist, he also played the kanjira, mridangam, viola, and violin. He was conferred with many prestigious awards Padma Shri (1971), Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan (1991), Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (2005), National Film Awards (1976, 1987), and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1975).

**Q.389.** Which artist's musical album is titled 'Land of Gold'?

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- (a) Mita Nag  
(b) Anupama Bhagwat  
(c) Anoushka Shankar  
(d) Rajna Swaminathan

**Sol.389.(c) Anoushka Shankar** (British-Indian American Sitar player) won a Grammy nomination for her album, "Land of Gold". Her other notable albums are RISE, Traveller, Traces of You, Home, and Love Letters. Anupama Bhagwat (Sitarist; 'Confluence', 'Ether', 'Epiphany', 'Colours of Sunset', 'Sanjh'), Rajna Swaminathan (acclaimed mridangam artist), and Mita Nag (Sitarist from Bishnupur Gharana).

**Q.390.** Famous classical dancer Vidyagauri Adkar is recognised with \_\_\_\_\_ Gharana of Indian classical dance form.

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- (a) Alwar (b) Gwalior  
(c) Banaras (d) Jaipur

**Sol.390.(d) Jaipur Gharana.** Vidyagauri Adkar (Mumbai) is a Kathak dance exponent in India. Other Kathak dancers of Jaipur Gharana are Sunder Prasad (Sundar Chunnilal Prasad), Puru Dadheech, and Mangala Bhatt.

**Q.391.** Guru Shyama Charan Pati, was conferred the Padma Shri for his contributions to mainly which of the following dance forms?

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- (a) Kathi nacha (b) Santali dance  
(c) Chhau nritya (d) Jhumair

**Sol.391.(c) Chhau nritya,** a martial dance form of India. He was awarded the Padma Shri, in 2006, for his contributions to Indian dance.

**Q.392.** Pandit Sunder Prasad who was awarded with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1959 was a \_\_\_\_\_

dancer.

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- (a) Kathakali (b) Odissi  
(c) Kathak (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.392.(c) Kathak.** Pandit Sunder Prasad was a guru (teacher) of Jaipur Gharana. He was honoured by Natak Academy of Delhi in 1958.

**Q.393.** Who among the following won the first National Film Award for Best Choreography in 1992?

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- (a) Saroj Khan  
(b) Laxmibai Kolhapurkar  
(c) Vaibhavi Merchant  
(d) Shiamak Davar

**Sol.393.(b) Laxmibai Kolhapurkar.** Raju Sundaram won 67th National Award in choreography for Movie Maharshi.

**Q.394.** Sartaj Khan, Sarwar Khan, Swaroop Khan and Mame Khan are famous for which of the following?

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- (a) Rajasthani folk music  
(b) Hindustani classical vocal  
(c) Playing percussion instruments  
(d) Playing string instruments

**Sol.394.(a) Rajasthani folk music.** The most famous Rajasthani Maand singer is Allah Jilai Bai (Bikaner Gharana). Other Rajasthani folk singers are Ila Arun, Rapperiya Baalam, and Rajnigandha Shekhawat.

**Q.395.** Which of the following Hindustani musical Gharanas is the oldest among all the Khayal Gayaki styles?

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- (a) Agra Gharana (b) Kirana Gharana  
(c) Atrauli Gharana (d) Gwalior Gharana

**Sol.395.(d) Gwalior** vocal Gharana is widely regarded as the oldest Gharana founded by Nathan Pir Bakhsh and Utsad Nathu Khan. Famous artists include Dr. Meeta Pandit, Ustad Bade Inayat Hussain Khan, Krishnarao Shankar Pandit, Narayanrao Bodas, etc. Founders of Agra Gharana (Hajisujan Khan), Kirana (Abdul Wahid Khan) and Atrauli (Alladiya Khan).

**Q.396.** The important singers of \_\_\_\_\_ Gharana are Faiyyaz Khan, Latafat Hussein Khan and Dinkar Kakini.

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- (a) Patiala (b) Mewati  
(c) Agra (d) Benaras

**Sol.396.(c) Agra Gharana** is a tradition of Hindustani classical vocal music descended from the Nauhar Bani (during

the reign of Emperor Alauddin Khilji of Delhi). Some prominent exponents are Faiyaz Khan "Prempiya", Vilayat Hussain Khan "Pran Piya", Khadim Hussain Khan "Sajan Piya", Sharafat Hussain Khan "Prem Rang", Shrikrishna Narayan Ratanjankar "Sujan", Babanrao Haldankar "Raspiya", Zohrabai, etc.

**Q.397.** Who among the following is known as a vocalist in Carnatic Music?

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- (a) Gangubai Hangal  
(b) GN Balasubramaniam  
(c) Kaushiki Chakraborty  
(d) Girija Devi

**Sol.397.(b) GN Balasubramaniam-** Carnatic Vocalist. Five famous Carnatic Singers - Aruna Sairam, M. Balamuralikrishna, M. S. Subbulakshmi, Nithyasree Mahadevan, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer etc.

**Q.398.** In India, the tradition of singing ghazal was established by \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Hazrat Ali  
(b) Hazrat Amir Khusrau  
(c) Hazrat Nizamuddin  
(d) Hazrat Shahenshawali

**Sol.398.(b) Hazrat Amir Khusrau.** He is called the father of qawwali. He is known as the Parrot of India. Famous Books written by him are Tughlaqnama, Nuh-siphr and Khaizan-ul-futuh. He was the court poet of Alauddin Khalji.

**Q.399.** Pandit Bhimsen Joshi received the National Film Award for best male playback singer for his rendition in which of the following Hindi movies of 1985?

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- (a) Ankahee (b) Tansen  
(c) Sandhya Raga (d) Basant Bahar

**Sol.399.(a) Ankahee.** Bhimsen Joshi is an Indian Vocalist. He is known for the khayal form of singing. Awards and Honours: 1976 - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. 1985 - National Film Award for Best Male Playback Singer. 1986 - "First platinum disc". 2000 - "Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar". 2002 - Maharashtra Bhushan. 2003 - "Swathi Sangeetha Puraskaram" by Government of Kerala. 2005 - Karnataka Ratna. 2009 - Bharat Ratna.

**Q.400.** Ricky Kej a globally acclaimed musician from India won the 57th Grammy Award for which of the following contributions?

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- (a) Divine Tides

- (b) Winds of Samsara  
(c) Mountain Dreams  
(d) Mystic Mountains

**Sol.400.(b)** Indian musician Ricky Kej won his first Grammy (57th) in 2015 for "Winds of Samsara" and his second in 2022 (64th) for "Divine Tides". His other important notable work is "Shanti Samsara" - World Music for Environmental Consciousness. Mountain Dreams (Ellie Green) and Mystic Mountain (Dunstan Massey).

**Q.401.** Manjamma Jogati became India's first transgender folk dancer to receive a Padma Shri honour for her contribution to art in the year \_\_\_\_.

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- (a) 2012 (b) 2021 (c) 2009 (d) 2018

**Sol.401.(b) 2021.** She was awarded Padma Shri for her contribution to the field of folk arts. First transgender Padma Shri Awardee (Narthaki Nataraj; Bharatnatyam dancer; 2019)

**Q.402.** Who among the following wrote two books on the history and dance structure of Mohiniyattam?

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- (a) Kalamandalam Radhika  
(b) Kalamandalam Kalyanikutty Amma  
(c) Kalamandalam Hymavathi  
(d) Thankamani

**Sol.402.(b) Kalamandalam Kalyanikutty Amma.** She got several titles and awards which are "Kavayithri" title given by Vallathol (1940), Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowship (1974), Kerala Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowship (1974), 'Keerthi Shanku' title given by Kerala Kalamandalam (1980), 'Nrittapraveena' title by Kerala Fine Arts Society (1984), Kerala Sahitya Academy award (1985).

**Q.403.** Malka Jaan of Agra Gharana was the court musician at the durbar of which of the following Nawabs of Calcutta?

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- (a) Shuja-ud-Daula  
(b) Wajid Ali Shah  
(c) Asaf-ud-Daula  
(d) Mohammad Ali Shah

**Sol.403.(b) Wajid Ali Shah.** Malka Jaan of Agra was one of Gauhar Jaan's contemporaries. Shuja-ud-Daulah was the Subedar and Nawab of Oudh. Asaf-ud-Daula was the Nawab wazir of Oudh ratified by Shah Alam II.

**Q.404.** Who among the following Indian singers has written 'Raag Sarita' ?

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- (a) Pandit Kumar Gandharva  
(b) Balasaheb Poonchwale  
(c) Chintaman Raghunath Vyas  
(d) Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande

**Sol.404.(c) Chintaman Raghunath Vyas.**

He was known for singing khyal style. He won awards Tansen Samman by Government of Madhya Pradesh in 1999, Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Puraskar in 1999, Marathwada Gaurav Puraskar in 1998, Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan Award in 1994, Padma Bhushan in 1992, Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar in 1990, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1987.

**Q.405.** Who among the following invented and perfected India's classical dance form Sattras ?

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- (a) Srimanta Sankardev  
(b) K Uma Rama Rao  
(c) Uday Shankar  
(d) Guru Gopinath

**Sol.405.(a) Srimanta Sankardev.** He is famous for building on past cultural relics and devising new forms of music (Borgeet), theatrical performance (Ankia Naat, Bhaona), dance (Sattriya), literary language (Brajavali).

**Q.406.** Kalamandalam Kshemavathy Pavithran was conferred the Padma Shri award for her contribution to which of the following dance forms?

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kuchipudi (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kathak (d) Mohiniyattam

**Sol.406.(d) Mohiniyattam.** Awards of Kalamandalam Kshemavathy Pavithran: Padma Shri (2011), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1998), Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award (1975) (for Bharatanatyam) and the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Fellowship (2015).

**Q.407.** C V Chandra Shekhar was conferred the Padma Bhushan for his contributions to which of the following forms of Dance?

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathakali  
(c) Manipuri (d) Kathak

**Sol.407.(a) Bharatnatyam.** In 2011, **C V Chandrashekhkar** was honoured with the Padma Bhushan by the Government of India. He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Bharatnatyam in 1993. He also received the Kalidas Samman in 2008.

**Q.408.** Who among the following Indian

musicians introduced shehnai to the concert stage and was selected to perform for the ceremony at Delhi's historic Red Fort on the occasion of India's Independence Day on 15 August 1947 ?

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- (a) Ali Bakhsh (b) Anant Lal  
(c) Bismillah Khan (d) Ali Ahmad Hussain

**Sol.408.(c) Ustad Bismillah Khan.**

**Q.409.** Which of the following Indian classical Bharatanatyam dancers received the honours of Padma Shri in 1981 and Padma Bhushan in 2003 ?

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Savitha Sastry  
(b) Mallika Sarabhai  
(c) Rukmini Devi  
(d) Padma Subrahmanyam

**Sol.409.(d) Padma Subrahmanyam** (Tamil nadu) was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1983).

**Q.410.** Allah Jilai Bai, a singer from Rajasthan is famous for which of the following?

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- (a) Ghazals (b) Folk songs  
(c) Bhajans (d) Hindustani classical music

**Sol.410.(b) Folk songs. Allah Jilai Bai** was well versed in Maand, Thumri, Khayal and Dadra. Her best-known piece is Kesaria Balam. She was awarded the Padma Shri (1982) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1988).

**Q.411.** Rama Vaidyanathan was awarded with the honour of the Devadasi National Award in 2013 for her contribution in which of the following Indian dance forms?

SSC CHSL 03/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Odissi  
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Bharatnatyam

**Sol.411.(d) Bharatnatyam.** She was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2017), the National Excellence Award by the All India National Unity Conference (1999), and the dance title of "Bharatha Rathna " (Sri Lanka; 1998).

**Q.412.** Who among the following got the Sangeet Natak Akademi 2017 for her contribution to Odissi dance?

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sujata Mohapatra  
(b) Shobha Koser  
(c) Rama Vaidyanathan  
(d) L N Oinam Ongbi Dhoni Devi

**Sol.412.(a) Sujata Mohapatra.** She was awarded the Central Sangeet Natak

Akademi Award (2017), Bhimeswar Pratikha Samman (2004), Raaza Puruskar (2008). Shobha Koser (Kathak dancer), Rama Vaidyanathan (Bharatnatyam), and L N Oinam Ongbi Dhoni Devi (Manipuri).

**Q.413.** Padma Shri awardee Guru Keezhpadam Kumaran Nair was a dancer of which of the following classical dances of India?

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Odissi  
(c) Kathak (d) Kathakali

**Sol.413.(d) Kathakali.** Keezhpadam Kumaran Nair is a recipient of the Padma Shri award (2004), the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi award (1988), the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Fellowship, and the Kalamandalam award.

**Q.414.** Who among the following was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2011 for his/her excellence in Chhau, a semi-classical dance form of Eastern India?

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Kedarnath Sahoo  
(b) Gopal prasad Dubey  
(c) Suddhenra Narayan Singhdeo  
(d) MakarDhwaja Darogha

**Sol.414.(d) MakarDhwaja Darogha** (Jharkhand) is known for his expertise in the classical dance form of Chhau.

**Q.415.** Who among the following Indian musicians founded Harmony and Universality through Music (HUM) to perform in different parts of the world and draw people's attention to specially-abled children?

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Kumar Bose  
(b) Sandeep Das  
(c) Swapan Chaudhuri  
(d) Anindo Chatterjee

**Sol.415.(b) Sandeep Das** (Born: Patna; Benaras Gharana) is an Indian Tabla player and composer currently based in Boston, Massachusetts, United States. He won a Grammy Award for Best World Music Album, in 2017, for the album Sing Me Home.

**Q.416.** Guru MK Saroja has been conferred with the Padma Shri for the relentless pursuit of which of the following dances?

SSC CHSL 07/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Mohiniyattam  
(c) Odissi (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.416.(a) Bharatanatyam.** Guru MK Saroja was awarded the Padma Shri (2011), Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2011), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1995).

**Q.417.** Famous playback singer Kishore Kumar was born in 1929 in \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CHSL 07/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Bhopal (b) Calcutta  
(c) Delhi (d) Khandwa

**Sol.417.(d) Khandwa** (Madhya Pradesh). He was **awarded:** Filmfare Award for Best Male Playback Singer (8 times), Bengal Film Journalists' Association – Best Male Playback Award (4 times), and Lata Mangeshkar Award. In 1997, Madhya Pradesh Government initiated an award called the "Kishore Kumar Award".

**Q.418.** Maguni Charan Das was awarded Padma Shri for his contribution to which of the following forms of dances?

SSC CHSL 07/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Gotipua (b) Chhau  
(c) Jhumair (d) Kharia

**Sol.418.(a) Gotipua.** Awards- Padma Shri award (2004), Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, and Tulsi Award.

**Q.419.** Who among the following is a 19th century exponent of the Kathak dance?

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Jatin Goswami  
(b) Kalka Prasad  
(c) Bhabhananda Barbayan  
(d) Krishna Panicker

**Sol.419.(b) Maharaj Kalka Prashad** belonged to the Lucknow Gharana. He used to live in Banaras and promoted Kathak-style dance and Thumri singing. He plays Tabla and Pakhawaj. Jatin Goswami (Sattriya), Bhabhananda Barbayan (Sattriya), and Krishna Panicker (Mohiniyattam).

**Q.420.** Which dancer was awarded in 1968 with a gold medal by the Mexican Government for her choreography for the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico?

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sonal Mansingh  
(b) Shovana Narayan  
(c) Mrinalini Sarabhai  
(d) Rukmani Arundale

**Sol.420.(c) Mrinalini Sarabhai** (Kerala) was an expert dancer in Bharatanatyam, and Kathakali. Awards - Padma Shri (1965) and Padma Bhushan (1992). Her autobiography - 'The voice of the Heart-an autobiography'.



**Q.421.** Ustad Zakir Hussain is the son of \_\_\_\_\_, an Indian tabla player.  
SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Amjad Ali Khan (b) Imrat Khan  
(c) Fiyaz Khan (d) Ustad Alla Rakha

**Sol.421.(d) Ustad Alla Rakha.** Zakir Hussain is an Indian tabla player, composer, percussionist, music producer and film actor.

**Q.422.** Lakshmi Shankar was a Hindustani classical vocalist of the \_\_\_\_\_ Gharana.  
SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Gwalior (b) Rangeela  
(c) Kirana (d) Patiala

**Sol.422.(d) Patiala.** The Gharana was founded by Mian Kallu, a sarangi player of the Jaipur durbar. Lakshmi Shankar was known for her performances of khyal, thumri, and bhajan.

**Q.423.** Mallikarjun Mansur, an Indian classical singer from Karnataka and an excellent vocalist in Khayal style, belonged to which of the following Gharanas of music?  
SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Evening)  
(a) Darbhanga Gharana  
(b) Gwalior Gharana  
(c) Patiala Gharana  
(d) Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana

**Sol.423.(d) Jaipur-Atrauli gharana** (founded by Aladiya Khan). Awards- Padma Shri (1970), Padma Bhushan (1976), and Padma Vibhushan (1992), and Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1982). His autobiography- 'My journey in Music'.

**Q.424.** Who among the following personalities has been conferred the prestigious Padma Shri Award for his contribution to Folk Dance form Panthi?  
SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Evening)  
(a) Vinayak Vishnu Khedekar  
(b) Gopal Prasad Dubey  
(c) Dr. Radhe Shyam Barle  
(d) Ghanakanta Bora Borbayan

**Sol.424.(c) Radhe Shyam Barle** (Chattisgarh) is a Panthi folk dancer and artist. In 2021, he was awarded India's fourth-highest civilian award, the Padma Shri award. Vinayak Vishnu Khedekar (Journalist; also awarded Padma Shri), Gopal Prasad Dubey (Chhau dance), and Ghanakanta Bora Borbayan (Sattriya).

**Q.425.** Who among the following personalities along with his sons played 'Raga for Peace' in the year 2014 at the 'Nobel Peace Prize Concert' ?

SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Pandit Ram Narayan  
(b) Ustad Bismillah Khan  
(c) Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia  
(d) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

**Sol.425.(d) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.** He is an Indian classical sarod player. He was awarded the Padma Shri (1975), Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2001), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1989) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2011), and the Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize (2004).

**Q.426.** Tanvi Shah, Indian musician to bring home a Grammy has been conferred the award for which of the following contributions?  
SSC CHSL 9/06/2022 (Evening)  
(a) Best Arrangement (Instruments and Vocals)  
(b) Best Instrumental Composition  
(c) Best song written for Visual Media  
(d) Album of the year

**Sol.426.(c) Tanvi Shah Grammy Award 2010-** Best song (Jai ho) written for Visual Media. She is the first Indian Woman to win a Grammy Award.

**Q.427.** Guru Debaprasad Das Awardee Durga Charan Ranbir is a teacher and performer of which of the following classical dance forms?  
SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Evening)  
(a) Kathak (b) Kathakali  
(c) Manipuri (d) Odissi

**Sol.427.(d) Odissi.** He was awarded the Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra award 2019, Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2005), Orissa Sangeet Natak Academy Award, Veda Vyas Award, etc.

**Q.428.** Who among the following was the founder of the Banaras Gharana of style of khayal singing?  
SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Evening)  
(a) Ustad Inayat Khan  
(b) Pandit Gopal Mishra  
(c) Ustad Mamman Khan  
(d) Ustad Chajju Khan

**Sol.428.(b) Pandit Gopal Mishra** (Sarangi player). The chief exponents of the Banaras Gharana are Rajan Mishra, Sajan Mishra, Girija Devi, and others. Ustad Mamman Khan (Delhi Gharana), Ustad Chajju Khan (Bhendi Bazaar Gharana), Ustad Inayat Hussain Khan (Rampur - Sahaswan gharana).

**Q.429.** Anup Jalota is famous for which of the following categories of Indian music?

SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Morning)  
(a) Bhajan (b) Carnatic Music  
(c) Hindustani Music (d) Instrumental

**Sol.429.(a) Bhajan.** Bhajan Artist - Anup Jalota, Krishna Das, Veena Sahasrabuddhe, Deva Premal, Vaiyasaki Dasa, Pandit Jasraj, M.S. Subbulakshmi.

**Q.430.** Who among the following does NOT belong to Rampur Sahaswan Gharana?  
SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Ustad Rashid Khan  
(b) Ghulam Mustafa Khan  
(c) Ustad Fateh Ali Khan  
(d) Ustad Inayat Khan

**Sol.430.(c) Ustad Fateh Ali Khan** belongs to Patiala Gharana. Ustad Inayat Hussain Khan is the founder of Rampur Sahaswan Gharana.

**Q.431.** Lourebam Bino Devi, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award winner, had received the award for his contribution to which of the following dance forms?  
SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Odissi  
(c) Manipuri (d) Sattriya

**Sol.431.(c) Manipuri. Lourebam Bino Devi** got Padma Shri in 2022. Awards: Thouranisabi Gold Medal (1989), conferred by the Manipur Sahitya Kala Parishad, and the Manipur State Kala Academy Award (1999).

**Q.432.** In 1976, Natya Tarangini, was founded in the National Capital Region, by world renowned Kuchipudi Dance duo \_\_\_\_\_.  
SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Seetha Nagajothy and P Nagajothy  
(b) Pasumarthy Vithal and Bharati  
(c) Radha and Raja Reddy  
(d) Jayarama Rao and Vanashri Rao

**Sol.432.(c) Radha and Raja Reddy.** Awards - Padma Shri in 1984, Padma Bhushan in 2000, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1991) etc.

**Q.433.** Ramali Bin Ibrahim, a Malaysian choreographer of Bharatanatyam and Odissi dance forms of India, received the Padma Shri in which of the following years?  
SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) 2018 (b) 2020 (c) 2008 (d) 2014

**Sol.433.(a) 2018.**

**Q.434.** Kalamandalam Rajan received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2009 for which of the following dance forms?  
SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Kathakali (b) Bharatanatyam  
(c) Kathak (d) Odissi

**Sol.434.(a) Kalamandalam Rajan** (Kathakali). Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2009.

**Q.435.** Ustad Hassu Khan, Ustad Haddu Khan and Ustad Nathu Khan were exponents of the \_\_\_\_\_ Gharana.

SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Benaras (b) Gwalior  
(c) Delhi (d) Patiala

**Sol.435.(b) Gwalior.** The Gwalior Gharana (Gwalior school of classical music) is one of the oldest Khayal Gharana in Indian classical music.

**Q.436.** Who among the following Indian musicians was a part of a band named 'Planet Drum' along with Mickey Hart, Sikiru Adepaju, and Giovanni Hidalgo, whose first album received the 1992 Grammy Award for Best World Music Album, which was the first Grammy in this category?

SSC CGL 19/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bhimsen Joshi  
(b) Zakir Hussain  
(c) Ravi Shankar  
(d) Hari Prasad Chaurasia

**Sol.436.(b) Zakir Hussain.**

**Q.437.** With which of the following classical dances is 'Kottakkal Sivaraman' associated?

SSC CHSL 16/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Odissi  
(c) Kathakali (d) Bharatanatyam

**Sol.437.(c) Kathakali.**

## Arts Awards

**Q.438.** Which state gives the annual award Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra ?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Karnataka (b) Odisha  
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Manipur

**Sol.438.(b) Odisha.** Kelucharan Mohapatra (Odissi dancer) - First person to receive the Padma Vibhushan (2000) from Odisha. Arts awards - Kalidas Samman (Madhya Pradesh), Jakanachari Award (Karnataka), Kala Ratna Award (Andhra Pradesh), Tulsi Samman (Madhya Pradesh), Kalaimamani Award (Tamil Nadu), Rashtriya Kumar Gandharva Samman (Madhya Pradesh), Varnashilpi Venkatappa Award (Karnataka), Poompuhar State Award (Tamil Nadu).

**Q.439.** Guru Gangadhar Pradhan Award is given in which field of art?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Theatre (b) Textile Art  
(c) Dance (d) Painting

**Sol.439.(c) Dance. Guru Gangadhar Pradhan** - An eminent Odissi exponent. He founded both the prestigious Orissa Dance Academy as well as Konark Natya Mandap. Awards - Padma Shri (2008), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1997).

**Q.440.** What is the frequency of the Kalidas Samman?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Once in three years  
(b) Once in two years  
(c) Once in a year  
(d) Once in five years

**Sol.440.(c) Once in a year** (by the Government of Madhya Pradesh). Kalidas Samman - First awarded in 1980. First Recipients (1980-81):- Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer (Classical Music), Mallikarjun Mansur (Classical Music).

**Q.441.** Which of the following performance categories belongs to Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Prativa Samman ?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Manipuri dance and music  
(b) Odissi dance and music  
(c) Maharashtra dance and music  
(d) Karnataka dance and music

**Sol.441.(b) Odissi dance and music.** Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award was instituted in the year 1995 by Shri Ratikant Mohapatra to confer recognition on individuals for their contribution to the fields of Dance, Music, Cinema and Theatre. Award amount - 1,00,000 rupees.

**Q.442.** In which of the following categories did Anindita Neogy Anaam receive National Nritya Shiromani award?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kathak (b) Manipuri  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kuchipudi

**Sol.442.(a) Kathak.**

**Q.443.** The Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Pratibha Samman 2021 was presented to Arushi Mudgal for \_\_\_\_\_ dance.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Mohiniyattam (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Kathak (d) Odissi

**Sol.443.(d) Odissi** - Classical dance

forms which originated in the Hindu temples of the eastern coastal state (Odisha).

**Q.444.** Which Indian musician won the Grammy award for 'A Meeting by The River' with Ry Cooder in 1994 ?

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Ravi Shankar  
(b) Vishwa Mohan Bhatt  
(c) Hariprasad Chaurasia  
(d) Zakir Hussain

**Sol.444.(b) Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.** He is a 'Mohan veena' player. Awards: Padma Bhushan (2017), Padma Shri (2002), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1998). Other Veena Players: Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, Sundaram Balachander, Emani Sankara Shashtri, Gopal Shankar Misra.

**Q.445.** Which Indian musician was awarded the Grammy award for his Album 'Planet Drum'?

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Zakir Hussain (b) Sivamani  
(c) Darshan Doshi (d) Trilok Gurtu

**Sol.445.(a) Zakir Hussain** (Tabla Maestro): Awards - Padma Vibhushan (2023), Kalidas Samman (2006), Padma Bhushan (2002), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1990), Padma Shri (1988).

**Q.446.** The National Award for Classical Dance is called.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Ethnic dance honor  
(b) Indian Award  
(c) Abhinandan Saroja Award  
(d) classical respect

**Sol.446.(c) Abhinandan Saroja Award.** It is presented by the National Institute of Classical Dance to the dancers and choreographers for their contribution towards preserving the rich traditional classical dance form of India. 2021 Award Winner - Aparna Satheesan who is an exponent of Bharatnataym and Kuchipudi dance.

**Q.447.** Instituted in 1984, the National-level Lata Mangeshkar Award is given to promote excellence in the area of light music annually by the \_\_\_\_\_ government's culture department.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Karnataka (d) Goa

**Sol.447.(a) Madhya Pradesh.** Lata Mangeshkar (her honorific titles such as the "Queen of Melody", "Voice of the Millennium") was an Indian playback singer and music composer. Naushad,

Kishore Kumar, and Asha Bhosle are among the earlier recipients of the Lata Mangeshkar Award.

**Q.448.** Which of the following presents awards and recognitions in the field of Indian dances?

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) INTACH  
(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi  
(c) Sahitya Akademi  
(d) Lalit Kala Akademi

**Sol.448.(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi:**

The apex body in the field of performing arts in the country, was set up in 1953. The Chairman of the Akademi is appointed by the President of India for a term of five years. **Sahitya Akademi** (1954) : Headquarter - Rabindra Bhawan, Delhi. **Lalit Kala Akademi** (1954) - Headquarters - Rabindra Bhawan, Delhi. **INTACH** - Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (1984). Headquarter - New Delhi.

**Q.449.** Guru Gopinath National Award 2021 was honoured to whom among the following Kathak dancers?

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Durga Lal (b) Roshan Kumari  
(c) Kumudini Lakhia (d) Shambhu Maharaj

**Sol.449.(c) Kumudini Lakhia**, an Indian Kathak dancer and choreographer. Awards - Padma shri (1987), Padma Bhushan (2010). "Guru Gopinath Desiya Natya Puraskaram" is the highest award conferred by the Government of Kerala for excellence in dance.

**Q.450.** Who among the following performing artists bagged the best actress award for Meena Gurjari in 1975?

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Sonal Masingsh (b) Sitara Devi  
(c) Shovana Narayana (d) Mallika Sarabhai

**Sol.450.(d) Mallika Sarabhai** (Bharatanatyam and kuchipudi dancer). Awards: Padma Bhushan (2010).

**Q.451.** Select the correct statement about the achievements of Sruti Bandyopadhyay, an eminent Manipuri dancer.

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) She received Padma Shri for the year 2020.  
(b) She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2020.  
(c) She received Kalidas Samman for the year 2020.  
(d) She received Padma Vibhushan for the year 2020.

**Sol.451.(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2020).** She is awarded with the Visiting Lecturer Fulbright Fellowship (2007) and the Academic Staff Commonwealth Fellowship (2012) to lecture and perform on Indian dances in the USA and UK respectively.

**Q.452.** Noted dancer Birju Maharaj bagged the Filmfare award for best Choreographer for which film in 2016?

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Befikre (b) Dangal  
(c) Mohenjo Daro (d) Bajirao Mastani

**Sol.452.(d) Bajirao Mastani** (Song - Mohe Rang Do Laal).

**Q.453.** \_\_\_\_\_ won the National Award for the Best Music Director for his music album in the movie 'Viswasam' at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Award

Graduate Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Mani Sharma  
(b) MM Keeravani  
(c) Anirudh Ravi Chander  
(d) D Imman

**Sol.453.(d) D Imman. M. M. Keeravani** (musical composer) - Padma Shri (2023), Academy Award for Best Music (RRR Song) - Naatu Naatu, Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song 2023 - Naatu Naatu, National Film Award for Best Music Direction, 1998 - Annamayya.

**Q.454.** Devdas Smriti Panthi Dance Award is related to which state?

Matric Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Bihar  
(c) Jharkhand (d) Chhattisgarh

**Sol.454.(d) Chhattisgarh. Awards of Chhattisgarh** - Guru Ghasidas Samman, chakradhar Samman, Devdas Banjare Memorial Award, Kishore Sahu Samman.

**Awards of Madhya Pradesh** - Kalidas Samman, Kabir Samman, Tansen Samman, Kishore Kumar Samman, Lata Mangeshkar Award, Maithilisharan Gupta Award, Devi Ahilyabai Award, Iqbal Samman. **Awards of Uttar Pradesh** - Vishwa Bharti Award, Maharshi Valmiki Award, Maharshi Vyas Award, Maharshi Nara Award, Ved Pandit Award.

**Q.455.** Who among the following singers has received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

SSC CHSL 15/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Geeta Dutt (b) Sonu Nigam  
(c) Talat Mahmood (d) Asha Bhosle

**Sol.455.(d) Asha Bhosle (48th).** Other recipients of Dadasaheb Phalke Award: Asha Parekh (68th), Rajnikanth (67th),

Amitabh Bachchan (66th). The Award is named after Dhundiraj Govind Phalke (Dada saheb falke) ("Father of Indian Cinema"); his first directed film was 'Raja Harishchandra' in 1913. The first recipient of the award was Devika Rani in 1969.

**Q.456.** How much purse money was given to a Sangeet Natak Akademi fellow in 2019?

SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) ₹4 lakh (b) ₹3 lakh  
(c) ₹2 lakh (d) ₹1 lakh

**Sol.456.(b) ₹3 lakh.** Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship: Awarded for the performing arts in India, Sponsored by (Sangeet Natak Academy), First awarded (1954: Allauddin Khan, Hafiz Ali Khan, Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar, Karaikudi Sambasiva Iyer, and Prithviraj Kapoor).

**Q.457.** For which year was Manna Dey honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award ?

SSC CGL 03/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) 2015 (b) 2019 (c) 2007 (d) 2001

**Sol.457.(c) 2007.** Manna Dey belonged to the Bhandi Bazaar Gharana and was trained under Ustad Aman Ali Khan.

**Q.458.** How much purse money was given to a recipient of the Akademi Award in 2019 ?

SSC CGL 05/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) ₹1 lakh (b) ₹4 lakh  
(c) ₹2 lakh (d) ₹3 lakh

**Sol.458.(a) 1 Lakh** and a copper Shield. Sahitya Akademi Award: {Established (1954), Given in 24 languages}. The award amount, which was Rs. 5,000 since inception. This award is presented annually by the Sahitya Akademi (National Academy of Letters).

**Q.459.** When was the Sri Shanmukhananda National Eminence Award set up?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) 2001 (b) 2002 (c) 2000 (d) 2003

**Sol.459.(b) 2002.** Awardee 2002- Shri Semmangudi Srinivasaiyer (Carnatic Vocal), 2018- Zakir Hussain (Tabla), 2019- Dr. Umayalpuram Sivaraman (Mrudangam) and Kalyanapuram Shri. R. Aravamudachariar (Harikatha). 2020- Pandit Arvind Parikh (Hindustani Sitar).

**Q.460.** Which of the following fields is not offered by Kalidas Samman?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Classical music (b) Classical dance  
(c) Puppetry (d) Plastic arts

**Sol.460.(c) Puppetry** is an animated visual art form. Kalidas Samman (2020)- Aruna Sairam Indian Music (Carnatic Music). This award is presented annually by the Government of Madhya Pradesh .

**Q.461.** B Herambanathan who was awarded with the 'Sangeet Natak Akademi Award' in 2013 is a \_\_\_\_\_ dancer.

SSC CHSL 25/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Odissi (b) Kuchipudi  
(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kathak

**Sol.461.(c) Bharatanatyam.** He is the senior most choreographer and dance teacher of the Thanjavur nattuvanga tradition. In 1989, he established Thanjavur Bavu Pillai School of Bharatanatyam in Thanjavur.

**Q.462.** Who among the following Bharatanatyam exponents received the 'Chevalier of Arts and Letters award from the Government of France in 2004?

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Mallika Sarabhai (b) Sonal Mansingh  
(c) Mrinalini Sarabhai (d) Alarmel Valli

**Sol.462.(d) Alarmel Valli.** She is an exponent of the Pandanallur style (Bharatnatyam).

**Q.463.** The Kalaimamani awards are given in which of the following states of India?

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Telangana  
(c) Kerala (d) Odisha

**Sol.463.(a) Tamil Nadu.** The Kalaimamani is the highest civilian award in the state of Tamil Nadu, India. It is awarded for best in Arts. It was first awarded in 1954.

**Q.464.** Which Indian dancer was awarded the French Palme D'or by the French Government in 1977 ?

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Chitra Visweswaran  
(b) Oopali Operajita.  
(c) Mallika Sarabhai  
(d) Kavya Madhavan

**Sol.464.(c) Mallika Sarabhai** is a Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dancer from Gujarat. Her writings include 'In free fall: My experiments with living'. Chitra Visweswaran (Bharatanatyam dancer), Oopali Operajita (classical Odissi and Bharatanatyam dancer), and Kavya Madhavan (Bharatanatyam).

**Q.465.** 'Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar' is given by which of the

following bodies?

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) National School of Drama  
(b) Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan  
(c) Gandharva Mahavidyalaya  
(d) Sangeet Natak Akademi

**Sol.465.(d) Sangeet Natak Akademi** (formed in 1953). Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar' is given to outstanding artists under the age of 40 who have demonstrated talent in the fields of music, dance and Theatre. First awarded-2006. National School of Drama (1959), Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan (1938) .

**Q.466.** Who gives the Bharat Muni Samman?

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Nalanda Dance Research Centre  
(b) Government of India  
(c) Sangeet Natak Akademi  
(d) State Government

**Sol.466.(a) Nalanda Dance Research Centre.** Bharat Muni Samman (started in 2011). In 1966, this centre was established by Kanak Rele (exponent of Mohiniyattam) in Mumbai.

## Musical Instruments

**Q.467.** Hari Prasad Chaurasia is a notable exponent of which musical instrument?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Flute (b) Veena (c) Sarod (d) Sitar

**Sol.467.(a) Flute.** Hariprasad Chaurasia awards: Padma Bhushan (1992), Padma Vibhushan (2000), Gan Samradni Lata mangeskar Award (2021-22), Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1983). Some other flute players : Ronu Majumdar, Rakesh Chaurasia, Pannalal Ghosh, Nityanand Haldipur, Vivek Sonar.

**Q.468.** Prabhat Sarma, a recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, was a \_\_\_\_\_ player from Assam.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Tabla (b) sarangi  
(c) Ghatam (d) Flute

**Sol.468.(d) Flute.** Prabhat Sarma's awards:- Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2003), Asom Shilpi Diwas Award by the Assam government (2001). Flute is the part of the woodwind family group.

**Q.469.** Famous musician Talvin Singh is associated with playing the\_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) tabla (b) Flute (c) veena (d) shehnai

**Sol.469.(a) Tabla.** Other tabla players:

Zakir Hussain, Ustad Allah Rakha, Pandit Shankar Ghosh, Pandit Udhai Mazumdar, Pandit Vijay Ghate.

**Q.470.** Asad Ali Khan was known for playing which of the following Indian instruments ?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Sitar (b) Rudra Veena  
(c) Violin (d) Tabla

**Sol.470.(b) Rudra Veena.** It is a stringed instrument, which is made of teak wood, metal, pumpkin, and Bamboo. He received Padma Bhushan (2008) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1977). Rudra Veena exponents: - Madhuvanti Pal, Bahauddin Dagar, Zia Mohiuddin Dagar.

**Q.471.** Pandit Ram Narayan, a famous instrumentalist, is known for playing which of the following instruments?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Sarangi (b) Sarod  
(c) Veena (d) Ghatam

**Sol.471.(a) Sarangi.** A sarangi is a bowed stringed instrument with a skin-covered resonator. Pandit Ram Narayan awards - Padma Shri (1976), Padma Bhushan (1991) and Padma Vibhushan (2005). Other sarangi players - Ustad Sultan Khan, Ustad Binda Khan, Suhali Yusuf Khan.

**Q.472.** Hara Shankar Bhattacharya is a maestro of \_\_\_\_\_ .

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) violin (b) santoor (c) sarangi (d) sitar

**Sol.472.(d) Sitar:** It is a stringed instrument of the lute family. Its other Artists - Pandit Ravi Shankar, Nikhil Banerjee, Vilayat Khan.

**Q.473.** Neeruswamy Pillai and Rajaratanam Pillai are exponents of which musical instrument?

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Mridangam (b) Mandolin  
(c) Nadaswaram (d) Sarangi

**Sol.473.(c) Nadaswaram.** It is a double reed wind instrument from South India. Other Exponents - Sheik Chinna Moulana, Karukurichi Arunachalam, Thiruvizha Jayashankar, and Namagiripettai Krishnan. Mridangam - Ramnad Raghavan, T K Murthy, Dandamudi Ram Mohan Rao, T Gopalakrishnan. Mandolin - Uppalapu Srinivas, Kishore Desai.

**Q.474.** Pandit Bhajan Sopori, who died in the year 2022, was a famous player of which musical instruments?

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Ravan Hatta (b) Tabla  
(c) Sitar (d) Santoor

**Sol.474.(d) Santoor** (String Instrument). Bhajan Sopori (Saint of the Santoor and the King of Strings) belonged to the Sufiana Gharana of Indian classical music. **Awards** : Padma Shri (2004), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1993). **Santoor players:** Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, Abhay Sopori, Tarun Bhattacharya.

**Q.475.** T.N. Rajaratnam Pillai is a player of which of the following musical instruments?

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Ghatam (b) Sarangi  
(c) Nadaswaram (d) Shehnai

**Sol.475.(c) Nadaswaram.** It is a double reed wind instrument from South India similar to Shehnai of North India. Other Players of Nadaswaram: Sheikh Chinna Maulana, Sheikh Mahaboob Subhani and Namagiripettai Krishnan.

**Q.476.** Who among the following Indian musicians is the inventor of Mohan Veena?

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Totaram Sharma  
(b) Braj Bhushan Kabra  
(c) Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt  
(d) Sandeep Das

**Sol.476.(c) Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.** Awards - Grammy Award (1994) for Best Global Music Album (A Meeting by the River), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1998), Padma Shri (2002), Padma Bhushan (2017). Other Mohan veena players - Harry Manx, Matt Malley. Totaram Sharma (pakhawaj player). Brij Bhushan Kabra (guitar player). Sandeep Das (tabla player).

**Q.477.** Which musical instrument does N Rajam play?

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Sitar (b) Violin (c) Santoor (d) Guitar

**Sol.477.(b) Violin. Other players:** Violin - Ragini Shankar, Kala Ramnath, Balabhaskar. Sitar - Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan. Santoor - Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, Satish Vyas. Guitar - Baiju Dharmajan, Susmit Sen, Amyt Datta.

**Q.478.** Ustad Akbar Ali Khan is remembered for his contribution to which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Tabla (b) Santoor (c) Sitar (d) Sarod

**Sol.478.(d) Sarod.** Akbar Ali Khan

(Maihar gharana). Awards- Padma Bhushan (1967), Padma Vibhushan (1989). **Famous Players** (Sarod): Amjad Ali Khan, Buddhadev Das Gupta, Tejendra Majumdar, Allauddin Khan.

**Q.479.** RK Bijapure played which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Harmonium (b) Tabla  
(c) Ravanahatha (d) Sitar

**Sol.479.(a) Harmonium.** R K Bijapure (1985 - "Karnataka Kala Tilak" by Sangeet Nriya Academy). Harmonium - Purushottam Walawalkar, Appa Jalgaonkar. Ravanahatha - Dinesh Subasinghe.

**Q.480.** Arvind Parikh is associated with which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Shehnai (b) Mridangam  
(c) Tabla (d) Sitar

**Sol.480.(d) Sitar. Arvind Parikh:** Awards - Padma Bhushan (2018), Sangeet Natak Akademi (2003). **Sitar** - Pt Ravi Shankar, Budhaditya Mukherjee.

**Q.481.** The name of Ustad Vilayat Khan is associated with which of the following Indian musical instruments?

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Santoor (b) Sitar (c) Bansuri (d) Tabla

**Sol.481.(b) Sitar.**

**Q.482.** Which musical instrument Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India, used to play ?

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Guitar (b) Sarod (c) Veena (d) Piano

**Sol.482.(c) Veena** (Stringed instrument). APJ Abdul Kalam : He served as the 11th president of India and known as the Missile Man of India. Exponents of Veena : Rajhesh Vaidhya, Jayanthi Kumaresh, Veena E. Gayathri, Emani Sankara Sastry.

**Q.483.** Ramnad V Raghavan is associated with which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Mridangam (b) Flute  
(c) Sitar (d) Sarod

**Sol.483.(a) Mridangam.** Famous Mridangam Players: A.V. Anand, Muthiah Bhagavathar, Guruvayur Dorai, Palghat Mani Iyer Karaikudi Mani, T. K. Murthy.

**Q.484.** Totaram Sharma is associated with which of the following instruments?  
SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Tanpura (b) Panchavadyam  
(c) Pakhawaj (d) Sarangi

**Sol.484.(c) Pakhawaj** is a barrel-shaped, two-headed drum, originating from the Indian subcontinent. Totaram Sharma received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2011). Famous Pakhawaj Players: Pandit Purushottam Das, Mohan Shyam Sharma, Bhavani Shankar, Pandit Prem Vallabh.

**Q.485.** The musician Sivamani is associated with which musical instrument?

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Drums (b) Violin (c) Shehnai (d) Sarod

**Sol.485.(a) Drums.** Awards - Kalaimamani (2009), Padma Shri (2019).

**Q.486.** Who among the following is associated with the musical instrument Surbahar?

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Annapurna Devi  
(b) Shiv Kumar Sharma  
(c) Sharan Rani  
(d) Bhajan Sopari

**Sol.486.(a) Annapurna Devi.** Awarded - Padma Bhushan in 1977. Other Surbahar musicians - Kushal Das, Imrat Khan, Mushtaq Ali Khan, Hiren Roy, Irshad Khan.

**Q.487.** Select the correct sequence of the musical instruments according to the given sequence of their associated personalities : Ustad Allah Rakha, Totaram Sharma, TH Vinayakam.

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Tabla, Ghatam, Pakhawaj  
(b) Ghatam, Pakhawaj, Tabla  
(c) Tabla, Pakhawaj, Ghatam  
(d) Pakhawaj, Tabla, Ghatam

**Sol.487.(c) Tabla, Pakhawaj, Ghatam.** Tabla is the most famous percussion instrument of North India. Pakhawaj is an ancient drum, it is the preferred percussion instrument of the ancient singing style called Dhrupad. A Ghatam is a large, narrow-mouthed earthenware pot used as a percussion instrument.

**Q.488.** Tansen, who was included in the Navaratnas of Akbar, was an expert in playing which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Nagada (b) Veena (c) Sarangi (d) Rabab

**Sol.488.(d) Rabab** (String instrument). **Tansen** (Ramtanu Pandey) - A Hindustani classical musician also Known as Sangeeth Samrat or Mian (Learned One).

Tansen Samaroh is celebrated every year in the month of December in Gwalior district.

**Q.489.** The famous musician, Faiyaz Khan is associated with which musical instrument?

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (3rd shift)

(a) Shehnai (b) Veena (c) Tabla (d) Sitar

**Sol.489.(c) Tabla** (Membranophone percussion instrument). The Maharaja of Mysore awarded him the title "Aftab - e - Mausiqi" (the Sun of Music) in 1908.

**Q.490.** Select the Indian musician who is associated with percussion instruments (played by striking).

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (3rd shift)

(a) Pandit Ravi Shankar  
(b) Vishwa Mohan Bhat  
(c) Pandit Ayodhya Prasad  
(d) Bismillah Khan

**Sol.490.(c) Pandit Ayodhya Prasad.** Percussion Instruments:- Ghatam - TH Vinayakram, EM Subramaniam, Mridangam- Dakshinamurthy Pillai, Rajna Swaminathan. String Instruments :- Guitar - Braj Bhushan Kabra.

**Q.491.** Which of the following instruments is performed by Nandini and Ragini Shankar ?

Matric Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

(a) Veena (b) Sitar  
(c) Violin (d) Mridangam

**Sol.491.(c) Violin.** Other Exponents - Jyotsna Srikanth, Abhijith P.S. Nair, L. Subramaniam, K. Vaidyanathan, Nagai R Muralidharan, Mohanan Chandrasekaran.

**Veena** - Muthuswami Dikshitar, Veenai Dhanammal, Doraiswamy Iyengar, Emani Sankara Sastry, S Balachander.

**Mridangam** - Tanjore Ramdas Rao, Palghat Ramchandra Iyer, Ramnad V Raghavan, Karaikudi R Mani, Guruvayur Dorai.

**Q.492.** Which of the following music instruments are solid instruments?

SSC CHSL 10/03/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) Tata Vadya (b) Ghana Vadya  
(c) Avanaddha Vadya (d) Sushira Vadya

**Sol.492.(b) Ghana Vadya. Solid instruments** are usually played with a striker or hammer. These instruments are not capable of producing definite pitches that are required for creating a melody. That is why their use is limited in classical music. **Tata Vadya** - These are Stringed instruments. **Avanaddha Vadya** - These are percussion instruments. **Sushira Vadya** - These are wind

instruments. The Shehnai is a popular wind instrument in India.

**Q.493.** The shehnai is a reed instrument with how many holes along the tubes?

SSC CHSL 13/03/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) Five (b) Seven (c) Eleven (d) Six

**Sol.493.(b) Seven. Shehnai** - It is a reed instrument in which there are seven holes along the tube which are used for playing the melody by opening and closing them with the fingers. It is known as Mangal Vadya. It is considered to have come to India from West Asia. In the early fifties of this century, Ustad Bismillah Khan is credited for popularising this instrument. Pt. Anant Lal and Pt. Daya Shankar is also a noted Shehnai player.

**Q.494.** What is Tat Vadya ?

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) Percussion instruments  
(b) Stringed instruments  
(c) Solid instruments  
(d) Wind instruments

**Sol.494.(b) Stringed instruments.** Tata Vadya - Sound produced by vibration of a string or chord. Example - Veena, Sitar, Sarangi etc. **The Percussion Instruments** - Congo, Bongo, Djembe, Darbukas, Hand Drums and Tongue Drums. Idiophones or Ghana Vadya are **solid instruments** that do not need any further tuning. Examples - Piccolo, Manjira, Jaltarang, Jhanj and Chimta. **Wind instruments** - woodwinds, such as the flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon, also include brass instruments like horn and trumpet.

**Q.495.** Flute instruments come under which type of instrument category ?

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) Ghana Vadya (b) Sushira Vadya  
(c) Avanaddha Vadya (d) Tata Vadya

**Sol.495.(b) Sushira Vadya** (Wind instrument). Example - Flute, Shehnai, Nadaswaram. **Ghana Vadya** - Considered to be the world's first instrument. It does not require tuning. Example - Manjira, Khartal, Chimta, Ghatam, Jaltarang etc. **Avanaddha Vadya** - Sound produced by striking on animal skin. Example - Tabla, Mridangam, Dhol, Damru etc.

**Q.496.** Bickram Ghosh, a recipient of Global Indian Music Award, is a music composer and an Indian classical \_\_\_\_\_ player.

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Evening)

(a) tanpura (b) sarangi  
(c) tabla (d) bansuri

**Sol.496.(c) Tabla.** On 1 October 2012, Ghosh won the 2012 Global Indian Music Academy (GIMA) Awards in the Best Pop/Rock Single category for his composition, Vande Mataram.

**Q.497.** Padma Vibhushan awardee Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman is a \_\_\_\_\_ player.

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Morning)

(a) Mridangam (b) Violin  
(c) Tabla (d) Veena

**Sol.497.(a) Mridangam.** Umayalpuram K. Shivaraman is the Mridangam Player. More Awards he got are Sangeetha Kalasikhamani from The Indian Fine Arts Society in 1984, Kalaimamani (Tamil Nadu ,1977), Sangeetha Kalanidhi from Madras Music Academy in 2001, Padma Vibhushan from Government of India in 2010.

**Q.498.** Rajeev Taranath, a disciple of Ali Akbar Khan, is a \_\_\_\_\_ player.

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Afternoon)

(a) tabla (b) Flute (c) Sarod (d) Santoor

**Sol.498.(c) Sarod.** He is conferred with many awards such as the Padma Shri (2019), Sangeet Vidhwan Award (2018), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1999-2000), Sangeet Nritya Akademi Award (1993), Karnataka Rajya Prashasti (1996).

**Q.499.** Pandit Ananda Gopal Bandopadhyay was a \_\_\_\_\_ player of the Banaras gharana.

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Evening)

(a) sarangi (b) sarod (c) sitar (d) tabla

**Sol.499.(d) Tabla.** In 1965, he won the first prize in The All India Radio music competition, and was awarded the President's Gold Medal. In 2012, he was awarded the Sangeet Ratna Award by the Salt Lake Music Association.

**Q.500.** Padma Bhushan awardee Ustad Sabri Khan was a \_\_\_\_\_ player.

SSC CHSL 03/06/2022 (Morning)

(a) sarangi (b) Flute  
(c) santoor (d) Sarod

**Sol.500.(a) Sarangi.** Ustad Sabri Khan was awarded Shobhna Kala Sangam Award (1985), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986), Padma Shri (1992), Ustad Chand Khan Award (2002), Sangeet Bhushan Award (2002), Padma Bhushan (2006), etc.

**Q.501.** Who among the following is India's only publicly well-known woman shehnai player?

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Gauhar Jaan (b) Binodini Dasi  
(c) Bageshwari Qamar (d) Rasoolan Bai

**Sol.501.(c) Bageshwari Qamar. Gauhar Jaan** was an Indian singer (thumri, Dadra, kajri, and Tarana) and dancer from Kolkata. **Binodini Dasi** was an Indian Bengali actress and thespian. **Rasoolan Hussain** was a leading Indian Hindustani classical music vocalist, belonging to the Benaras Gharana.

**Q.502.** Padma Bhushan awardee Pandit Nikhil Jyoti Ghosh was a \_\_\_\_\_ player.  
SSC CHSL 07/06/2022 (Morning)  
(a) sarod (b) tabla  
(c) harmonium (d) flute

**Sol.502.(b) Tabla.** Pandit Nikhil Jyoti Ghosh was an Indian musician known for his proficiency on the percussion instrument tabla. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan (1990) and the Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan Award (1995).

**Q.503.** Who among the following is an outstanding player to have mastered the surbahar instrument?  
SSC CHSL 07/06/2022 (Evening)  
(a) Ustad Imrat Khan (b) Allaudin Khan  
(c) Ali Akbar Khan (d) Abdul Karim Khan

**Sol.503.(a) Ustad Imrat Khan.** He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1988), and the Padma Shri award (2017).

**Q.504.** Padma Bhushan awardee Vikku Vinayakaram is a \_\_\_\_\_ player.  
SSC CHSL 08 /06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Pakhawaj (b) Dholak  
(c) Tabla (d) Ghatam

**Sol.504.(d) Ghatam.** Vikku Vinayakram (percussionist) plays Ghatam, and Morsing (instrument mainly used in Rajasthan). Other Ghatam players include Umayalpuram, K. Narayanaswamy, Tripunithura N. Radhakrishnan, Giridhar Udupa, Trichy Sankaran, etc.

**Q.505.** Lalgudi Gopala Iyer Jayaraman used to play which of the following instruments?  
SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Afternoon)  
(a) Harmonium (b) Flute  
(c) Mridangam (d) Violin

**Sol.505.(d) Violin.** Lalgudi Gopala Iyer Jayaraman was an Indian Carnatic violinist, vocalist and composer. He was awarded the Padma Shri (1972), Padma Bhushan (2001) and National Film Award (Best Music Direction; Srirangam; 2006).

**Q.506.** Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri is

associated with \_\_\_\_\_ instrument.

SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) veena (b) harmonium  
(c) tabla (d) bansuri

**Sol.506.(c) Tabla.** Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri: Awards - Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1996), Padma Shri (2019).

**Q.507.** Which of the following pairs is INCORRECT ?

SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Kumar Gandharva – Guitar  
(b) Zia Mohiuddin Dagar – Rudra Vina  
(c) Kadri Gopalnath – Saxophone  
(d) Bombay Jayashree – Vocalist

**Sol.507.(a) Kumar Gandharva** was a Hindustani classical singer well known for his unique vocal style and his refusal to be bound by the tradition of any gharana.

**Q.508.** A Ghatam is a \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL 11/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) large, narrow-mouthed earthenware pot used as a percussion instrument  
(b) small handheld drum that resembles a tambourine  
(c) wind instrument made of wood and metal  
(d) percussion instrument made of leather and jackwood.

**Sol.508.(a)** A Ghatam is a large, narrow-mouthed earthenware pot used as a percussion instrument. Examples of **Percussion instruments-** Piano, Timpani, Xylophone, Cymbals, Triangle, Drums, Tambourine, Maracas.

**Q.509.** Which of the following musical instruments did Dwaram Venkataswamy Naidu play?

SSC CGL 11/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Violin (b) Mandolin  
(c) Veena (d) Nadaswaram

**Sol.509.(a) Violin.** Awards and Honours:- Padma Shri (1957), Sangeeta Kalanidhi (1941), Kalaprapoorna (1950), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1953), Raja - Lakshmi Award (1992).

**Q.510.** Which of the following is not a percussion instrument?

SSC CGL 13/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Ghatam (b) Tabla  
(c) mridangam (d) sarod

**Sol.510.(d) Sarod.** The percussion family of musical instruments consists of membranophones and idiophones. Examples- Ghatam, Tabla, Mridangam, timpani, xylophone, cymbals, snare drum,

bass drum, tambourine, maracas, gongs, chimes, celesta, and piano. **Sarod**, stringed musical instrument of the lute family.

**Q.511.** Which of the following musical instruments is also known as a 'Mangal Vadya' ?

SSC CGL 19/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Shehnai (b) Tabla  
(c) Santoor (d) Damaru

**Sol.511.(a) Shehnai.** Ustad Bismillah Khan is a famous Shehnai Player. Shehnai is a wind instrument made of wood and metal.

**Q.512.** A distinct 'Dhrupad style' is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ gharana.

SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Ajrada (b) Nathdwara  
(c) Jafferkhani (d) Bishnupur

**Sol.512.(d) Bishnupur.** Tansen was a famous Dhrupad instrument player. It is the oldest known style of major vocal styles associated with Hindustani classical music, Haveli Sangeet of Pushtimarg Sampraday and also related to the South Indian Carnatic tradition.

**Q.513.** Which of the following instruments is normally played in a vertical position and with an arched bow?

SSC MTS 08/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Sitar (b) Sarangi  
(c) Shehnai (d) Veena

**Sol.513.(b) Sarangi.** The Sarangi is a fretless, bowed string instrument used in Hindustani classical music and folk traditions of north India.

**Q.514.** 'Ponu Yoksi', a sword like instrument used during ceremonial dances performed by the priests, belongs to:

SSC MTS 26/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Himachal Pradesh  
(b) Madhya Pradesh  
(c) Uttar Pradesh  
(d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Sol.514.(d) Arunachal Pradesh.** Some popular instruments (Arunachal Pradesh) include drums, cymbals, Ujuk Tapu, Ame Bali, Emul, Pui, Kiring, Guga etc.

**Q.515.** The Kamaicha is a bowed flute played by the Manganiars of:

SSC CGL 18/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) west Rajasthan (b) west Goa  
(c) west Bihar (d) west Kerala

**Sol.515.(a) West Rajasthan.** It is a stringed instrument made of steel, parchment, gut, metal, shisham, and

horsehair.

**Q.516.** 'Chinkara' is a \_\_\_\_\_ musical instrument popular in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

SSC CGL 24/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) plate (b) membrane  
(c) stringed (d) wind

**Sol.516.(c) Stringed.** It is made of parchment, wood and steel. This instrument is used by the 'Pradhan' community of Madhya Pradesh and the 'Meo' community of Rajasthan.

**Q.517.** The traditional binding instrument called "Pena" is related to which of the following state ?

SSC CHSL 15/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sikkim (b) Kerala (c) Goa (d) Manipur

**Sol.517.(d) Manipur.** Pena is also known as Tingtelia is a mono string instrument falling in the lute category, similar to some of the traditional Indian stringed musical instruments such as Ravanahatha, Ubo or the Kenda, found in various parts of the country.

**Q.518.** The musical instrument 'Kartal' from the state of Rajasthan comes under the category of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CHSL 06/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) electrophones (b) membranophones  
(c) chordophones (d) idiophones

**Sol.518.(d) Idiophone** is a percussion instrument. It is classified as an idiophone because the entire instrument vibrates to produce a sound on its own.

**Q.519.** The \_\_\_\_\_ is a single string musical instrument made using bamboo and a gourd, mostly used by traditional folk singers in Maharashtra.

SSC CPO 25/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Edakka (b) Ekkalam  
(c) Esraj (d) Ektara

**Sol.519.(d) Ektara** is a drone flute consisting of a gourd resonator covered with skin, through which a bamboo neck is inserted. Ektara means "one string".

**Q.520.** 'Khuang' is a traditional musical instrument of which state?

SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Jharkhand (b) West Bengal  
(c) Assam (d) Mizoram

**Sol.520.(d) Mizoram.** It is made up of a hollow tree, wrapped on both sides with animal skin.

**Q.521.** The wood of which of the following trees is used to make the large plucked string instrument used in

Carnatic classical music known as Bobbili Veena/Saraswathi Veena?

SSC CGL 09/03/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Teak wood (b) Jackfruit wood  
(c) Walnut wood (d) Sandal wood

**Sol.521.(b) Jackfruit wood.** Bobbili Veena is carved from a single piece of jackfruit wood.

## Festivals

**Q.522.** 'Gugga Naumi' – the festival celebrated in Haryana and some parts of Punjab, Rajasthan, UP and Himachal Pradesh \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the festival of:

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) camel-worshipping (b) cow-worshipping  
(c) snake-worshipping (d) owl-worshipping

**Sol.522.(c) Snake-worshipping.** Gugga Naumi festival celebrated in the honour of Gugga Pir. It is observed on the 9th day of the Krishna Paksha (waning phase of moon) in Bhadon month (August and September).

**Q.523.** Doul Utsav is majorly celebrated in which of the following states ?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bihar (b) Assam  
(c) Chhattisgarh (d) Maharashtra

**Sol.523.(b) Assam.** Doul Utsav is also called 'holi' or 'rang'. Other festivals celebrated in Assam - Bihu, Baishagu, Ali-Ai-Ligang, Baikho, Rongker, Rajini Gabra, Harni Gabra, Bohaggiyo Bishu, Ambubachi Mela and Jonbill Mela. Festivals in other states: Bihar - Chhath Puja, Bihula, Sama chakeva. Chhattisgarh - Pola, Madai Festival, Hareli, Boramdeo Mahotsav. Maharashtra - Ganesh Utsav, Gudi Padwa.

**Q.524.** Bhagoria is a festival associated with which of the following festivals ?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Diwali (b) Dusshera  
(c) Holi (d) Shiv Ratri

**Sol.524.(c) Holi:** A Hindu festival that is celebrated in the spring season. Bhagoria is a tribal festival that is celebrated in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Tribal Festivals - Hornbill Festival (Nagaland), Tusu Parab (Jharkhand), Bastar Dussehra (Chhattisgarh), Nagoba Jatara (Telangana).

**Q.525.** For how many days is the Tirupati Tirumala Brahmotsavam organised?

SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) 12 (b) 9 (c) 15 (d) 5

**Sol.525.(b) 9. Tirupati Tirumala**

**Brahmotsavam** - It is annually celebrated at the Venkateswara Temple in Tirupati district in Andhra Pradesh. Other Temple Festivals: Thrissur Pooram (Vadakkumnathan Temple, Kerala), Arattu festival (Sree PadmanabhaSwamy Temple, Kerala), Vaikunth Chaturdashi Mela (Kamleshwar Mahadev Temple, Uttarakhand), Buddha Purnima (Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya, Bihar), Ambubachii Mela (Kamakhya Devi Temple, Assam).

**Q.526.** Chethiyagiri Vihara Festival is organised in which state ?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Himachal Pradesh  
(b) Tripura  
(c) Telangana  
(d) Madhya Pradesh

**Sol.526.(d) Madhya Pradesh.** States and their festivals: Himachal Pradesh - Halda, Maghi, Doongri, Ladarcha, Chet, Kullu Dussehra. Tripura - Kharchi, Ker and Garia. Telangana - Bathukamma, Bonalu, Medaram Jatara. West Bengal - Durga Puja, Poila Baishakh.

**Q.527.** In which month, as per the Hindu calendar, is the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir Swami celebrated ?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Chaitra (b) Kartik  
(c) Magha (d) Vaisakha

**Sol.527.(a) Chaitra.** Hindu calendar and their festival/jayanti: Chaitra - Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Rama Navami, Hanuman Jayanti. Vaishakha - Parshuram jayanti, Akshaya Tritiya. Jyeshtha - Gayatri Jayanti, Ganga Dussehra. Ashadha - Guru Purnima, Jagannath Rhythatra. Shravana - Nag Panchami, Raksha Bandhan. Bhadrapada - Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Hartalika teej. Ashwin - Durga Ashtami. Kartik - Karwa Chauth, Dhanteras, Diwali, Bhaiya Dooj, Chhath Puja.

**Q.528.** What does Gudi signify in Gudi Padwa festival as per Hindu mythology?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Symbol of harmony  
(b) Symbol of victory  
(c) Symbol of peace  
(d) Symbol of power

**Sol.528.(b) Symbol of victory.** Gudi Padwa: It is marathi new year. Gudi is made by tying a piece of fresh cloth around a bamboo stick of about 5 feet long and Marathies place neem leaves along with sugar candy garland on it. The



stick is then placed in a silver or bronze pot. In Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh this festival is also known as Ugadi. It is celebrated in the first month of Chaitra.

**Q.529.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Hornbill Festival?

- A. The Hornbill Festival is celebrated in the North-eastern state of Nagaland.  
 B. The festival takes place in the month of January.  
 C. The name of the festival is derived from the Indian Hornbill, a bird that is an essential character of the folk tales of the state.

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- (a) Both A and B (b) Both B and C  
 (c) A, B and C (d) Both A and C

**Sol.529.(d) Both A and C.** Hornbill Festival is celebrated from 1 to 10 December in Nagaland. It is also called festivals of festivals.

**Q.530.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Bathukamma Festival?

- A. This festival is celebrated in the state of Telangana.  
 B. Bathukamma which means 'Mother Goddess come and live' is a colourful floral festival.  
 C. This festival is celebrated for 9 days mostly during September or October (mostly before Dussehra).  
 D. During this festival, men will sing songs and dance around the flower bunches.

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- (a) Only A, B and C (b) Only B, C and D  
 (c) A, B, C and D (d) Only A, C and D

**Sol.530.(a) Only A, B and C.**

**Q.531.** What is the Malayalam New Year called in Kerala?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Nuakhai (b) Vishu (c) Pongal (d) Ugadi

**Sol.531.(b) Vishu** is celebrated on the first day of the Malayalam month of Medam, which usually falls in the month of April.

**Q.532.** Moatsu festival of Nagaland is celebrated by which of the following tribes?

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Bodo tribe (b) Munda tribe  
 (c) Bhil tribe (d) Ao tribe

**Sol.532.(d) Ao tribe.** Moatsu Festival: Celebrated in the first week of May every year for 3 days. During this festival one

of the symbolic celebrations is Sangpangtu, where a big fire is lit and men and women sit around it putting on their complete best attire. Other Tribal festivals of Nagaland - Hornbill Festival (Naga tribe), Sekrenyi (Angami tribe), and Aoleang (Konyak Nagas).

**Q.533.** Ker and Garia Puja are traditional tribal festivals of which state?

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Manipur (b) Jharkhand  
 (c) Tripura (d) Odisha

**Sol.533.(c) Tripura.** Other festivals (Tripura) : kharchi Puja, Bizu Festival, Ashokastami, Lampra Puja, Wah festival etc. Manipur (Gang-Ngai, Lui-Ngai-Ni, Yaosang, Cheiraoba, Kang). Jharkhand (Karam, Sarhul, Rohini, Sohrai, Makar). Odisha (Ratha Yatra, Raja Parba, Naukhai, Kalinga Mahotsav).

**Q.534.** Which Goddess is associated with the Gangaur Festival celebrated in Central and Western India?

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Goddess Saraswati  
 (b) Goddess Parvati  
 (c) Goddess Kali  
 (d) Goddess Lakshmi

**Sol.534.(b) Goddess Parvati.** Festivals and their related god/goddess: Goddess Saraswati - Basant Panchami. Goddess Kali - Shyama Puja or Mahanisha Puja. Goddess Laxmi - Deepavali (Diwali). Gangaur Festival is majorly celebrated in Rajasthan.

**Q.535.** In which of the following states is the Bonalu festival celebrated ?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Telangana  
 (c) Jharkhand (d) Gujarat

**Sol.535.(b) Telangana.** Bonalu is a Hindu Festival where Goddess Mahakali is worshiped. It is celebrated usually in Ashada Masam that falls in July/August. Special poojas are performed for goddess Yellamma during the first and last day of the festival.

**Q.536.** Rongker festival is celebrated by which of the following tribes ?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Gond (b) Karbi (c) Ao (d) Bhil

**Sol.536.(b) Karbi** (Dehal in Dumra Longri). Rongker is an annual winter time festival of merriment observed by the Karbis of Assam. Tribes and their festivals: Garo tribe (Meghalaya) - Wangala Festival. Bhil tribe (Madhya Pradesh) - Bhagoria Festivals. Tharu tribe

(Southern Nepal and Northern India) - Tihar (Deepawali), and Jitiya. Bhutia tribe (Sikkim) and Monpa tribe (Arunachal Pradesh) - Losar festival.

**Q.537.** Which of the following cultural festivals of South India is associated with the folklore of King Mahabali ?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Gudi Padwa (b) Onam  
 (c) Ugadi (d) Pongal

**Sol.537.(b) Onam** - It is a religious and Harvesting festival celebrated by Hindu of Kerala, on Chaturdashi Tithi of Shukla Paksha in the month of Shrawana.

**Q.538.** Chapchar Kut festival is predominantly celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Nagaland (b) Meghalaya  
 (c) Mizoram (d) Manipur

**Sol.538.(c) Mizoram.** Chapchar kut celebrated every year in the month of March after the completion of the jhum operation (Clearing of the remnants of burning). **States and their festivals** : Mizoram - Anthurium, Mim Kut, Pawl Kut. Nagaland - Hornbill, Sekrenyi, Aoleang. Meghalaya - Shad Suk Mynsiem, Nongkrem, Behdienkhlam, Wangala. Manipur - Gang-Ngai, Lui-Ngai-Ni, Yaosang.

**Q.539.** Chad Shukra (Chad Sukra) festival is celebrated by the Jayanti tribe of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Assam (b) Punjab  
 (c) Jharkhand (d) Meghalaya

**Sol.539.(d) Meghalaya.** Chad Shukra is a sowing festival of Jaintia communities. Other festivals of Meghalaya - Behdienkhlam (Jaintia), Wangala (Garo), Ka Shad Suk Mynsiem (Khasi), Nongkrem (Khasi).

**Q.540.** Nauroz is celebrated by which of the following communities in India?

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- (a) Parsi (b) Jain (c) Sikh (d) Buddhist

**Sol.540.(a) Parsi.** Nauroz : New year of Iranian and Persian. The festival symbolizes the coming of spring season. Communities and their festivals : Hindu - Diwali, Holi, Dussehra, Ganesh Chaturthi. Christian - Easter, Christmas. Sikh - Vaisakhi, Bandi Chhor Divas, Guru Nanak Gurburab. Jain - Paryushan, Diwali.

**Q.541.** According to Sikh literature, the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev is celebrated on the full moon day of the

Indian lunar month \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) Magh (b) Paush (c) Ashada (d) Kartik

**Sol.541.(d) Kartik.** The Sikhs have been celebrating Guru Nanak's Gurburab around November. Guru Nanak : Born - April 15, 1469, Rai Bhoi di Talvandi (now Nankana Sahib, Pakistan), near Lahore. Died - 1539, Kartarpur, Punjab, the first Guru of Sikhism. He attained enlightenment in Sultanpur Lodhi (Punjab). He was also a Nirguna Bhakti saint.

**Q.542.** The Nuakhai festival of \_\_\_\_\_ is observed on Panchami Tithi (fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of Bhadrava (August-September), the day after Ganesh Chaturthi.

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) Odisha (b) Assam  
(c) Meghalaya (d) West Bengal

**Sol.542.(a) Odisha. Nuakhai** is a festival for the worship of food grain involving cutting of the first crop and reverent offering of the same to the mother goddess. Meaning of Nuankhai celebration is 'eating of new rice'.

**Q.543.** \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated in Jharkhand immediately after Diwali on the new moon day in the honour of cattle.

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) Bhagta Parab (b) Makar  
(c) Rohini (d) Sohrai

**Sol.543.(d) Sohrai** - A chief festival of Santhal tribe. It is celebrated on Amavasya (new moon) in the Hindu month of Kartik (October-November). It is known for the care of domestic animals, such as cows and buffaloes. Other festivals of Jharkhand: Sarhul, Karam, Hal Punhya, Bhagat Parab, Rohini, Bandana and Java.

**Q.544.** The sal tree assumes great significance in a number of tribal communities scattered across eastern India. For instance \_\_\_\_\_ festival is celebrated in honour of the tree, in Jharkhand.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) Karma (b) Tusu Parab  
(c) Sarhul (d) Sohrai

**Sol.544.(c) Sarhul** : Celebrated by - Oraon, the Munda and the Ho tribes of Jharkhand. It marks the beginning of New Year. Celebrated - Every year in the first month of the Hindu calendar, on the third day of the moon or the fortnight of 'Chaitra'.

**Q.545.** Buddha Purnima is marked on a full moon day in the Hindu month of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) Vaisakh (b) Jyaistha  
(c) Bhadra (d) Ashadha

**Sol.545.(a) Vaisakh** (2nd month of the Hindu Calendar). Buddha Purnima (Buddha Jayanti) commemorates the birth, enlightenment (nirvana), and death (parinirvana) of Gautama Buddha (founder of Buddhism).

**Q.546.** \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most important festivals of Kamakhya temple of Guwahati. It is held every year during the monsoon (mid-June) season, when the temple is closed for three days for tantric rites.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) Ambubachi (b) Bihu  
(c) Baishagu (d) Me-Dum-Me-Phi

**Sol.546.(a) Ambubachi.** Festivals of Assam: Bihu, Baishagu, Ali-Ai-Ligang, Baikho, Rongker, Rajini Gabra Harni Gabra, Bohaggiyo Bishu, Me-Dum-Me-Phi (ancestor worship festival), Jonbill Mela.

**Q.547.** One of the prominent festivals celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_ is the 'Me-Dum-Me-Phi', i.e., the ancestor worship festival.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) Assam (b) Nagaland  
(c) Manipur (d) Meghalaya

**Sol.547.(a) Assam.** Me-Dam-Me-Phi festival : It is celebrated all over Assam on January 31 every year. The festival states the offering of obligations to the dead and sacrifice to Gods. Other festivals of Assam: Bihu, Baishagu, Ali-e-Ligang, Baikho, Rongkar, Rajni Gabra Harni Gabra, Bohagio Bishu, Ambubashi Mela and Jonbil Mela. States and their festivals: Nagaland (Hornbill festival, Sekreni). Manipur (Gang-Ngai, Hikru Hidongba). Meghalaya (Wangala, Nongkrem dance).

**Q.548.** Dree Utsav is celebrated in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) Arunachal Pradesh  
(b) Kerala  
(c) Assam  
(d) Andhra Pradesh

**Sol.548.(a) Arunachal Pradesh.** States and their Festivals: Arunachal Pradesh - Boori Boot, Myoko, Pongtu, Murung, Solang, Mopin, Monpa. Kerala - Snake Boat (Vallam Kali), Theyyam, Onam, Attukal Pongala. Andhra Pradesh:

Pongal, Ugadi, Rottela Panduga, Prabhala Theertham, Visakha Utsav, Tirupati Tirumala Brahmotsavam, Lumbini Festival, Rayalaseema Food and Dance Festival, etc.

**Q.549.** 'Losoong' festival, celebrated by the tribal community in \_\_\_\_\_, is usually the time when the farmers rejoice and celebrate their harvest.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) Sikkim (b) Jharkhand  
(c) Odisha (d) West Bengal

**Sol.549.(a) Sikkim.** Losoong (Namsoong) is a Sikkimese New Year festival. The festival is celebrated by Bhutia and Lepcha tribes in India, Bhutan and Nepal. Famous Festivals in Sikkim: Drupka Teshi, Bumchu, Saga Dawa, Dassin, Phang Lhabsol, Maghe Sankranti, Sonam Lochar, Tendong Lho Rum Faat, Guru Rimpoche's Thunkar Tshechu, Indra Jatra, Barahimizong, Sakewa.

**Q.550.** Which festival brings out the fusion rich culture of Chhattisgarh and Odisha?

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) Rath Yatra (b) Bastar Goncha  
(c) Shoolini fair (d) Madhavpur fair

**Sol.550.(b) Bastar Goncha** (referred to as chariot festival) - Performed by the Bastar tribal people. It is observed during the Rath Yatra (June or July) of Odisha. Other tribal festivals of Chhattisgarh: Bastar Dussehra, Bastar Lokotsav, Koriya Mela, Fagun Wadai, Madai Festival and Pola Festival. Himachal Pradesh (Shoolini Fair - Solan). Gujarat (Madhavpur Fair - Porbandar).

**Q.551.** The Sakraat festival is celebrated with the 'Budigali' or 'Kalasi' dance in \_\_\_\_\_, where women take part in this dance, carrying decorative pots on their heads.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) Odisha (b) Nagaland  
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Manipur

**Sol.551.(a) Odisha.**

**Q.552.** 'Atla Taddi', a festival celebrated by married and unmarried women alike to seek the blessings of Devi Gauri for a long and happy married life and a suitable groom, respectively, is celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Kerala  
(c) Chhattisgarh (d) Odisha

**Sol.552.(a) Andhra Pradesh.** This festival is similar to Karwa Chauth which is