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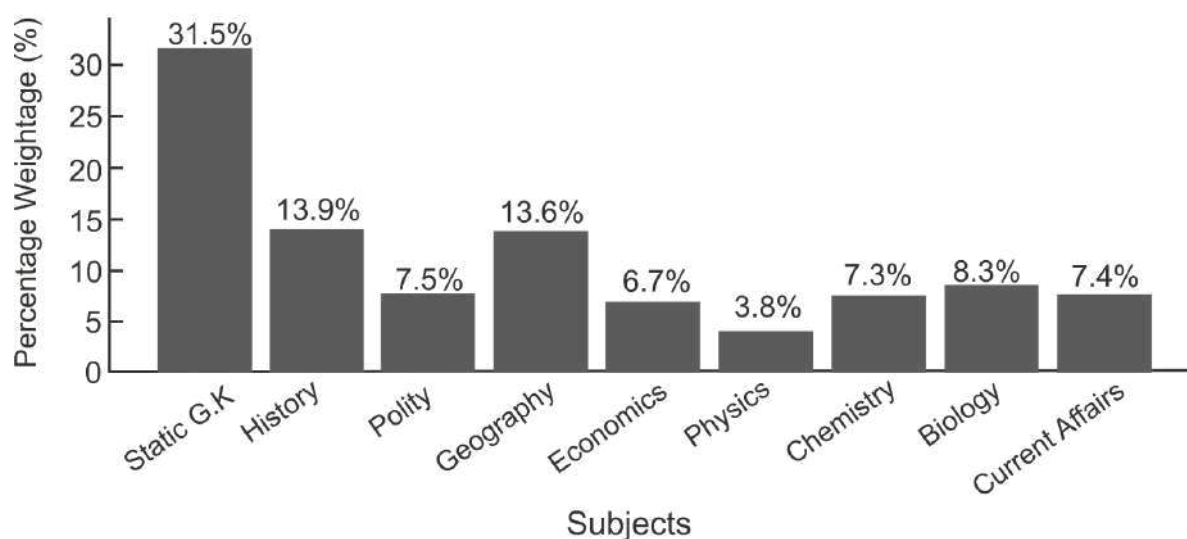
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Dance

Q.1. Which of the following folk dances is performed by the fisherfolk of the Mithila region in Bihar?

SSC Stenographer 10/12/2024 (Afternoon)

- (a) Karma (b) Nrityakali
(c) Kamala (d) Jiya

Sol.1.(c) Kamala. Folk dances of Bihar : Karma, Kajri, Jhumar, Jharni, Jat Jatin, Jhumeri, Sohar, Khelwana, Natua, Nachini, Jhijiya, Dhamar jogira, Krishi Nritya.

Q.2. Chad Laho is a dance-festival, primarily celebrated by which of the following tribes of Meghalaya?

SSC Stenographer 11/12/2024 (Afternoon)

- (a) Khasi (b) Garo
(c) Jaintia (d) Hojang

Sol.2.(c) Jaintia. Chad Laho dance festival is celebrated as a thanksgiving festival to God after the harvesting season. Other folk dances of Meghalaya and their Tribes: Ka Shad Suk Mynsiem (Khasis tribe), Beh-dien-khlam (Jaintias), Wangala (Garos), Chad Sukra (Jaintia).

Q.3. Which of the following dances of Goa is performed to celebrate the victory of the Maratha warriors over the Portuguese?

SSC MTS 01/10/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Ghodemodni (b) Zemmado
(c) Morulem (d) Goff

Sol.3.(a) Ghodemodni (Horse dance) celebrated in Thane, Sattari, and nearby villages, is a traditional event featuring warriors on decorated horses showing their skills in riding and martial arts. Other traditional dances of Goa include Monilem, Fugdi, Dhalo, Talgadi, Tonyamel, Bhandap, Zagor, Corredinho (Portuguese), Dhangar dance, and Veerbhadra.

Q.4. Which of the following war dances is performed in Ngada festival and is performed by the tribes of Nagaland?

SSC MTS 8/10/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Jawara (b) Dalkhai
(c) Rengma (d) Garadi

Sol.4.(c) Rengma. Other popular dances of Nagaland include Modse, Aaluyattu. Jawara (Madhya Pradesh), Dalkhai (Odisha), Garadi (Puducherry).

Q.5. In which of the following classical dance forms are the actors' faces

painted to symbolise the type of character they are playing?

SSC MTS 22/10/2024 (2nd Shift)

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

Sol.5.(c) Kathakali, which originated in 17th-century Travancore (Kerala), draws its foundation from Sage Bharata's Natya Shastra. Its characters are distinguished by makeup: Pacha (noble gods), Katti (anti-heroes), Thadi (bearded roles), Kari (evil), and Minukku (virtuous women /sages). Key instruments include Chenda, Maddalam, Chengila, and Elaththalam, with songs called Attakkatha.

Q.6. _____ dance is embedded in the stories from the epics Mahabharata, Ramayana and Puranas.

SSC MTS 22/10/2024 (3rd Shift)

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

Sol.6.(a) Kathakali literally means "story play." It is a classical dance form from Kerala, known for its heavy and elaborate makeup, intricate costumes, and dramatic expressions.

Q.7. Which of the following Indian tribal dances is prevalent in the Araku Valley near Visakhapatnam?

SSC MTS 23/10/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Dhimsa (b) Bagurumba
(c) Jhumur (d) Bardo Chham

Sol.7.(a) Dhimsa. Dances of Andhra Pradesh: Buttabommalu, Dappu Dance, Kolatam, Lambada, Veeranatyam, Koya Nrityam. Bagurumba is a folk dance of Assam's Bodo tribe. Bardo Chham is from Arunachal Pradesh, while Jhumur is performed by Assam's tea tribes.

Q.8. Which Indian classical dance form has composition in Meitei language?

SSC MTS 23/10/2024 (3rd Shift)

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

Sol.8.(c) Manipuri, the classical dance of Manipur, combines Pre-Vaishnavite and Vaishnavite traditions. It includes Sankirtana, Rasalila, and the lively Pung drum dance.

Q.9. Which of the following dances is performed in Goa during the festival Ganesh Chaturthi?

SSC MTS 28/10/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Tarangmel (b) Dhalo
(c) Fugdi (d) Dhangar

Sol.9.(c) Fugdi. It is performed by women during festivals. Goa's folk

dances include Tarangmel, performed during Dussehra and Holi, and Dhalo, performed by women during the Pausha moon festival by communities like Kunbis and Gaudis. The Dhangar community performs the Dhangar dance during their annual fair and Navratri.

Q.10. Which of the following dance forms emotes a play through dancing in which the song is customarily in Manipravala language?

SSC MTS 14/11/2024 (2nd Shift)

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

Sol.10.(b) Mohiniattam, a classical dance from Kerala, features graceful movements and expressions to narrate Hindu mythological stories, with songs in Manipravalam blending Sanskrit and Malayalam.

Q.11. Mohiniyattam is associated with which of the following traditional dance styles?

SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Samapadam (b) Tribhanga
(c) Chowk (d) Lasya style

Sol.11.(d) Lasya style. Mohiniyattam : A graceful classical dance from Kerala, focusing on expressions and storytelling in the Lasya style. Samapadam : A steady, rhythmic movement in Bharatanatyam. Tribhanga : A pose in Odissi dance with three bends (head, waist, and knees). Chowk : A position imitating a square - a very masculine stance with the weight of the body equally balanced.

Q.12. Khyallam is a famous dance of:

SSC CGL 12/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Bihar (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Mizoram (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.12.(c) Mizoram. Khyallam (Dance of the Guests) is a dance usually performed in the ceremony called 'Khuangchawi'. Dances: Mizoram - Cheraw, Sarlamkai, Solakia, Chailam, Chawnglaizawn, Chheihlam, Tlanglam, Zangtalam.

Q.13. Tera Tali folk dance is primarily associated with which of the following states?

SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

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

Sol.13.(a) Rajasthan. Tera Tali Dance : This dance is performed in praise of the folk God Ramdevji, primarily by the Kamar tribe. Rajasthani folk dances : Chari, Ghoomar, Kalbelia, Kathputli dance and Gair folk dance.

Q.14. Matki dance is the famous folk dance associated with which of the following states?

SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

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

Sol.14.(c) Madhya Pradesh. The "Matki Dance," performed using a small pitcher, is particularly popular in the Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh. Other traditional dances of Madhya Pradesh include Jawara, Grida, Chaitra, Kaksar, Karma, Maanch, Tertali, Pardhoni, and Kanara.

Q.15. Padayani, a local dance form primarily performed in _____ to please Goddess Bhadrakali.

SSC CGL 18/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Assam (b) Kerala
(c) Odisha (d) West Bengal

Sol.15.(b) Kerala. Padayani literally means "row of warriors" is a dance. It is regarded as a remnant of the Dravidian forms of worship that existed before the advent of Brahmanism. The percussion instruments used are padayani thappu, chenda, para and kumbham. Other dances of Kerala : Mudi yettu, Thiruvathirakali, Kolkali, Oppana, Kummattikali, Chavittu Natakam.

Q.16. In which of the following states of India is Hojagiri dance predominantly performed ?

SSC CGL 23/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Tripura (b) Kerala
(c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Maharashtra

Sol.16.(a) Tripura. The Hojagiri dance is performed during the Hojagiri Festival or Laxmi Puja, which occurs on the full moon night following Durga Puja, typically a few days after Dussehra.

Q.17. In which of the following states is the Chu-Faat dance performed?

SSC CGL 23/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Haryana (b) Uttarakhand
(c) West Bengal (d) Sikkim

Sol.17.(d) Sikkim. Chu-Faat, meaning "Snowy Range" (Chu) and "Worship" (Faath), is a folk dance of Sikkim performed in honor of Mount Khangchendzonga. Other folk dances of Sikkim - Sikmari, Singhi Chaam or the Snow Lion Dance, Yak Chaam, Khukuri Naach.

Q.18. 'Kuki dance' is a folk dance of India that is predominantly performed in ____.

SSC CGL 26/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Nagaland (b) Karnataka
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

Sol.18.(a) Nagaland. Kuki dance is performed by the Kuki tribe in India. Major folk dances : Nagaland - Modse, Agurshikukula, Butterfly Dance, Aaluyattu, War Dance and Zeliang Dance.

Q.19. Yakshagan is a folk dance of which of the following states?

SSC CGL 26/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Odisha (b) West Bengal
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Karnataka

Sol.19.(d) Karnataka. Yakshagana is a traditional folk dance form popular in Coastal districts. Some well-known folk dances of Karnataka include Dollu Kunitha, Hulivasha, Kamsale, Puja Kunitha, Suggi Kunitha, Veeragase, and Karaga.

Q.20. Langvir Nritya is a folk dance from the state of _____

SSC CHSL 01/07/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Gujarat (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Haryana

Sol.20.(c) Uttarakhand. Langvir Nritya is a dance form practiced by only men. The dancers use a long bamboo pole. Folk dances of Uttarakhand: Jhora, Chholia, Barada Nati, Pandav Nritya, Chancheri, Chhapeli, Thali, Rasu Nritya, Jaguars.

Q.21. Which of the following dances developed in the monasteries of Assam?

SSC CHSL 01/07/2024 (2nd shift)

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

Sol.21.(c) Sattriya originated in the Sattri (monastery) as part of the neo-Vaishnavite movement started by Srimanta Sankardev in the 15th century. He promoted "ek sharan naam dharma" (devotional chanting of one God's name). In 2000, the Sangeet Natak Akademi recognized Sattriya as a classical dance.

Q.22. 'Chhau' is a popular dance of which of the following state ?

SSC CHSL 02/07/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Gujarat (b) Haryana
(c) Jharkhand (d) Kerala

Sol.22.(c) Jharkhand. Chhau dance has martial and folk traditions. It is found in three styles named after the location where they are performed, i.e., the Purulia Chhau of West Bengal, the Seraikella Chhau of Jharkhand and the Mayurbhanj Chhau of Odisha. The Cultural Ministry of India has included Chhau in the list of classical dances making a total of 9 classical dance forms.

Q.23. Gugga is the famous ritualistic dance of _____, which is performed in

the procession taken out in memory of Gugga Pir.

SSC CHSL 02/07/2024 (3rd shift)

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Jammu & Kashmir
(c) Haryana (d) Puducherry

Sol.23.(c) Haryana. Gugga dance - It is a religious dance (in the month of Bhadon) performed by men. Dancers carry instruments such as Thali, Chimta, Deru. Folk dances of Haryana - Phalgun dance, Loor dance, Daph dance, Khorla dance, Saang dance, Dhamal dance, Jhumar dance.

Q.24. 'Chang dance' is popular in the state of:

SSC CHSL 03/07/2024 (4th shift)

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

Sol.24.(c) Rajasthan. The Chang dance, also known as Dhamal or Dhuff dance, is performed during the Hindu festival of Holi to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. It is popularly referred to as the Holi dance due to its association with the festival.

Q.25. Giddha dance is a folk dance of which of the following states ?

SSC CHSL 04/07/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Manipur (b) Punjab
(c) Nagaland (d) Odisha

Sol.25.(b) Punjab. Gidda is performed by women during social gatherings. Other folk dances of Punjab : Bhangra, Daff, Luddi, Jaago, Dhamal.

Q.26. Which classical dance was introduced by the great Vaishnava saint and reformer of Assam?

SSC CHSL 04/07/2024 (2nd shift)

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

Sol.26.(c) Sattriya. The Sattriya dance form was introduced in the 15th century A.D by Mahapurusha Sankaradeva. It became popular as a part of the Vaishnava Bhakti Movement in Sattri (Hindu monasteries).

Q.27. Jagoi and Chhola are two divisions in the Indian classical dance form of _____.

SSC CHSL 04/07/2024 (3rd shift)

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

Sol.27.(c) Manipuri. Jagoi refers to the gentle and graceful movements, often depicting devotion and love. Chhola refers to the fast-paced and energetic movements, often depicting heroic and martial themes. Other dances and their

division: Kathakali (Kerala) - Satvika, rajasika and tamasika. Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu) - Nritta, Nritya and Natya.

Q.28. The Chau dancers of _____ organise a festival named Chau-Jhumur Utsav, where an open stage is designed for the performance by Chau groups.
SSC CHSL 04/07/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Jharkhand (b) West Bengal
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Chhattisgarh

Sol.28.(b) West Bengal.

Chhau is performed in three styles across eastern India: Purulia Chhau - West Bengal. Seraikela Chhau - Jharkhand. Mayurbhanj Chhau - Odisha.

Q.29. Which of the following states/UTs is Rauf a folk dance?
SSC CHSL 05/07/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Karnataka
(b) Kerala
(c) Lakshadweep
(d) Jammu and Kashmir

Sol.29.(d) Jammu and Kashmir. Rauf is a popular dance form performed by women during weddings and other celebrations.

Q.30. Bhavai is a dance form that belongs to which of the following states?
SSC CHSL 08/07/2024 (1st shift)
(a) Bihar (b) Odisha
(c) Rajasthan (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.30.(c) Rajasthan.

Bhavai is performed by both men and women belonging to Kalbelia, Jat, Meena, Bhil, or Kumhar tribal communities. The performers balance eight to nine brass pitchers or earthen pots on their heads as they dance. Other famous dances of Rajasthan: Ghoomar, Kathputli, Fire Dance, Bhopa, Chang, Teratali, Gair, and Kachchhigori.

Q.31. What is known to be 'ekaharya', where one dancer takes on many roles in a single performance?
SSC CHSL 08/07/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathak
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Kathakali

Sol.31.(a) Bharatanatyam: Features - The dance involves transitional movements of the leg, hip and arm. Expressive eye movements and hand gestures are used to convey emotions. It encompasses Bhav, Rag, Ras and Taal. The person who conducts the dance recitation is the Nattuvanar.

Q.32. Which of the following dances is listed in the UNESCO List of Intangible

Cultural Heritage of India since 2010 ?
SSC CHSL 08/07/2024 (4th shift)

- (a) Garba (b) Kalbelia
(c) Ghumar (d) Matki

Sol.32.(b) Kalbelia : It has other names like 'Sapera Dance' or 'Snake Charmer Dance'. This dance is particularly performed by a Rajasthani tribe called 'Kalbelia'.

Q.33. The Bhotia dance form is a folk-dance from which of the following Indian states?
SSC CHSL 09/07/2024 (2nd shift)
(a) Odisha (b) Goa
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Uttarakhand

Sol.33.(d) Uttarakhand. The Bhotia dance performed by the Bhotia tribe of Uttarakhand. Other folk dances: Uttarakhand - Jhora, Chholia, Langvir Nritya, Barada Nati, Pandav Nritya, Chancheri, Chhapeli.

Q.34. With reference to Saila dance consider the following statements and select the correct option.
a) A group comprising of male performers.
b) The dance is performed with bamboo sticks.
c) It is performed after the cutting of crops.
SSC CHSL 11/07/2024 (4th shift)
(a) a, b, c (b) Both b and c
(c) Both a and c (d) Both a and b

Sol.34.(a) a, b, c. Saila dance (Chattisgarh): This dance is performed only by boys after the harvest season in the Hindu month of Aghan (November-December). Other folk dances of Chattisgarh: Sua, Pandavani, Karma, Panthi, Jhirliti.

Q.35. Which of the following dances is NOT a part of the Odia culture?
SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (1st shift)
(a) Paika (b) Gotipua
(c) Kathakali (d) Dalkhai

Sol.35.(c) Kathakali, a "story play" from Kerala, features vibrant costumes and makeup of male dancers. Paika Dance welcomes esteemed guests or accompanies religious processions. Gotipua, from Odisha, praises Lord Krishna and Jagannath, while Dalkhai is a popular folk dance of western Odisha.

Q.36. What are the two main parts corresponding to Lasya and Tandava elements in Manipuri dance?
SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (1st shift)
(a) Bhangi and Stri (b) Varnam and Paran

(c) Vira and Toda (d) Jagoi and Cholom

Sol.36.(d) Jagoi and Cholom. Manipuri is an ancient classical dance form from Manipur. It has two main styles : Jagoi, which is gentle, and Cholom, which is vigorous, reflecting the lasya and tandava elements described in Sanskrit literature.

Q.37. How many types of makeup (vesham) are used for the performers of Kathakali dance?
SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) 9 (b) 7 (c) 5 (d) 11

Sol.37.(c) 5. The five major Veshams in Kathakali (Kerala), are Kathi (Knife), Pacha (Green), Thaadi (Beard), Minukku (Radiant), and Kari (Black). The Pacha Veshams represent noble and divine characters. Kathi represents characters that are arrogant and evil, although they possess a vein of gallantry.

Q.38. Indian Classical Dance is an umbrella under which various performing arts whose theory and practice can be traced to the Sanskrit text, Natya-Shastra, the foundational treatise by:
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Panini (b) Bhasa
(c) Patanjali (d) Bharata Muni

Sol.38.(d) Bharata Muni. He was an ancient Indian dramatist and musicologist. Natya-Shastra is also known as the fifth veda. Author and book: Panini - Ashtadhyayi (Sanskrit treatise on grammar). Bhasa - Svapnavasavadutta (The dream of Vasavadatta). Patanjali - Mahabhasaya (Sanskrit grammar).

Q.39. Which of the following classical dance forms is usually concluded with Tarangam ?
SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (1st shift)
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Odissi
(c) Sattriya (d) Kathakali

Sol.39.(a) Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh). In this, the dancer usually stands on a brass plate locking the feet in position, shakatavadanam paada, and moves the plate rhythmically with great dexterity. The instruments used in Kuchipudi involve veena, flute, tambura, cymbals, and mridangam.

Q.40. Select the correct alternative on the basis of the statements given about 'Rasa'.

Statement I : It is the aesthetic experience that one derives while enjoying an artistic presentation.

Statement II : It deals with the creation of human sentiments in the spectator or the aesthete.

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

Sol.40.(b) Both Statement I and Statement II are true. Rasa relates to human senses and evokes emotions in the mind through Natya (drama). However, the concept extends beyond Natya to encompass dance, music, cinema, and literature. Rasa signifies aesthetic pleasure or the joy experienced during a skillful performance, enhanced by exquisite poetry, music, and action.

Q.41. Alarippu, Jatiswaram, Shabdham, Varnam and Tillana are regular patterns of which of the following classical dance forms of India?

Matriculation Level 20/06/2024 (Shift - 1)

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

Sol.41.(b) Bharatanatyam, a classical dance form originating from Tamil Nadu, follows a structured pattern - Alarippu: Invocation, introducing the dancer and setting the tone. Jatiswaram: Pure dance, showcasing rhythmic patterns. Shabdham: Combination of music and dance, with emphasis on expression. Varnam: Central piece, highlighting the dancer's skill and technique. Tillana: Concluding piece, characterized by rapid movements.

Q.42. 'Lai Haraoba' is the earliest form of dance of which of the following classical dance forms of India?

Matriculation Level 21/06/2024 (Shift - 1)

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

Sol.42.(b) Manipuri (Manipur) classical dance is associated with rituals and traditional festivals; there are legendary references to the dances of Shiva and Parvati. The male dancers play the Pung and Kartal while dancing. It is an important festival of the Meitai tribe.

Q.43. Archaeological evidence of which of the following dance forms dating back to the 2nd century BC was found in the caves of Udayagiri and Khandagiri ?

Matriculation Level 24/06/2024 (Shift - 4)

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

Sol.43.(d) Odissi (Odisha). The two main body postures in this dance form include the Chowk and Tribhanga. Tribhanga (the body is deflected at the neck, torso and the knees) and Chowk (a position imitating a square).

Q.44. From which of the following epics did the Garadi folk dance of Puducherry originate ?

Matriculation Level 25/06/2024 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Ramayana (b) Panchatantra
(c) Mahabharata (d) Hitopadesha

Sol.44.(a) Ramayana. Garadi dance is mainly performed at the time of the car festival of Lord Vishnu. Indian States and folk Dances: Kerala - Chavittukali, Kolkali or Kolkali (also popular in Lakshadweep Islands), Kummattikkali. Goa - Dashavatara, Dekhni, Dhalo, Dhangar, Fugdi, Ghodemodni. Karnataka - Dollu Kunitha, Bayalata, Kamsale, Veeragase. Maharashtra - Dhangari Gaja, Lavani, Povada, and Koli dance.

Q.45. Cheraw dance belongs to which of the following states?

Higher Secondary 26/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Nagaland (b) Gujarat
(c) Mizoram (d) Uttarakhand

Sol.45.(c) Mizoram. Cheraw, also known as the Bamboo dance, is one of the oldest traditional dances. Other traditional dances of Mizoram include Khuallam, Sarlamkai, Chheihlam, and Mizo.

Q.46. Bharatanatyam of Tamil Nadu has grown out of the art of dancers dedicated to temples, and was earlier known:

Graduate Level 21/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Sadir (b) Jagoi (c) Cholom (d) Gat

Sol.46.(a) Sadir (or Dasi Attam). The dance of Bharatanatyam belongs to the Carnatic system of southern India. Jagoi and Cholom are the two main divisions in Manipur's dance. The term gat refers to a stylized way of walking that is used to express scenes from daily life. It is also a type of rhythmic footwork that is usually performed at the end of a rendition.

Q.47. Select the INCORRECT combination of folk dance and its respective state.

Graduate Level 25/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Dhangari Gaja - Maharashtra
(b) Dandiya Raas - Gujarat
(c) Dollu Kunitha - Karnataka
(d) Paika - Kerala

Sol.47.(d) Paika - Kerala. The Paika

Nritya is performed by the Munda tribe in the Mayurbhanj region of Jharkhand, where it stands out as a folk dance rooted in martial arts. This dance plays a significant role in weddings, Dussehra, and various other festivities. Other Dances of Jharkhand: Hunta, Barao, Karam, Lahasuya, Groha Naach, Seraikella Chhau.

Q.48. In which of the following dance forms is Mati-Akhora used as the basic exercise pattern that facilitates various dance poses?

Graduate Level 26/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

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

Sol.48.(a) Sattriya is a classical dance of Assam. Mati-Akhora is a basic exercise pattern that facilitates various dance poses. Poses include body bending, body movements, foot movements, jumps, hand, head and neck movements and eye movements.

Q.49. Jaita is the main dance form of which state?

Graduate Level 26/06/2024 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Karnataka (b) Rajasthan
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.49.(d) Uttar Pradesh. Jaita is a traditional folk dance performed by the Jat community, especially in the Bundelkhand region, during weddings and festivals. Other folk dances of Uttar Pradesh include: Nautanki, Rasliila, Kajri.

Q.50. When was Bharatanatyam banned by the British colonial government ?
SSC Stenographer 12/10/2023 (Afternoon)

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

Sol.50.(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.51. What is a one act play of Sattriya called?

SSC Stenographer 13/10/2023 (Afternoon)

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

Sol.51.(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.

Q.52. Bhutia dance is performed in which of the following states?

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Morning)

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

Sol.52.(d) Sikkim. Other dances: Sikkim - Singhi Chham, Tamang Selo, Sherpa Dance, Ghantu, Gayley-Yang Dance, Sangey Chham Dance and Chu Faat.

Q.53. 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.53.(d) Manipuri dance. The themes used in Manipuri dance forms: Mostly influenced by Hindu Vaishnavism themes. It also includes themes related to Shaivism and Shaktism and regional deities. Tandav Manipuri depicts themes of Shiv, Shakti or Krishna as warrior.

Q.54. 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.54.(a) Kerala. Mudiyettu - A ritual dance drama based on the mythological tale of a battle between the Goddess Kali and the demon Darika.

Q.55. Thullal dance originated in which of the following states?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Morning)

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

Sol.55.(a) Kerala. There are three versions of this art form Seethankan Thullal, Parayan Thullal and Ottan Thullal. Other dances : Kerala - Theyyam, Thiruvathirakali, Kolkali. Uttarakhand - Choliya, Pandav Nritya, Bhotia Dance, Jhora Dance.

Q.56. 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.56.(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.

Q.57. 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.57.(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 (Sahityam), Music (Sangeetham), Painting (Chithram), Acting (Natyam) and Dance (Nritham).

Q.58. 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.58.(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.59. 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.59.(a) Kathakali (dance of Kerala). Its roots are in ancient 'Kutiyattam' (Classical Sanskrit Dance Drama) and 'Krishnattam' (Dance-Drama depicting Stories of Hindu God Krishna).

Q.60. 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.60.(b) Aharya Abhinaya involves dancers wearing costumes like dhoti, choli, and davani, paired with traditional jewelry such as "tal saman" and sun-moon diadems. Vachika Abhinaya focuses on speech through poems and dramas, while Saatwikam Abhinaya emphasizes the expression of sattvika emotions by skilled performers. Aangika Abhinaya uses body movements as the

primary means of expression.

Q.61. 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.61.(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.62. Which dance form is associated with Natwari Dance?

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

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

Sol.62.(a) Kathak is famous for its spectacular footwork, amazing spins, Nazakat and Padhant. Natwari Nritya is also known as the dance of Krishna.

Q.63. 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.63.(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.64. 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.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

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

Sol.64.(d) Chhattisgarh. Gaur Maria Dance: It is performed on the occasion of marriage by the Gaur Madiya of Abujmad plateau of Bastar in Chhattisgarh and is called Gaur after the bison. Other dances of Chhattisgarh: Pandavani, Raut Nacha, Panthi and Soowa.

Q.65. Lebang Boomani dance is the harvest dance of _____.

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

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

Sol.65.(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.66. Mahari Dance and Gotipua Dance belong to which of the following states ?
SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (3rd Shift)
(a) Odisha (b) Haryana
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Bihar

Sol.66.(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.67. 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.
SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Jharkhand
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

Sol.67.(c) Maharashtra. It is customarily performed as an integral part of the worship of Devi (mother goddess) on the full moon night of the lunar month of Chaitra (March/April).

Q.68. Rikham pada dance belongs to which of the following states ?
SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (3rd Shift)
(a) Meghalaya (b) Assam
(c) Mizoram (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Sol.68.(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.69. Which form of Indian dance is said to be 'soft and suitable for female presentation' ?
SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (1st Shift)
(a) Nritta (b) Taandava
(c) Laasya (d) Nritya

Sol.69.(c) Laasya. The Indian classical dances have two basic aspects: Tandava

(movement and rhythm) and Lasya (grace, bhava and rasa). The nine rasas are - Shringaara, Haasya, Karuna, Rudra, Veera, Bhayaanaka, Bheebhatsya, Adbhutha and Shaantha.

Q.70. The Rathwas, who dwell in the state of _____ perform the Rathwa dance on the occasion of Holi (festival of colours).
SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (2nd Shift)
(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Telangana
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

Sol.70.(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.71. 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).
SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (3rd Shift)
(a) Kathakali (b) Yakshagana
(c) Odissi (d) Manipuri

Sol.71.(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.72. The Lambadi dance is a folk dance form of the _____ tribe and originated in Andhra Pradesh.
SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (2nd Shift)
(a) Sugali (b) Banjara
(c) Nakkala (d) Dabba Yerukula

Sol.72.(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.73. 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.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (1st Shift)
(a) Uttarakhand (b) Ladakh
(c) Kashmir (d) Himachal Pradesh

Sol.73.(b) Ladakh. Other dances : Kathok Chenmo, Kompa Tsum-Tsag, Koshan, Shondol (Royal dance of Ladakh), Takshon or Shon. Uttarakhand: Bhotiya, Pandav Nritya, Chholiya, Jhumela, Jagar. Kashmir: Kud, Dumhal, Rouf, Bhand Pather, Bachha Nagma.

Q.74. Mundari dance is associated with the tribal community of which Indian state?
SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (1st shift)
(a) Mizoram (b) Karnataka
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Jharkhand

Sol.74.(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.75. 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.75.(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.76. Chali, Jhumura and Nadu Bhangi are associated with which Indian classical dance form?
SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (1st shift)
(a) Kathakali (b) Sattriya
(c) Manipuri (d) Kuchipudi

Sol.76.(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.77. Which of the following is a traditional dance form of Sri Lanka?

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

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

Sol.77.(c) Kandy Dance (Developed during the Kandy kings' reign) - It is an ancient dance style narrating stories from the Indian epic Ramayana. Other dances of Sri Lanka: Pahatha Rata Netum, Sabaragamuwa.

Q.78. 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.78.(b) Manipuri. Nat is the Manipuri classical style of singing, Pung or the Manipuri classical drum is the musical instrument used. Manipuri Dance Styles - Raas, Nata-Sankirtan, Pung Cholan (Dancers play the pung or drum while dancing), Dhola Cholan, Kartal Cholan, Thang ta (martial art form).

Q.79. 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.79.(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 Karam Devta. Other folk dances from: Chhattisgarh - Raut Nacha, Panthi, Pandavani, Saila, Suwa, Gendi, Cherchera.

Q.80. Laho is the dance form of which state?

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

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

Sol.80.(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.81. The folk dance of Chavittu Kali is

associated with which of the following Indian states?

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

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

Sol.81.(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.82. 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.82.(d) Mohiniyattam dance (Classical dance form of Kerala in South India).

Q.83. 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.83.(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.84. 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.84.(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.85. 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.85.(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.

Q.86. 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.86.(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, Raslila, Nautanki Dance, Kajri. Tripura - Hojagiri, Garia, Jhum, Bijhu, Sangrai, Lebang boomani.

Q.87. The Pakhawaj syllables are primarily used to conclude which of the following Indian classical dances?

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (4th shift)

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

Sol.87.(c) Odissi. The "Mangalacharan," a concluding prayer or benediction, is often recited using Pakhawaj bols, creating a powerful and symbolic ending.

Q.88. Bharatanatyam expresses South Indian religious themes and spiritual ideas of _____.

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (1st shift)

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

Sol.88.(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.89. Daskathia of _____ is the tribal dance performed by two males depicting the historic and Puranic events.

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (2nd shift)

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

Sol.89.(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.90. Which of the following dances is

performed by the Santhal tribe of Jharkhand?

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (4th shift)

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

Sol.90.(a) Jhika Dashain. It is performed a few days before Dussehra. Folk dance - Jharkhand : Alkap, Karma, Agni, Jhumar, Paika, Phagua, Birhor.

Q.91. Changai dance is associated with which Indian state?

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (2nd shift)

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

Sol.91.(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.92. 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.92.(c) Manipur. Folk dances : Manipur - Rasa Lila, Gaura Lila, Pung Cholom. Goa - Ghode Modni, Dhangar Dance, Goff Talgadi, Shigmo and Mussel khel.

Q.93. 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.93.(c) Kathak: Raigarh Gharana - Developed under the patronage of Raja Chakradhar Singh.

Q.94. '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.94.(b) Kathakali (Kerala). The text of Kathakali songs known as Attakkatha. Major instruments used in Kathakali music - Chenda, Maddalam, Chengila and Elathalam.

Q.95. '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.95.(b) Bharatanatyam. Other dance forms of Bharatanatyam: Melattur and Pandanallur. Kuchipudi - Pure dance (Nritya) and Expressive dance (Nritya), Storytelling through dance (Natya).

Q.96. Kathak is found in three distinct forms, called 'gharanas', named after the cities where the Kathak dance tradition evolved. Name those three cities.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (1st shift)

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

Sol.96.(a) Jaipur, Benaras, Lucknow. Lucknow Gharana (Founded by Ishwari Prasad). Jaipur Gharana (founded by Bhanu Ji Maharaj). Banaras Gharana (Founded by Janakiprasad).

Q.97. The 'Joempa Legso' is a welcome dance of _____.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (4th shift)

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

Sol.97.(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.98. 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.98.(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.

Q.99. 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.99.(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.100. 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.100.(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.101. 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.101.(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 dance) : Tamil Nadu. Worship : Lord Shiva.

Q.102. 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.102.(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.103. Karagam Folk Dance is associated with which state ?

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Morning)

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

Sol.103.(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.104. 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.104.(d) Karnataka. Andhra Pradesh - Kuchipudi (classical), Vilasini Natyam, Veera Natyam, Tappeta Gullu, Butta Bommalu. Kerala - Kathakali (classical), Mohiniyattam, Theyyam, Ottamthullal, Padayani.

Q.105. 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.105.(a) Karnataka. Suggi - A dance performed at the time of harvesting by the Halakki Vokkaliga tribe.

Q.106. 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.106.(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.107. 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.107.(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.108. 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.108.(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.109. 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) Nagaland

Sol.109.(d) Nagaland (Naga tribe). Popular folk dances: Nagaland - Modse, Agurshikukula, Butterfly Dance, Aaluyattu, Sadal Kekai, Changai Dance, Kuki Dance, Leshalaptu, Khamba Lim.

Q.110. 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.110.(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.111. _____ 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.111.(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.112. 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.112.(a) West Bengal.

Q.113. 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.113.(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.114. _____ 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.114.(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.115. 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.115.(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 (Sherdukpens community), etc.

Q.116. 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.116.(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.117. '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.117.(b) Manipur. Nupa Pala (Kartal Cholom or Cymbal Dance) is a ramification of the Manipuri style of dance and music.

Q.118. 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.118.(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.119. Ghoomar dance form was developed by which of the following tribes to worship Goddess Saraswati?

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

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

Sol.119.(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). Gujar Tribe (Chari dance).

Q.120. 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.120.(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.121. 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.121.(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.122. _____ 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.122.(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.123. 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.123.(b) Jhumur Dance (folk dance). Dances of Assam: Folk dance (Bihu Dance, Ali Ai Ligang dance, Deodhani, Barpetta's Bhortal Nritya, Dhuliya and Bhawariya, Bodo's Bagurumba, Khamba Lim, Bhaona, Oja Pali).

Q.124. 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.124.(b) Biraha is an Ahir ethnic Bhojpuri folk genre from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand.

Q.125. 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.125.(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.126. 'Elelakkaradi' is a tribal dance form of which Indian state?

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Morning)

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

Sol.126.(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.127. 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.127.(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.128. 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.128.(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.129. 'Ummatt-aat' is a folk dance form performed in _____.

SSC CGL 13/04/2022 (Afternoon)

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

Sol.129.(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.130. _____ is a popular folk dance of Minicoy Island.

SSC CGL 20/04/2022 (Morning)

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

Sol.130.(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.131. _____ is a mask dance popular in South Malabar.

SSC CGL 20/04/2022 (Evening)

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

Sol.131.(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.132. 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.132.(d) Chari Dance (Rajasthan). Chari dance describes the art of collecting water in a chari or pot by the Rajasthani Women.

Q.133. 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.133.(a) Karnataka. It is primarily performed during the Hindu months of Shravana and Karthika.

Q.134. '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.134.(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.135. '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.135.(d) Sowing festival. Folk Dance of Meghalaya: Behdienkhlam, Nongkrem, Shad Suk Mynsiem, Wangala, Dorsegata,

Lahoo.

Q.136. 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.136.(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, Tandii, Chaunfula, Jhoda, Thadiya.

Q.137. '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.137.(c) Krishna. Ranapa is performed on the stilt and accompanies by drum music, along with songs related to Lord Krishna childhood stories.

Q.138. 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.138.(b) Alkap.

Q.139. '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.139.(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.140. Hallisaka is a group dance native to _____.

SSC CPO 24/11/2020 (Evening)

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

Sol.140.(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.141. 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.141.(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.142. 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.142.(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.143. 'Raga Mala' is an autobiography of who among the following musicians?

SSC Stenographer 10/12/2024 (Afternoon)

- (a) Lata Mangeshkar (b) Amjad Ali Khan
(c) Ravi Shankar (d) A R Rahman

Sol.143.(c) Ravi Shankar (sitarist):

Awards - Bharat Ratna (1999), Padma Vibhushan (1981), Padma Bhushan (1967). His Other Books: 'My Music, My Life'; 'Yours in Music'. Lata Mangeshkar (playback singer) biography name is Lata: A Life in Music (author - Yatindra Mishra).

Q.144. Who among the following musicians plays Carnatic music and also known as 'God of Ghatam'?

SSC Stenographer 10/12/2024 (Evening)

- (a) RV Raghvan (b) Ram Narayan
(c) TH Vinayakram (d) Asad Ali Khan

Sol.144.(c) TH Vinayakram (popularly known as Vikku Vinayakram) is a renowned Indian percussionist and a master of playing the ghatam (a traditional South Indian clay pot instrument). His Awards: Padma Shri (2002), Padma Bhushan (2014), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1988), Grammy Award (1991).

Q.145. Kamala Lakshmi Narayanan is recognised all over the world as the foremost proponent of _____, a southern Indian classical dance form that combines artistic expression with rhythmic footwork.

SSC Stenographer 11/12/2024 (Evening)

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

Sol.145.(b) Bharatanatyam. Kamala Lakshmi Narayanan 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. In 2010 she received a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts for her contributions to the arts.

Q.146. Who is revered as 'Karnataka Sangeeta Pitamah' ?
SSC MTS 08/10/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Jagannatha Dasa (b) Purandara Dasa
(c) Gopala Dasa (d) Vijaya Dasa

Sol.146.(b) Purandara Dasa composed thousands of devotional songs, known as 'Devaranamas', in praise of Lord Vishnu. The original name of Purandara Das was Srinivasa Nayaka. Vyasatirtharu was the guru of Purandara Dasa.

Q.147. R Muthukannammal, who was awarded the Padma Shri in 2022, is a _____ dancer.
SSC MTS 30/09/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Garba (b) Sadir (c) Rouf (d) Chhau

Sol.147.(b) Sadir. R Muthukannammal is a seventh generation veteran Sadir dancer from the Indian State of Tamil Nadu. She is the only surviving person among the 32 Devadasis who served the deity at the Viralimalai Murugan temple. Sadir, a traditional South Indian classical dance and precursor to Bharatanatyam, originated from Dasiattam over 2,000 years ago and was named in the 17th century.

Q.148. Who among the following founded his Kuchipudi Art Academy at Madras in 1963 ?
SSC MTS 23/10/2024 (2nd Shift)
(a) Kamalakar Kameshwar Rao
(b) Lakshmi Narayan Shastri
(c) Raja Reddy
(d) Vempati Chinna Satyam

Sol.148.(d) Vempati Chinna Satyam. Other Art/Dance academies in India: Darpana Academy of Performing Arts (1949), Ahmedabad - Mrinalini Sarabhai and Vikram Sarabhai. Kalakshetra Foundation (1936), Chennai - Rukmini Devi Arundale (Bharatanatyam). Bhatkhande Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (1926), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande.

Q.149. Which of the following Khayal artists is the founding father of Lalit Kala Kendra of the University of Pune?
SSC MTS 28/10/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Bhimsen Joshi (b) Ravi Shankar

(c) Shiv Kumar Sharma (d) Kishan Maharaj
Sol.149.(a) Bhimsen Joshi. His Awards: Bharat Ratna (2009), Padma Vibhushan (1999), Padma Shri (1985). Lalit Kala Kendra - Established in 1987.

Q.150. Lalita J Rao is associated with which of the following gharanas?
SSC MTS 28/10/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Kirana gharana (b) Jaipur gharana
(c) Agra gharana (d) Benaras gharana

Sol.150.(c) Agra gharana. Awards of Lalita J Rao - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2017 for her contribution to Hindustani vocal music. Sujan Singh founder of the Agra Gharana of music. Some Singers of the Agra Gharana: Ustad Vilayat Hussain Khan, Ustad Sharafat Hussain Khan, Khadim Hussain Khan Sahab, Ustad Faiyaz Khan, Dr Pournima Dhumale. Gharana and Founders: Kirana gharana - Abdul Wahid Khan, Jaipur Atrali - Alladiya Khan, Benaras gharana - Janaki Prasad and Sukhdev Maharaj.

Q.151. Which of the following awards and recognitions was NOT received by Vempati Chinna Satyam?
SSC MTS 28/10/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Kalidas Samman
(b) Honorary doctorate
(c) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
(d) Padma Shri

Sol.151.(d) Padma Shri. Vempati Chinna was a Kuchipudi dancer and a guru. He was taught by Vedantam Lakshmi Narayana Sastry.

Q.152. Which of the following awards was won by Lata Mangeshkar in the year 2001?
SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award
(b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Dadasaheb Phalke Award
(d) Bharat Ratna

Sol.152.(d) Bharat Ratna. Lata Mangeshkar was an Indian playback singer born in Indore. She received the Padma Bhushan in 1969, the Padma Vibhushan in 1999, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1989, and the 'Officier de la Legion d'Honneur,' France's highest civilian award, in 2009. She is also renowned for singing the famous song 'Aye mere watan ke logo'.

Q.153. Mohan Veena player, Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt won the _____ Award in the year 1994.
SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (1st Shift)

(a) Sangita Kalanidhi
(b) Oscar
(c) Grammy
(d) Sangeet Natak Akademi

Sol.153.(c) Grammy. His music album with Ry Cooder, A Meeting by the River, won him a Grammy Award. He also received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1998, the Padma Shri in 2002, and the Padma Bhushan in 2017. Famous Mohan Veena players: Pandit Joydeep Mukherjee, Poly Varghese.

Q.154. In the year 1952, who among the following lent his voice for the film 'Amar Bhupali', which was being produced in two languages simultaneously and he sang in both Bengali and Marathi ?
SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (2nd Shift)
(a) Kishore Kumar
(b) Hemanta Mukherjee
(c) Debabrata Biswas
(d) Manna Dey

Sol.154.(d) Manna Dey was a renowned Indian playback singer, music director, and musician. He had a classical music background, being part of the Bhendibazaar Gharana. He received Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 2005 and Dadasaheb Phalke award in 2007.

Q.155. Which of the following personalities is a Padma Shri awardee folk singer from the state of Uttar Pradesh ?
SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Ila Arun (b) Ajita Srivastava
(c) Gurmeet Bawa (d) Teejan Bai

Sol.155.(b) Ajita Srivastava. She received Padma Shri in 2022 for promoting the Kajari folk songs. She has completed her Sangeet Prabhakar from Prayag Sangeet Samiti in Prayagraj. Ms. Gurmeet Bawa (Posthumous) - Padma Bhushan (2022). Teejan Bai - Padma Shri (1988), Padma Vibhushan (2019), Padma Bhushan (2003).

Q.156. Who among the following was the youngest instrumentalist to be awarded the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award of India in 2002?
SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Pandit Ravi Shankar
(b) Ustad Zakir Hussain
(c) Pandit Bhimsen Joshi
(d) Ustad Bismillah Khan

Sol.156.(b) Ustad Zakir Hussain (Tabla player). His Awards : Padma Vibhushan (2023); Padma bhusan (2002); Padma Shri (1988); Sangeet Natak Akademi

(1991).

Q.157. Madhuri Barthwal, a folk singer and Padma Shri 2022 awardee, belongs to which of the following states of India?
SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Uttarakhand (b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Maharashtra

Sol.157.(a) Uttarakhand. Madhuri Barthwal is the first woman to be a music composer in All India Radio. On International Women's Day in 2019, she was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar by Ram Nath Kovind. Other folk singers of Uttarakhand: Narendra Singh Negi, Pritam Bhartwan, Basanti Devi Bisht.

Q.158. Gangu Bai Hangal and Prabha Atre were exponents of the _____ Gharana.
SSC CGL 11/09/2024 (2nd Shift)
(a) Rampur (b) Jaipur
(c) Kirana (d) Mewati

Sol.158.(c) Kirana. Gangu Bai Hangal was an Indian singer of the khayal genre of Hindustani classical music from Karnataka. She received the Padma Shri in 1962, the Padma Bhushan in 1971, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2002.

Q.159. Chittani Ramachandra Hegde was associated with which of the following dances?
SSC CGL 11/09/2024 (2nd Shift)
(a) Chhau dance (b) Chappeli dance
(c) Yakshagana dance (d) Huttari dance

Sol.159.(c) Yakshagana dance. It is a traditional folk dance form popular in Coastal Karnataka districts. Chittani Ramachandra Hegde was awarded the Padma Shri award in 2012. Some exponents of Yakshagana : Kuriya Vithala Shastry, Soorikumeru Govinda Bhat, Narayana Hasyagar.

Q.160. Hariprasad Chaurasia, an Indian flutist in the Hindustani classical tradition, was awarded with which of the following awards in 2000?
SSC CGL 11/09/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Padma Shri (b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Bharat Ratna (d) Padma Bhushan

Sol.160.(b) Padma Vibhushan. Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia belonged to the Senia gharana. Awards: Sangeet Natak Academy (1983), Konark Samman (1992), Padma Bhushan (1992). Other Flute Players: Devendra Murdeshwar, Raghunath Seth, Nityanand Haldipur, Ronu Majumdar, Pt. Rajendra Prasanna, and Chetan Joshi.

Q.161. Which state government

honoured Vani Jairam with the MS Subbulakshmi Award for 2019 ?
SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka
(c) Odisha (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.161.(d) Tamil Nadu. Vani Jairam was an Indian playback singer, fondly referred to as the "Meera of Modern India." She received the Padma Bhushan award in 2023. M.S. Subbulakshmi Award is a tribute to the legendary Carnatic singer, M.S. Subbulakshmi. She was the first musician ever to be awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1998.

Q.162. Ranjana Gauhar was awarded the Padma Shri Award (2003) for her contribution to which of the following Indian dance forms ?
SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Kuchipudi (b) Sattriya
(c) Odissi (d) Manipuri

Sol.162.(c) Odissi. Ranjana Gauhar also received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2007. Other renowned Odissi dancers include Kelucharan Mohapatra, Mayadhar Raut, Sanjukta Panigrahi, Ratikant Mohapatra, Deba Prasad Das, Kumkum Mohanty, Pankaj Charan Das, and Aruna Mohanty.

Q.163. Which Indian singer wrote 'Raag Sarita' ?
SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Kesarbai Kerkar
(b) Balasaheb Poonchwale
(c) Kumar Gandharva
(d) Chintaman Raghunath Vyas

Sol.163.(d) Chintaman Raghunath Vyas was an Indian classical singer, renowned for his khyal style. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1992 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1987. He researched traditional ragas and bandishes, composing over 200 bandishes in various ragas under the pen name Gunijaan. In tribute to his guru, Gunidas, he founded the Gunidas Sangeet Sammelan in 1977.

Q.164. Sangeet Natak Akademy Awardee Sulochana Chavan was a famous _____ singer.
SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (3rd Shift)
(a) Giddha (b) Jhumair
(c) Ghumar (d) Lavani

Sol.164.(d) Lavani. Sulochana Chavan : Her Awards - Padma Shri (in 2022), Lata Mangeshkar Award (in 2010), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (in 2012). Other Lavani Singers : Bela Shende, Asha Bhosle, Usha Mangeshkar, Vaishali

Samant.

Q.165. Identify the Indian classical dancer associated with Kathak.
SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Vedantam Satyanarayana Sarma
(b) Kelucharan Mohapatra
(c) Rohini Bhat
(d) Sharodi Saikia

Sol.165.(c) Rohini Bhat. She established Nritya Bharati Kathak Dance Academy in Pune. Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1979), Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar (1990), Kalidas Samman (2001), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2006).

Q.166. Bhupen Hazarika was one of the most well-known personalities from the state of _____.
SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (1st Shift)
(a) Odisha (b) Assam
(c) Nagaland (d) Manipur

Sol.166.(b) Assam. Bhupen Hazarika (Sudhakantha) was a singer known for his baritone voice. He received the National Film Award for Best Music Direction in 1975, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1987), Bharat Ratna (2019), Padma Vibhushan (2012), Padma Bhushan (2001), and Padma Shri (1977), Dada Saheb Phalke Award (1992), Asom Ratna (2009).

Q.167. Indira PP Bora is a Padma Shri Awardee 2020 for her contribution to which Indian classical dance?
SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (2nd Shift)
(a) Sattriya (b) Kathak
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Bharatanatyam

Sol.167.(a) Sattriya. Indira P. P. Bora has won Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1996. Dance and their exponents : Sattriya - Sharodi Saikia, Guru Jatin Goswami, Guru Ghanakanta Bora, Manik Barbayan, Pushpa Bhuyan.

Q.168. Who among the following is a Sarod player popularly known as 'Sarod Samrat' ?
SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (2nd Shift)
(a) Pandit Kishan Maharaj
(b) Pandit Ravi Shankar
(c) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Bangash
(d) Pandit Shivkumar Sharma

Sol.168.(c) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Bangash: Awards - Padma Shri (1975), Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2001). Amjad Ali Khan, along with his sons played 'Raga for Peace' in the year 2014 at the 'Nobel Peace Prize Concert'. Other Sarod Players: Allauddin

Khan, Hafiz Ali Khan, Ali Akbar Khan, Radhika Mohan Maitra, Sharan Rani Backliwal, Zarin Sharma, Buddhadev Das Gupta, Rajeev Taranath, Aashish Khan, Tejendra Majumdar etc.

Q.169. The Maharashtra Bhushan was conferred upon _____ in the year 2002.
SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Pandit Ravi Shankar
- (b) Pandit Bhimsen Joshi
- (c) Pandit Jasraj
- (d) Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia

Sol.169.(b) Pandit Bhimsen Joshi. He belongs to the Kirana gharana tradition of Hindustani Classical Music. Awards - Bharat Ratna (2009), Padma Vibhushan (1999), Padma Bhushan (1985), Padma Shri (1972), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Hindustani vocal music (1975), Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar (2000).

Q.170. Indian classical violinist Annavarapu Rama Swamy was awarded with the _____ in 2021.
SSC CGL 18/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Padma Shri
- (b) Sangeet Natak Akademi
- (c) Padma Vibhushan
- (d) Padma Bhushan

Sol.170.(a) Padma Shri (2021). Dr. Annavarapu Ramaswamy, a renowned Indian classical violinist from Andhra Pradesh, is noted for his contributions to music, including the invention of new Ragas and Talas such as Vandana Raga, Sri Durga Raga, Tinetradi Tala, and Vedadi Tala.

Q.171. Which Indian musician from Maharashtra received the Padma Vibhushan 2023 ?
SSC CGL 18/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Ramdas Palsule
- (b) Bharat Kamat
- (c) Zakir Hussain
- (d) Milind Date

Sol.171.(c) Zakir Hussain (tabla player). Awards - Padma Shri (1988), Padma Bhushan (2002), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1991), Kalidas Samman (2006). Other Maestro Of Tabla: Pandit Ramdas Palsule, Bharat Kamat, Alla Rakha Khan.

Q.172. The renowned ghazal singer Girija Devi was born in _____.
SSC CGL 18/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Punjab

Sol.172.(c) Uttar Pradesh. Girija Devi was a Thumri singer of the Senia and Banaras gharanas. She was dubbed as the 'Queen of Thumri' for her contribution

in the genre. Awards : Padma Shri (1972), Padma Bhushan (1989), Padma Vibhushan (2016), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1977), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2010).

Q.173. Pandit Omkar Nath Thakur was a student of _____.
SSC CGL 19/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Ustad Abdul Karim Khan
- (b) Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar
- (c) Pandit Gopal Shankar Mishra
- (d) Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande

Sol.173.(b) Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar. He was a Hindustani musician, known for singing the original version of the bhajan "Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram" and founded the Gandharva Mahavidyalaya in 1901. Pandit Omkarnath Thakur, a noted music teacher, musicologist, and Hindustani classical singer, was associated with the Gwalior Gharana, the oldest Khayal Gayaki style.

Q.174. Who among the following classical dancers is NOT related to Odissi?
SSC CGL 19/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Geetanjali Lal
- (b) Mayadhar Raut
- (c) Kiran Segal
- (d) Kumkum Mohanty

Sol.174.(a) Geetanjali Lal. She is an Indian Kathak dancer and choreographer. Notable Odissi dancers include Kelucharan Mohapatra, Deba Prasad Das, Madhavi Mudgal, Sonal Mansingh, Pankaj Charan Das, Aruna Mohanty, and Ileana Citaristi.

Q.175. Which Indian musician and sitar player is the founder of the National Orchestra of India?
SSC CGL 19/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Ravi Shankar
- (b) Shahid Parvez Khan
- (c) Kishan Maharaj
- (d) Ayyagari Syamasundaram

Sol.175.(a) Ravi Shankar. He was an Indian musician and player of the sitar, who was influential in stimulating Western appreciation of Indian music. His Awards: Bharat Ratna (1999), Padma Vibhushan (1981), Padma Bhushan (1967) and Grammy Award (1968) for Best Chamber Music Performance for his work "West Meets East".

Q.176. Who among the following was the youngest recipient of the Sangeetha Kalanidhi awarded by the Music Academy in 1947?
SSC CGL 19/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Semmangudi Radhakrishna Srinivasa

Iyer

- (b) Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar
- (c) Mallikarjun Bheemarayappa Mansur
- (d) Bhimsen Joshi

Sol.176.(a) Semmangudi Radhakrishna Srinivasa Iyer (Vocalist) : Awards - National Eminence Award (2002), Kalidas Samman (1980). Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar : Awards - Sangeetha Kalanidhi award (1938), Padma Bhushan (1958).

Q.177. Ali Akbar Khan was associated with which of the following gharanas?
SSC CGL 19/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Maihar gharana
- (b) Agra gharana
- (c) Gwalior gharana
- (d) Kirana gharana

Sol.177.(a) Maihar gharana. Ali Akbar Khan (Sarod) : Awards - Padma Bhushan (1967), Padma Vibhushan (1989). Exponents of Maihar gharana : Allauddin Khan, Pandit Nikhil Ranjan Banerjee, Nityanand Haldipur. Agra gharana : Founders - Haji Sujana Khan; Ustad Gagghe Khuda Bakhsh. Gwalior Gharana : Founders - Ustad Hassu Khan, Ustad Haddu Khan and Ustad Nathu Khan. Kirana Gharana : Founders - Abdul Karim Khan and Abdul Wahid Khan.

Q.178. For which film did Asha Bhosle win the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Award in the Best Playback Singer Female category in 2002?
SSC CGL 23/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Devdas
- (b) Humraaz
- (c) Om Jai Jagdish
- (d) Lagaan

Sol.178.(d) Lagaan. Asha Bhosle: She was officially acknowledged as the most recorded artist in music history by the Guinness Book of World Records in 2011. Her Award: Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000), Padma Vibhushan (2008), Banga Bibhushan (2018), Maharashtra Bhushan (2021), Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award (2001).

Q.179. _____ is often touted as the "Tansen of the 20th century," this musical genius blended the best of classical music and created a unique style of his own.
SSC CGL 23/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Ustad Ali Baksh Khan
- (b) Bade Ghulam Ali Khan
- (c) Mubarak Ali Khan
- (d) Barkat Ali Khan

Sol.179.(b) Bade Ghulam Ali Khan. He was an Indian vocalist from the Kasur Patiala Gharana. His Award: Padma Bhushan (1962), and Sangeet Natak

Akademi Award (1962).

Q.180. Papanasam Ramayya Sivan was an Indian composer of which music style?

SSC CGL 23/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Qawwali (b) Carnatic music
(c) Bhajan (d) Folk music

Sol.180.(b) Carnatic music.

Paapanaasam Raamayya Sivan was awarded the Sangeetha Kalanidhi by the Madras Music Academy in 1971. He also composed film scores for Kannada and Tamil cinema in the 1930s and 1940s and was known as Tamil Thyagaraja. Amir Khusrow (1253-1325) is credited with creating qawwali, while Tukadoji Maharaj introduced the Bhajan and the Kanjiri Bhajan, performed with the Kanjiri instrument.

Q.181. The famous santoor player Pandit Shivkumar Sharma received the _____ in the year 1986.

SSC CGL 23/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Maharashtra Gurav Puraskar
(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
(c) Sanskriti Award
(d) Kalidas Samman

Sol.181.(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. Also known as the Akademi Puraskar, this award honors excellence in the performing arts. The santoor, a trapezoid-shaped hammered dulcimer made of walnut, is popular in India.

Q.182. Classical Sarod player Amjad Ali Khan was awarded _____ in 2001 by the Government of India.

SSC CGL 24/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Bharat Ratna
(b) Padma Shri
(c) Padma Vibhushan
(d) Padma Bhushan

Sol.182.(c) Padma Vibhushan. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Sarod Samrat): He is an Indian classical sarod player, best known for his clear and fast ekhara taans. He was born in Gwalior. Awards: Padma Shri (1975), Padma Bhushan (1991), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1989), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2011).

Q.183. Some of the talas invented by _____ include Trimukhi, Panchamukhi, Saptamukhi and Navamukhi.

SSC CGL 24/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) M Balamuralikrishna
(b) Hariprasad Chaurasia
(c) Yashraj
(d) Bhimsen Joshi

Sol.183.(a) M Balamuralikrishna was a

renowned Indian vocalist, composer, and innovator in Carnatic music. His Awards: Padma Shri (1971), Padma Vibhushan (1991), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1975), Mahatma Gandhi Silver Medal from UNESCO (1995).

Q.184. Who among the following dancers was the first one from the state of Odisha to be conferred the Padma Vibhushan Award?

SSC CGL 24/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Uday Shankar
(b) Pandit Birju Maharaj
(c) Kelucharan Mohapatra
(d) Guru Bipin Singh

Sol.184.(c) Kelucharan Mohapatra : Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1966), Padma Shri (1974), Padma Bhushan (1988), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2000).

Q.185. Harmonium player, Tulsidas Borkar, was awarded with the __ in 2016.

SSC CGL 24/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Padma Shri (b) Padma Bhushan
(c) Bharat Ratna (d) Padma Vibhushan

Sol.185.(a) Padma Shri. Tulsidas Borkar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2005. Other prominent harmonium players include Appa Jalgaonkar, Ustad Rafiuddin Ahmed, Ustad Nizamuddin, Shankar Mahadevan, and Bhishmadev Bedi.

Q.186. Which of the following Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Awards was conferred on Ustad Amjad Ali Khan?

SSC CGL 24/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) 20th (b) 19th (c) 21st (d) 18th

Sol.186.(c) 21st. This award is presented every year to those who have devoted their life in understanding and promoting social harmony. It constitutes a citation and cash Prize of Rs. 10 Lakh.

Q.187. Ishwari Prasad is credited to have introduced the _____ Gharana of Kathak.

SSC CGL 25/09/2024 (1st Shift)

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

Sol.187.(d) Lucknow Gharana was established under the patronage of Wajid Ali Shah, the last Nawab of Oudh. This gharana is characterized by its emphasis on grace and elegance. Other Kathak Gharana and Founder: Jaipur Gharana - Bhanuji; Benaras Gharana - Janaki Prasad; Raigarh Gharana - Raja Chakradhar Singh.

Q.188. Which famous santoor player was honoured with the Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan Award in 1998?

SSC CGL 25/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Tarun Bhattacharya
(b) Shivkumar Sharma
(c) Satish Vyas
(d) Abhay Sopori

Sol.188.(b) Shivkumar Sharma was an Indian classical musician and santoor player. His Other Awards: Padma Vibhushan (2001), Padma Shri (1991).

Q.189. Which of the following playback singers is the recipient of the Karnataka Ratna Award 2005?

SSC CGL 25/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sistla Janaki (b) Ravindra Jain
(c) Pandit Jasraj (d) Bhimsen Joshi

Sol.189.(d) Bhimsen Joshi. He belongs to the Kirana gharana tradition of Hindustani Classical Music. Awards - Bharat Ratna (2008), Padma Bhushan (1985), Padma Vibhushan (1999).

Q.190. For which of the following tribal music and dance forms was Arjun Singh Dhurve conferred with Tulsi Samman?

SSC CGL 25/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Mardana (b) Pawara
(c) Baiga (d) Jhumta

Sol.190.(c) Baiga Dance Form: It is a traditional art form of the Baiga tribe, an indigenous community in Madhya Pradesh. Arjun Singh Dhurve: Awards - Tulsi Samman by Madhya Pradesh Govt (1993-94), Padma Shri (2022).

Q.191. Which playback singer was honoured with the Nightingale of Asia Award in 1987?

SSC CGL 26/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Pulapaka Susheela
(b) Asha Bhosle
(c) Mubarak Begum
(d) Kavita Krishnamurthy

Sol.191.(b) Asha Bhosle. Her latest Awards :Yash Chopra Memorial Award (2018), Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award (2023), Banga Bibhushan Award (Highest West Bengal Civilian Award) (2018). Maharashtra Bhushan Award (2021).

Q.192. _____ was an Indian dancer and choreographer best known for creating a fusion style of dance adapting European theatrical techniques to Indian classical and folk - dance forms.

SSC CHSL 02/07/2024 (4th shift)

- (a) Smita Nagdev (b) Ravi Shankar
(c) Shovana Narayan (d) Uday Shankar

Sol.192.(d) Uday Shankar. He is known as the Father of Modern Dance in India. Awards - Padma Vibhushan (1971), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (1962).

Q.193. Chhannulal Mishra is related to which Musical Lineage?

SSC CHSL 03/07/2024 (4th shift)

- (a) Delhi Musical Family
- (b) Jaipur Musical Family
- (c) Kirana Musical Family
- (d) Agra Musical Family

Sol.193.(c) Kirana Musical Family. It was founded by Abdul Karim Khan. Khayal gayaki and Dhrupad-Dhamar are combined to create the gayaki of the Agra Gharana. Chhannulal Mishra was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010, Padma Vibhushan in 2020.

Q.194. Sanjukta Panigrahi, a legendary dancer, is associated with which of the following dance forms?

SSC CHSL 05/07/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Bihu
- (b) Odissi
- (c) Kuchipudi
- (d) Laho

Sol.194.(b) Odissi. Awards of Sanjukta Panigrahi: Padma Shri (1975) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1976). Odissi dance exponents: Kelucharan Mohapatra, Kumkum Mohanty, Protima Bedi, Sujata Mohapatra.

Q.195. Chitra Visweswaran is a famous dancer of which of the following dance genres?

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (1st shift)

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

Sol.195.(d) Bharatnatyam (Tamil Nadu). Awards of Chitra Visweswaran: Padma Shri (1992). Notable Bharatanatyam dancers include Rukmini Devi Arundale, Padma Subrahmanyam, Mallika Sarabhai, Yamini Krishnamurthy, Mrinalini Sarabhai, Alarmel Valli, Bala Saraswati, Anita Ratnam, Sonal Mansingh, and Sudha Chandran.

Q.196. Who among the following Indian musicians is known for his contribution to the field of Hindustani music for the classification of Ragas into ten Thatas?

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande
- (b) Abdul Karim Khan
- (c) Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar
- (d) Allauddin Khan

Sol.196.(a) Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande. He was a prominent musician who wrote the first modern

treatise on Hindustani classical music. In 1916, he reorganized the Baroda state music school. He set up Marris College of Music in Lucknow in 1926, which is now known as Bhatkhande Music Institute. He published books Swar Malika and Shri Mallakshaya Sangeetam (pen name Chatur Pandit).

Q.197. Vijay Kichlu belongs to the ____ .
SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Bhendi Bazzar Gharana
- (b) Gwalior Gharana
- (c) Agra Gharana
- (d) Patiala Gharana

Sol.197.(c) Agra Gharana. Vijay Kichlu was an Indian classical singer. Award - Padma Shri (2018). Agra Gharana was founded by Haji Sujan Khan and Ustad Gagghe Khuda Bakhsh. Other Exponents of Agra Gharana - Faiyaz Khan, Latafat Hussain Khan, Dinkar Kaikini and Lalith Rao.

Q.198. Thiyam Suryamukhi Devi who received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2003, is known for her contribution to the:

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Manipuri dance
- (b) Odissi dance
- (c) Gotipua dance
- (d) Kathak dance

Sol.198.(a) Manipuri dance. Thiyam Suryamukhi Devi - She created her own solo composition such as Basanta Barnar Sakhi Ukti. Other Manipuri Exponents : Guru Bipin Singh, Maisnam Amubi Singh, Rajkumar Singhajit Singh, Sougaijam Thanil Singh, Thingbaijam Babu Singh, Darshana Jhaveri, etc.

Q.199. Who among the following Padma Vibhushan awardees belongs to Kalka - Bindadin gharana of Kathak ?

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Kelucharan Mohapatra
- (b) Damyanti Devi
- (c) Birju Maharaj
- (d) Sitara Devi

Sol.199.(c) Birju Maharaj. He is the direct descendant of Ishwari Prasad (the first known Kathak teacher). Birju Maharaj established an institution named 'Kalashram' for imparting training in dance and associated disciplines. Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1964), Padma Vibhushan (1986).

Q.200. Who among the following is a Padma Shri Awardee for her contribution to Manipuri Dance?

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Aditi Rao Hydari
- (b) Darshana Jhaveri

(c) Mrinalini Sarabhai

(d) Shovana Narayan

Sol.200.(b) Darshana Jhaveri, the youngest of the four Jhaveri sisters, is a disciple of Guru Bipin Singh. Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1996), Padma Shri (2002), Kalidas Samman Award (2018).

Q.201. Who among the following is a distinguished and experienced scion of the famous Kavungal family associated with 'Kathakali' for six generations?

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (3rd shift)

- (a) Padma Subramanyam
- (b) Ammannur Madhava Chakyar
- (c) Chathunni Panicker
- (d) Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai

Sol.201.(c) Chathunni Panicker: Awards - Padma Shri (2006), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1973). Other exponents of Kathakali - Kanak Rele, Kottakkal Sivaraman, Guru Kunchu Kurup.

Q.202. Siyaram Tewari belongs to which of the following music Gharanas ?

SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Dagari
- (b) Kirana
- (c) Darbhanga
- (d) Bettiah

Sol.202.(c) Darbhanga. Siyaram Tiwari was an esteemed Indian classical singer and a prominent exponent of the Dhrupad genre in Hindustani classical music. Award : Padma Shri (1971). Notable singers from this gharana include Ram Chatur Mallick, Pandit Vidur Mallick, Padmashri Pandit Ram Kumar Mallick, and Pt. Prem Kumar Mallik.

Q.203. Who among the following is NOT an Odissi dancer ?

SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Anita Ratnam
- (b) Kumkum Mohanty
- (c) Sonal Mansingh
- (d) Protima Bedi

Sol.203.(a) Anita Ratnam, a classically trained Bharatanatyam dancer, has also received formal training in Kathakali, Mohiniattam, tai chi, and Kalarippayattu. She combined these diverse influences to create her unique dance style, which she calls "Neo Bharatam."

Q.204. Pandit Acchan Maharaj was a Kathak legend of which of the following gharanas ?

SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (2nd shift)

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

Sol.204.(c) Lucknow. Acchan Maharaj is

the father of Pandit Birju Maharaj. Exponents of Lucknow Gharana - Pandit Birju Maharaj, Shambhu Maharaj, Lachhu Maharaj (Pandit Bajinath Prasad), Pandit Ishwari Prasad, Kalika Prasad, Manjari Chaturvedi.

Q.205. Sitara Devi, a doyen of _____ Dance, was hailed as the Queen of Kathak by Rabindranath Tagore.
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (2nd shift)
(a) Odissi (b) Sattriya
(c) Kathak (d) Manipuri

Sol.205.(c) Kathak. Sitara Devi (Dhanalakshmi): She was an Indian dancer of the classical Kathak style of dancing, a singer, and an actress. She was born at Cuttack, Odisha. Rabindranath Tagore described her as Nritya Samragini meaning the empress of dance. Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1969), the Padma Shri (1973).

Q.206. Mallika Sarabhai is famous for which of the following dances?
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (2nd shift)
(a) Sattriya (b) Kathak
(c) Odissi (d) Kuchipudi

Sol.206.(d) Kuchipudi. Mallika Sarabhai : Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2000), Padma Bhushan (2010), French Palme D'or (1977, The highest Civilian award in France).

Q.207. Who among the following belongs to Patiala Gharana?
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (2nd shift)
(a) Ali Baksh Khan (b) Nathu Khan
(c) Abdul Wahid Khan (d) Chhaju Khan

Sol.207.(a) Ali Baksh Khan : He was an Indian classical singer. Although the Patiala gharana was originally founded by Mian Kallu, Ali Baksh Khan and Fateh Ali Khan were instrumental in its development and prominence. Other exponents of Patiala Gharana : Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Munawar Ali Khan, Raza Ali Khan, Ajoy Chakraborty, Dilshad Khan, Parveen Sultana, Begum Akhtar, Naina Devi, Nirmala Devi and Lakshmi Shankar.

Q.208. Shovana Narayan has been honoured with the Padma Shri for her contribution to which Indian dance form?
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Odissi (b) Kathak
(c) Kathakali (d) Kuchipudi

Sol.208.(b) Kathak. Shovana Narayan received the Padma Shri in 1992 and sangeet natak akademi award in 1999.

Q.209. Who among the following is the

pioneer and founder of Kirana Gharana of Hindustani music?

SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (2nd shift)
(a) Firoz Dastur (b) Abdul Karim Khan
(c) Bhimsen Joshi (d) Sawai Gandharva

Sol.209.(b) Abdul Karim Khan : He was an Indian classical singer. He introduced Hindustani Khayal singing and Indian classical music in Kirana gharana. Due to frequent visits to Mysore Palace, he was conferred the title Sangeet Ratna. He founded the Arya Sangeet Vidyalyaya in Poona in 1913.

Q.210. Who among the following is a famous personality of the dance form Mohiniyattam?
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Sitara Devi (b) Sunanda Nair
(c) Birju Maharaj (d) Damayanti Joshi

Sol.210.(b) Sunanda Nair. Mohiniyattam is an Indian classical dance form originating from the state of Kerala. Other Mohiniyattam exponents - Gopika Varma, Neena Prasad, Mandakini Trivedi, Pallavi Krishnan.

Q.211. Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma, an accomplished Santoor player, originally hails from the State /UT of:
SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Jammu and Kashmir
(b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Assam
(d) Lakshadweep

Sol.211.(a) Jammu and Kashmir. Awards of Shiv Kumar Sharma : Padma Vibhushan (2001), Padma Shri (1991). Santoor players : Abhay Sopori, Bhajan Sopori, Tarun Bhattacharya.

Q.212. Indian musician, composer and singer Shubha Mudgal was awarded with the _____ in 2000.
SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (1st shift)
(a) Padma Shri
(b) Padma Bhushan
(c) Padma Vibhushan
(d) Sangeet Natak Akademi

Sol.212.(a) Padma Shri. Shubha Mudgal is known for her works in Hindustani classical music. Awards : Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award (2016), Best Non-Feature Film Music Direction (1995) for Amrit Beej.

Q.213. Sangeet Majumdar was felicitated by Casa De La, Spain for her contribution to which of the following Indian Classical Dances?
SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (2nd shift)
(a) Mohiniyattam (b) Kathak

(c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kuchipudi

Sol.213.(b) Kathak. Famous dancers : Kathak (Uttar Pradesh) - Birju Maharaj, Gopi Krishna, Sitara Devi, Uma Sharma, Deepa Kartha. Mohiniyattam (Kerala) - Jayaprabha Menon, Samitha Rajan, Pallavi Krishnan.

Q.214. Who among the following Bharatnatyam dancers was bestowed with the title of Asthana Nartaki (Resident Dancer) by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam temple?
SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Padma Subramanyam
(b) Yamini Krishnamurthy
(c) Rita Ganguly
(d) Indrani Rahman

Sol.214.(b) Yamini Krishnamurthy. She was an exponent of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dance. She opened Yamini School of Dance in Delhi in 1990. Awards: Padma Shri (1968), Padma Vibhushan (2001), Padma Bhushan (2016), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1977).

Q.215. Who among the following personalities was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (for her contribution to Manipuri Dance)?
SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Urmila Nagar
(b) Kalavati Devi
(c) Mallika Sarabhai
(d) Nirmala Ramachandran

Sol.215.(b) Kalavati Devi. She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2003. Other Manipuri dancers: Nirmala Mehta, Guru Bipin Singh, Charu Mathur, Savita Mehta, Bimbavati Devi. Other Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee and year : Urmila Nagar (Kathak) - 2003, Mallika Sarabhai (Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi) - 1999-2000. Nirmala Ramachandran (Bharatnatyayam) - 2004.

Q.216. Who among the following was the co-winner of Bharat Ratna with Lata Mangeskar in the year 2001?
SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (3rd shift)
(a) Bismillah Khan (b) Ravi Shankar
(c) Bhimsen Joshi (d) Asha Bhosle

Sol.216.(a) Bismillah Khan. He was a Hindustani classical shehnai player. His awards: Bharat Ratna (2001), Padma Vibhushan (1980), Padma Bhushan (1968), Padma Shri (1961). Sangeet Natak Akademi has decided to institute "Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar" from the year 2006. Awards of Lata Mangeskar: Padma Bhushan (1969), Padma Vibhushan (1999), Bharat Ratna

(2001).

Q.217. Begum Akhtar a famous singer from India is known for which of the following genres?

SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (3rd shift)

- (a) Ghazal music (b) Sufi music
(c) Folk music (d) Carnatic music

Sol.217.(a) Ghazal music. Awards of Begum Akhtar (Mallika-e-Ghazal): Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1972), Padma Bhushan (1975), Padma Shri (1968). Famous Indian ghazal singers: Jagjit Singh, Hariharan, Bhupinder Singh. Sufi singers - Ali Azmat, Ali Baba Khan. Carnatic singers - Charulatha Chandrasekhar, Soorya Narayanan, Vishwas Hari.

Q.218. Natya Sangeet is a form of musical play in classical music still prevalent in Maharashtra. Bal Gandharva is an exponent of this musical form. What is actual name of Balgandharva?

Matriculation Level 20/06/2024 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande
(b) Narayan Shripad Rajhans
(c) Mallikarjun Mansur
(d) Vishnu Digambar Paluskar

Sol.218.(b) Narayan Shripad Rajhans. He was a renowned Marathi singer and stage actor, famous for portraying female characters in Marathi plays at a time when women were not permitted to act on stage. Natya Sangeet is a form of drama that combines prose and poetry through songs to convey the story, akin to musicals. The term "Dramatic Music" refers to Natya Sangeet, one of the two popular forms of vocal arts in Maharashtra and neighboring states, the other being Bhavageet.

Q.219. Which state of India does the musician Shyamamani Devi belong to ?

Matriculation Level 25/06/2024 (Shift - 1)

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

Sol.219.(a) Odisha. Shyamamani Devi was an Odissi classical music vocalist and composer. She received Padma Shri in 2022. Some famous Odissi musicians include Tarini Charan Patra, Pandit Ramhari Das, 'Suramani' Pandit Raghunath Panigrahi, and Singhari Shyamasundar Kar.

Q.220. Who was the founder of Jaipur - Atrauli gharana?

Matriculation Level 26/06/2024 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Abdul Karim Khan
(b) Ali Baksh Khan

- (c) Alladiya Khan
(d) Omkarnath Thakur

Sol.220.(c) Alladiya Khan. The Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana is a Hindustani music tradition renowned for its unique style of khayal singing. It stands out for its distinctive vocal aesthetics, raga repertoire, and technical skill. Gharana of Hindustani classical music and its Founders : Gwalior Gharana (Nanthan Khan), Agra Gharana (Hajisujan Khan), Rangeela Gharana (Faizyaz Khan), Kirana Gharana (Abdul Wahid Khan).

Q.221. Ricky Kej, a globally acclaimed musician from India, won the 57th Grammy Award for which of the following albums ?

Higher Secondary 20/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Winds of Samsara
(b) Mystic Mountains
(c) Mountain Dreams
(d) Divine Tides

Sol.221.(a) Winds of Samsara. It reflects the concept of rebirth and the cyclicity of life, a key belief in Indian religions. Ricky Kej won his third Grammy in 2023 for "Divine Tides" in the Best Immersive Audio Album category. He won his second Grammy Award for "Ballad of Maya" in 2019.

Q.222. The first musician to be awarded with the highest civilian award of India, the 'Bharat Ratna' was _____.

Graduate Level 20/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Sudha Ragunathan
(b) Madurai Mani Iyer
(c) Lalitha Venkataraman
(d) MS Subbulakshmi

Sol.222.(d) MS Subbulakshmi. She was an acclaimed Indian Carnatic singer hailing from Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Her notable awards include the Bharat Ratna (1998), Padma Vibhushan (1975), Padma Bhushan (1954), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1974), and Kalidas Samman (1988).

Q.223. Sangeet Natak Akademi Award winner Deepak Mazumdar is an exponent of _____.

Graduate Level 20/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

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

Sol.223.(c) Bharatanatyam. Sri Deepak Mazumdar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2018.

Q.224. Vedantam Satyanarayana Sarma is associated with which of these dances?

Graduate Level 20/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

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

Sol.224.(a) Kuchipudi. Vedantam Satyanarayana Sarma, popularly known as Satyam, was an Indian classical dancer and choreographer. He was known for his portrayal of female characters such as Usha (Usha Parinayam), Deva Devi (Vipra Narayana), and Mohini (Mohini Rukmangada). His award: Padma Shri (1970).

Q.225. Who among the following was awarded the Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award, 2014 ?

Graduate Level 21/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Pandit Ravi Shankar
(b) Saraswati Abdul Rane
(c) Pandit Kumar Gandharv
(d) Prabha Atre

Sol.225.(d) Prabha Atre (vocalist). Her Awards : Padma Shri (1990), Padma Bhushan (2002), Padma Vibhushan (2022), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1991) for her contribution to Hindustani vocal music.

Q.226. Who among the following is conferred upon Padma Shri 2021 for his/her contribution to Panthi folk dance

Graduate Level 21/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Satyaram Reang
(b) Radhe Devi
(c) Dulari Devi
(d) Radhe Shyam Barle

Sol.226.(d) Radhe Shyam Barle. She is a Panthi folk dancer and artist. Panthi is a folk dance of the Satnami community of Chhattisgarh. The songs convey the spirit of renunciation of their gurus and teachings of Saints such as Kabir, Ravidas and Dadu. Satyaram Reang (Tripura) was an Indian folk Hojagiri dancer who received Padma Shri in 2021. Dulari Devi (Bihar) is an artist working in the Mithila art tradition and received Padma Shri in 2021.

Q.227. Akham Lakshmi Devi was honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2018 for her contribution to _____ dance.

Graduate Level 24/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

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

Sol.227.(c) Manipuri. Akham Lakshmi Devi received the Manipur State Kala Akademi Award in 2010 and the Nritya Bhusan in 2014.

Q.228. Rani Karnaa was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi (1996) for her

contribution to_____.

Graduate Level 25/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

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

Sol.228.(b) Kathak. Rani Karnaa also received the Padma Shri Award in 2014. She was trained by Pandit Narayan Prasad and Sunder Prasad of the Jaipur gharana and Pandit Shambhu Maharaj and Birju Maharaj of Lucknow gharanas.

Q.229. Who was one of the 20th 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.229.(b) T Balasaraswati. Awards: Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1955), Padma Vibhushan (1977), Sangita Kalanidhi (1973).

Q.230. 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.230.(c) Pandit Ravi Shankar
(Founder of the National Orchestra of India) : 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.231. '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.231.(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.232. 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.232.(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.233. 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) Alamel Valli
(b) Mrinalini Sarabhai
(c) Yamini Krishnamurthy
(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale

Sol.233.(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale founded the Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai in 1936. The 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.234. 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.234.(b) Bharatanatyam. Her Awards: Padma Vibhushan (2024), Padma Bhushan (2003), Padma Shri (1981), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1983).

Q.235. 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.235.(b) Mohiniyattam - Gopika Varma was the first Mohiniyattam dancer to receive the 'Kalaimamani'.

Q.236. 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.236.(d) Kathakali. She was winner of Stree Ratnam and Devdasi National

Award. Other Dancers: Kavungal Chathunni Panicker, Kalamandalam Gopi, Kottakkal Sivaraman, Kalanilayam Balakrishnan, Kottakal Sivaraman, Rita Ganguly.

Q.237. The Wadali Brothers are__singers.
SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (Afternoon)
(a) Bhatiali (b) Lavani
(c) Sufi (d) Pandavani

Sol.237.(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.238. 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.238.(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.239. 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.239.(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.240. 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.240.(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.241. 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.241.(b) Bharatanatyam. Dancing couple - Vannadil Pudiyaveettil Dhananjayan and Shanta Dhananjayan (together known as Dhananjayans).

Q.242. 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.242.(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.243. 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.243.(a) Ummathat - The traditional dance form of Coorg (Karnataka) performed by the Kodava women.

Q.244. Indian classical vocalist Pandit Jasraj belonged to which of the following musical gharanas?

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

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

Sol.244.(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. Dagari - Gundecha Brothers, Zia Mohiuddin Dagar. Gwalior Gharana - Nanthan Khan, Meeta Pandit.

Q.245. 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.245.(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.246. 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.246.(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.247. Famous Bollywood actress Hema Malini is a trained_____dancer.

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

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

Sol.247.(b) Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu). Hema Malini: Awards - Padma Shri (2000).

Q.248. Which of the following musicians is popularly known as 'Panchamda'?

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

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

Sol.248.(d) RD Burman : Indian music director, composer, and singer. Indian musicians and their nicknames : A.R. Rahman - The Mozart of Madras. Asha Bhosle - The Queen of Indipop. Lata Mangeshkar - Queen of Melody, Voice of the Millennium. Mohammed Rafi - Pheeko.

Q.249. 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.249.(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.250. 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.250.(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.251. 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.251.(d) Amjad Ali Khan (sarod player). His Awards : Padma Shri (1975), Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2001).

Q.252. 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.252.(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.253. 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.253.(d) Udit Narayan Jha. Other Playback Singers and their Awards: Sonu Nigam (Padma Shri, 2022). Kumar Sanu Bhattacharjee: Padma Shri (2009).

Q.254. 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.254.(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.255. 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 Subrahmanayam
(d) Sonal Mansingh

Sol.255.(d) Sonal Mansingh received Padma Bhushan (1992), Padma Vibhushan (2003).

Q.256. 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.256.(a) Odissi - Classical dance forms of Odisha. Its dance theoretical base traces back to 'Natya Shastra' of Bharatamuni.

Q.257. 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.257.(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.258. 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.258.(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.259. 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.259.(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.260. The four Nattuvanars namely Ponaiyah, Vadivelu, Sivanandam and Chinnaia, 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.260.(a) Bharatanatyam. The term 'Nattuvanar' means dance teacher.

Q.261. 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.261.(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.

Q.262. 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.262.(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.263. 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.263.(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.264. 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.264.(b) Odissi. Sutapa Talukdar Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (2019).

Q.265. 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.265.(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.266. Talat Aziz is primarily a _____ singer.

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

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

Sol.266.(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.267. 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.267.(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.268. 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.268.(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.269. 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.269.(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.270. 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.270.(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.271. 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.271.(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.272. 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.272.(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.273. 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.273.(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.274. 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.274.(d) Kaushalya Reddy. Famous Kuchipudi Dancers: Bhavana Reddy, Yamini Reddy, Vempati Chinna Satyam, Manju Bhargavi.

Q.275. 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.275.(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.276. 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.276.(a) Manipuri. Awards of Guru Bipin Singh - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1966), Kalidas Samman (1989), Title of Hanjaba by the Maharaja of Manipur.

Q.277. 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.277.(a) Bharatanatyam. Urmila Satyanarayanan (Tamil Nadu) - Awards: Kalaimamani award (1997), Nritya Choodamani (2001).

Q.278. 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.278.(d) Tripura. His Awards - Padma Shri (2021), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986), Hojagiri dance (Reang community).

Q.279. 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.279.(d) Alla Rakha. He belongs to Punjab Gharana. Awards: Padma Shri (1977) and Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1982).

Q.280. Shivaputra Siddaramaiah Komkali math 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.280.(b) Pandit Kumar Gandharva. Awards - Padma Vibhushan (1990). Pandit Jasraj (Rasraj) - Mewati Gharana.

Q.281. 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.281.(d) Tabla. Awards of Kishan Maharaj - Padma Shri (1973), Padma Vibhushan (2002).

Q.282. 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.282.(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.283. 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.283.(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.284. 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.284.(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.285. 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.285.(d) Kamala Lakshmi Narayanan (Bharatanatyam). Awards - Padma

Bhushan (1970), Lifetime Achievement Award (2004), Natya Padmam (2007), Platinum Jubilee Award (2002).

Q.286. 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.286.(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.287. 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 Raut
(d) Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra

Sol.287.(d) Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra. Awards - Padma Bhushan (1988), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1966), Kalidas Samman (1987).

Q.288. 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.288.(d) Assam. Jyoti Prasad Agarwal - First filmmaker of Assam. He made the first Assamese Movie - 'Joymoti' (1935). His Famous Play - 'Sonit - Konwari', 'Rupali', 'Karengar Ligiri', 'Lobhita' and 'Joymoti'. His death anniversary (17 January) is observed as 'Silpi Divas' in Assam.

Q.289. 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.289.(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.290. 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.290.(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). **Javed Akhtar** : Poet and lyricist and screenwriter of Hindi films. Award : Padma Shri (1999), Padma Bhushan (2007).

Q.291. 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.291.(a) Odissi (2016). Other Awards : Bhumiputra 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.292. 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.292.(d) Kathak. Kamalini Asthana and Nalini Asthana (Agra, Uttar Pradesh) known for their performances of the Benaras Gharana style of Kathak.

Q.293. Surupa Sen is a famous _____ dancer.

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

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

Sol.293.(c) Odissi. Awards of Surupa Sen: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2018), Raza Foundation Award (2006).

Q.294. 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.294.(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.295. Papanasam Sivan was related to the following music?

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

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

Sol.295.(a) Carnatic. Papanasam Sivan Awards: Padma Bhushan (1972), Sangeet Natak Academy Fellow (1962), President Award (1962).

Q.296. 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 Adepoju and Giovanni Hidalgo ?

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

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

Sol.296.(c) Zakir Hussain. He is the son of Ustad Alla Rakha. 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.297. 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.297.(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.298. 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.298.(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, Aban Mistry.

Q.299. 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) Hariprasad Chaurasia
(d) Bismillah Khan

Sol.299.(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.300. 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.300.(c) Sarod. Awards - Padma Bhushan (1958), Padma Vibhushan (1971), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1954).

Q.301. 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.301.(a) Kathak. Saswati Sen was a senior disciple of Pandit Birju Maharaj.

Q.302. 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.302.(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.303. 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.303.(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.304. 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.304.(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.305. 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.305.(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.306. 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.306.(d) Zarin Sharma - She was a famous Sarod player of Khayal (Agra gharana). AwardS - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1988), Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar (1990), Dadasaheb Phalke Academy award (2007).

Q.307. 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.307.(d) Sarod. She is the first woman sarod player in India. She was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2000.

Q.308. "Bombay" Ramnath is a famous_____singer of India.

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Carnatic (b) Folk (c) Jazz (d) Hip-hop

Sol.308.(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.309. Who among the following was awarded the prestigious title of 'Nriyacharya' 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.309.(a) Guru Bipin Singh.

Q.310. 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.310.(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.311. Jayanthi Kumaresh is one of the foremost exponents of _____.

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) santoor (b) tabla (c) sitar (d) veena

Sol.311.(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.312. 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.312.(a) Padma Shri. Milena Salvini - Obtained a two-year scholarship to train in Kathakali at the Kerala Kalamandalam

in 1962.

Q.313. 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.313.(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.314. 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.314.(c) Elam Endira Devi (Manipur). She is an Indian classical dancer and teacher. She performed in the film 'Matamgi Manipur', which won the National Film Award (1972). Other awards - Excellence Award, Nriyta Rani Upadhi, Best Actress Award.

Q.315. 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.315.(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 (Faizyaz Khan), Jaipur (Alladiya Khan).

Q.316. 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.316.(c) Shahid Parvez Khan. Awards - Kalajyothi Lifetime Achievement Award (2020), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2006), Padma Shri Award (2012).

Q.317. 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.317.(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.318. 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.318.(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.319. 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.319.(b) Sitar. Budhaditya Mukherjee : First-ever musician to perform at the House of Commons, London.

Q.320. 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.320.(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.321. 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.321.(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), Hirapova - Chandrakanta Award (2006).

Q.322. 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.322.(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.323. 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.323.(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.324. 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.324.(c) Kathak. Awards Received by Aditi Mangaldas - National Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 2013.

Q.325. 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.325.(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.326. 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.326.(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.327. 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.327.(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.328. 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.328.(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.329. 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.329.(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.330. 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.330.(d) Mrinalini Sarabhai was the founder and director of Darpana Academy of Performing Arts in Ahmedabad.

Q.331. 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.331.(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.332. 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.332.(c) 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.333. 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.333.(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.334. 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.334.(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.335. 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.335.(a) Prerana Shrimali. She is a senior dancer of Jaipur Gharana of Kathak. Honours - 2001 Rashtriya Ekta Award (57th Birth Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi).

Q.336. Guru Nileshtar 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.336.(b) Manipuri.

Q.337. 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.337.(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.338. 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.338.(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.339. 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.339.(c) Rukmini Devi Arundale (Bharatanatyam). **Awards:** Padma Bhushan (1956), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1957).

Q.340. 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.340.(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.341. Surekha Puneekar 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.341.(b) Lavani. Vithabai Narayangaonkar, Kantabai Satarkar, Mangala Bansode, Sandhya Mane, Roshan Satarkar are well known artists presenting Lavani on stage.

Q.342. 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.342.(b) Kalaimamani. Other Awards - 'Nritya Kalanidhi' title by The Music Academy in 2019, Sangeet Natak Akademi award (2012).

Q.343. 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.343.(c) Padma Shri. Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra Award (2011), Odisha

Sangeet Natak Akademi (1993). Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1994).

Q.344. 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.344.(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.345. With which instrument is Ustad Sultan Khan associated?

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

- (a) Sitar (b) Sarod (c) Tabla (d) Sarangi

Sol.345.(d) Sarangi. 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.346. 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.346.(c) Pandit Shivkumar Sharma (santoor player).

Q.347. 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.347.(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.348. 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.348.(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.349. 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.349.(b) Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam: Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1983), Padma Bhushan (2003) Padma Shri (1981).

Q.350. 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) Bhendi Bazaar Gharana

Sol.350.(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. Bhendi Bazaar Gharana : Pandit Shivkumar Shukla, Ramesh Nadkarni, T.D. Janorikar. Tansen belonged to Gwalior Gharana.

Q.351. 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.351.(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.352. 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.352.(a) Harmonium -

Appa Jalgaonkar (Sangeet Natak Akademi Award - 2000). It is also called Reed Organ, a free-reed keyboard instrument. Famous Harmonium players - Mehmood Dhaultपुरi, R. K. Bijapur, Sudhir Nayak, Tulsidas Borkar.

Q.353. 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.353.(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.354. 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.354.(c) Siddhendra Yogi. Bhama Kalapam (story of Satyabhama, wife of the god Krishna). Most popular classical dance-dramas, Kathakali (sage Bharata).

Q.355. 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.355.(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); M. S Gopalakrishnan {Padma Shri (1975), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1982), Padma Bhushan (2012)}.

Q.356. Mallika Sarabhai was honoured by the _____ government with Chevalier des Palmes Academiques 2005.

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) French (b) Canadian
(c) Swiss (d) Belgian

Sol.356.(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.357. 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.357.(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.358. Who among the following was a famous sitar player?

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Zakir Hussain
(b) Hari Prasad Chaurasia
(c) Raja Khan
(d) Nikhil Banerjee

Sol.358.(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.359. 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.359.(c) Odissi.

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.360. Ileana Citaristi is the first classical dancer of foreign origin who was conferred the Padma Shri Award in 2006 for her contributions to _____.

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Evening)

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

Sol.360.(d) Odissi. Ileana Citaristi is an Indian Odissi and Chhau dancer. **Awards:** 43rd 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), Pranatanth Patnaik Award (2005).

Q.361. 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.361.(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.362. 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.362.(d) Rukmini Devi Arundale (Bharatanatyam). Awards: Padma Bhushan (1956), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1957), Prani Mitra Award (1968).

Q.363. 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.363.(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.364. 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.364.(c) Sattriya dance (Assam).

Q.365. 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.365.(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.366. With which of the following was Kadri Gopalnath associated ?

SSC MTS 08/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) 365
- (b) Saxophone
- (c) Tabla
- (d) Flute

Sol.366.(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.367. 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.367.(d) Bharatanatyam. She established Venkatesha Natya Mandira in 1969. She choreographed her first dance-drama based on the Ramayana, followed by Hanumadvilasa.

Q.368. Dr N Rajam is known for playing the _____.

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) veena
- (b) guitar
- (c) violin
- (d) flute

Sol.368.(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.369. Who is the first trans woman to win a Padma Shri award for Bharatanatyam?

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Bishesh Huireem
- (b) Narthaki Nataraj
- (c) Sruthy Sithara
- (d) Sadhana Mishra

Sol.369.(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.370. 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.370.(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.371. 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.371.(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.372. 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.372.(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.373. Chitti Babu is associated with which musical instrument?

SSC MTS 21/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Guitar
- (b) Santoor
- (c) Sitar
- (d) Veena

Sol.373.(d) Veena. Famous Veena players in India - Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, Ayyagari Syamasundaram, Doraiswamy Iyengar, Emani Sankara Shastri, Dhanammal, KR Kumaraswamy, Sundaram Balachandrer, etc.

Q.374. 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 _____.

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Morning)

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

Sol.374.(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.375._____ along with his wife, herself a dancer, and their son built Srijan in 1993.

SSC CHSL 24/05/ 2022 (Morning)

- (a) Pankaj Charan Das
(b) Kelucharan Mohapatra
(c) Raghunath Dutta
(d) Deba Prasad Das

Sol.375.(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.376. The Nooran Sisters are renowned for which of the following genres of Indian Music?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Qawwali (b) Sufi
(c) Ghazals (d) Hindustani Classical

Sol.376.(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.377. 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 ?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Shobha Abhyankar (b) Annapurama
(c) Allah Jilai Bai (d) Janki Bai

Sol.377.(d) Janki Bai. She was popularly known as "Chhappan chhuri" or the 'woman with 56 stab wounds'. Shobha Abhyankar (Pune) - Mewati Gharana. Annapurama (Chennai)- Carnatic Music, Allah Jilai Bai (Rajasthan) - Folk Music.

Q.378. Padma Shri awardee Gopal Prasad Dubey was awarded for his contribution to which of the following dances?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Sattriya (b) Panthi

- (c) Chhau (d) Mohiniyattam

Sol.378.(c) Chhau. Awards: Padma Shri (2012), Suvarna Shanku (2010), Natya Shri title from Nataraj Music Academy (2010).

Q.379. Who is the first Indian musician to win the Oscar award for Best Original Score?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bhanu Athaiya (b) Resul Pookutty
(c) Mehboob Khan (d) A.R. Rahman

Sol.379.(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.380. 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 _____.

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) 2001 (b) 2009 (c) 2012 (d) 2005

Sol.380.(b) 2009. Award: Padma Bhushan (2009).

Q.381. Meenakshi Srinivasan received the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2011 for which of the following dance forms?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

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

Sol.381.(d) Bharatanatyam. In 2018 (Last Awarded) - Durgesh Gangani (Kathak), Dr Manju Elangbam (Manipuri), Madhulita Mohapatra (Odissi) .

Q.382. Which of the following dancers of Mohiniyattam form of Indian classical dance was given the Devadasi National Award in 2013?

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Smitha Rajan (b) Jayaprabha Menon
(c) Sunanda Nair (d) Gopika Verma

Sol.382.(b) Jayaprabha Menon. Prerana Deshpande, a kathak dancer, has been awarded the Devadasi National Award for her contribution to Kathak dance in 2016.

Q.383. Padma Shri awardee Guru Amubi Singh was conferred the award for his significant contributions in which of the following dance forms ?

SSC CHSL 25/05/2022 (Afternoon)

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

Sol.383.(b) Manipuri. Padma Shri (1970), Sangeet Natak Akademi (1956).

Q.384. 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.

SSC CHSL 25/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Purandara Dasa
(b) Vallathol Narayana Menon
(c) Satchidanandan
(d) Gopal Bhatta

Sol.384.(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.385. Padma Shri awardee Guru Gangadhar Pradhan is an accomplished dancer of which of the following dance forms ?

SSC CHSL 25/05/2022 (Evening)

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

Sol.385.(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.386. 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'?

SSC CHSL 26/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Bhupen Hazarika (b) Manas Robin
(c) Joi Barua (d) Jayanta Hazarika

Sol.386.(a) Bhupen Hazarika. He received Bharat Ratna Award in 2019. He is from Assam.

Q.387. Ashish Sankrityayan is an exponent of _____ music.

SSC CHSL 26/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Odissi (b) Dhrupad
(c) Thumri (d) Kajari

Sol.387.(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.388. 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.388.(c) Oudh. He patronised the Lucknow Gharana of Kathak.

Q.389. Shobana Chandrakumar, a recipient of Padma Shri, is a dancer of which of the following Indian classical dance forms?

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Morning)

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

Sol.389.(b) Bharatnatyam. Padma Shri (2006). She won the Kalaimamani (Tamil Nadu) award in 2011. She won the Kalarathna (Kerala) award in 2013.

Q.390. 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.390.(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.391. In which of the following years did Pandit Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi give his first ever live performance?

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) 1937 (b) 1945 (c) 1941 (d) 1950

Sol.391.(c) 1941. Pandit Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi 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.392. 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?

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Bade Ustad Ghulam Ali Khan
(b) Meer Qutub Baksh
(c) Ustad Amir Khan
(d) Sadarang

Sol.392.(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.393. Who among the following Indian Playback Singers holds the Guinness world record for singing the highest number of songs in one day?

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Alka Yagnik (b) Kumar Sanu
(c) Kavita Krishnamurthy (d) Udit Narayan

Sol.393.(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.394. 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?

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Morning)

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

Sol.394.(b) Odissi. Guru Mayadhar Raut: Awards- Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2011), Sahitya Kala Parishad Award (1984).

Q.395. 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?

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Gangubai Hangal (b) Sundari Dasi
(c) Kesarbai Kerkar (d) Nagarathnamma

Sol.395.(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). Nagarathnamma (Carnatic Singer, Bangalore).

Q.396. 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?

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Kishan Maharaj
(b) Dr. Mangalampalli Balamuralikrishna

- (c) Ghulam Mustafa Khan
(d) Chhannulal Mishra

Sol.396.(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.397. Which artist's musical album is titled 'Land of Gold'?

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mita Nag
(b) Anupama Bhagwat
(c) Anoushka Shankar
(d) Rajna Swaminathan

Sol.397.(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.398. Famous classical dancer Vidyagauri Adkar is recognised with _____ Gharana of Indian classical dance form.

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Alwar (b) Gwalior
(c) Banaras (d) Jaipur

Sol.398.(d) Jaipur Gharana. Vidyagauri Adkar (Mumbai) is a Kathak dance exponent in India. Other Kathak dancers of Jaipur Gharana are Sunder Prasad (Sundar Chunnial Prasad), Puru Dadheech, and Mangala Bhatt.

Q.399. Guru Shyama Charan Pati, was conferred the Padma Shri for his contributions to mainly which of the following dance forms?

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Kathi nacha (b) Santali dance
(c) Chhau nritya (d) Jhumair

Sol.399.(c) Chhau nritya, a martial dance form of India. He was awarded the Padma Shri, in 2006, for his contributions to Indian dance.

Q.400. Pandit Sunder Prasad who was awarded with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1959 was a _____ dancer.

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Afternoon)

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

Sol.400.(c) Kathak. Pandit Sunder Prasad was a guru (teacher) of Jaipur Gharana. He was honoured by Natak Academy of Delhi in 1958.

Q.401. Who among the following won the first National Film Award for Best Choreography in 1992?

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Saroj Khan
(b) Laxmibai Kolhapurkar
(c) Vaibhavi Merchant
(d) Shiamak Davar

Sol.401.(b) Laxmibai Kolhapurkar. Raju Sundaram won 67th National Award in choreography for Movie Maharshi.

Q.402. Sartaj Khan, Sarwar Khan, Swaroop Khan and Mame Khan are famous for which of the following?

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Rajasthani folk music
(b) Hindustani classical vocal
(c) Playing percussion instruments
(d) Playing string instruments

Sol.402.(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.403. Which of the following Hindustani musical Gharanas is the oldest among all the Khayal Gayaki styles?

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Agra Gharana (b) Kirana Gharana
(c) Atrauli Gharana (d) Gwalior Gharana

Sol.403.(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.404. The important singers of _____ Gharana are Faiyyaz Khan, Latafat Hussein Khan and Dinkar Kakini.

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Patiala (b) Mewati
(c) Agra (d) Benaras

Sol.404.(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.405. Who among the following is known as a vocalist in Carnatic Music?

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Gangubai Hangal
(b) GN Balasubramaniam
(c) Kaushiki Chakraborty
(d) Girija Devi

Sol.405.(b) GN Balasubramaniam- Carnatic Vocalist. Five famous Carnatic Singers - Aruna Sairam, M. Balamuralikrishna, M. S. Subbulakshmi, Nithyasree Mahadevan, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer etc.

Q.406. In India, the tradition of singing ghazal was established by _____.

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Hazrat Ali
(b) Hazrat Amir Khusrau
(c) Hazrat Nizamuddin
(d) Hazrat Shahenshawali

Sol.406.(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 - sipihr and Khaizan-ul-futuh.

Q.407. Manjamma Jogati became India's first transgender folk dancer to receive a Padma Shri honour for her contribution to art in the year ____.

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) 2012 (b) 2021 (c) 2009 (d) 2018

Sol.407.(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.408. Who among the following wrote two books on the history and dance structure of Mohiniyattam?

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Kalamandalam Radhika
(b) Kalamandalam Kalyanikutty Amma
(c) Kalamandalam Hymavathi
(d) Thankamani

Sol.408.(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.409. Malka Jaan of Agra Gharana was the court musician at the durbar of which of the following Nawabs of Calcutta?

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Shuja-ud-Daula
(b) Wajid Ali Shah
(c) Asaf-ud-Daula
(d) Mohammad Ali Shah

Sol.409.(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.410. 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.410.(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.411. 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 ?

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Ali Bakhsh (b) Anant Lal
(c) Bismillah Khan (d) Ali Ahmad Hussain

Sol.411.(c) Ustad Bismillah Khan.

Q.412. 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.412.(d) Padma Subrahmanyam (Tamil nadu) was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1983).

Q.413. Allah Jilai Bai, a singer from Rajasthan is famous for which of the following ?

SSC CHSL 03/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Ghazals (b) Folk songs
(c) Bhajans (d) Hindustani classical music

Sol.413.(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.414. 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.414.(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.415. 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.415.(a) Sujata Mohapatra. She was awarded the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2017), Bhimeswar Pratiksha Samman (2004), Raaza Puruskar (2008). Shobha Koser (Kathak dancer), Rama Vaidyanathan (Bharatnatyam), and L N Oinam Ongbi Dhoni Devi (Manipuri).

Q.416. 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.416.(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.417. 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) Makar Dhawaja Darogha

Sol.417.(d) Makar Dhawaja Darogha (Jharkhand) is known for his expertise in the classical dance form of Chhau.

Q.418. 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.418.(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.419. 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.419.(a) Bharatanatyam. Guru MK Saroja was awarded the Padma Shri (2011), Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2011), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1995).

Q.420. 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.420.(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.421. 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.421.(a) Gotipua. Awards- Padma Shri

award (2004), Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, and Tulsi Award.

Q.422. 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.422.(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.423. 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.423.(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.424. 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.424.(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.425. 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.425.(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.426. 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.426.(d) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan. He is an Indian classical sarod player.

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 Benaras 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. Lourembam 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. Lourembam 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. 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.433.(b) Gwalior. The Gwalior Gharana (Gwalior school of classical music) is one of the oldest Khayal Gharana in Indian classical music.

Arts Awards

Q.434. MG Music Awards is presented annually by which of the following states?

SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Sol.434.(b) Nagaland. The MG Music Awards is an annual music awards ceremony organized by the Musicians Guild Nagaland. The first edition of the awards was held online on June 21, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The second edition was held offline at

the RCEMPA Hall in Jotsoma, Nagaland in 2022.

Q.435. The Nandi Award for Best Male Playback Singer was instituted by which state in the year 1977?

SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

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

Sol.435.(b) Andhra Pradesh. S. P. Balasubrahmanyam holds the successful record of winning the most Nandi Awards in this category. The Nandi Awards recognize excellence in Telugu cinema, theatre, television, and lifetime achievements in Indian cinema. They are presented annually by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and were first awarded in 1964.

Q.436. Harivaranam award is given in the field of music by which of the following state governments ?

SSC CGL 18/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Sol.436.(a) Kerala. The Harivaranam Award is a music honor created by Kerala's government and the Travancore Devaswom Board. It recognizes artists who use music to promote the values of Sabarimala, such as unity and equality. The award, which includes ₹1 lakh, a citation, and a plaque, is announced yearly before Sabarimala's Makaravilakku festival.

Q.437. Which award was started by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in 1980 to the exponents of Hindustani classical music ?

SSC CGL 25/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Kumar Gandharva Samman
- (b) Tansen Samman
- (c) Kishore Kumar Samman
- (d) Iqbal Samman

Sol.437.(b) Tansen Samman: The award is presented annually during the Tansen Samaroh at Gwalior. Kumar Gandharva Samman: Established in 1992 by the Madhya Pradesh government, the Kumar Gandharva Samman honors outstanding musical talent. Kishore Kumar Samman: Started in 1997, the Kishore Kumar Samman is awarded by the Madhya Pradesh government for contributions to Hindi cinema. Iqbal Samman: Instituted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in 1986-87 to honor excellence and creativity in Urdu literature.

Q.438. Sangeeta Shankar was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2021 for

her contribution in playing which musical instrument?

SSC CHSL 05/07/2024 (3rd shift)

(a) Violin (b) Santoor (c) Veena (d) Flute

Sol.438.(a) Violin. Instruments and their exponents: Violin: MS Gopalakrishnan, M Chandrasekharan. Guitar: Braj Bhushan Kabra. Santoor: Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Bhajan Sopori, Tarun Bhattacharya. Veena : Ayyagari Syamasundaram, Doraiswamy Iyengar, Suma Sudhindra. Flute: Hari Prasad Chaurasia, Pannalal Ghosh, Palladam Sanjiva Rao.

Q.439. Which of the following statements is / are true for the recipients of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards?

1.Sonal Mansingh was elected as Fellow of Sangeet Natak Akademi in the year 2018.

2.Jatin Goswami was elected as Fellow of Sangeet Natak Akademi in the year 2018.

3.Radha Sridhar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in the year 2018 for her contribution to Kathak.

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(a) Both 1 and 2 (b) Only 3

(c) Both 2 and 3 (d) Both 1 and 3

Sol.439.(a) Both 1 and 2. Radha Sridhar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2018 for her contribution to Bharatanatyam. Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards also known as the Akademi Puraskar Instituted in 1952, it recognizes excellence and sustained contribution to the performing arts. The honour of Akademi Fellow carries a purse money of Rs. 3,00,000 while the Akademi Award carries a purse money of Rs 1,00,000 besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

Q.440. 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.440.(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), Poompohar State Award (Tamil Nadu).

Q.441. 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.441.(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.442. Which of the following performance categories belongs to Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Pratiba Summan ?

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.442.(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.443. 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.443.(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 Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dance.

Q.444. Instituted in 1984, the National - level Lata Mangeskar 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.444.(a) Madhya Pradesh. Lata Mangeskar (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 Mangeskar Award.

Q.445. 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.445.(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 Bhavan, Delhi. INTACH - Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (1984). Headquarter - New Delhi.

Q.446. 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.446.(c) Kumidini Lakhia, an Indian Kathak dancer and choreographer. She founded the KADAMB Centre for Dance in 1964. 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.447. 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.447.(b) Sruti Bandyopadhyay 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.448. Devdas Smriti Panthi Dance Award is related to which state?

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- (a) Rajasthan (b) Bihar
(c) Jharkhand (d) Chhattisgarh

Sol.448.(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.449. 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.449.(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.450. 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.450.(c) 2007. Manna Dey belonged to the Bhendi Bazaar Gharana and was trained under Ustad Aman Ali Khan.

Q.451. 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.451.(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.452. 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.452.(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.453. 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.453.(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.454. 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.454.(d) Alarmel Valli. She is an exponent of the Pandanallur style (Bharatnatyam).

Q.455. 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.455.(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.456. '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.456.(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.457. 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.457.(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.458. Ustad Vilayat Ali Khan is a maestro in _____ .

SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

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

Sol.458.(c) Sitar. Sitarist : Pt. Ravi Shankar, Shahid Parvez Khan, Budhaditya Mukherjee, Anushka Shankar.

Q.459. Who among the following is the world renowned exponent of the bamboo flute ?

SSC CGL 12/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) MS Subbulakshmi
(b) Ravi Shankar
(c) Hariprasad Chaurasia
(d) Bismillah Khan

Sol.459.(c) Hariprasad Chaurasia. He served as the artistic director of the World Music Department at the Rotterdam Music Conservatory in the Netherlands. His Awards : Sangeet Natak Academy award (1984), Padma Bhushan (1992), Padma Vibhushan (2000). Flute - Pannalal Ghosh, T.R. Mahalingam, N. Ramani.

Q.460. Buddhadev Dasgupta is famous for playing which of the following musical instruments ?

SSC CGL 12/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sarod (b) Sarangi
(c) Bansuri (d) Mridangam

Sol.460.(a) Sarod. It is a stringed instrument, used in Hindustani music on the Indian subcontinent. Buddhadev Das Gupta was an Indian classical musician. His Awards: Padma Bhushan (2012) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1993). Notable exponents of the Sarod : Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Bahadur Khan, and Allaudin Khan.

Q.461. Ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar was a _____ player of profound depth, favouring sparse and slow realisations of ragas.

SSC CGL 12/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Sitar (b) Violin
(c) Flute (d) Rudra veena

Sol.461.(d) Rudra veena. Zia Mohiuddin Dagar received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1981. Other Maestro: Rudra veena - Ustad Ali Zaki Hader, Asad Ali Khan, Mohammed Khan Faridi. Sitar -

Ustad Vilayat Khan, Pt Ravi Shankar, Nikhil Banerjee.

Q.462. Padma Bhushan awardee, Ustad Sabri Khan played which of the following musical instruments ?

SSC CGL 13/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sarod (b) Santoor
(c) Tabla (d) Sarangi

Sol.462.(d) Sarangi. Ustad Sabri Khan was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2006.

Q.463. Annapurna Devi is associated with which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CGL 17/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Rudra Veena (b) Taal
(c) Ektara (d) Surbahar

Sol.463.(d) Surbahar. The surbahar, often called the bass sitar, is a stringed instrument used in Hindustani classical music with a lower pitch than the sitar. Annapurna Devi was first trained in classical music under her father Ustad 'Baba' Allauddin Khan, and established the Maihar-Senia gharana with his help. She was honored with the Padma Bhushan in 1977, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1991. Other Surbahar Exponents - Ustad Imrat Khan, Buddhaditya Mukherjee, Pushparaj Koshti, Kushal Das.

Q.464. Arvind Parikh, a Padma Bhushan awardee, plays which of the following musical instruments

SSC CGL 26/09/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Sitar (b) Bansuri
(c) Tabla (d) Sarangi

Sol.464.(a) Sitar. The sitar is a stringed instrument widely used in North Indian classical music. Other renowned sitar players include Ravi Shankar, Vilayat Khan, Annapurna Devi, Imrat Khan, Anoushka Shankar, Rishabh Seen, Anupama Bhagwat, and Niladri Kumar.

Q.465. Umayalpuram K Sivaraman is an eminent musician associated with which of the following musical instruments?

SSC CGL 26/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sitar (b) Guitar
(c) Dhol (d) Mridangam

Sol.465.(d) Mridangam. The mridangam is a percussion instrument from the Indian subcontinent and serves as the primary rhythmic accompaniment in Carnatic music ensembles. Notable mridangam players include Palghat Mani Iyer, Karaikudi R. Mani, and Yella Venkateswara Rao.

Q.466. Which of the following is NOT a stringed instrument ?

SSC CHSL 01/07/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Mandolin (b) Guitar
(c) Flute (d) Violin

Sol.466.(c) Flute is a wind instrument where sound is produced by vibration of the air column inside it. Instruments without strings include the tabla, drums, and harmonium. Instruments with strings include the guitar, cello, banjo, ukulele, and harp.

Q.467. Bharat Muni, in his Natya Shastra, categorises musical instruments into four different parts. What is the categorisation of musical instruments by Bharat Muni based on?

SSC CHSL 04/07/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Different sounds of the musical instruments
(b) The shape of the musical instruments
(c) Different materials used in the musical instruments
(d) The uses of the musical instruments in different occasions, such as wedding, festivals and public gathering

Sol.467.(a) Different sounds of the musical instruments. Musical

Instruments were categorised into four groups in Bharat Muni's Natya Shastra (written between 200 BC and 200 AD): Avanaddha Vadya (membranophones or percussion instruments), Ghan Vadya (idiophones or solid instruments), Sushir Vadya (aerophones or wind instruments), and Tat Vadya (chordophones or stringed instruments).

Q.468. Which of the following is a string instrument commonly featured in the folk music of Gujarat?

SSC CHSL 08/07/2024 (3rd shift)

- (a) bungal (b) turi (c) pava (d) jantar

Sol.468.(d) jantar. Other folk instruments include wind instruments like Turi, Bungal, Pava and string instruments like Ravan Hattho and Ektaro percussion instruments like Manjira and Zanz pot drum are omnipresent in the folk sounds of Gujarat.

Q.469. Select the musical instrument which is NOT played by way of percussion or NOT played by way of striking any object ?

SSC CHSL 09/07/2024 (2nd shift)

- (a) Pakhawaj (b) Drum
(c) Tabla (d) Shehnai

Sol.469.(d) Shehnai. It is a wind instrument made of wood and metal.

Other wind musical Instruments: Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone. Pakhawaj, drum, and tabla are all percussion instruments that are played by striking the surface of the instrument with hands or sticks to produce sound.

Q.470. Shattantri Veena, meaning a Veena with hundred strings, is the ancient Sanskrit name of which instrument ?

SSC CHSL 09/07/2024 (4th shift)

- (a) Santoor (b) Sarod
(c) Sarangi (d) Tambura/Tanpura

Sol.470.(a) Santoor. It gets its name from Shat Trantri Veena. "Shat" means hundred and "Tantra" means "Tar". So, this is a one hundred string musical instrument and the name came from Shat-tantri to Shat-tar to San-tar to Santoor. Santoor maestro: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, Varsha Agarwal, Rahul Sharma.

Q.471. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT about the Music of India?

SSC CHSL 10/07/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) Tala is a cyclic arrangement of time units.
(b) The sruti is a unit of measure or small difference between the various consecutive pitches within a grama or a scale.
(c) A raga is believed to have started as a tribal or folk tune.
(d) The musical instrument Kamaicha is majorly used by the 'Manganiar' Community of Manipur as a popular accompaniment to their songs

Sol.471.(d) Kamaicha is a stringed instrument. It is made of steel, parchment, gut, metal, shisham, and horsehair. This is a community instrument found in Rajasthan. Majorly used by the 'Manganiar' Community of West Rajasthan as a popular accompaniment to their songs. Some Music Instruments of Rajasthan: Sarangi, Ravanhathha, Ektara, Moochang, Pungi, Satara, Algoza, Murla, Nad Shehnai.

Q.472. Ustad Asad Ali Khan was one of the masters of the _____.

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (1st shift)

- (a) sarangi (b) mridangam
(c) tanpura (d) rudra veena

Sol.472.(d) Rudra veena. Ustad Asad Ali Khan was an Indian musician renowned for playing the rudra veena, a plucked string instrument, and he performed in the dhrupad style. His Awards: Padma Bhushan (2008).

Q.473. Bhajan Sopori, a Padma Shri awardee, is a _____ player.

SSC CPO 27/06/2024 (2nd shift)

(a) sitar (b) santoor (c) tabla (d) violin

Sol.473.(b) santoor. Pt Bhajan Sopari belongs to the Sufiana Gharana of Indian classical music. He was famous as 'Saint of the Santoor' and the 'King of Strings'. Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1993), Padma Shri (2004).

Q.474. Brij Bhushan Kabra was considered an expert in which of the following instruments in the field of Indian classical music?

SSC CPO 28/06/2024 (3rd shift)

(a) Santoor (b) Violin (c) Veena (d) Guitar

Sol.474.(d) Guitar. Brij Bhushan Kabra received the Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 2005. Other famous players: Guitar - Susmit Sen, Amyt Datta, Kapil Srivastava.

Q.475. Bundu Khan was a _____ player of Delhi gharana.

SSC CPO 29/06/2024 (2nd shift)

(a) santoor (b) flute
(c) sarod (d) sarangi

Sol.475.(d) sarangi. Bundu Khan was trained by his grandfather Saungi Khan. Some sarangi players from the Delhi gharana: Shahnawaz Khan, Nabeel Khan, Sabri Khan, Abdul Latif Khan.

Q.476. Anantha R Krishnan is associated with which musical instrument ?

Higher Secondary 20/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

(a) Tabla (b) Mridangam
(c) Violin (d) Drums

Sol.476.(b) Mridangam - Percussion instrument. Mridangam - KV Prasad, SV Rajarao, Umalayapuram Sivaraman, Palghat Mani Iyer.

Q.477. The famous musician Vishnu Govind Jog is primarily associated with which of the following musical instruments?

Higher Secondary 21/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

(a) Violin (b) Flute
(c) Tabla (d) Veena

Sol.477.(a) Violin. Violin - M.S. Gopalakrishnan, N.R. Muralidharan, M. Chandrasekharan, Lalgudi Jayaraman.

Q.478. Mohan Shyam Sharma is a famous musician associated with the :

Higher Secondary 24/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

(a) Tabla (b) Sarod
(c) Pakhawaj (d) Drums

Sol.478.(c) Pakhawaj. It is a two-headed

drum descended from the much older mridangam, which produces a deeper tone than the more popular tabla. Some notable Pakhawaj Players: Shankarrao Ghorpadkar; Dr. Anil Chaudhury.

Q.479. The famous musician Aban Mistry is associated with which instrument ?

Higher Secondary 25/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

(a) Flute (b) Tabla
(c) Shehnai (d) Drums

Sol.479.(b) Tabla (Percussion instrument). Aban Mistry known as the first woman solo tabla player in India. Instruments and their exponents - Tabla: Zakir Hussain, Allah Rakha, Pt. Kishan Maharaj. Flute: Hari Prasad Chaurasia, Pannalal Ghosh. Shehnai: Bismillah Khan, Krishna Ram Chaudhary. Guitar: Braj Bhushan Kabra.

Q.480. Padma Shri Awardee Gosaveedu Shaik Hassan is known for playing:

Higher Secondary 25/06/2024 (Shift - 4)

(a) Nadaswaram (b) Ghatam
(c) Violin (d) Veena

Sol.480.(a) Nadaswaram is a double reed wind instrument from South India. Gosaveedu Shaik Hassan received Padma Shri Award in 2022. Musical Instruments and Exponents: Nadaswaram - Umapathy Kandasamy, Karukurichi Arunachalam, Namagiripettai Krishnan. Ghatam - T. H. Vinayakram, Giridhar Udupa. Violin - Gajananrao Joshi, Sangeeta Shankar, N. Rajam. Veena - Jayanthi Kumares, Sundaram Balchander, Veenai Dhanammal.

Q.481. Who among the following musicians played Carnatic music with Ghatam?

Higher Secondary 26/06/2024 (Shift - 2)

(a) Ramnad Raghavan (b) TH Vinayakram
(c) Ali Akbar Khan (d) KV Prasad

Sol.481.(b) TH Vinayakram. He is also known as Vikku Vinayakram, is an Indian percussionist revered as the "God of Ghatam." The ghatam is a clay pot used in various musical repertoires, particularly in South India.

Q.482. Uppalapu Shrinivas was a _____ player who was awarded with the Padma Shri in 1998.

Graduate Level 24/06/2024 (Shift - 3)

(a) veena (b) violin (c) mandolin (d) tabla

Sol.482.(c) mandolin - stringed musical instrument. Uppalapu Srinivas: Awards - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2009). Some other musicians and instruments:

Veena - D. Balakrishna, Raghunath Manet, Mangalam Muthuswamy. Violin - Abhijith P. S. Nair, Ambi Subramaniam, Arrol Carelli. Tabla - Ustad Zakir Hussain, Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri.

Q.483. Pandit Ram Narayan, who was awarded the Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015-2016, is a _____ player.

Graduate Level 26/06/2024 (Shift - 4)

(a) sarod (b) flute (c) sarangi (d) violin

Sol.483. (c) sarangi. Ram Narayan awards - Padma Shri (1976), Padma Bhushan (1991) and Padma Vibhushan (2005). Other famous Sarangi Players: Shakoor Khan, Ramesh Mishra, Sultan Khan.

Q.484. 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.484.(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.485. Famous musician Talvin Singh is associated with playing the_____.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (Evening)

(a) tabla (b) Flute (c) veena (d) shehnai

Sol.485.(a) Tabla. Other tabla players: Zakir Hussain, Ustad Allah Rakha, Pandit Shankar Ghosh, Pandit Udhai Mazumdar, Pandit Vijay Ghate.

Q.486. 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.486.(c) Nadaswaram. It is a double reed wind instrument from South India. Other Exponents - Sheik Chinna Moulana, Karukurichi Arunachalam, Thiruvizha Jayashankar, and Namagiripettai Krishnan.

Q.487. 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.487.(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.488. 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.488.(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.489. 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.489.(a) Harmonium. R K Bijapure (1985 - "Karnataka Kala Tilak" by Sangeet Nritya Academy). Harmonium - Purushottam Walawalkar, Appa Jalgaonkar. Ravanahatha - Dinesh Subasinghe.

Q.490. 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.490.(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 Kumares, Veena E. Gayathri, Emani Sankara Sastry.

Q.491. 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.491.(a) Mridangam. Famous Mridangam Players: A.V. Anand, Muthiah Bhagavathar, Guruvayur Dorai, Palghat Mani Iyer Karaikudi Mani, T. K. Murthy.

Q.492. 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.492.(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.493. 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.493.(a) Drums. Awards - Kalaimamani (2009), Padma Shri (2019).

Q.494. 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.494.(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.495. 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.495.(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.496. 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.496.(c) Tabla (Membranophone percussion instrument). The Maharaja of Mysore awarded him the title "Aftab - e - Mausiqi" (the Sun of Music) in 1908.

Q.497. 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.497.(c) Pandit Ayodhya Prasad.

Percussion Instruments:- Ghatam - TH Vinayakram, EM Subramaniam, Mridangam- Dakshinamurthy Pillai, Rajna Swaminathan. String Instruments :- Guitar - Braj Bhushan Kabra.

Q.498. Which of the following instruments is performed by Nandini and Ragini Shankar?

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(a) Veena (b) Sitar
(c) Violin (d) Mridangam

Sol.498.(c) Violin. Other Exponents - Jyotsna Srikanth, Abhijith P.S. Nair, L. Subramaniam, K. Vaidyanathan, Nagai R Muralidharan, Mohanan Chandrasekaran.

Q.499. 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.499.(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.500. 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.500.(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.501. What is Tat Vadya?

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) Percussion instruments
(b) Stringed instruments

- (c) Solid instruments
(d) Wind instruments

Sol.501.(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.502. 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.502.(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.503. 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.503.(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.504. 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.504.(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.505. 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.505.(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.506. 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.506.(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.507. 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.507.(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.508. 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.508.(a) Ustad Imrat Khan. He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1988), and the Padma Shri award (2017).

Q.509. 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.509.(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.510. Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri is associated with _____ instrument.
SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Morning)
(a) veena (b) harmonium
(c) tabla (d) bansuri

Sol.510.(c) Tabla. Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri: Awards - Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1996), Padma Shri (2019).

Q.511. 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.511.(a) Violin. His Awards - Padma Shri (1957), Sangeeta Kalanidhi (1941), Kalaprapoorna (1950), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1953), Raja - Lakshmi Award (1992).

Q.512. Which of the following is not a percussion instrument?
SSC CGL 13/04/2022 (Evening)
(a) Ghatam (b) Tabla
(c) mridangam (d) sarod

Sol.512.(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.513. 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.513.(a) Shehnai. Ustad Bismillah Khan is a famous Shehnai Player. Shehnai is a wind instrument made of wood and metal.

Q.514. A distinct 'Dhrupad style' is associated with the _____ gharana.
SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Afternoon)
(a) Ajrada (b) Nathdwara
(c) Jafferkhani (d) Bishnupur

Sol.514.(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.515. 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.515.(b) Sarangi. The Sarangi is a fretless, bowed string instrument used in Hindustani classical music and folk traditions of north India.

Q.516. '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.516.(d) Arunachal Pradesh. Some popular instruments (Arunachal Pradesh) include drums, cymbals, Ujuk Tapu, Ame Bali, Emul, Pui, Kiring, Guga etc.

Q.517. '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.517.(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.518. 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.518.(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.519. 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.519.(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.520. 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.520.(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.521. '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.521.(d) Mizoram. It is made up of a hollow tree, wrapped on both sides with animal skin.

Q.522. 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.522.(b) Jackfruit wood. Bobbili Veena is carved from a single piece of jackfruit wood.

Festivals

Q.523. The birth anniversary of Lord Jhulelal of the Sindhi community is also known as _____.

SSC Stenographer 10/12/2024 (Morning)

- (a) Jamshedi Navroj
- (b) Ulambana
- (c) Cheti Chand
- (d) Chaliho Sahib

Sol.523.(c) Cheti Chand marks the beginning of the Lunar Hindu New Year for Sindhi Hindus. Celebrated on the first day of the Sindhi month of Chet (Chaitra) as per the lunisolar Hindu calendar. This festival symbolizes new beginnings and holds deep spiritual significance for the Sindhi community.

Q.524. Kharchi Puja of Tripura is celebrated in the month of _____.

SSC Stenographer 10/12/2024 (Afternoon)

- (a) September-October
- (b) April-May
- (c) January-February
- (d) July-August

Sol.524.(d) July - August. Kharchi Puja occurs during the month of 'Ashad' on the 'Shukla Ashtami' day. It is also known as the 'Festival of 14 Gods,' this traditional event centers around the worship of Chaturdasa Devata, housed in the ancient Ujjayanta Palace, the ancestral deity of the Tripuri people. Other Festivals of Tripura: Pilak, Garia Puja, Bijhu, Owa.

Q.525. Where is the Kala Ghoda Arts Festival organised every year?

SSC MTS 21/10/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Bengaluru

Sol.525.(a) Mumbai. The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, initiated in 1999, is a nine-day annual celebration of arts organized by the Kala Ghoda Association. Other festivals in Mumbai: Dahi Handi Festival, Ganesh Chaturthi/Ganeshotsav, Banganga Festival, Elephanta Festival.

Q.526. Losoong festival is predominantly celebrated in Sikkim by which of the following tribes?

SSC MTS 22/10/2024 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Bhil (b) Khasi (c) Kurumba (d) Bhutia

Sol.526.(d) Bhutia. Losoong, also called Namsoong by the Lepchas in the Sikkimese, is usually the time when the farmers rejoice and celebrate their harvest. Festivals of Sikkim and Community: Barahimizong (Mangar), Sonam Lochar (Tamang), Tamu Lochar (Gurung), Teyongsi Srijunga Sawan Tongnam (Limboo).

Q.527. 'Dashain' and 'Tihar' are popular festivals of which neighbouring country of India?

SSC MTS 23/10/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Bangladesh

Sol.527.(b) Nepal. Dashain Festival, also known as Vijaya Dashami, is celebrated by Hindus. Tihar, also known as Deepawali or Yamapanchak. Festivals of Nepal: Biska Jatra, Gai Jatra, Indra Jatra, Maghe Sankranti, Pahan Charhe, Chhechu. Sri Lanka - Kandy Esala Perahera, Poson Poya, Vel Festival. Bangladesh - Shakrain, Pahela Baishakh. Pakistan - Shandur Polo Festival, Mela Chiraghan, Urs of Data Ganj Bakhsh.

Q.528. In which of the following states is Aoleang Monyü celebrated, which is an ancient spring festival celebrated by all Konyaks in the month of April?

SSC MTS 23/10/2024 (1st Shift)

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Nagaland

Sol.528.(d) Nagaland. Aoleang is observed to mark the end of the old year and to welcome the new-year beginning with spring. This festival is celebrated annually as part of the Mini Hornbill Tribal Festival. Festivals of Nagaland: Hornbill, Sekrenyi, Moatsu Mong, Suhkruhnye, Bushu, Yemshe, Metumniu, Metemneo, Ngada, Tokhu Emong.

Q.529. Vangpui Kut festival is organised

for _____ days in Mizoram to celebrate the glory of Mizo culture and traditions.

SSC MTS 23/10/2024 (3rd Shift)

(a) 2 (b) 5 (c) 3 (d) 4

Sol.529.(a) 2. Vangpui Kut has been celebrated at Dungle village in Champai District since 1984. Festivals of Mizoram: Pawl Kut - It is a thanksgiving festival celebrated for 2 days after the harvest. Chapchar Kut - It is a thanksgiving festival celebrated after clearing the jungles for Jhum cultivation. Mim Kut - It is celebrated to pay respects to the departed souls of the previous year by offering them bread, maize, vegetables and other items. Khuado Kut - It is a thanksgiving ceremony observed on a full moon nights after the harvest.

Q.530. 'Attolu Eidu' is the cultural festival of which of the following union territories?

SSC MTS 30/10/2024 (2nd Shift)

(a) Jammu and Kashmir
(b) Dadra and Nagar Haveli
(c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(d) Lakshadweep

Sol.530.(d) Lakshadweep. Attolu Eidu festival was conducted across Lakshadweep Island, at locations such as Minicoy, Kalpeni, Amini, Kiltanam and Kavaratt.

Q.531. Which of the following folk dances is conducted during the Bwisagu Festival?

SSC MTS 30/10/2024 (2nd Shift)

(a) Bhortal (b) Jhumur
(c) Bagurumba (d) Bihu dance

Sol.531.(c) Bagurumba. Bwisagu is the springtime festival of the Bodo community that marks the beginning of the New Year in the month of Baisakh (mid-April). The Bagurumba dance or 'Butterfly Dance,' is performed by Bodo women. The Bagurumba dance is a celebration of life, nature, and the vibrant culture of the Bodo tribe. Bhortal Nritya (Assam) - Performed by Barpeta tribe, Jhumur dance (Assam) - Performed by the Kulis (tea tribe).

Q.532. Lathmar Holi is primarily celebrated in the state of:

SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (1st Shift)

(a) Karnataka
(b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) Himachal Pradesh

Sol.532.(c) Uttar Pradesh. Lathmar Holi is celebrated in the twin towns of Barsana and Nandgaon, also known as

the towns of Radha and Krishna respectively. Famous festivals of Uttar Pradesh - Gaurav Mahotsav, Ramotsav, Taj Mahotsav, Ayodhya Deepotsav, Ganga Mahotsav. Arunachal Pradesh - Sangken, Mopin, Pongtu. Himachal Pradesh - Halda, Doongri, Chet Festival, Kullu Dussehra. Karnataka - Ugadi, Mysuru Dasara, Kambala, Gowri Habba.

Q.533. Which of the following celebrations is dedicated to Sun God and his wife Usha to thank them for sustaining life on earth and for granting wishes?

SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

(a) Madai Festival (b) Chhath Puja
(c) Vishwakarma Puja (d) Sorath Sabha

Sol.533.(b) Chhath Puja (main festival of Bihar) is a four-day long strict and spiritual observance. The first day of the Chhath Puja includes taking a dip in the holy river/any water body. The second day of Chhath, also known as Kharna, involves devotees observing a day-long fast. The third day of Chhath goes in the preparation of the prasada (offerings) for the evening offerings, also known as Sanjhiya Arghya. On the fourth and final day of Chhath, family members and friends go to the banks of rivers before sunrise and make offerings (Arghya) to the rising sun.

Q.534. 'Nuakhai' is the state festival of:

SSC CGL 09/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

(a) Meghalaya (b) Odisha
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Bihar

Sol.534.(b) Odisha. Nuakhai is an annual harvest, marking the arrival of the new rice season. It is observed on Panchami Tithi (fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of Bhadrava (August-September), the day after Ganesh Chaturthi. Other festivals: Odisha - Ratha Yatra, Raja Parba, Chandan Yatra, Bali Jatra.

Q.535. Which of the following festivals is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev?

SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (1st Shift)

(a) Hola Mohalla (b) Baisakhi
(c) Gurmurab (d) Chappar Mela

Sol.535.(c) Gurmurab. Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurmurab, celebrates the birth anniversary of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev. This festival occurs on Kartik Poornima, the fifteenth lunar day of the month of Kartik, typically in November on the Gregorian calendar. Hola Mohalla, or Hola, is a three-day Sikh festival that usually takes place in March. Vaisakhi, celebrated on

April 13 or sometimes April 14, marks the first day of the month of Vaisakh. Chhappar Mela, a popular Punjabi fair, occurs annually in September in the village of Chhappar in the Ludhiana district of Punjab.

Q.536. Harela is a festival of greenery, peace, prosperity, and environmental conservation, primarily celebrated in which of the following states?

SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (2nd Shift)

(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Haryana
(c) Assam (d) Uttarakhand

Sol.536.(d) Uttarakhand. Harela, meaning "Day of Green," marks the new harvest brought by the rainy season and is celebrated annually during the Shravan month in the Kumaon region. Important Indian Festivals - Uttarakhand : Phool Dei, Olgia/Ghee Sankranti, Bat Savitri, Ganga Dussehra/Dasar, Nanda Devi Rajaat. Assam : Ambubachi festival, Bihu, Majuli festival. Madhya Pradesh : Khajuraho festival, Lokrang Festival, Bhagoria Haat Festival.

Q.537. 'Sangken' is a festival celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh by people of which of the following religions?

SSC CGL 10/09/2024 (3rd Shift)

(a) Islam (b) Buddhism
(c) Jainism (d) Hinduism

Sol.537.(b) Buddhism. Sangken (festival of water) is an annual three-day long festival. The Khampti and Singpho tribes of the Lohit district in Arunachal Pradesh celebrate it. It is celebrated by the Theravada Buddhist Communities. It is celebrated as Songkran in other Southeast Asian countries. Songkran is the Thai New Year's national holiday. More Buddhists festivals include Buddha Purnima, Hemis Festival, Losar Festival, Lumbini Festival, Parinirvana Day, Rumtek Chaam Festival and Mani Rimdu Festival.

Q.538. Shab-e-Barat is celebrated by which religious group?

SSC CGL 11/09/2024 (1st Shift)

(a) Muslim (b) Buddhist (c) Jain (d) Parsi

Sol.538.(a) Muslim. Shab-e-Barat, also known as Mid-Sha'ban, is observed on the 15th night of Sha'ban in the Islamic calendar. Festivals celebrated by : Muslim - Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha etc; Buddhist - Buddha Purnima, Vesak etc; Jain - Mahavir Jayanti, Paryushana etc; Parsi - Navroz, Jamshedi Navroz etc.

Q.539. In which state/UT is the Hemis festival celebrated?