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B.A. HISTORY
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THIRD SEMESTER
CORE COURSE
INFORMATICS AND HISTORY
QUESTION BANK

1. Before the invention of the..... there wasn't email.
a) IPR b) Delphi c) WIPO d) Internet
2. Many people in the business world communicate solely with.....
a) Email b) WIPO c) ISDN d) Sundial
3.is essential in our society in order to grow and move towards the future.
a) Technology b) Delphi c) Olduvai d) IPR
4. The invention of thehas brought economic and social change to the world.
a) Computer b) WIPO c) Ceramics d) IPR
5. Theallows us to input personal information online for practically anyone to see.
a) Delphi b) internet c) ISDN d) IPR
6.has allowed countries across the world to connect and interact without having to fly thousands of miles to communicate with each other.
a) Technology b) WIPO c) IPR d) Delphi

7. The importance of stone tools, circa 2.5 million years ago, is considered fundamental indevelopment in the hypothesis.
a) Human b) ARPANET c) Usenet d) BITNET
8. Theis a major contributor to the development of new technology in many ways.
a) Government b) Delphi c) IPR d) Microliths
9.is the author of 'The Lights in the Tunnel: Automation, Accelerating Technology and the Economy of the Future'.
a) Martin Ford b) George B.Selden c) Jon Hall d) Sam Ockman,
10. Appropriate technology, sometimes calledtechnology, more of an economics concern, refers to compromises between central and expensive technologies of developed nations and those that developing nations find most effective to deploy given an excess of labour and scarcity of cash.
a) Intermediate b) ARPANET c) Usenet d) BITNET
11. In economics, definitions or assumptions of progress or growth are often related to one or more assumptions about technology's economic influence.Challenging prevailing assumptions about technology and its usefulness has led to alternative ideas like uneconomic growth or measuring well-being.These, and economics itself, can often be described as technologies, specifically, as.....
a) Delphi b) ARPANET c) BITNET d) Persuasion technology
12. The implementation ofinfluences the values of a society by changing expectations and realities.
a) WIPO b) Delphi c) ISDN d) Technology
13. The implementation of technology is also influenced by.....
a) Values b) ARPANET c) Delphi d) Gnomon
14.provides an understanding, and an appreciation for the world around us.
a) Technology b) Catapult c) Horseshoe d) Delphi
15.is one proponent of the irresistibleness of technology to humans.

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- a) Usenet b) ARPANET c) Neolithic d) IPR
31. In many Eurasian cultures,was the last major step before the development of written language, though again this was not universally the case.
- a) Neolithic Age b) Paleolithic Age c) ISDN d) Iron Age
32., situated in a resource-rich area, is notable for its early application of city planning and sanitation technologies.
- a) Kashmir b) IPR c) Rajasthan d) Indus Valley Civilization
33. Ancient India was at the forefront of seafaring technology—a panel found at....., depicts a sailing craft.
- a) Mohenjodaro b) Calcutta c) Goa d) Bihar
34.construction and architecture, called 'Vaastu Shastra', suggests a thorough understanding of materials engineering, hydrology, and sanitation.
- a) Indian b) Chinese c) Romans d) Greek
35. The famousmechanism, a kind of analogous computer working with a differential gear, and the astrolabe show great refinement in the astronomical science.
- a) Antikythera b) IPR c) Automobile d) Airplane
36. engineers were also the first to devise automaton such as vending machines, suspended ink pots, automatic washstands and doors, primarily as toys, which however featured many new useful mechanisms such as the cam and gimbals.
- a) Greek b) Harvard c) Switzerland d) Oxford
37. Thewere the first inventors of hydroponics.
- a) Mayas b) Romans c) Greeks d) Incas
38. Though the civilization had no metallurgy or wheel technology, they developed complex writing and astrological systems, and created sculptural works in stone and flint.
- a) Greek b) Inca c) Roman d) Maya
39. The main contribution of therule was a system of communications between the conquered cities.

- a) Aztec b) Maya c) Inca d) Roman
40.technology in the middle Ages may be best described as a symbiosis of traditio et innovatio.
- a) African b) Asian c) American d) European
41. Paper making, a 2nd centurytechnology, was carried to the Middle East.
- a) Chinese b) Arabian c) Roman d) Greek
42. Paper making technology was spread to Mediterranean by theconquests.
- a) Muslim b) Chinese c) portuguese d) Spanish
43. A paper mill was established inin the 12th century.
- a) Harvard b) Sicily c) Cambridge d) Dublin
44.credited the spinning wheel with increasing the supply of rags, which led to cheap paper, which was a factor in the development of printing.
- a) Lynn White b) George B.Selden
- c) Linus Torvalds d) Richard Stallman
45. Note books of theartist-engineers such as Taccola and Leonardo da Vinci give a deep insight into the mechanical technology then known and applied.
- a) Renaissance b) Reformation
- c) Enlightenment d) Ancient
46. Architects and engineers were inspired by the structures of Ancient Rome, and men likecreated the large dome of Florence Cathedral as a result.
- a) Brunelleschi b) George B.Selden
- c) Alexander W.Astin d) Sir Robert Cotton
47. Military technology developed rapidly with the widespread use of the cross-bow and ever more powerful artillery, as the city-states ofwere usually in conflict with one another.
- a) Italy b) Harvard c) New Jersey d) New York

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65. In....., Babbage designed a more ambitious machine, called the Analytical Engine but unfortunately it also was only partially completed.
- a) 1842 b) 1852 c) 1862 d) 1872
66., together with Ada Lovelace recognized several important programming techniques, including conditional branches, iterative loops and index variables.
- a) Herman Hollerith b) George Scheutz
c) Babbage d) J.V.Atanasoff
67. A second early electronic machine was Colossus, designed byfor the British military in 1943.
- a) Alan Turing b) Eckert
c) Mauchly d) John von Neumann
68. The first general purposes programmable electronic computer was the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC), built by J. Presper Eckert and John V. Mauchly at the University of.....
- a) Pennsylvania b) Cambridge c) London d) Harvard
69. In 1964,developed the CDC 6600, which was the first architecture to use functional parallelism.
- a) Larry Augustin b) George B.Selden
c) Seymour Cray d) Bob Kahn
70.of Cambridge developed a subset of CPL called BCPL (Basic Computer Programming Language, 1967).
- a) Martin Richards b) George B.Selden
c) Todd Anderson d) Larry Augustin
71. In 1970of Bell Labs developed yet another simplification of CPL called simply B, in connection with an early implementation of the UNIX operating system.
- a) Ken Thompson b) George B.Selden
c) Larry Augustin d) Lawrence Roberts
72.invented the Atanasoff-Berry Computer (ABC) which introduced electronic binary logic in the late 1930s.

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- a) Barcode reader b) ICT c) DRM d) ARPANET
91. Like a flatbed scanner, consists of a light source, a lens and a light sensor translating optical impulses into electrical ones.
- a) Barcode reader b) CD c) DVD d) ICT
92. Anis a mobile electronic device that is designed primarily for the purpose of reading digital e-books and periodicals.
- a) e-book reader b) ARPANET c) open source d) Barcode reader
93. are a form of digital storage media found in personal computers and servers.
- a) Hard drives b) server c) clients d) ICT
94. are collections of computers, software, and hardware that are all connected to help their users work together.
- a) DRM b) Networks c) Hard drives d) server
95. Aconnects computers by means of cabling systems, specialized software, and devices that manage data traffic.
- a) Network b) open source c) Hard drives d) clients
96. Aenables users to share files and resources, such as printers, as well as send messages electronically (e-mail) to each other.
- a) ICT b) Network c) Cyberethics d) DRM
97. Aconnects computers within a single geographical location, such as one office building, office suite, or home.
- a) LAN b) ICT c) Cyberethics d) DRM
98. A mobile phone also known as a
- a) LAN b) Cellular phone c) open source d) DRM
99.is a standard switching technique, designed to unify telecommunication and computer networks.
- a) Asynchronous Transfer Mode b) digital split
c) Cyberethics d) DRM
- 100..... uses asynchronous time-division multiplexing, and it encodes data into small, fixed-sized cells.
- a) Asynchronous Transfer Mode b) ICT
c) ARPANET d) open source

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126.is a wireless networking technology used across the globe.
a) WiFi b) WIPO c) IPR d) JDPC
127. Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre is an Autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of....., Government of India.
a) UGC b) UNO c) NCTE d) NCERT
128. National Informatics Centre (NIC) is a premier S & T institution of the Government of India, established in....., for providing e-Government / e- Governance Solutions adopting best practices, integrated services and global solutions in Government Sector.
a) 1976 b) 1978 c) 1984 d) 1986
129.is a prototype portal site for biological information.
a) BRNet b) Word processing c) INSAT d) DSL
130. The term 'Word processing' was coined at IBM's Boeblingen,Laboratory in the 1960s.
a) West Germany b) East Germany c) France d) Spain
131. A....., also known as a worksheet, contains rows and columns and is used to record and compare numerical or financial data.
a) PowerPoint b) Microsoft Office Access c) spreadsheet d) CIET
132. Originally,only existed in paper format, but now they are most likely created and maintained through a software program that displays the numerical information in rows and columns.
a) spreadsheets b) PowerPoint c) Microsoft Office Access d) CIET
133. can be used in any area or field that works with numbers and are commonly found in the accounting, budgeting, sales forecasting, financial analysis, and scientific fields.
a) Microsoft Office Access b) Spreadsheets c) PowerPoint d) CIET
134. On a computerized spreadsheet, the intersection of a row and a column is called.....
a) a cell b) Microsoft Office Access c) INSAT d) PowerPoint

135.is a presentation graphics software tool.
a) Microsoft Office Access b) PowerPoint c) INSAT d) CIET
- 136..... provides users the easy ability to create professional-looking presentations.
a) CIET b) Microsoft Office Access c) PowerPoint d) INSAT
- 137..... provides editing, outlining, drawing, graphing, and presentation management functions, in one convenient software package.
a) PowerPoint b) Microsoft Office Access c) INSAT d) Spreadsheets
138. The original version of..... was created by Thomas Rudkin and Dennis Austin of a company called Forethought.
a) PowerPoint b) Microsoft Office Access c) Spreadsheets d) INSAT
- 139..... describes the way text and graphics can be combined together on a single page which can then be printed out as a high quality print.
a) Desk Top Publishing b) CIET c) Scilab d) INSAT
140. DTP is good for.....
a) importing text and graphics created elsewhere
b) long or specialised writing tasks
c) specialised graphics tasks
d) exporting text and graphics
141. DTP is not best for.....
a) exporting text and graphics
b) combining text and graphics
c) importing text and graphics created elsewhere
d) creating columns of text
142.referring to a type of publishing that does not include printed books.
a) E-publishing b) INSAT c) JDPC d) CIET

150. The EDUSAT was launched on 20 September.....
- a) 1982 b) 1984 c) 1999 d) 2004
151.is the first Indian satellite built exclusively for serving the educational sector offering an interactive satellite based distance education system for the country.
- a) EDUSAT b) MBHS c) Scilab d) INSAT
152.is specially configured for the audiovisual medium, employing digital interactive classroom and multimedia multicentric systems.
- a) EDUSAT b) INSAT c) FORTRAN d) MBHS
153. is primarily meant for providing connectivity to school, college and higher levels of education and also to support non-formal education including developmental communication.
- a) EDUSAT b) MBHS c) Scilab d) FORTRAN
154. carries five Ku-band transponders providing spot beams, one Ku-band transponder providing a national beam and six Extended C-band transponders with national coverage beam.
- a) EDUSAT b) COBOL c) FORTRAN d) HTML
155. In the first phase of pilot projects, atransponder on board INSAT-3R, which is already in orbit, is being used.
- a) FORTRAN b) CIET c) MBHS d) Ku-band
156. Theconfiguration has allowed CIET, NCERT to develop a network of institutions; together constituting a national network.
- a) EDUSAT b) MBHS c) HTML d) Scilab
157., leader in analysis software, provides business intelligence (BI) software that helps leading organizations make better business decisions every day.
- a) MBHS b) Scilab c) FORTRAN d) Access Digital Data
158. TheLibrary is the world's largest library in terms of total number of items.
- a) German b) French c) British d) Russian

159. British Library is located on the north side of Euston Road in St Pancras,
a) Hardward b) Cambridge c) Oxford d) London
160. The British Library was created on 1 July as a result of the British Library Act 1972.
a) 1971 b) 1973 c) 1982 d) 1985
161. In, the British Library absorbed the National Sound Archive, which holds many sound and video recordings, with over a million discs and thousands of tapes.
a) 1983 b) 1986 c) 1987 d) 1992
162. The core of the British Library's historical collections is based on a series of donations and acquisitions from the 18th century, known as.....
a) The 'foundation collections' b) MBHS c) HTML d) Scilab
163. An Act of Parliament in established the principle of the legal deposit, ensuring that the British Library and five other libraries in Great Britain and Ireland are entitled to receive a free copy of every item published or distributed in Britain.
a) 1901 b) 1909 c) 1911 d) 1931
164. 'Sitting on History' was purchased for the British Library by Carl Djerassi and Diane Middlebrook in 1997.
a) John E. Mitchiner's b) Herman Hollerith's
c) Bill Woodrow's d) T.V. Mahalingam's
165. In 2010 the British Library launched its Management and business studies portal.
a) October b) November c) December d) January
166. The Library Philatelic Collections are held at St Pancras
a) British b) American c) French d) Indian
167. founded the Tabulating Machine Company in 1896 which later became the popular IBM (International Business Machines Corporation). A variety of machines were developed during the WWII.

- a) John E. Mitchiner b) Herman Hollerith
c) W.W.Grummond d) T.V. Mahalingam
168. The first all-electronic computer is called
- a) ENIAC b) COBOL c) FORTRAN d) HTML
169. The first non-military electronic programmable computer,, for data processing was introduced in 1950.
- a) UNIVAC b) COBOL c) FORTRAN d) HTML
170. The is a computer application that provides statistical analysis of data.
- a) SPSS b) Scilab c) UNIVAC d) COBOL
171. SPSS (originally, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) is a software program developed in the late 1960s by graduate students at..... University
- a) Oxford b) Harvard c) Stanford d) Cambridge
172. is the data analysis package of choice for people wanting to analyze quantitative data.
- a) Scilab b) SPSS c) COBOL d) UNIVAC
173. for Windows is a comprehensive, interactive, general-purpose package for data analysis and it includes most routine statistical techniques.
- a) SPSS b) Scilab c) ENIAC d) Access Digital Data
174. is a true Windows package being mouse-driven with movable, scalable windows, drop-down menus and dialog boxes.
- a) Scilab b) SPSS c) Access Digital Data d) INSAT
175. for Windows is probably one of the easiest major statistics package to use.
- a) Scilab b) SPSS c) INSAT d) JDPC
176. In July....., in order to improve the technology transfer, the Scilab Consortium joined the Digiteo Foundation
- a) 2002 b) 2007 c) 2008 d) 2011
177. allows even inexperienced users to run complicated statistical analyses at the click of a few buttons.

- a) ENIAC b) Scilab c) SPSS d) Access Digital Data
178. for Windows provides a powerful statistical analysis and data management system in a graphical environment, using descriptive menus and simple dialog boxes to do most of the tasks for you.
- a) CIET b) Scilab c) JDPC d) SPSS
179. provides a powerful statistical-analysis and data-management system in a graphical environment, using descriptive menus and simple dialog boxes to do most of the work for you.
- a) JDPC b) Scilab c) INSAT d) SPSS
180.is an open source, cross-platform numerical computational package and a high-level, numerically oriented programming language.
- a) Scilab b) ENIAC c) Access Digital Data d) COBOL
181. can be used for signal processing, statistical analysis, image enhancement, fluid dynamics simulations, numerical optimization, and modeling and simulation of explicit and implicit dynamical systems.
- a) Scilab b) Access Digital Data c) INSAT d) JDPC
182. MATLAB code, which is similar in syntax, can be converted to.....
- a) FORTRAN b) Scilab c) COBOL d) INSAT
183.is one of several open source alternatives to MATLAB.
- a) FORTRAN b) ENIAC c) Scilab d) COBOL
184. Scilab includes a free package calledfor modeling and simulation of explicit and implicit dynamical systems, including both continuous and discrete sub-systems.
- a) Access Digital Data b) ENIAC c) Xcos d) FORTRAN
185.can be compared to Simulink from the MathWorks.
- a) Xcos b) Access Digital Data c) Scilab d) FORTRAN
186. Scilab syntax is largely based on thelanguage.
- a) ENIAC b) Scilab c) MATLAB d) Xcos
187. The Scilab Consortium was formed in May to broaden contributions and promote Scilab as worldwide reference software in academia and industry.

- a) 1983 b) 1993 c) 2003 d) 2006
188. In July 2008, in order to improve the technology transfer, the Scilab Consortium joined the.....
- a) Digiteo Foundation b) Scilab c) ENIAC d) Access Digital Data
189.is a method by which a company can convert paper documents into digital format.
- a) Digital documentation b) Scilab c) Access Digital Data d) MATLAB
190. Indus script is a product of one of the largestcivilisations often referred to as the Harappan civilisation.
- a) Neolithic Age b) Paleolithic Age
c) Bronze Age d) Mesolithic Age
191. Civilisation was distinguished for its highly utilitarian and standardised life style, excellent water management system and architecture.
- a) American b) Mayan c) Indus Valley d) Egyptian
192. The first publication of a Harappan seal dates to 1873, in a drawing by
- a) Alexander Cunningham b) Yuri Knorozov
c) John E. Mitchiner d) W.W. Grummond
193. In the early 1970s,published a corpus and concordance of Indus writing listing about 3700 seals and about 417 distinct signs in specific patterns.
- a) Iravatham Mahadevan b) John E. Mitchiner
c) W.W. Grummond d) T.V. Mahalingam
194.thought that the Indus script was the archetype of the Brāhmī script.
- a) Alexander Cunningham b) W.W. Grummond
c) MGS Narayanan d) K.A. Nilakandasastri
195. In May 2007, the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Department found pots with arrow-head symbols during an excavation in Melaperumpallam near.....
- a) Poompuhar b) Madras c) Adayar d) Tirunelveli

196. A computational study of Indus Script conducted by a joint Indo-US team led by Rajesh P N Rao of the University of, consisting of Iravatham Mahadevan and others from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, was published in April 2009 in Science.
- a) Russia b) Washington c) France d) Delhi
197. The book 'Deciphering the Indus Script' was written by
- a) Asko Parpola b) Shikaripura Ranganatha Rao
c) K.A. Nilakanta Sastri d) Appadorai
198. The Finnish scholar led a Finnish team in the 1960s-80s that vied with Knorozov's Soviet team in investigating the Indus script using computer analysis.
- a) Shikaripura Ranganatha Rao b) Asko Parpola
c) John E. Mitchiner d) W.W. Grummond
199. 'South Indian History and Society Studies from Inscriptions A.D. 850-1800' was written by
- a) Noboru Karashima b) Prof. Champakalakshmi
c) D.N. Jha d) M.G.S. Narayanan
200. initiated a joint research project on the "Socio – economic development in South India from the 13th century through the 18th century in 1984.
- a) Robert Scoble b) Goldman
c) Noboru Karashima d) Jason Calacanis.
201. The Vijayanagar Inscriptions in South India brought out by Noboru Karashima in is a remarkable example for computer assisted research.
- a) 2000 b) 2002 c) 2005 d) 2007
202. is an electronic spreadsheet program that can be used for storing, organizing and manipulating data.
- a) ENIAC b) Scilab c) Excel d) Access Digital Data

203.is the study of human cultures through the recovery documentation and analysis of material remains including architecture, artefacts, biofacts, human remains and landscapes.
a) Numismatics b) Archaeology c) Anthropology d) Paleography
204. JSTOR is an online system for archiving academic journals, founded in.....
a) 1985 b) 1992 c) 1995 d) 2005
205. The founder of JSTOR was
a) Goldman b) William G. Bowen
c) Brad Fitzpatrick d) Robert Scoble
206. is an autonomous institution committed to scientific research in history and social sciences, Funded by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala.
a) ICHR b) UNESCO c) Scilab d) KCHR
207. KCHR is located at
a) Thiruvananthapuram b) Delhi c) Kottayam d) Calcutta
208. The British Museum was established in....., largely based on the collections of the physician and scientist Sir Hans Sloane.
a) 1733 b) 1743 c) 1753 d) 1783
- 209..... is a collaborative project to create a free editable map of the world.
a) UNESCO b) OSM c) ENIAC d) KCHR
210.was founded in July 2004 by Steve Coast.
a) ENIAC b) UNESCO c) Scilab d) OpenStreetMap
- 211.Ais a personal journal published on the World Wide Web consisting of discrete entries ("posts") typically displayed in reverse chronological order so the most recent post appears first.
a) Scilab b) blog c) ENIAC d) OSM
212. The term "weblog" was coined byon 17 December 1997.
a) Jorn Barger b) Brad Fitzpatrick
c) Evan Williams d) Meg Hourihan

ANSWER KEY

1.d	2.a	3.a	4.a	5.b	6.a	7.a
8.a	9.a	10.a	11.d	12.d	13.a	14.a
15.a	16.b	17.a	18.d	19.a	20.a	21.a
22.c	23.c	24.a	25.a	26.a	27.c	28.a
29.a	30.c	31.d	32.d	33.a	34.a	35.a
36.a	37.d	38.d	39.a	40.d	41.a	42.a
43.b	44.a	45.a	46.a	47.a	48.a	49.a
50.a	51.d	52.b	53.b	54.b	55.b	56.b
57.b	58.b	59.d	60.a	61.a	62.a	63.a
64.a	65.a	66.c	67.a	68.a	69.c	70.a
71.a	72.d	73.d	74.d	75.d	76.d	77.a
78.d	79.d	80.a	81.a	82.a	83.a	84.a
85.a	86.a	87.a	88.a	89.a	90.a	91.a
92.a	93.a	94.b	95.a	96.b	97.a	98.b
99.a	100.a	101.c	102.a	103.a	104.a	105.b
106.c	107.a	108.a	109.c	110.a	111.a	112.a
113.d	114.a	115.a	116.a	117.a	118.d	119.d
120.a	121.a	122.d	123.a	124.a	125.a	126.a
127.a	128.a	129.a	130.a	131.c	132.a	133.b
134.a	135.b	136.c	137.a	138.a	139.a	140.a
141.a	142.a	143.d	144.a	145.a	146.b	147.d
148.a	149.a	150.d	151.a	152.a	153.a	154.a
155.d	156.a	157.d	158.c	159.d	160.b	161.a
162.a	163.c	164.c	165.a	166.a	167.b	168.a
169.a	170.a	171.c	172.b	173.a	174.b	175.b
176.c	177.c	178.d	179.d	180.a	181.a	182.b
183.c	184.c	185.a	186.c	187.c	188.a	189.a
190.c	191.c	192.a	193.a	194.a	195.a	196.b
197.a	198.b	199.a	200.c	201.b	202.c	203.b
204.c	205.b	206.d	207.a	208.c	209.b	210.d
211.b	212.a	213.c	214.a	215.a	216.b	217.a
218.c	219.b	220.d				

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