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CLASS -VI

Spellathon No.- 1 (Topic: Culture and Heritage)

S.No.	Words	Meaning	S.No.	Words	Meaning
1	ancestry	the family or ethnic origins from which a person is descended	11	legacy	something handed down from the past, such as customs or achievements
2	artifact	an object made by humans, especially one of historical or cultural interest	12	mosaic	a picture or pattern made of small coloured pieces, also used for diverse cultures
3	civilization	an advanced stage of human society with developed culture, religion and government	13	mythology	a collection of myths or traditional stories belonging to a culture or religion
4	commemorate	to honour the memory of a person or event with a ceremony	14	patriarch	the male head of a family or tribe; also, a respected elder in a community
5	custodian	a person responsible for protecting and maintaining something or someone	15	pilgrimage	a journey to a sacred or important place for religious or cultural reasons
6	dynasty	a succession of rulers from the same family or line	16	preservation	the act of keeping something safe from harm, decay or loss
7	embroidery	the art of decorating fabric with needle and thread, often with traditional patterns	17	renaissance	a revival or renewed interest in art, literature and culture
8	folklore	traditional stories, customs and beliefs passed down through generations	18	ritual	a religious or solemn ceremony with a set series of actions
9	heritage	traditions, monuments and values passed down from earlier generations	19	tradition	a custom or belief passed from one generation to the next
10	indigenous	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place or region	20	vernacular	the language or dialect spoken by ordinary people in a particular region

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2	antiquity	the ancient past, especially before the middle ages; objects or relics from that era	12	ecclesiastical	relating to the Christian church or the clergy; pertaining to organised religion
3	assimilation	the absorption of one cultural group into another, often losing distinct identity	13	epigraphy	the study and interpretation of ancient inscriptions carved on stone or other surfaces
4	benefactor	a person who gives financial or other support to preserve culture or heritage	14	ethnocentrism	the belief that one's own culture is superior to all others
5	chronological	arranged in the order in which events occurred over time	15	excavation	the process of carefully digging out buried objects or sites of historical significance
6	colonisation	the process by which one nation establishes control over another, influencing its culture	16	globalisation	the process by which cultures, economies and societies become increasingly interconnected
7	connoisseur	an expert judge in matters of taste, especially in art and cultural traditions	17	iconography	the visual images and symbols used in a particular culture or artistic tradition
8	contemporary	belonging to or occurring in the present time; modern in style or approach	18	numismatics	the study or collection of coins, banknotes and medals as historical artefacts
9	cosmopolitan	familiar with and at ease in many different cultures and countries	19	syncretism	the blending of different cultures, religions or schools of thought into a new unified whole
10	denomination	a recognised branch of a religion or cultural group with its own distinct practices	20	transmigration	the movement of people or ideas from one culture or region to another over time

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2	belligerent	hostile and aggressive, often used to describe conflicts between rival cultural groups	12	megalithic	relating to large stone structures built by ancient prehistoric cultures
3	benevolence	the quality of being kind and generous towards others in society	13	necropolis	a large ancient cemetery or burial ground of historical and cultural importance
4	byzantine	relating to the highly complex art and culture of the byzantine empire	14	ornamental	serving as decoration rather than function, especially in traditional cultural art
5	catacomb	an underground burial chamber used in ancient cultures for the dead	15	polytheistic	relating to the belief in and worship of more than one God or deity
6	chivalrous	showing the courteous and honourable behaviour valued in medieval culture	16	propaganda	information spread to promote a particular cultural or political viewpoint
7	cuneiform	one of the earliest writing systems, used in ancient Mesopotamian culture	17	sarcophagus	a stone coffin used in ancient cultures, often decorated with carvings
8	feudalism	a historical social system in which land was exchanged for loyalty and service	18	theocracy	a system of government in which religious leaders rule in the name of a deity
9	fresco	a painting done on wet plaster on a wall or ceiling in historic buildings	19	ziggurat	a massive terraced temple tower built by ancient Mesopotamian civilisations
10	hieroglyphics	a writing system using pictures and symbols used by ancient Egyptians	20	Zoroastrian	relating to one of the world's oldest religions, founded in ancient Persia

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