

CURRENT AFFAIRS



MCQ PRACTICE



Week 110

THE TUTORS ACADEMY



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He in the above lines refer to:

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1. Bhanu Athaiya
2. Satyajit Ray
3. Resul Pookutty
4. Gulzar
5. A R Rahman

Who among the above mentioned names have won the Academy awards (Oscars) in different categories over the years?

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Answers and Explanations



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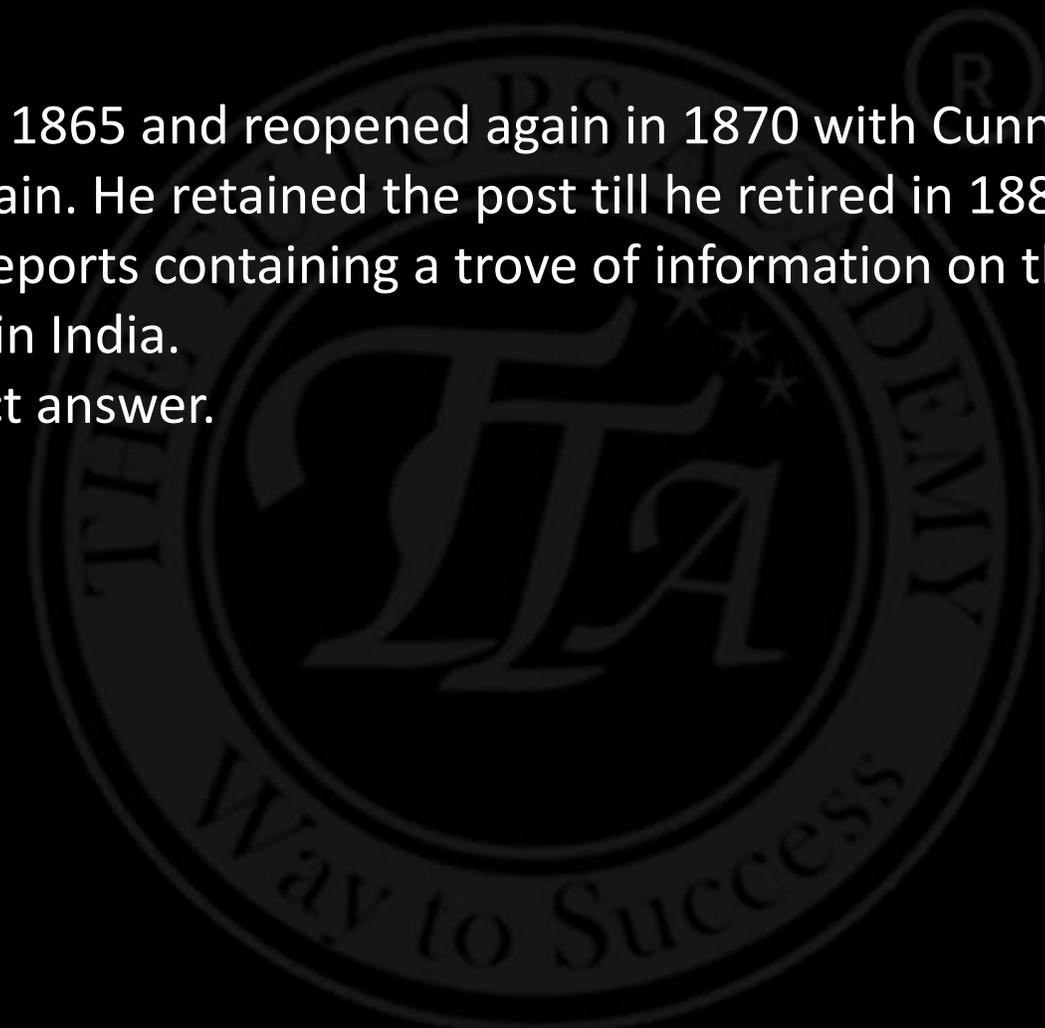


1.Explanation

- ✓ By 1851, the British government in India saw the need for a systematic archaeological survey of the country. By then the basic nature of the monuments and historical sites of India was well understood. Consequently, the ASI was established in 1861. Alexander Cunningham, a protege of Princep, was appointed as the first director-general of ASI.
- ✓ Cunningham was appointed to undertake a systematic survey of ancient and medieval monuments and sites in India. He largely followed the footsteps of the Chinese pilgrim Hiuen Tsang (Xuanzang) and in his two tours (1861-65 and 1871-85) as director-general of the ASI he explored a great part of North India.
- ✓ Archaeologist Amalananda Ghosh in his work, An Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology (1990), notes that Cunningham was the first to excavate Harappa but failed to recognise its cultural content or significance. Among the other major achievements of Cunningham were the identification of Bairat, Kosambi, Nalanda, Shravasthi, Taxila and Vaishali.



- ✓ The ASI was abolished in 1865 and reopened again in 1870 with Cunningham as its director-general once again. He retained the post till he retired in 1885. During this period he produced 24 reports containing a trove of information on the structures of historical significance in India.
- ✓ Therefore, c is the correct answer.





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2.Explanation

Lalleshwari (1320-1392), also known as Lal Ded, is the creator of the mystic poetry called Vatsun or Vakhs, literally meaning 'speech'. Known as Lal Vakhs, her verses are the earliest compositions in Kashmiri language and are an important part of the history of Kashmiri literature. The Vakhs have also been translated into English. Therefore, d is the correct answer.



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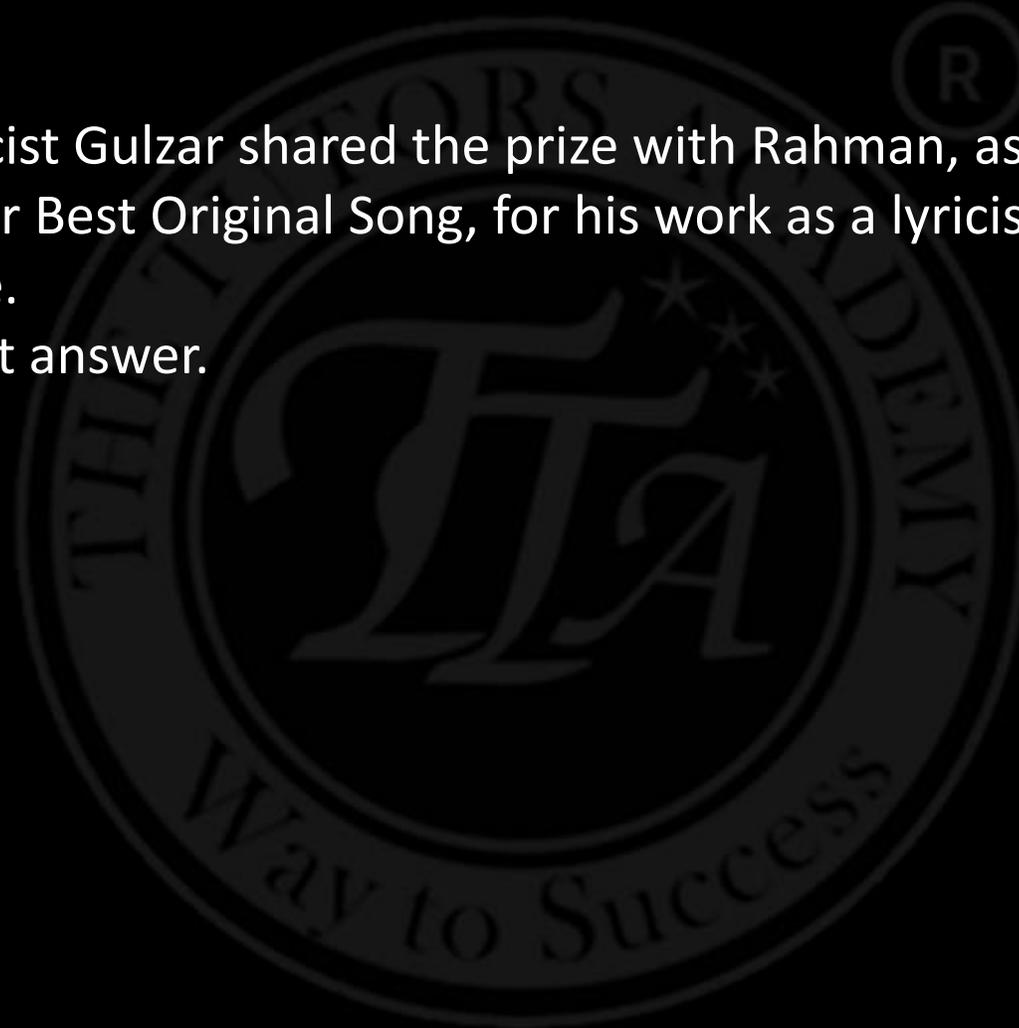


3.Explanation

- ✓ Indian movies have not had a great run at the Academy Awards since their inception in 1929. However, various artistes have won the award in different categories over the years.
- ✓ Bhanu Athaiya: It was her work in Gandhi (1982) that won her the award for Best Costume Design, India's first Oscar.
- ✓ Satyajit Ray: He was awarded an Academy Honorary Award in 1992, "in recognition of his rare mastery of the art of motion pictures, and of his profound humanitarian outlook, which has had an indelible influence on filmmakers and audiences throughout the world."
- ✓ Resul Pookutty: Ian Tapp, Richard Pryke and Resul Pookutty were the joint awardees for their work in Slumdog Millionaire (2008) for Best Sound Mixing.
- ✓ A R Rahman: 'Mozart of Madras' A R Rahman became the first Indian to win Academy Awards in two categories, both for his work in Slumdog Millionaire – Best Original Song (for 'Jai Ho') and Best Original Score.



- ✓ Gulzar: Veteran poet-lyricist Gulzar shared the prize with Rahman, as the recipient of the Academy Award for Best Original Song, for his work as a lyricist on 'Jai Ho' from Slumdog Millionaire.
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4.Explanation

- ✓ Divyachakshu by Ramanlal Vasantlal Desai
- ✓ Char Adhyay by Rabindranath Tagore
- ✓ Ganadevata and Panchagrama by Tarasankar Bandopadhyay
- ✓ Pather Debi by Sharatchandra Chattopadhyay
- ✓ Premasharam by Premchand
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- ✓ “Why look for Me anywhere else, my friend, When I’m here, in your possession?...He is the very breath of our breaths.”
- ✓ Therefore, c is the correct answer.