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1. Polity

1) Consider the following statements regarding Lok Sabha.

1. The work and conduct of the Speaker cannot be discussed and criticized in the Lok Sabha except on a substantive motion.
2. No discussion on a matter of general public importance can take place except on a motion made with the consent of the Speaker.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

2) Which of these is/are some of the general characteristics of Parliamentary committees?

1. All members should be elected by the house.
2. It presents its report to the Speaker or the Chairman of the house.
3. It must have the status of a consultative committee with any Ministry at the Centre.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 2
- d) 3 only

3) Consider the following statements regarding the terms of the Office of the Governor.

1. The Governor can resign at any time by addressing a resignation letter to the Chief Minister of the State.
2. The Constitution does not lay down the grounds upon which a governor may be removed by the President.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

4) Which of the following from the Constitution of India is/are specially relevant to Social Justice and Empowerment?

1. Preamble
2. First Schedule
3. Third Schedule
4. Fundamental Rights
5. Directive Principles of State Policy

Select the correct answer code.

- a) 1, 5
- b) 2, 3, 4

- c) 1, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 5

5) Consider the following statements with reference to the Union Government.

1. The Department of Revenue is responsible for the preparation of Union Budget that is presented to the parliament

2. No amount can be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund of India without the authorization of Parliament of India.

3. All the disbursements made from Public Account also need the Authorization from the Parliament of India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) Consider the following statements regarding the powers of the Lok Sabha Speaker.

1. Speaker prorogues an ongoing session of the Lok Sabha.

2. Speaker approves all the bills before it is sent for Presidential assent.

3. Speaker heads the appointments committee of the Cabinet and the appointments committee of the Lok Sabha.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) None of the above

7) With reference to Parliamentary Standing Committees consider the following statements:

1. Standing Committees not only supervise the work of various departments but also their budget.

2. Public Accounts Committee is an example of Standing Committee.

3. Members of the Standing committees are selected from both Houses.

4. Standing Committees are permanent in nature.

5. Standing Committees are means of parliamentary control over the executive.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 4, 5
- b) 1, 3, 5
- c) 1, 2, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

8) Governor is appointed by the Central government to oversee the functioning of state governments.

Which of the following is not such a function?

- a) Ensuring that state Government works within the Constitutional provisions
- b) Ensuring that laws made by State legislature are within the constitutional framework
- c) Ensuring that State governments do not disregard constitutional directions given by the Central government
- d) None of the above

9) Consider the following statements with reference to *Motion of Thanks*.

1. Amendments to *Motion of Thanks* can be moved in both the houses *in such form as may be considered appropriate by the Speaker*.

2. *The Motion of Thanks is deemed to be a no-confidence motion*.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

10) Consider the following statements:

1. The basic structure of the Constitution has been defined under article 368.

2. Principle of reasonableness and Welfare state are one of the elements of basic structure.

3. National emergency can be imposed by the President when the security of India is threatened by war or external aggression only.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) The first Law Commission was established, under the Chairmanship of Lord Macaulay by the

- a) Government of India Act 1935
- b) Charter Act of 1833
- c) Law Commission Act, 1867
- d) Government of India Act of 1919

12) Article 131 of the Indian Constitution deals with
a) Power of the President to seek an opinion from the apex court

- b) States can move directly to the Supreme Court in matters of dispute with the Centre
- c) Appellate jurisdiction of Supreme Court in appeals from High Courts in certain cases.

d) Special leave to appeal by the Supreme Court.

13) According to Eleventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution, which of the following functional items were exclusively placed within the purview of panchayats?

1. Small-scale industries, including food processing industries
2. Fuel and fodder
3. Technical training and vocational education
4. Cattle ponds, prevention of cruelty to animals.
5. Libraries
6. Vital statistics including registration of births and deaths.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- b) 1, 4, 5, 6
- c) 1, 2, 3, 5
- d) 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

14) Consider the following statements.

1. The convention of appointing the senior most judge of the supreme court as the Chief Justice of India is violated more than once.

2. The Supreme Court in the first Judges Case ruled that the senior most judge of the Supreme Court should alone be appointed to the office of the chief justice of India.

3. The judge of a Supreme Court is removed on the grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 2

15) The Supreme Court of India has been assigned a very significant role in the Indian democratic political system. Which of the following are the roles and functions of the Supreme Court?

1. It is a federal court
2. It is the highest court of appeal
3. It is the guarantor of the fundamental rights of the citizens
4. It is the guardian of the Constitution.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

16) Which of the Acts passed by the British Parliament introduced an open competition system of selection and recruitment of civil servants in India before independence and a separate legislative wing for the Governor-General?

- a) Charter Act of 1853
- b) Indian Councils Act of 1861
- c) Indian Councils Act of 1892
- d) Charter Act of 1833

17) Consider the following statements.

1. Constitutionalism denotes the principle that the government derives its authority from a body of fundamental law and is limited by it.
2. Fundamental Rights in Indian Constitution helps in enforcing the philosophy of Constitutionalism.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

18) Consider the following statements regarding Question Hour in Parliament.

1. The first hour of every parliamentary sitting is slotted for Question Hour where questions are asked only to Ministers and for private members it is asked in Zero Hour.
2. A starred question requires an oral answer and hence supplementary questions can follow.

3. Questions may lead to the appointment of a Commission, a Court of Enquiry or even Legislation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 2 only

19) Consider the following statements regarding the Speaker Pro Tem.

1. She is elected by the Lok Sabha from amongst the members of the house.
2. She is responsible for chairing the meetings of Lok Sabha until the new elected Speaker becomes acquainted with the Parliamentary procedures.
3. The Speaker Pro Tem has all the powers of the Speaker.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 1 only
- d) None of the above

20) Which of the following Parliamentary committees does not witness any participation from Rajya Sabha?

- a) Public Accounts Committee
- b) Committee on Empowerment of Women
- c) Committee of Privileges
- d) Estimates Committee

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2. Geography

1) Consider the following statements.

1. About 95 per cent of iron ore reserves in India is located in the States of Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

2. In Karnataka, iron ore deposits occur in Baba Budan hills and Kudremukh.

3. Manganese deposits are mainly associated with Dharwar system.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements.

1. It is the ore which is used in manufacturing of aluminium.

2. It is mainly in tertiary deposits and is associated with laterite rocks.

3. It also occurs in the coastal tracts of India.

The above statements refer to

- a) Copper
- b) Bauxite
- c) nickel
- d) None of the above

3) Consider the following pairs:

Multipurpose project	:	River
1. Bhakra Nangal	:	Indus
2. Hirakud	:	Godavari
3. Nagarjunasagar	:	Kaveri

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) None of the above

4) Arrange the following Islands of Indian Ocean region from South to North

- 1. Seychelles
- 2. Maldives
- 3. Reunion
- 4. Mauritius

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 3-4-1-2
- b) 4-3-1-2
- c) 4-3-2-1
- d) 3-4-2-1

5) Like tropical cyclones, Tornados also cause devastating effect on life and material property.

How tornedos are different from tropical cyclones?

- 1. Tornadoes originate over land, while cyclone originate on water.

2. Tornadoes forms on relatively larger area than tropical cyclone.

3. Tornadoes mostly occur in middle latitude, while tropical cyclone occurs in 5 to 25 degree north and south latitude.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) None of the above

6) Planets in the solar system are broadly classified into Terrestrial and Jovian Planets. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Terrestrial Planets are relatively larger in size when compared to Jovian Planets.

2. Terrestrial Planets were formed in close vicinity of the Sun, while Jovian planets were formed at relatively distant location.

3. Terrestrial Planets has lost most of its earlier atmosphere due to solar wind, while similar phenomenon is not been observed in Jovian Planets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 1, 2

7) Consider the following statements:

1. Annual range of temperature is greater in the Pacific Ocean than that in the Atlantic Ocean.

2. Annual range of temperature is greater in the Northern Hemisphere than that in the Southern Hemisphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Consider the following statements about Anticyclones.

1. Anticyclone is a region where the atmospheric pressure is high compared with that of adjacent areas.

2. Their extent is always small.

3. In the northern hemisphere the general wind circulation is clockwise round the anticyclone.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

9) Which of the following are the conditions for the emergence of a tropical cyclone?

1. Large and continuous supply of warm and moist air.
2. Strong Coriolis force
3. Strong vertical wind
4. Unstable condition through the Troposphere

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 2, 3, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 4

10) Consider the following statements about Dew point.

1. Dew point is the temperature at which the atmosphere is saturated with water vapour.
2. The dew point gives an indication of the humidity.
3. A higher dew point means there will be less moisture in the air.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) Consider the following statements.

1. The Coramandal Coast stands between Western Ghats and Arabian Sea.
2. Doddabetta is the highest peak in the southern peninsula.
3. Palghat Pass is located between the Nilgiri Hills to the north and Anaimalai Hills to the south.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 3

12) Which of the following statement best describes 'Doldrums'?

- a) High pressure area in subtropical region where westerlies originate.
- b) Belt of calm region in equatorial region where prevailing trade winds meet.
- c) Tropical region in Indian ocean where cyclone often originate.
- d) Frigid zone of the earth where there is little atmospheric circulation.

13) *Blizzards is classified as*

- a) *Terrestrial Disaster*

b) *Aquatic Disaster*

c) *Biological Disaster*

d) *Atmospheric Disaster*

14) Polar vortex is a

- a) Persistent, large-scale cyclone that circles either of the planet's geographical poles
- b) Persistent large-scale ocean current in either of Earth's geographical poles
- c) Higher atmospheric jet streams over the polar regions
- d) None of the above

15) Consider the following statements about Coriolis force?

1. It results from the Earth's revolution around the Sun.
2. It deflects winds towards the right in Northern Hemisphere and left in Southern hemisphere.
3. It is one of the causes of the directional change of ocean currents.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) As one moves from Equator towards Poles, one will observe:

1. Decrease in length of longitudes.
2. Decrease in altitude.
3. Decrease in distance between longitudes.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 3 only
- d) 2, 3

17) Consider the following statements:

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

18) Consider the following statements regarding Caucasus Mountains.

1. The Caucasus Mountains are a mountain system at the intersection of Europe and Asia.

2. It stretches between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.

3. Aconcagua is the highest peak in the Caucasus range.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

19) Consider the following statements.

1. India's coastline touches 10 states and 4 union territories.

2. Gujarat has the longest coastline followed by Tamil Nadu.

3. At present India has 8 union territories.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

20) Consider the following statements.

1. Among the States and Union Territories in India, Bihar has the highest population density.

2. Among the North-eastern states, Assam has the highest population.

3. Rajasthan followed by Madhya Pradesh has the largest geographical area in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

21) Which of the following cities are located above the tropic of cancer.

- 1. Agartala
- 2. Kolkata
- 3. Aizawl

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

22) Which of the following state capital lies closer to the Standard Meridian?

- a) Lucknow
- b) Bhopal
- c) Raipur
- d) Amaravati

23) Consider the following statements regarding Sabarmati river.

1. Sabarmati river originates in the Aravalli Range.

- 2. It flows through Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- 3. Sabarmati river flows into Gulf of Kutch.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

24) Consider the following statements with respect to Schedule Tribes (STs) population in India according to 2011 census.

- 1. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of ST population in India.
- 2. Mizoram and Lakshadweep had more than 90 percentage of its population as ST.
- 3. Punjab and Haryana had no ST population.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

25) Consider the following statements:

- 1. The lapse rate usually is more in winter than summer.
- 2. In hilly areas, a hot day followed by calm, cloudless night act as favourable condition for the phenomenon of temperature inversion.
- 3. If the moist air ascends rapidly to the cooler layers of the atmosphere, the water droplets freeze into ice pellets and fall to the earth as hail.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

3. Economy

1) Revenue receipts of the government do not include which of the following?

1. Taxes imposed on goods imported into and exported out of India
2. Income of PSUs
3. Profits on investments made by government

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) All are part of revenue receipts of government.

2) How would you distinguish between the revenue and capital receipts of the government?

1. Revenue receipts are non-redeemable unlike certain capital receipts.
2. Capital receipts are always debt creating unlike revenue receipts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

3) Which of the following are considered as Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)?

1. Chit Fund companies
2. Housing Finance Companies
3. Venture Capital Fund Companies
4. Insurance companies

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

4) Consider the following statements.

1. A cess is levied on the tax payable and not on the taxable income.
2. A cess can be levied on only direct tax.
3. Unlike a tax, a cess is levied to meet a specific purpose.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

5) Consider the following statements.

1. Direct taxes on income are compulsory transfers of private incomes (both individual and firm) to the government to meet collective aims.

2. The proceeds of all taxes and cesses are credited in the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI).

3. While the tax proceeds are shared with the States and Union Territories according to the guidelines by the Finance Commission, the cess proceeds need not be shared with them.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) State led Industrial development is the principal feature of Independent India. Which of the following factors necessitated it?

1. Private sector lacked the huge capital required for setting up of heavy industries.
2. Maximization of profit compelled state intervention.
3. Private players had less incentive to invest in industrialization due to the low demand for industrial goods.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 2, 3
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2

7) Which of the following statement about 'White Label ATMs' is correct?

- a) These ATMs are set up, owned and operated by Non-bank entities.
- b) These ATMs are set up, owned and operated by the sponsor bank whose brand is used on the ATM.
- c) ATMs owned by a service provider, but cash management and connectivity to banking networks is provided by a sponsor bank whose brand is used on the ATM.
- d) These are ATMs operated abroad to withdraw Indian currency.

8) Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT), often in news is

- a) A form of direct tax
- b) Imposed on High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs)
- c) Applied on goods for import and export in foreign trade
- d) All of the above

9) In taxation, horizontal equity implies

- a) Similarly situated people pay the same taxes.
- b) Better off people pay more taxes.

- c) Everyone pays the same amount of tax.
- d) Taxation is independent of income levels.

10) A tax is buoyant when

- a) Tax revenue collection registers a steady annual rise irrespective of other economic changes
- b) Tax revenues increase by more than 1 per cent for a 1 per cent increase in Tax base
- c) Tax revenues are relatively unaffected by economic slowdown or a phase of boom
- d) Tax revenues increase by more than 1 per cent for a 1 per cent increase in GDP

11) After liberalization, India has undergone structural change in its economy. In this context, 'structural change' necessarily implies

- a) Change in demographic characteristics
- b) Change in the contribution of different sectors of economy to GDP.
- c) Change in exploitation pattern of natural resources
- d) Change in the production pattern of agriculture.

12) An inverted duty structure for a particular product can tend to discourage its

- 1. Domestic value addition
- 2. Associated Foreign Direct Investment
- 3. Import of finished goods as compared to its raw material

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2 only

13) Consider the following statements regarding Current Account Deficit (CAD).

- 1. The current account measures the flow of goods, services and investments into and out of the country.
- 2. Current Account Deficit may help a debtor nation in the short-term.
- 3. High software receipts and private transfers can lower current account deficit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Which of the following factors can lead to Demand-pull inflation?

- 1. Strong consumer demand
- 2. Increase in money supply

- 3. When prices go up
- 4. Technological innovation

Select the correct code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 2, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

15) Consider the following statements regarding Call money rate.

- 1. Banks resort to Call money loans to fill the asset liability mismatch, comply with the statutory CRR and SLR requirements and to meet the sudden demand of funds.
- 2. Demand and supply of liquidity affect the call money rate.
- 3. Only RBI and banks are the participants of the call money market.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 2
- d) 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements.

- 1. While Gross Domestic Product includes the production of goods and services within a country by all producers, Gross National Product captures all goods and services that is produced by the citizens of a country.
- 2. Usually Gross National Product tends to be less, if an economy is highly globalised and competitive and many of its MNCs are operating in other countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

17) Tax buoyancy refers to the responsiveness of tax revenue growth to changes in GDP. If there is an output growth and the tax buoyancy is not commensurate, then it can imply

- a) There is tax evasion
- b) Growth in the non-taxed part of GDP
- c) Both a and b
- d) Neither a nor b

18) Income tax in India is

- a) Levied, collected and appropriated by Central government
- b) Levied, collected by Central government; and distributed between Centre and state governments

- c) Levied by Central government, but collected and appropriated by state governments
- d) Levied, collected and appropriated by state governments

- 19) External Aids is the best means to finance a government's fiscal deficit because
1. It brings in foreign currency that is also useful to bridge the Balance of payments (BoP) apart from its utility in developmental expenditures.
 2. It does not cause crowding out effect in the domestic market and is favourable to the domestic borrowers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

20) Match the following pairs

Term	Definitions
1. Deflation rate of inflation	A. Reduction in the
2. Disinflation level of prices	B. General fall in the
3. Stagflation inflation and rising unemployment due to	C. Combination of recession
4. Reflation the prices to counteract the deflationary prices.	D. Attempt to raise

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- b) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-D
- c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- d) 1-A, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C

21) Consider the following statements regarding Fiscal Deficit.

1. Fiscal deficit is reflective of the total borrowing requirements of the Government.
2. A higher fiscal deficit can lead to higher interest rates in the economy.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

22) Which of the following are considered or counted while calculating GDP?

1. Rental value of all houses
2. Newly produced cars as well as second-hand cars
3. Pensions and scholarships given by the Government.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

23) Which of the following expenditure by the Government are considered as Transfer payments?

1. Universal Basic Income.
2. Subsidies paid to farmers
3. Conditional cash transfers

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

24) Consider the following statements.

1. Factor cost refer to the price arrived after deducting from the market price the government subsidy and adding the indirect taxes.
2. GDP at factor cost is useful to see how competitive market forces are and how distortionary indirect taxes are.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

25) In India, deficit financing is usually resorted in order to

1. Finance the revenue deficit component
2. Undertake developmental expenditure
3. Bridge the short-term Current Account Deficit (CAD)

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 3

4. Art and Culture

1) Consider the following statements.

1. It is known as Kakanaya and Bota-Sripavata in ancient times.
2. It has the singular distinction of having specimen of Buddhist art and architecture from the early Mauryan period.
3. It is a world heritage site.

The above statements refer to?

- a) Ajanta Caves
- b) Bodh-Gaya
- c) Elephanta Caves
- d) Sanchi

2) One of the most important buildings in Fatehpur Sikri, it is also known as the "Dream of Stones":

- a) Jantar Mantar
- b) Naqqar khana
- c) Panch Mahal
- d) Hawa Mahal

3) Consider the following statements regarding Guru Nanak.

1. Guru Nanak is the founder and first guru of Sikhism.
2. Guru Granth Sahib contains entirely the teachings of Guru Nanak and is considered as holy text of Sikhism.
3. Guru Nanak believed that God is formless and there is One God who dwells in every one of his creations and constitutes the eternal Truth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

4) Tirukkural, a Tamil literature is a

- a) Oldest surviving Tamil grammar
- b) Collection of poems in the praise of Chera Kings
- c) Ancient treatise on the Code of Ethics
- d) Tamil Buddhist literature

5) Consider the following statements regarding Indian Digital Heritage (IDH) Project.

1. It is the initiative of *Ministry of Culture* for digital documentation and interpretation of our tangible and intangible heritage.
2. The basic goal of the IDH project was to bring about a fine synergy of Geospatial technologies with matured ICT technologies and develop technology tools to help preserve, use, and experience India's vast heritage in digital form.

3. The world heritage site of Hampi is the first site to be documented under the project.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) Consider the following statements.

1. There are evidences of Lower Paleolithic people producing art.
2. Symbols do not form part of Prehistoric paintings.
3. The largest number of paintings belongs to Chalcolithic period.
4. Hunting scenes predominate in Mesolithic paintings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3, 4
- b) 1,3, 4
- c) 4 only
- d) 2, 3, 4

7) The Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) was a

- a) Iron-age Civilisation
- b) Bronze-age Civilisation
- c) Copper-age civilization
- d) None of the above

8) With reference to the Painted Grey Ware culture (PGW), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Bronze Age culture of the western Gangetic plain and the Ghaggar-Hakra valley.
2. It is associated with the rise of the great mahajanapada states and of the Magadha Empire.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

9) If you stroll inside the Ajanta caves, you are likely to find which of the following famous images/sculpture there?

1. Mahaparinirvana of Buddha
2. Shiva slaying Andhaka and Wedding of Shiva
3. Padmapani and Vajrapani
4. Trimurti, Gangadhara and Ardhanarishvara

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 2, 3
- b) 1, 2, 4

- c) 1, 3
d) 1, 2, 3, 4

10) Which of the following is incorrect about the Mughal School of painting?

- a) It does not portray naturalistic themes.
b) It is aristocratic and secular in nature.
c) It is closely influenced by Persian school of painting.
d) None of the above

11) Consider the following statements.

1. Prabandhas – Composition by Alvars
2. Dravida Veda - Composition by Nayanars
3. Ashtadhyayi -

Sanskrit treatise on grammar written by Kapila

Which of the above are correctly matched?

- a) 1 only
b) 1, 2
c) 1, 3
d) 2, 3

12) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Islamic architecture in India.

1. Indo-Islamic structures were heavily influenced by the sensibilities of Indian architectural and decorative forms.
2. Indo-Islamic architecture introduced spaciousness and Massiveness in the architecture.
3. The Indo-Islamic architecture used more of human and animal figures.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
b) 1, 3
c) 2, 3
d) 1, 2, 3

13) Lapis lazuli is a rich blue semi-precious stone sometimes flecked with gold. In medieval India, it was used in ornaments and official seals. Where the stone was usually sourced from?

- a) Java
b) Northern Afghanistan
c) China
d) Western Ghats, India

14) Sarais, a prominent feature during medieval India is

- a) Big hall in front of the temple
b) Curves in an arch
c) Dharamshala
d) Decoration on walls and floors with

mosaic

15) Consider the following statements regarding Padmanabhaswamy temple.

1. The Padmanabhaswamy temple is a Hindu temple located in Tamil Nadu.

2. The temple is built in an intricate fusion of the Chera style and the Dravidian style of architecture.

3. The main deity in the Padmanabhaswamy Temple is of Lord Vishnu in posture of eternal yogic sleep on the serpent Adi Shesha.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
b) 1, 3
c) 2, 3
d) 1, 2, 3

16) With reference to 'Warli Paintings', consider the following statements.

1. It is being practiced by indigenous people that occupy mainly the Tamil Nadu- Kerala border.
2. Geometrical figures like triangle, circle and square are used to represent human figures.
3. For painting white pigment is used, which is made of a mixture of gum and rice powder.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
b) 2, 3
c) 3 only
d) 1, 2, 3

17) During the early phase of Buddhism, Buddha is depicted symbolically through

1. Footprints
2. Stupas
3. Lotus throne
4. Chakra

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3
b) 1, 2, 3
c) 1, 3, 4
d) 1, 2, 3, 4

18) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Sarcenic architecture.

1. It was a hybrid architectural style.
2. Medieval buildings in India with their domes and Chhatris inspired it.
3. The Gateway of India was built in this style.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
b) 2, 3
c) 1 only
d) 1, 2, 3

19) With reference to Thatheras and its craft, mentioned in the UNESCO Intangible Heritage list, consider the following statements.

1. It is the traditional technique of manufacturing brass and copper utensils.
2. It originated from the state of West Bengal.
3. The craft and the process of manufacturing is transmitted orally from one generation to the other.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

20) Qutub Minar is built in the memory of

- a) Illtumish
- b) Qutubddin Aibak
- c) Qutbuddin Bakthiyar
- d) None of the above



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5. History

- 1) Who among the following rulers founded the Vikramsila University?
- Samudragupta
 - Gopala
 - Dharmapala
 - Bhoja
- 2) In the Gupta empire, Paramabhataraka was a
- Council of Peace and conflict
 - Minister for foreign affairs
 - In charge of granaries
 - Title adopted by Gupta Kings
- 3) In Medieval India, Mahamandaleshvara was a term often used for
- Samantas who gained power and wealth to overpowered their Lords
 - Kings who undertook an overseas expedition
 - Priests who performed the most Ashvamedha sacrifices
 - Patrons of temples with several deities
- 4) Which of the following could be the possible implications of the Battle of Plassey?
- It resulted in the victory of East India Company (EIC) leading greater powers to extract revenue and its consolidation of its presence in Bengal.
 - It resulted in the EIC gaining greater military might which allowed them to push other European colonial powers away from Bengal.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 5) Consider the following statements with reference to Theosophical Society.
- It was founded in Calcutta by Bhikaji Cama.
 - Main aim was to promote the study of ancient religions and philosophies.
 - Central Hindu School was chosen as the parent organization that acted as a catalyst for the growth of this society.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- 1 only
 - 1, 2
 - 2, 3
 - 1, 3
- 6) What is common between the places: Rummindei, Sanchi, Sarnath and Sahasram?
- They are the major rock edicts of Ashoka.
 - They were the capitals of the Mahajanpadas.
 - They are some of the earliest cities, even before the Indus valley civilization was discovered.
 - They contain Ashokan pillar inscriptions.
- 7) In ancient India, 'Kutagarashala' referred to
- A place where children of high Brahman family were given education.
 - A place where the head of a tribe resided.
 - A place where the debate between philosophers took place.
 - None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) are correct.
- 8) Consider the following statements regarding the opinions voiced by different leaders on the question of Indian support to British war efforts during Second World War.
- Gandhi advocated an unconditional support to the Allied powers.
 - Jawaharlal Nehru advocated that it was the ideal time to launch a civil disobedience movement.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 9) Consider the following statements regarding the proposals in the August Offer.
- Expansion of viceroy's executive council which would have a majority of Indians.
 - Making of the Constitution will be solely in Indian hands.
 - Future Constitution to be adopted with the consent of minorities.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 3
 - 1 only
- 10) 'Delhi Chalo Movement', in the context of Modern Indian History, is associated with
- Quit India Movement
 - Individual Satyagraha
 - Non-Cooperation Movement
 - None of the above

11) Which one of the following Upanishads talk about the childhood of lord Krishna for the first time?

- a) Katho Upanishad
- b) Mundaka Upanishad
- c) Jabala Upanishad
- d) Chandogya Upanishad

12) Consider the following statements regarding Ashoka's Dhamma.

- 1. It contained the ideal of a 'welfare state'.
- 2. It banned punishment of offenders and their imprisonment.
- 3. It advocated tolerance among all the religious sects.
- 4. Animal sacrifices were practiced.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 3, 4

13) The Allahabad Pillar inscription is associated with which one of the following?

- a) Mahapadma Nanda
- b) Chandragupta Maurya
- c) Ashoka
- d) Samudragupta

14) Akbar ordered one of his close friends and courtiers, Abul Fazl to write Akbar Nama, a work of three volumes. The volumes deal with

- 1. Akbar's ancestors
- 2. Evolution of administrative setup in Indian subcontinent
- 3. Geography of India
- 4. Events of Akbar's reign

Select the correct answer code.

- a) 1, 4
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

15) Consider the following statements regarding the proposals of the Crips Mission.

- 1. An Indian Union with a dominion status would be set up.
- 2. Defence of India would remain in British hands.
- 3. It allowed the Muslims the right to self-determination and the creation of Pakistan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 only

d) 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements regarding Chola Education and Literature:

- 1. Temples and mathas served as the only educational centres.
- 2. Not only Vedas and Epics, but subjects like mathematics and medicine were also taught.
- 3. Endowment of lands was made to run educational centres.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

17) Consider the following statements

- 1. Many chaityas and monasteries were cut out of the solid rock in the north-western Deccan during the regime of Satavahanas.
- 2. Amaravati stupa is full of sculptures which depict the various scenes from the life of the Buddha.
- 3. Pampa, Ponna and Ranna contributed to the development of Sangam Literature.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

18) During Quit India Movement, which of the following were Gandhi's general instructions spelt out to various sections of society?

- 1. Government servants must resign and declare true allegiance to the Congress.
- 2. If zamindars are anti-government, pay mutually agreed rent, and if zamindars are pro-government, do not pay rent.
- 3. Soldiers not to fire on compatriots.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

19) During Quit India Movement, who among the following leaders carried out Underground activities.

- 1. Jayaprakash Narayan
- 2. Aruna Asaf Ali
- 3. Usha Mehta
- 4. Lala Lajpat Rai

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2, 4

d) 1, 2, 3, 4

20) Arrange the following historical events in the chronological order.

1. Proposal of Rajagopalachari Formula
2. Quit India Movement
3. Wavell Plan

4. Proposal of Desai-Liaqat Pact

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 2-1-3-4
- b) 2-1-4-3
- c) 1-2-3-4
- d) 1-2-4-3

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6. Environment

1) Consider the following statements regarding Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

1. The Act is applicable for both Flora and Fauna and extends to the whole of India.
2. Animals listed under Schedule I and part II of Schedule II are accorded highest protection.
3. Schedule V includes the animals which cannot be hunted.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements regarding Ice Sheets.

1. Ice sheets form in areas where snow that falls in winter does not melt entirely over the summer.
2. Today there are only two ice sheets on Earth, they are Greenland and Antarctica Ice sheets.
3. Ice sheets also influence weather and climate.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

3) Consider the following statements.

1. Decline in forest cover can lead to Nutrient depletion like phosphorus and nitrogen in the soil.
2. Increase in salinity in the soil can lead to change in the Plant Species Distribution in the region.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

4) Consider the following statements regarding National Board for Wildlife.

1. It is a "Statutory Organization" constituted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
2. No alternation of boundaries in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries can be done without approval of the NBWL.
3. Its recommendations are binding on the Central Government while framing policies and measures for conservation of wildlife in the country.

4. The NBWL is chaired by the Environment Minister.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 3, 4
- d) 2, 3, 4

5) Depending upon the amount of net primary productivity the various ecosystems can be arranged in a decreasing sequence of yield. Which of these is the correct order?

- a) Tropical seasonal forest – Tropical rain forest – Temperate Grassland – Woodland and Shrub land.
- b) Tropical seasonal forest – Tropical rain forest – Woodland and Shrubland – Temperate Grassland
- c) Tropical rain forest – Temperate Grassland – Woodland and Shrubland – Tropical seasonal forest.
- d) Tropical rain forest – Tropical seasonal forest – Woodland and Shrubland – Temperate Grassland.

6) Birds Following Army Ants is an example for which of the following types of symbiotic relationship between organisms?

- a) Mutualism
- b) Parasitism
- c) Commensalism
- d) Competition

7) Mangroves, saltwater crocodile, Indian python, wild pigs and rhesus monkeys are found in which of the following national park?

- a) Bhitarkanika National Park
- b) Sundarbans National Park
- c) Nagarhole National Park
- d) Periyar National Park

8) Which of the following species are naturally found in India?

1. Red-headed vulture
2. Flying Squirrel
3. Koala
4. Golden Langur

Select the correct answer code.

- a) 1, 4
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

9) In dry areas of low rainfall, thorny shrubs and scrubs grow. How do such plants adapt to the low level of moisture?

1. Such plants generally have shallow roots to utilize water more efficiently.
2. Some plant leaves have thorny and waxy surface to reduce loss of moisture by transpiration.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

10) Consider the following statements about Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas.

1. It is prepared by United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
2. India is among countries whose soil biodiversity faces the highest level of risk.
3. Soil biodiversity encompasses the presence of micro-organisms, micro-fauna and macro-fauna.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) Consider the following statements regarding Bio-gas.

1. It is a combination of methane and carbon dioxide.
2. It is formed by anaerobic digestion of organic materials.
3. It normally burns without smoke and has a high heating capacity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

12) Consider the following statements about life forms.

1. Epiphytic: plants which derive nutrients from fungi that are attached to the roots of a vascular plant
2. Terrestrial: plants growing on land and climbers
3. Mycoheterotrophic: plants growing on another plants

Which of the above are correctly matched?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

13) In terms of self-sustenance and endurance, which among the following is the most stable ecosystem?

- a) Forest
- b) Desert
- c) Ocean
- d) Mountains

14) Tropics harbour more species than temperate or polar areas. What could be the possible reasons that tropics account for greater biological diversity than temperate regions.

1. Unlike temperate regions which were subjected to frequent glaciations in the past, tropical latitudes have remained relatively undisturbed for millions of years.
2. Tropical environments are less seasonal, relatively more constant and predictable unlike temperate regions.
3. There is more solar energy available in the tropics.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) In the last 500 years, human activity is known to have forced more than 800 species to extinction.

Which of the following species are extinct?

1. Steller's Sea Cow
2. Quagga
3. Caspian tiger
4. Sloth bear

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

16) Which of the following have low Albedo?

- a) Bare Soil
- b) Desert Sand
- c) Fresh asphalt
- d) Ocean Ice

17) Consider the following statements regarding food chain in ecosystem:

1. In an aquatic ecosystem, more energy flows through grazing food chain than detritus food chain.
2. In a terrestrial ecosystem larger fraction of energy flow through detritus food chain than grazing food chain.

3. Only 10% of energy is lost in energy flow across different trophic levels.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

18) Eutrophication of a water body necessarily involves

- 1. Gradual heating of the water body
- 2. Inflow of nutrients in the water body
- 3. Calcification of bed deposits

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

19) Which of the following is most likely to survive in deep ocean waters?

- a) Green Algae
- b) Red Algae
- c) Brown Algae
- d) Yellow Algae

20) Increased Snow cover on a water body can lead to

- 1. Sudden spurt in phytoplankton population which are not dependent on photosynthesis
- 2. Improved oxygen exchange and nutrient recycling in the lake
- 3. A condition of winterkill causing large scale death of fishes and organisms

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 3

21) Which of the following statements is incorrectly stated?

- a) Alpha diversity refers to diversity within a particular area or ecosystem.
- b) Food chain is more comprehensive than food web in displaying possible transfers of energy.
- c) Food chain implies a simple isolated relationship which seldom occurs in an ecosystem.

d) None of the statements (a), (b), and (c) are incorrect.

22) Ecological Succession is generally characterized by

- 1. Increased productivity
- 2. Decreased niche development
- 3. Increased complexity of food webs

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

23) Consider the following statements regarding Peatlands.

- 1. Peatlands are wetlands that contain mixture of decomposed organic material.
- 2. Peatlands often lack oxygen as they are partially submerged in layer of water.
- 3. If they are drained, their high carbon content makes them vulnerable to incineration.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

24) Estuaries are among the most productive ecosystems in the world. What could be the possible reason?

- 1. Some estuaries forms an ecotone of freshwater and salty seawater.
- 2. Estuaries are not subject to disturbing forces like tides and waves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

25) Inter-tidal zones support large mangrove population because

- a) It is abundant in nutrients.
- b) It is a fresh water zone
- c) It is not touched by either high or low tides.
- d) It is a sediment free zone.