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1. Polity

- 1) In the Indian Parliamentary model of Government
- The Executive is responsible to none but Constitutional ideals
 - The Judiciary controls the Executive
 - The Executive is responsible to the Legislature
 - The Legislature controls the Judiciary

- 2) The Parliament exercises Budgetary control over the executive, that is, control 'before' the appropriation of grants through the enactment of the budget by
- Public Accounts Committee
 - Departmental Standing Committees
 - Committee on Public Undertaking
 - Estimate Committee

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding the Contingency Fund of India.

- The fund is established directly by the Constitution of India.
- The fund is placed at the disposal of the President.
- No such fund exists at the State level.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 2 only
- 2, 3
- 1, 3

- 4) Consider the following statements.

- The Chairperson of a Panchayat at the village level shall be elected in such manner as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide.
- The Chairperson of a Panchayat and other members of a Panchayat whether or not chosen by direct election from territorial constituencies in the Panchayat area shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the Panchayats.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

- 5) The ideals of Liberty, equality and fraternity in Indian constitution have been borrowed from

- American Constitution
- British Constitution
- France Constitution

- d) Canadian Constitution

- 6) The act created for the first time, a Government of India having authority over the entire territorial area possessed by the British in India:

- Charter Act of 1833
- Act of 1891
- Act of 1909
- Government of India Act 1935

- 7) The 'basic structure' doctrine was ruled by the Supreme Court in which of the following cases?

- Shankari Prasad Case
- Olga Tellis Case Vs. State of Maharashtra
- Kesavananda Bharati vs. State of Kerala
- Bhikaji Vs. Union of India case

- 8) Consider the following statements.

- There is no mention of District Courts in the Constitution.
- The District Judges are appointed by the Governor in consultation with the High Court.
- A person to be eligible for appointment as a District Judge must be an officer in judicial service of the Union or the State.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- 1, 3
- 2 only
- 1, 2, 3
- 1, 2

- 9) Collective privileges of each house of Parliament include

- Prohibition of courts into inquiring into the proceedings of a House or its committees
- Power of the house to punish members as well as outsiders for breach of its privileges or its contempt by even suspension and imprisonment
- Right to publish its reports, debates and proceedings and also the right to prohibit others from publishing the same

Select the correct answer code:

- 1, 2, 3
- 1 only
- 1, 3
- 2 only

- 10) Consider the following statements about Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions

- The committee classifies bills and allocates time for discussion on bills and resolutions introduced by private members.

2. This is a special committee of the Lok Sabha only.

3. In Lok Sabha it is chaired by the Deputy Speaker.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) The "Sovereignty" of India means

1. No external power can dictate to the government of India.

2. Citizens cannot be discriminated against on any grounds.

3. There is freedom of speech and expression for Indian citizens.

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Consider the following statements

1. 44th constitutional amendment added three new words—socialist, secular and integrity to preamble

2. The Preamble to the Indian Constitution is based on the Objectives Resolution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Which of the following article(s) of the Constitution has a bearing on Tribal rights?

- 1. Article 14
- 2. Article 15
- 3. Article 16
- 4. Article 30

Select the correct answer code:

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

14) The Directive Principles resemble the 'Instrument of Instructions' enumerated in the

- a) Government of India Act of 1935
- b) Montague Chelmsford Act 1919
- c) Objectives Resolution, 1946
- d) Nehru Report, 1928

15) Consider the following statements about Public Account Committee.

1. This committee was first setup in 1911 under the provisions of the Government of India Act of 1909.

2. The members are elected according to the principle of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote.

3. It is vested with the power of disallowance of expenditures by the departments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements

1. Beginning of Parliamentary System in India can be traced back to Indian Council Act, 1861

2. Charter Act of 1833 recommended for the appointment of Macaulay Committee on Indian Civil Service.

3. Charter Act of 1833 deprived the governor of Bombay and Madras of their legislative powers and the Governor General of India was given exclusive legislative powers for the entire British India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) None

17) The Parliament under Article 368 can amend any part of the Constitution without affecting 'basic structure' of the Constitution, that includes:

- 1. Harmony and balance between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
- 2. Principle of equality
- 3. Free and fair elections
- 4. Independence of Judiciary

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) A Partial Protection against Double Jeopardy is a

- a) Constitutional right
- b) Fundamental right
- c) Provision under CrPC
- d) Judicial convention

19) Apart from the Minerva Mills case, which of the following cases deal with the primacy of fundamental rights vis-à-vis directive principles or vice versa?

1. Champakam Dorairajan (1951)
2. Golak Nath case (1967)
3. Kesavananda Bharati Case (1973)
4. ADM Jabalpur case (1976)

Select the correct answer code:

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding Select Committees.

1. Select Committees are formed for examining a particular Bill and its membership is limited to MPs from one House.
2. Select Committees of Lok Sabha are headed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha.
3. According to the Rules of Business of the houses of Parliament, Referring of Bills to parliamentary committees is mandatory.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding Preamble

1. The 44th Constitutional Amendment Act, added three new words—socialist, secular and integrity—to the Preamble.
2. The Preamble is neither a source of power to legislature nor a prohibition upon the powers of legislature
3. In the Kesavananda Bharati case, the Supreme Court held that Preamble is a part of the Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: a)

22) According to the Constitution, Territory of India includes which of the following categories

1. Territories of the states
2. Union territories
3. Territories that may be acquired by the Government of India at any time

Select the correct answer code:

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

23) Article 1 of our Constitution says – “India that is Bharat, shall be a Union of states”. This declaration signifies

1. That the Union of India has resulted out of an agreement between the states.
2. The component units/states have no right to secede from the Union.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

1. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society.
2. The President of India is the Patron-in-Chief of the Authority.

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) Which of the following statement is not correct?

- a) Fundamental Rights are not sacrosanct
- b) Fundamental Rights promote the ideal of political democracy
- c) The six rights guaranteed by Article 19 can be suspended when the emergency is declared on the grounds of external aggression and armed rebellion
- d) Laws made to enforce fundamental rights can be made only by the parliament and not by state legislatures

2. Geography

1) Consider the following statements regarding Plate tectonics.

1. The driving force behind plate tectonics is convection in the mantle.
2. At transform boundaries, crust is neither produced nor destroyed as the plates slide horizontally past each other.
3. The Mid-Atlantic Ridges are a good example of convergent boundary.

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 regarding the difference(s) between extrusive and intrusive rocks?

1. Extrusive rocks are fine grained, whereas intrusive rocks are coarse-grained.
2. Extrusive rocks form over a much longer duration of time compared to intrusive rocks.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

3) The climate of a place is not necessarily affected by its

- a) Latitude
- b) Longitude
- c) Altitude and Relief
- d) Continentality

4) Tropic of cancer does not pass through which of these Indian states?

- a) Bihar
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

5) Which of the following are not the tributaries of river Kaveri

1. Kabini
2. Bhima
3. Amravati
4. Koyna
5. Manjra

Select the correct answer code:

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

c) 1, 4, 5

d) 2, 4, 5

6) Valuable minerals in India are more likely to be associated with

- a) Blue quartz phenocrysts
- b) Metamorphic and igneous rocks
- c) Basaltic rocks of andesite and rhyolite type
- d) Sedimentary and Haedan age rocks

7) Which of the following are block mountains:

1. The Vosges mountain
2. Satpura Mountains
3. Mount Kilimanjaro

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Ladakh, a cold desert in the Greater Himalayas, is enclosed by

- a) Karakoram range in North and Zaskar range in South
- b) Zaskar range in North and Karakoram range in South
- c) Pir Panjal range in North and Zaskar range in South
- d) Karakoram range in North and Pir Panjal range in South

9) The country with the longest coastline on the Black Sea is

- a) Georgia
- b) Bulgaria
- c) Turkey
- d) Azerbaijan

10) Which of the following conditions are favourable for the formation of Deltas?

1. Coast should be sheltered, preferably tideless.
2. The sea adjoining the delta should be shallow.
3. There should be no large lakes in the river course.

Select the correct answer code:

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

11) Which of the following processes help in the concentration of minerals on earth?

1. Hydrothermal deposits
2. Weathering
3. Water erosion

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Assam shares its borders with which among the following states/countries?

1. Sikkim
2. China
3. Tripura
4. Meghalaya
5. Bhutan

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Arrange these geographical regions from the East to West.

1. Gulf of Aden
2. Laccadive Sea
3. Gulf of Thailand
4. South China Sea

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 4321
- b) 4312
- c) 2134
- d) 4123

14) Which one of the following factors is responsible for the change in the regular direction of the ocean currents in the Indian Ocean?

- a) Indian ocean is generally warmer
- b) Indian ocean has monsoon drift
- c) Indian ocean is a land-locked ocean
- d) Indian ocean has greater variation in salinity

15) The drainage pattern of an area is the outcome of which of the following factors

1. Geological time period.
2. Nature of rocks
3. Structure of rocks
4. Topography
5. Amount of water flowing and periodicity

of the flow.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- d) 2, 3, 4, 5

16) Consider the following statements regarding Guar Cultivation.

1. The guar or cluster bean is an agricultural crop grown mainly in the irrigated areas of southern India.

2. India is the world's largest producer of guar.

3. Guar gum is used in the fracking process in the extraction of shale gas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements

1. Port Blair is closer to Kolkata than it is to Chennai.

2. Duncan passage separates Middle Andaman from South Andaman.

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) 'Zealandia' is a newly discovered continent is located in which of the following oceanic region?

- a) Southern Ocean
- b) North-east Indian Ocean
- c) North Atlantic Ocean
- d) South-west Pacific Ocean

19) The countries bordering Kyrgyzstan are

1. Kazakhstan
2. China
3. Afghanistan
4. Uzbekistan

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

3. Economy

1) Inflation may result from

1. A reduction in the total productive capacity of the economy even as more and more people are employed.
2. Oversupply of goods in the economy.

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) If the total size of the economy is growing year after year, it implies that

1. GDP growth rate must be increasing steadily year after year.
2. Gross Capital formation in the economy must be increasing year after year.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

3) "Current account" transactions of India with the world include

1. Export-import balance for goods
2. Remittance flows
3. Trade in invisibles
4. Loan given by foreign governments

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) 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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Rupee Appreciation.

1. Rupee can appreciate because of strong foreign portfolio investments into the country.
2. Avoiding the appreciation of the rupee can strengthen the domestic manufacturing industry.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6 'Primary Deficit' refers to

- a) Fiscal Deficit - Interest Payments
- b) Revenue deficit - Grants for capital creation
- c) Revenue deficit - Grants to states and local bodies
- d) Budgetary deficit - Capital deficit

7) A bank may decide to fulfil its Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) obligations in which of the following forms?

1. Government security holdings
2. Gold holdings or Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs)
3. Vault Cash

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Which of the following is correct regarding 'double coincidence of wants'?

- a) Paying double the cost of the product when there is high demand.
- b) Buying a product together by two agents in an economy for lesser rate.
- c) Two economic agents have complementary demand for each other's surplus production.
- d) None of the above

9) Balance of Payments (BoP) consist of which of the following items?

1. Any borrowing of the Government of India from abroad
2. Trade Balance
3. FDI and FII received annually

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3

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

10) Which of the following is/are part of the Personal Disposable Income?

1. Non-tax Payments such as fines
2. Corporate Tax.
3. Personal Tax Payments.
4. Net Interest payments made by households

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 4
- b) 3 only
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4
- d) None of the above

11) 'Monetary Base', managed by the Reserve Bank of India, consists of

1. Deposits held by the Government of India with RBI
2. Sum total of the capital of all financial institutions regulated by RBI
3. Notes and coins in circulation with the public

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Which of the following form a part of revenue expenditure?

1. Salaries
2. Defence expenditure
3. Major Subsidies
4. Expense towards new infrastructure projects

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Which of the following measures can be adopted to promote the Fiscal Consolidation?

1. Increasing subsidies
2. Increasing the tax base
3. Supporting export oriented industries

Select the correct answer code:

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

14) Which of the following measures is/are likely to increase the taxation base in India?

1. Bringing agriculture income into the purview of Income tax.
2. Encouraging entrepreneurial activity
3. Promoting cash transactions

Select the correct answer code:

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

15) Consider the following statements about Most-favoured-nation (MFN) principle.

1. MFN means that every time a country lowers a trade barrier or opens up a market, it has to do so for the same goods or services from all its trading partners.
2. Countries cannot set up a free trade agreement that applies only to goods traded within the group.
3. Countries can give developing countries special access to their markets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Gross Domestic Product of India does not explicitly include economic value of

1. Gross capital investments made during a financial year
2. Value of goods and services provided by NRIs

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) Which of the following can occur in an economy due to deficit financing by the government?

1. Rise in employment rates
2. Inflation
3. Increase in money supply
4. Increased private investments

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) Consider the following policy measures by the government:

1. Increasing foreign aid to underdeveloped nations
2. Increasing import duties
3. Providing export subsidies

Which of the policy measures given above may be used to reduce the Current Account Deficit (CAD)?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding Cess and Tax.

1. Cess is charged over and above direct and indirect taxes.
2. Cess collected for a particular purpose cannot be used for or diverted to other purposes
3. While all taxes go to the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI), cess will go to Public Account of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding indirect taxes.

1. Indirect tax is a tax levied by the Government on goods and services and not on the profit or revenue of an individual.
2. Indirect taxes are termed regressive taxing mechanism because they are charged at higher rates than direct taxes.
3. Cascading effect of tax is a situation wherein the end-consumer of any goods or service has to bear the burden of the tax to be paid on the previously calculated tax and as a result would suffer an increased price.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Art and Culture

1) Consider the following statements regarding Pietra dura.

1. It consists of a series of long pillars used to support dome like structures.
2. It was used on a large scale in the Taj Mahal by Shah Jahan.

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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

2) Consider the following statements

1. The Pala School of painting produced some of the earliest examples of miniature painting in India.
2. Pala School of painting witnessed the last great phase of Buddhism in its painting.

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) Consider the following statements.

1. The Nayaka paintings depict episodes from the Mahabharata and the Ramayana.
2. The Nayaka paintings style were developed in ideological opposition to the Vijayanagara arts and architecture.

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) Tirumalaipuram paintings were patronized under:

- a) Pallavas
- b) Pandyas
- c) Cholas
- d) Vijayanagar Kingdom

5) Consider the following statements.

1. Yakshagana is a traditional theatre form of Kerala.
2. Yakshagana is a temple art form that depicts mythological stories and Puranas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) What is the major theme running common between the Central Indian and Rajasthani schools of painting?

- a) They are rooted in the Indian traditions.
- b) They are highly secular in nature.
- c) They are unaffected by historical developments and carry a unique style.

d) They use light colours to portray extra-terrestrial themes.

7) Which of the following are the features of Apabhramsa School of painting

1. Jainism was the main theme of these paintings.
2. Pointed nose and double chin in human depiction.
3. Absence of animals and birds

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) The subjects covered by Natya Shastra include

1. Dramatic composition
2. Musical composition
3. 'Rasa' theory

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements about Kuchipudi.

1. It is mentioned in Natya Shastra.
2. As per tradition, the dance must be accompanied by live vocals and not music.
3. It is recognized as an Indian classical dance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Gadhika and Naikkar Kali are the tribal art forms of which state

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Odisha
- c) Telangana
- d) Kerala

11) Consider the following statements regarding Thanjavur painting.

1. It largely depicts the social and economic life of common man.
2. The paintings are notable for their adornment in the form of semi-precious stones and glass.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

12) Consider the following pairs:

Folk Painting	State/Region
1. Madhubani	Bihar
2. Pattachitra	Andhra Pradesh
3. Patua	West Bengal

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

13) Consider the following statements.

1. Lai Haraoba is one of main festivals still performed in Manipur which has its roots in the pre-Vaishnavite period.
2. Lai Haraoba is the earliest form of dance which forms the basis of all stylised dances in Manipur.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Nyaya-Vaisheshika systems of philosophy are encompassed by

- a) Mimamsa School
- b) Vedanta School
- c) Yoga School
- d) Samkhya School

15) Consider the following statements about Bengal School of Painting that flourished throughout India during the British Raj in the early 20th century.

1. They followed modern western art forms and dismissed the ancient Indian art as primitive.
2. It only painted themes related to Indian freedom struggle so as to generate nationalistic consciousness.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding Harappan Civilization.

1. Most of the potteries found in the sites of Harappan Civilization are handmade.

2. Both men and women wore ornaments, while there were some ornaments which were worn only by women.

3. Both cotton and wool fabrics were used by Harappans.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Which of these ragas is usually performed late in the morning?

- a) Raga Darbari
- b) Todi
- c) Raga Bhopali
- d) Bhimpalasi

18) "Maseetkhani" style is associated with the family of

- a) Tansen
- b) Jahangir
- c) Ibrahim Lodi
- d) Dara Sikoh

19) Which of the following was/were the changes effected in Indian Paintings with the arrival of European artists?

1. Inculcation of the idea of Realism
2. Introduction of the technique of water colours.

Select the correct answer code:

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

20) This type of scroll painting is one of the most famous paintings of Rajasthan. It depicts exploits of local deities which are often carried from place to place and are accompanied by traditional singers, who narrate the theme depicted on the scrolls. This refers to?

- a) Phad
- b) Rangavalli
- c) Mandand
- d) Patachitrakala

5. History

1) Consider the following statements regarding the teachings of Jainism.

1. As per Mahavira, even inanimate objects have souls and varying degrees of consciousness.

2. Jainism believes in extreme penance and asceticism to attain ultimate knowledge.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

2) Consider the following officials of the Mauryan Empire and their respective roles.

1. Nagarika: City superintendent
2. Gopa: Jurist
3. Rajukas: District Administration
4. Yuktas: Central treasury

Which of the above are correctly matched?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Pallava administration.

1. The land grants given to the temples by Pallavas were called as Brahmadeya.

2. Land given to Brahmanas was exempted from tax.

3. Traders and artisans were required to pay taxes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding the Rampa Rebellion of 1879.

1. It was a rebellion against the British in the hill tracts of Vizagapatam.

2. It was led by the Zamindars.

3. Ban of toddy tapping was an important factor behind the rebellion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) The aim of Public Safety Bill, 1928 was to

a) Regulate the manufacture, sale, possession, and carrying of firearms.

b) Allow British subjects to be tried by Indian judges.

- c) Deport the foreigners suspected of propagating socialist and communist ideas.
- d) Abolish oppressive social practices among various religious groups.

6) Which of the following are the causes for the rise of Jainism and Buddhism?

- 1. Religious unrest in India in the 6th century B.C.

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2. The sacrificial ceremonies advocated in the Later Vedic period were found to be too expensive.

3. The teachings of Upanishads was not easily understood by all.

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Consider the following statements about the dynasties during the Sangam Age.

- 1. Hereditary monarchy was the form of government during the Sangam period.
- 2. Each of the Sangam dynasties had a royal emblem – such as carp for the Pandyas.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

8) Tolkappiyam refers to four castes namely arasar, anthanar, vanigar and vellalar. Consider the following statements about the roles of these castes.

- 1. Arasar: Ruling Class
- 2. Anthanars: Untouchables
- 3. Vanigars: Soldiers
- 4. Vellalas: Agriculturists

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) The Poligar revolt of early 19th Century was rooted in

- a) General discontentment with foreign rule
- b) Oppressive land revenue system
- c) Control of tribal forests and river streams by British government
- d) Enmity of tribals with non-tribals

10) Consider the following statements about Charter Act of 1833.

- 1. It vested all civil and military powers on the Governor-General of India.
- 2. It introduced an open competition system of selection and recruitment of civil servants.
- 3. It ended the activities of the East India Company as a commercial body, which became a purely administrative body.

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 Rig Vedic Aryans.

- 1. There are no evidences of the use of Iron by Rig Vedic Aryans.
- 2. Trade was conducted on barter system.
- 3. Copper coins called nishka were used as media of exchange in large transactions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Match the following officials of the Rashtrakuta Empire and their respective jurisdictions.

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Rashtrapatis | A. Villages |
| 2. Bhogapatis | B. Provinces |
| 3. Vishayapatis | C. Districts |

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Kupyadhyaksha in the Mauryan empire was an officer in charge of

- a) Prisons
- b) Forest department
- c) Taxation
- d) Health clinics

14) Consider the following events:

- 1. First Anglo-Mysore war
- 2. First Anglo Burmese war
- 3. First Anglo Sikh war
- 4. First Anglo Maratha war

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

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

- 15) The Kheda peasant movement was mainly concerned with?
- Implementation of ceiling laws in the Kutch region
 - Remission of taxes for the farmers following the failure of harvest
 - Better working conditions for the landless labourers
 - None of the above

16) Consider the following statements regarding Paleolithic sites.

- These sites were generally located near water sources.
- Some of the famous sites of Paleolithic age are Soan valley and Potwar Plateau on the northwest India.
- Horticulture was started during this period.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 1, 2, 3

17) Aryavarta, Madhyadesa and Dakshinapatha refer to

- Kingdoms of Aryans in the eastern Gangetic plains.
- Titles given to the rulers of Kuru Kingdom.
- Divisions of India referred in the later vedic texts.
- None of the above

18) Consider the following statements regarding Permanent Settlement.

- Permanent Settlement was an agreement, where East India Company had fixed the revenue that each zamindar had to pay.
- Revenue collection was the only motive behind introducing the Permanent Settlement and British officials did not have any intention to resolve the problems faced by the farmers.
- Charles Cornwallis was the Governor General of Bengal when the Permanent Settlement was introduced.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3
- 1 only

19) Consider the following statements regarding Permanent Settlement.

1. The Permanent Settlement was introduced first in Bengal and it was confined to Northern India.

2. Charter Act of 1833 gave statutory backing to Permanent Settlement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

20) Consider the following statements regarding Ryotwari system.

1. The Ryotwari system was a land revenue system in British India, introduced by Thomas Munro.

2. In this system, the peasants were regarded as the owners of the land and the taxes were directly collected by the government from the peasants.

3. By introducing Ryotwari system, the role of moneylenders was reduced substantially which benefitted the farmers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

6. Environment

1) Which of these activities are usually restricted (partially or fully) in National parks?

- Hunting of wild animals
- Destruction of habitat
- Construction of tourist lodges
- Collecting minor forest products

Select the correct answer code:

- 1, 2, 3
- 1, 2
- 3, 4
- 1, 2, 3, 4

2) Consider the following statements regarding World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

- It has an office/branch even in Antarctica.
- It was established right after the Rio Earth Summit, 1992.
- WWF-India is India's nodal agency for implementing the conservation goals under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

3) Why do exotic species pose a threat to an indigenous ecosystem such as in a Lake or an isolated island in the Andamans?

1. Such species compete with the local or native species for food.
2. They may be predators of local species.
3. Such species may cause diseases in native species.

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) The Ocean/Sea that has the most coral species is?

- a) Pacific Ocean
- b) Atlantic Ocean
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) Mediterranean Sea

5) What are the sources that add nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere?

1. Bacteria living in soil
2. Reaction of Ultraviolet radiation with ozone
3. Lightning stroke

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Bioreactors can be used to

1. Treat sewage and wastewater
2. Grow phototrophic organisms like algae

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

7) Which of the following contribute to the oxygen cycle on earth?

1. Oxidation of volcanic gases
2. Chemical weathering
3. Surface reaction of O₃ (Ozone)

Select the correct answer code:

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

- d) 1, 2

8) What is/are the differences between a primary pollutant and a secondary pollutant?

1. A primary pollutant is an air pollutant emitted directly from a source unlike a secondary pollutant.
2. A primary pollutant has a much shorter life in the atmosphere than a secondary pollutant.
3. A primary pollutant is characterized as less potent or harmful than a secondary pollutant.

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).

1. They are visible to the naked eye causing haze in the traffic.
2. Their levels are most likely to be elevated on days with little or no wind or air mixing.
3. They can bypass the nose and throat and can easily enter the circulatory system.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding *Kelps*

1. Kelps are large brown algae seaweeds that can survive freezing temperatures and long periods of darkness, and even grow under sea ice.
2. Kelp forests help protect coastlines by decreasing the power of waves during storms and reducing coastal erosion.
3. It is an important source of potash and iodine.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) The terms "Absorptive Capacity" and "Carrying capacity" are used in the discourse of

- a) Evolutionary biology
- b) Geographical determinism
- c) Employment elasticity
- d) Sustainable Development

12) Bacterium that can be used for bio-remediation operations include

1. Nitrosomonas
2. Rhodococcus
3. Paenibacillus

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Which one of the following is the correct sequence of ecosystems in the order of decreasing productivity?

- a) Oceans, lakes, grasslands, mangroves
- b) Mangroves, oceans, grasslands, lakes
- c) Mangroves, grasslands, lakes, oceans
- d) Oceans, mangroves, lakes, grasslands

14) Consider the following statements regarding Black carbon.

1. It is formed through the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels.
2. It is a short-lived climate pollutant.
3. If deposited on snow, it could accelerate the heating of snow.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Excessive generation of fly ash can lead to which of these harmful environmental effects?

1. It can result in leaching of toxic heavy metals in ground water.
2. It contains crystalline silica which can cause silicosis.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) 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, 3

d) 2, 3

17) Which of the following common plants are useful for wastewater treatment?

1. Lemon grass
2. Water hyacinth
3. Canna indica

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) Consider the following statements

1. Phytoremediation is use of plants to remove contaminants from soil and water.
2. All contaminants are easily treated by bioremediation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Arsenic contamination of water is a high-profile problem in the Ganges Delta because

1. Arsenic is not found naturally within earth's crust and has been infused artificially due to industrial pollution.
2. Use of deep tubewells for water supply is drawing arsenic closer to the surface.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding Forest landscape restoration (FLR).

1. Forest landscape restoration (FLR) is the ongoing process of regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded forest landscapes.
2. FLR also includes planting new trees, agro-forestry, and managing natural regeneration.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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