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1. Polity

- 1) With reference to the Government of India Act of 1919, the system of 'dyarchy' implied that
- Certain subjects were devolved to the Indian members of the Viceroy's executive council and certain others to the British members of the executive council
 - Both Centre and provincial legislatures had the power of legislate in their own spheres.
 - Both the British Parliament and the Central Legislature had the right to make laws for India
 - Division of the subjects delegated to the provinces into two categories.
- 2) Which Act enabled the Governor General to associate representatives of the Indian People with the work of legislation by nominating them to his expanded council?
- Government of India Act, 1858
 - Indian Councils Act, 1861
 - Indian Councils Act, 1892
 - Government of India Act, 1935
- 3) Consider the following statements.
- Political equality of citizens refers to equal voting rights and equal eligibility for public offices.
 - A democracy can exist without a written constitution.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 4) With reference to Right to Constitutional Remedies guaranteed under Article 32, consider the following statements:
- Fundamental rights and other statutory rights can be enforced under Article 32.
 - Article 32 cannot be invoked to determine the constitutionality of an executive order or a legislation unless it directly infringes on any Fundamental Rights.
 - The Supreme Court has both exclusive and original jurisdiction in case of enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2 only

d) 2, 3

- 5) The right to form co-operative societies is a fundamental right under _____ of the Constitution of India.
- Article 14
 - Article 19
 - Article 21
 - Article 25

2. Geography

- 1) Consider the following statements.
- Sea floor spreading is caused by the constant volcanic eruptions at the ocean floor.
 - The ocean crust rocks are older than the continental rocks.
 - The deep trenches have deep-seated earthquake occurrences while in the mid-oceanic ridge areas, the quake foci have shallow depths.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 1 only
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 3
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Anticyclones.
- Anticyclone is a large atmospheric circulation system with the wind flowing clockwise around them in the Southern Hemisphere and counter-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere.
 - Cloudy conditions and precipitation exists at the periphery of anticyclones.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Archean rock system in India.
- Archean rock system is the youngest of all the rock systems.
 - It is found in Aravalli Mountains, Deccan peninsula and some parts of north east India.
 - These rocks have abundant metallic and non-metallic minerals such as iron, copper and manganese.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2

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

4) Which of the following factors leads to the winter rainfall in Northern India in Punjab and Haryana?

- a) Anti cyclonic circulation patterns in

Northern India in winter

- b) Northeast monsoon crossing over the Bay of Bengal

- c) Arrival of weak temperate cyclones from the Mediterranean Sea

- d) All of the above

5) Consider the followings statements.

- 1. Atmospheric pressure is caused due to the weight of the overlying atmosphere.

- 2. Isobars that are widely spaced apart indicate strong winds or a high-pressure gradient.

- 3. Coriolis force determines that moving air masses in the northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere deflect in exactly the same direction.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

6) Consider the following statements.

- 1. The convection currents of air expand the thickness of the troposphere.

- 2. The rotation of the earth causes centrifugal force which is strongest near the equator and pushes the atmosphere to greater heights.

- 3. The thickness of the troposphere also varies with season.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) The location of the thermal equator is not identical to that of the geographic Equator because of which of the following factors?

- a) The bulge around the equator
- b) Level of insolation received in different hemispheres of the earth
- c) Tropospheric convection
- d) Continentality

8) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Metallic minerals are generally found in igneous and metamorphic rock formations.

- 2. Sedimentary rock formations and young fold mountains are known for containing non-metallic minerals.

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) Culturable waste land is a category of land use in India which means the land

- a) Has the potential to be used for agriculture but is not being used for cultural reasons

- b) Is used only once in an agricultural season and rest of the time as pasture lands

- c) Is left uncultivated for more than five agricultural years

- d) Has not been sown more than once during periods of drought

10) Consider the following statements.

- 1. About 80 per cent of the coal deposits in India is of bituminous type and is of non-coking grade.

- 2. Lignite type of coal is located in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

- 3. Jharia coal field is located in Odisha.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Collision junction between continental and continental crust often heats underground water resources.

- 2. Geysers can be found in most of the continental and continental collision region.

- 3. In hot springs, water comes out of Earth's surface without any intense pressure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) The iron catastrophe was a postulated major event early in the history of Earth. It refers to

- a) Large-scale homogenisation of concentrated iron deposits due to repeated ice ages

- b) Erosion of minerals from Earth's crust due to solar winds

- c) Sinking of iron to the centre of Earth, leading to an overall restructuring

d) None of the above

13) Consider the following statements.

1. Earth's uppermost layer is the crust, which is the thinnest of all the layers.
2. Continental crust is less dense than ocean crust as the latter is made of basaltic rocks.
3. The innermost core of Earth is made only of molten iron.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Endogenic Forces.

1. Endogenic forces are those internal forces which derive their strength from the earth's interior.
2. Endogenic forces are mainly land wearing forces.
3. The energy generated by radioactivity, rotational and tidal friction force emanating from within the earth is the main force behind endogenic geomorphic processes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Paleomagnetism.

1. Paleomagnetism is the study of the record of the earth's magnetic field with the help of magnetic fields recorded in rocks, sediment, or archaeological materials.
2. Rocks formed from underwater volcanic activity are mainly basaltic which makes up most of the ocean floor.
3. Paleomagnetic studies of rocks have demonstrated that the orientation of the earth's magnetic field has frequently alternated over geologic time.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) From the theory of continental drift, the forces behind the drifting of continents are:

1. Tidal force
2. Gravitational force

3. Pole-fleeing force

Select the correct answer code:

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding the theory of Plate tectonics.

1. It is another name for the theory of continental drift.
2. It is the theory that Earth's outer shell is divided into several plates that glide over the mantle.
3. It discards the conventional geological view that there is convectional current flowing in the mantle.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Which of the following oceanic regions is primarily the site of generation of new crust, hosting mineral resources and supporting unique ecosystems?

- a) Continental shelf
- b) Continental rise
- c) Mid-oceanic ridges
- d) Littoral region

19) Which of the following factors contributes to the evolution of landforms on Earth?

1. Frost action
2. Growth and decay of vegetation
3. Movement of magma within Earth
4. Erosion and deposition

Select the correct answer code:

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding Seafloor spreading.

1. Seafloor spreading is the result of mantle convection.
2. Seafloor spreading helps explain continental drift in the theory of plate tectonics.
3. Seafloor spreading occurs at both convergent and divergent plate boundaries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding Earthquakes and Volcano.

1. Earthquake normally occurs along with the volcanoes.
2. Volcanoes are one of the best sources of sulphur.
3. Volcanoes occur only where ocean crust collides with continental crust.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) Factors that largely affect temperature at a particular region include

1. Distance of the region from poles or equator
2. Circulation of planetary and local winds
3. Movement of Ocean waves
4. Altitude and terrain of the place

Select the correct answer code:

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

23) Which of the following are the reasons that can be attributed to the frequent landslides and debris avalanches in Himalayan region?

1. The Himalayas are tectonically stable.
2. The slopes are very steep.
3. They are mostly made up of sedimentary

rocks and unconsolidated deposits.

Select the correct answer code:

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

24) The Equator receives comparatively less insolation than the tropics, despite Sun being overhead throughout the year at the equator.

This is due to

- a) Heavy cloudiness that reduces the amount of solar insolation at the equator
- b) Enhanced Greenhouse effect at the equator
- c) Absence of Coriolis force at the equator

d) Intense jet streams along the equator which reduces the solar insolation

25) Consider the following statements.

1. The air pressure is highest at sea level and decreases with height.
2. In nature, the air always moves from high pressure areas to low pressure areas.
3. Low pressure systems are usually characterized by dry and settled weather.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26) Which of the following is/are the major source regions of air masses?

1. Warm tropical and subtropical oceans
2. Subtropical hot deserts
3. Permanently ice-covered continents in the Arctic and Antarctica

Select the correct answer code:

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

27) Air closer to Earth's surface is heavier because of

- a) Higher air pressure in stratosphere
- b) Jet air circulation in upper atmosphere
- c) Gravitational forces acting on air
- d) Cloudiness near equator and poles

28) Which of the following factors is not connected with the planetary wind system?

1. Earth's rotation on its axis
2. Latitudinal variation of solar insolation and heating
3. Migration of the pressure belts due to apparent path of Sun

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) All of the statements are connected with the planetary wind system

29) Consider the following statements regarding trade winds.

1. The trade winds are those blowing from the equatorial low-pressure belt towards the subtropical high-pressure areas.
2. These are confined to a region between 30°N and 30°S throughout Earth's surface.

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Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

30) The major prevailing wind type resulting in hot desert landscape is

- a) Westerlies that blow throughout the year
- b) South-westerly winds throughout the year
- c) Light and variable winds in summer
- d) North-east trade wind throughout the year

31) Consider the following statements regarding cyclones and anticyclones.

1. Cyclones originate at the area of low pressure, while anticyclones originate at high pressure area.

2. Both cyclones and anticyclones are associated with clouds, rain and thunderstorms.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

32) Consider the following statements.

1. Normally, cyclones weaken upon entering land.

2. When cyclones come under the influence of western disturbances, it can retain its intensity even after entering land.

3. The Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea generate around one-fourth of the world's cyclones.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33) Places in the mountains are usually cooler than places on the plains due to the presence of

- a) Leeward wind flow on the mountains
- b) Moisture-laden winds on the mountains
- c) Thin air on the mountains
- d) All of the above

34) Why are the western slopes of the Western Ghats covered with thick forests and not the eastern slopes?

- 1. Eastern side falls in rain shadow zone
- 2. Soil in eastern slope cannot support vegetation due to absence of nutrients.

3. No protected forests exist on the eastern slopes.

Select the correct answer code:

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

35) Consider the following statements regarding the role played by tropical cyclones on regional and global climate.

1. They can often bring intense rainfall to drought prone regions.

2. They carry heat energy away from the tropics and transport it toward temperate latitudes.

3. They also act as the earth's filter system by cleansing the air of toxins and pollutants out of the atmosphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

36) Consider the following statements regarding ocean temperature distribution.

1. Thermocline layer is characterised by rapid decrease in temperature with increasing depth.

2. In the Arctic and Antarctic circles, only one layer of cold water exists, which extends from surface to deep ocean floor.

3. The oceans in the southern hemisphere record relatively higher temperature than in the northern hemisphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

37) Which of the following explains why one side of a mountain usually has more precipitation than the other side?

a) The atmosphere gets denser as elevation increases

b) Temperatures are higher on one side of a mountain than on the other

c) The land on one side is greener and lush than the other

d) Mountains force air to rise, and air cools and releases moisture as it rises

38) Consider the following statements regarding Tropical Thorn Forests.

1. Tropical thorn forests occur in the areas which receive rainfall less than 50 cm.
2. Important species found here are mahua, amla, semul and kusum.
3. In these forests, plants remain leafless for most part of the year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

39) Consider the following statements regarding Mountains.

1. Block Mountains are created when large areas are broken and displaced vertically.
2. The uplifted blocks are termed as graben and the lowered blocks are called horsts.
3. The Aravalli range in India is one of the oldest block mountain systems in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

40) Consider the following statements regarding 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, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

3. Economy

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Fiat money do not have intrinsic value like a gold or silver coin.
2. Fiat money cannot be refused by any citizen of the country for settlement of any kind of transaction.
3. Cheques drawn on savings or current accounts are considered as legal tenders.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Which of the following components are included while calculating GDP?

1. All consumption, investment, and payments made by the government for current use.
2. Spending on purchases of fixed assets and unsold stock by private businesses.
3. The value of the consumption of goods and services acquired and consumed by the country's households.
4. Net exports

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Gross national product (GNP).

1. GNP is the value of all finished goods and services owned by a country's residents over a period of time.
2. While GDP limits its interpretation of the economy to the geographical borders of the country, GNP extends it to include the net overseas economic activities performed by its nationals.

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) Depreciation in the value of the national currency will likely benefit which of the following?

1. Foreign borrowers who owe the debt from a domestic bank in domestic currency.
2. Importers from the country
3. Exporters from the country

Select the correct answer code:

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

5) Which of the following institutions were established under Bretton Woods Conference?

1. World Bank
2. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

3. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
4. World Trade Organization

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

1. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are geographically delineated 'enclaves' in which regulations and practices related to business and trade differ from the rest of the country.
2. The SEZ Act 2005 envisages key role for the State Governments in Export Promotion and creation of related infrastructure.
3. Prior to their introduction, India relied on export processing zones (EPZs) which failed to make an impact on foreign investors.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 7) Reciprocal trade agreements (RTAs) include:

1. Free trade agreements
2. Preferential arrangements
3. Common markets
4. Customs unions

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 8) Consider the following statements regarding Open market operations.

1. Open market operations are conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with an objective to adjust the rupee liquidity conditions in the market.
2. Day to day operations that are conducted by RBI to balance inflation while helping banks continue to lend, are not part of Open market operations.
3. RBI carries out the Open market operations through commercial banks and does not directly deal with the public.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 9) Consider the following statements regarding "crowding out" effect.

1. Crowding out effect refers to how increased government spending, for which it must borrow more money, tends to reduce private spending.
2. This also impacts interest rates in the economy.
3. A high magnitude of the crowding out effect may even lead to lesser income in the economy.

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 Corporate bonds.

1. Corporate bonds are debt securities issued only by private corporations.
2. Corporate bond does not have an ownership interest in the issuing company, unlike when one purchases the company's equity stock.
3. In India, financing of infrastructure projects such as roads, ports, and airports is higher through corporate bond market compared to bank loans and Government finance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Art and Culture

- 1) In the seventh and eighth centuries, 'ghatikas' were
 - a) Royal decrees passed with the consent of the citizens
 - b) Guards of religious shrines
 - c) Time keeping devices kept at astronomical houses
 - d) Colleges attached to the temples
- 2) Rekhapida, Pidhadeul and khakra are the architectural features of the temples of
 - a) West Bengal
 - b) Assam
 - c) Odisha

d) Tamil Nadu

3) Consider the following statements.

1. Ellora have Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monuments.
2. Bodhgaya is a pilgrimage site since Siddhartha achieved enlightenment here and became Gautama Buddha.
3. The unique feature of Mahabodhi Temple at Bodhgaya is that it is completely built in nagara style.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Krishnadevaraya's rule was characterised by

1. Building of temples and adding gopurams to many important south Indian temples.
2. Acquisition of the land between the Tungabhadra and Krishna rivers.
3. Absence of any military expeditions.

Select the correct answer code:

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Nalanda University.

1. The University of Nalanda is a mahavihara as it is a complex of several monasteries of various sizes.
2. Most of the information about Nalanda is based on its excavations.
3. There is evidence that all three Buddhist doctrines— Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana— were taught here.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. History

1) Consider the following statements regarding Mauryan Empire.

1. Mauryan government had equal control over all the regions of its empire.
2. Slavery was completely absent in Mauryan Empire.

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) Match List-I (Terms in Sangam Age) with List-II (Their meanings)

List-I

- A. Enadi
- B. Paraiyar
- C. Arasar
- D. Vellala

List-II

1. The lowest class
2. The Ruling class
3. Rich peasants
4. Agricultural Labourers
5. Captains of the army

Select the correct answer code:

A B C D

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

3) Curzon brought in the Indian Universities Act which

- a) Nationalized all higher educational institutions in India
- b) Removed social sciences from the curriculum of private universities to curb nationalism
- c) Brought all the universities in India under the control of the government
- d) Did away with the territorial jurisdiction of the Universities

4) By the time Gandhiji arrived in India

1. He had already forged the technique of Satyagraha in South Africa
2. The first Swadeshi movement had already been waged
3. Indian National Congress (INC) was already established in India

Select the correct answer code:

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

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- 5) Ahmadabad Mill Strike 1918 led by Gandhiji was based on the issue of
- Inhuman treatment of mill workers by the management
 - Objection of management on participation of workers in the freedom struggle
 - Plague Bonus of the previous year to workers
 - Large-scale layoffs of mill workers

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding the political organizations during 19th century in India.

- The Bangabhasha Prakasika Sabha was formed by associates of Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
- Bengal British India Society was set up by Sisir Kumar Ghosh in London.
- Indian league was started in Calcutta by Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 7) Match the following organization with their founders.

- Landholders Society: Devendranath Tagore
- East India Association: Dadabhai Naoroji
- Indian Society: Anandmohan Bose

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 8) Which of the following were the main demands of the Moderates of Indian National Congress (INC)?

- Integrated judiciary and executive.
- Reduction of land revenue and protection of peasants from unjust landlords.
- Abolition of salt tax and sugar duty.
- Reduction of spending on army.

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 9) Consider the following statements regarding the Extremist leaders of Indian National Congress (INC).

- The social base was mainly zamindars and upper middle classes in towns.
- They demanded swaraj as the panacea for Indian ills.
- They had immense faith in the capacity of masses to participate and to make sacrifices.
- They believed that political connections with Britain would perpetuate British exploitation of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 10) Which of the following are the major causes for Moderate-Extremist Split at Surat (1907)?

- Moderates wanted to restrict the Boycott Movement to Bengal, whereas Extremists wanted to take the movement to all parts of the country.
- The Extremists wanted the 1907 session to be held in Surat with Tilak or Lajpat Rai as the president, whereas Moderates wanted the session to be held at Nagpur with Rashbehari Ghosh as the president.

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 11) Consider the following statements regarding Swadeshi Movement.

- In 1905, the Boycott Resolution was passed at Mumbai's historic Gowalia Tank Maidan and the formal proclamation of Swadeshi Movement was made.
- Newspapers such as Hitabadi, Sanjibani and Bengalee were used to propagate the agenda of Swadeshi Movement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 12) Consider the following statements regarding Defence of India Act 1915.

- It was enacted by the Governor-General of India with the intention of curtailing the nationalist and revolutionary activities in the aftermath of the First World War.
- It made a sharp distinction between European and Indian subjects.

3. The act was first applied during the First Lahore Conspiracy trial in the aftermath of the Ghadar Conspiracy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Lucknow Pact between the Indian National Congress (INC) and Muslim league put forward which of the following political demands before the Government?

1. It demanded self-government from the British.
2. Separate electorates for the Muslims.
3. All the members of the viceroy's executive council should be Indians.

Select the correct answer code:

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Home Rule League Movement.

1. Home Rule League Movement was the Indian response to the First World War.
2. Jawaharlal Nehru, Tej Bahadur Sapru and Lala Lajpat Rai supported the Home Rule agitation.
3. The Russian Revolution of 1917 led to the decline of the Home Rule League Movement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Morley-Minto Reforms

1. It introduced a system of communal representation for Muslims by accepting the concept of 'separate electorate'.
2. It retained official majority in the Central Legislative Council but allowed the provincial legislative councils to have non-official majority.
3. It granted franchise to a limited number of people on the basis of property, tax or education.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Gandhi suspended which of these movements calling it a 'Himalayan Blunder'?

- a) Non-cooperation movement
- b) Satyagraha movement against Rowlatt Act
- c) Civil Disobedience Movement
- d) Quit India movement

17) What is the significance of Sabarmati Ashram in the modern history of India?

1. It served as the last residence of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. Salt Satyagraha was started from this Ashram in 1930.
3. It has been declared as a national monument by the Indian government.

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) Which of the following were the causes behind the launch of 'Non-cooperation movement'?

1. Punjab wrongs of 1919
2. Resentment with Rowlatt Act
3. Khilafat wrong

Select the correct answer code:

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

19) One of the major achievements of the Swarajists was that they defeated the 'Public Safety Bill' in 1928. What was the bill about?

- a) Empowering the government to deport undesirable and subversive foreigners
- b) Empowering the government to deploy heavy armed forces both in the interior and exterior of India, the funding of which was to come at the expense of Indian taxpayers
- c) Empowering the government to shoot anti-social elements on sight who were propogating seditious ideas
- d) None of the above

20) Which of the following was/were the recommendations of the Simon Commission setup in 1927?

1. India's constitution should be unitary in nature.
2. Separate electorates should be abolished.

3. Elections to the legislative assemblies will be based on Universal adult franchise.
4. The provincial governments should devolve financial powers to the local bodies.

Select the correct answer code:

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding the judicial reforms undertaken during the time of Warren Hastings' ascendancy?

1. Each district was provided with a civil court and a criminal court under the Collector.
2. The highest civil court of appeal was called Sadar Nizamat Adalat which was to function under an Indian judge appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

3. A digest of Hindu law was prepared in Sanskrit by learned Pandits.

Which of the above statement sis/are correct?

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

22) Consider the following statements.

1. Barrah Dacoity was organized by Dhaka Anushilan Samiti under Pulin Das.
2. Prafulla Chaki and Khudiram Bose staged a bomb attack on Viceroy Hardinge.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23) Sandhya, Yugantar and Kal were

- a) Books written by Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
- b) Revolutionary groups emerged after Non-cooperation movement.
- c) Newspapers and journals advocating revolutionary activities
- d) Parallel governments formed during 'Quit India' movement

24) Which of the following leaders was/were members of Congress-Khilafat Swaraj Party?

1. C.R Das
2. C. Rajagopalachari
3. Motilal Nehru
4. Vallabhbai Patel

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3

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

25) During which of the following freedom struggle movement the infamous 'Cunningham Circular' was passed?

- a) Quit India movement
- b) Swadeshi Movement
- c) Civil Disobedience Movement
- d) Khilafat Movement

26) Arrange the following events during freedom struggle of India in the chronological order of their occurrence.

1. Appointment of Simon Commission
2. Gandhi-Irwin Pact
3. Jinnah's fourteen points
4. Poona Pact

Select the correct answer code:

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

27) Which among the following was the reason for the resignation of Congress ministries in October 1939?

- a) Congress ruled provinces were given very less financial aid by the Center.
- b) Extensive use of veto power by provincial governors and viceroy
- c) Proclamation of Emergency in congress ruled provinces
- d) India was declared a party to the Second World War without consulting Indian opinion.

28) Consider the following statements regarding the proposals in the August Offer.

1. Expansion of viceroy's executive council which would have a majority of Indians.
2. Future Constitution to be adopted with the consent of minorities.
3. Making of the Constitution will be solely in Indian hands.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

29) Why Indian National Congress (INC) leaders were not satisfied with the Cripps Mission (1942) proposals?

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- a) Cripps Mission did not address the issue of separate electorates.
- b) Cripps Mission agreed for post-war real transfer of power but maintained that the Viceroy and Secretary of State shall be appointed by the crown.
- c) Leaders wanted full independence rather than a dominion status.
- d) Cripps Mission did not deliberate any matter with the Indian leaders and proposed unilateral measures.

30) Which of the following were the proposals of the Wavell Plan?

1. Indianization of Executive council.
2. Removing any caste and religion-based

quota in the Executive council.

3. Governor- general was to exercise his veto on the advice of ministers.

Select the correct answer code:

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

31) The Cabinet Mission Plan of 1946 included

1. A nominated Constituent Assembly
2. Partition of India
3. Provinces were to have full autonomy and

residual powers.

Select the correct answer code:

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

32) Consider the following statements regarding 1946 Royal Indian Navy revolt.

1. The immediate trigger was the demand for better food and working conditions for Indian sailors of the Royal Indian Navy.

2. The Indian National Congress and the Muslim League condemned the strikers.

3. The revolt was confined to Bombay region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33) Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- a) Dalhousie – Wood’s Despatch
- b) William Bentinck – Kol Rebellion

- c) Lord Wellesley– Fort William College
- d) Metcalfe - Vellore Mutiny

34) Consider the following statements regarding Wood’s Despatch

1. It made English compulsory as the medium of instruction at all levels.
2. It laid down that the education imparted in government institutions must be secular.
3. It laid stress on female and vocational education.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

35) Consider the following statements.

1. She is regarded as the first female teacher of India.

2. She along with her husband recognised that education was one of the central planks through which women and the depressed classes could become empowered.

3. She was associated with Satyashodhak Samaj.

The above statements refer to

- a) Sarojini Naidu
- b) Kadambini Ganguly
- c) Usha Mehta
- d) Savitribai Phule

36) Consider the following statements regarding Mahalwari system.

1. Warren Hastings was associated with the conception of this system.

2. Village lands, forestland and pastures were included under the system.

3. Under the system, ryots paid a variable sum to the Zamindars who then paid to the British.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

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

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- 38) Who among the following Governor General followed the policy of non-interference with native states?
- John Shore
 - William Bentinck
 - Warren Hastings
 - Cornwallis
- 39) After the Battle of Buxar (1764), the East India Company appointed Residents in Indian states. They were
- Ex-Governors of British Presidencies who controlled the states.
 - Representative natives of the Princely states who were also a part of the British Legislative council
 - Political and commercial agents of the company in the states.
 - Heads of Contingent army units placed under Subsidiary alliance in the states.
- 40) The General Services Establishment Act was one of the main causes for the Uprising of 1857. The Act
- Provided for a salary cut for the sepoy and increased the taxes on the Indian peasants
 - Provided special status to the European recruits and downgraded the position of Indian sepoy
 - Mandated a soldier to be recruited from every peasant family in the villages
 - Required every Indian soldier to go overseas for deployment if required.
- 41) Consider the following statements.
- President of the Servants of the People Society.*
 - Participated in the non-cooperation movement and the Salt Satyagraha.*
 - Promoted the White Revolution*
 - Signed Tashkent Declaration with Pakistan*
- The above statements are related to
- Jawaharlal Nehru
 - Charan Singh
 - Indira Gandhi
 - Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 42) Privy Purse was granted to the princely states due to which of these reasons?
- Princely states played a significant role in bringing constitutional reforms in the British administration
 - This was a part of the compromise to get Princely states on board the Constituent Assembly
 - Princely states had significant private property and their integration was preceded by an assurance that they will be allowed to retain some property and be given some government allowances
 - There was a revolt in the general populace with the uprooting of the princely states from the Independent India
- 43) Which of the following historical commissions were related to States Reorganisation in India?
- JVP Committee
 - Fazl Ali Commission
 - Dhar Commission
 - Gokhale Committee
- Select the correct answer code:
- 1, 2, 3
 - 2, 3, 4
 - 1, 2, 4
 - 1, 3, 4
- 44) Which of the following regions were integrated by referendum in India?
- Nagaland
 - Sikkim
 - Junagarh
 - Hyderabad
- Select the correct answer code:
- 2, 3
 - 1, 4
 - 1, 2, 3
 - 3, 4
- 45) Consider the following statements.
- The first Five Year Plan was based on the ideas of Mahalanobis, which laid down the basic ideas regarding goals of Indian planning.
 - In the first seven five-year plans, trade was characterised by import substitution strategy.
 - The Second Five Year Plan tried to build the basis for a socialist pattern of society.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 3
 - 1, 2, 3

46) Consider the following statements regarding China-Pakistan 1963 agreement.

1. It resulted in Pakistan handing over the Shaksgam Valley of Aksai Chin to China.

2. The agreement is recognized as legal by India.

3. India and Bhutan are China's only land neighbours that don't have a resolved boundary.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

47) Consider the following statements.

1. *Indus Water treaty is the only instance where India and Pakistan have allowed a third-party to help resolve their issues.*

2. Tashkent Declaration is a peace agreement between India and China signed after the Sino-Indian War that occurred in 1962.

3. Shimla Agreement, was signed between India and Pakistan following the Bangladesh Liberation war in 1971.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

48) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation.

1. Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation was a significant deviation from India's previous position of non-alignment during the Cold War.

2. The treaty played an important role in Sino-Indian War of 1962.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

49) Which of the following operations by Indian Military were related to Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) complex?

- 1. Operation Black Thunder
- 2. Operation Polo
- 3. Operation Blue Star

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2

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

50) During the Cold war period, the term 'Third World' referred to

- a) Poor or developing countries
- b) Middle Eastern region
- c) Colonies of Europe
- d) Countries that were not aligned with either USA or Soviet Union

51) Which of the following animals/birds are depicted in the rock shelters of Bhimbetka?

- 1. rhinoceros
- 2. wild boar
- 3. tiger
- 4. peacocks

Select the correct answer code:

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

52) Consider the following about the Painted Grey Ware culture (PGW).

1. It is an Iron Age culture of the Gangetic plain and the Ghaggar-Hakra valley.

2. It is contemporary to Northern Black Polished Ware 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

53) Welby Commission setup in British India was concerned with an enquiry into

- a) Royal Indian Navy (RIN) mutiny
- b) Atrocities of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre
- c) Drain of wealth issue
- d) Educational reforms in Indian Universities

54) Which of the following was/were part of Nehru Report?

- 1. Universal adult suffrage
- 2. Dominion status on the lines of self-governing dominions
- 3. Continuation of separate electorate

Select the correct answer code:

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

55) Arrange the following events in the chronological order of their occurrence.

1. Wavell Plan
2. Cripps Mission
3. Quit India Movement
4. Cabinet Mission

Select the correct answer code:

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

56) The archaeological ruins of this location comprise the first great urban centre of the Indus valley civilization with burnt brick structures and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is

- a) Dholavira
- b) Lothal
- c) Mohenjodaro
- d) Inamgaon

57) The ruling monarchs of which of these three chiefdoms were together called as muventars

- a) Hoysalas, Kakatiyas and Nayakas
- b) Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas and Western

Chalukyas

- c) Satavahanas, Pallavas and Kadambas
- d) Cheras, Cholas and Pandyas

58) Mahabalipuram was a 7th Century port city of South Indian dynasty of

- a) Cheras
- b) Pandyas
- c) Pallavas
- d) Chalukyas

59) Consider the following statements regarding Individual Satyagraha.

1. After the failure of August offer Gandhi decided to initiate a limited satyagraha on an individual basis by a few selected individuals in every locality.
2. It aimed to show that nationalist patience was not due to weakness.
3. Vallabhai Patel was the first to start the individual satyagraha.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

60) Consider the following statements.

1. Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhash Chandra Bose jointly set up the Independence for India League.
2. National Planning Committee was set up by Subhash Chandra Bose in 1938.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

6. Environment

1) Each organism has an invariably defined range of conditions that it can tolerate, diversity in the resources it utilises and a distinct functional role in the ecological system, all these together comprise its

- a) Ecology
- b) Ecosystem
- c) Ecological Niche
- d) Ecotone

2) Consider the following statements regarding ecological productivity.

1. Primary production is defined as the amount of biomass or organic matter produced per unit area over a time period by plants during photosynthesis.
2. A considerable amount of Gross primary productivity is utilised by plants in respiration.
3. Net primary productivity is defined as the rate of formation of new organic matter by consumers.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding biodiversity.

1. Biodiversity is the totality of genes, species, and ecosystems in a region.
2. The term Biodiversity was popularized by the socio-biologist Edward Wilson.
3. The Western Ghats have a greater amphibian species diversity than the Eastern Ghats.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Community.

1. Community is a group of organisms usually of the same species, occupying a defined area during a specific time.
2. Communities in most instances are named after the dominant plant form.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Ramsar Convention.

1. It is the oldest of the modern global intergovernmental environmental agreements.
2. The Convention uses a broad definition of wetlands and includes peatlands, oases, estuaries and also human-made sites such as fish ponds, rice paddies and salt pans.

3. India has more than 50 sites designated as Wetlands of International Importance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Mosses is a bioindicator. What do you understand by this statement?

1. It reflects changes to ecosystems such as pollution.
2. It does not contain mRNA.
3. It cannot be cloned or genetically engineered.

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR).

1. Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) is the amount of light available for photosynthesis.

2. PAR changes seasonally and varies depending on the latitude and time of day.

3. Higher PAR leads to decrease in plant growth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) With reference to the evolution of living organisms on earth, which of the following is the correct sequence of evolution?

- a) Snakes-Spiders-Corals-Horses
- b) Corals-Spiders-Snakes-Horses
- c) Spiders-Snakes-Corals-Horses
- d) Horses-Spiders-Snakes-Corals

9) Seaweeds are macroscopic algae usually found in oceans. In this context, which of the following can be the possible benefits of it?

1. It reduces coastal eutrophication.
2. It can be used as fertilizer for plants.
3. It is a vital food for marine organism.

Select the correct answer code:

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

10) Which of the following statements best describes biotic potential?

- a) It refers to the potential biomass of a population measured as dry weight per unit area.
- b) It refers to the minimum population of a species required to sustain a food web.
- c) It refers to the maximum reproductive capacity of an organism under optimum environmental conditions.
- d) It refers to the possible functional roles a species can play in an ecosystem.