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1. Polity

1) Consider the following statements regarding President's rule that is imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution.

1. It cannot be imposed without the written recommendation of the Governor of the concerned state.
2. Every proclamation of President's rule must be approved by both the houses of Parliament within a stipulated time.

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. Prices of milk in the country are decided entirely by market forces.
2. 'Preservation of cattle' is a matter on which the legislature of the States has exclusive powers to legislate.
3. Improving animal husbandry and the quality of cattle breed is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution of India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

3) Consider the following statements regarding None Of The Above (NOTA) provision in EVMs in India.

1. It was introduced according to the directions of Supreme Court.
2. The right to say "none of the above" constituted a basic right of the voters.

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) The NOTA voting option is applicable in

1. Lok Sabha elections
2. State Legislative Assembly Elections
3. Election of the President
4. Election of the Vice-President

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three

d) All four

5) Consider the following statements.

1. Any member of the Parliament can oppose the introduction of a bill by stating that it initiates legislation outside the legislative competence of the Parliament.
2. All Government bills automatically go to Parliamentary committees for examination.

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) Who among the following filed the Writ petition that led to the famous verdict of the Supreme Court of India recognizing the Right to Privacy as a Fundamental Right?

- a) Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman
- b) Justice P. N. Bhagwati
- c) Justice K. S. Puttaswamy
- d) Justice Anil R. Dave

7) Through the Forty Second Amendment to the Constitution of India, which of the following was/were inserted into its preamble?

1. The expression 'Unity of the Nation' was substituted by 'Unity and Integrity of the Nation'.
2. 'Liberty of thought, expression and belief' was substituted by 'Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship'.

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) As per the State List under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the States have jurisdiction over agricultural land in connection with which of the following subjects?

1. Taxes on agricultural income.
2. Duties in respect of succession to agricultural land.
3. Estate duty in respect of agricultural land.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 9) Which of the following factors contributed to the elephantine size of our Constitution?
1. Single Constitution for both the Centre and the states
 2. Population of India
 3. Influence of the Government of India Act of 1935
 4. Dominance of legal luminaries

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

- 10) A Constitution usually does not serve this function:

- a) Ensuring some kind of coordination between members of a nation
- b) Specifies allocation of power in the nation in a skeletal form
- c) Brings in Rule of Law in a society
- d) Distributes economic resources within the population

- 11) Consider the following statements with reference to the Preamble of the Constitution?

1. Taking inspiration from the American model, India has chosen to begin its constitution with a preamble.
2. Values that inspired and guided the freedom struggle are embedded in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.
3. It provides a standard to examine and evaluate any law and action of government.
4. It is the soul of the Indian Constitution.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

- 12) Consider the following statements about the provisions of Article 13 and related judgments of the Supreme court with regards to its implementation.

1. Statutory instruments in the nature of delegated legislation come under the ambit of Article 13.
2. A constitutional amendment is not to be recognized as a law and thus cannot be challenged under this Article.
3. Non-legislative sources of law, that is, custom or usage having the force of law can be challenged under Article 13.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 13) Consider the following statements.

1. The issue of personal laws falls in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.
2. For entries in the Concurrent List, the Constitution of India allows states the power to legislate on the subject but only in the absence of a central law.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 14) Consider the following statements regarding Cooperatives.

1. Cooperatives fall in the Concurrent list of the 7th Schedule.
2. Forming Cooperatives is a fundamental right under 107th Constitutional Amendment Act.
3. Promotion of Cooperatives is also a constitutional directive to the state mentioned under the DPSP.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 15) The enforcement of Directive Principles depends most on:

- a) public cooperation
- b) an effective opposition in Parliament
- c) resources available to the Government
- d) the Courts

- 16) Substantive equality adopted by some countries, means that

- a) Abolition of all special rights and privileges
- b) All people must be equally treated at all times.
- c) Providing equal opportunities for disadvantaged and marginalized groups
- d) Absolute equality in all spheres and to every person.

- 17) Consider the following statements.

1. Access to justice for the weaker sections of the society is a constitutional mandate to ensure fair treatment under Indian legal system.

2. Equal justice and free legal aid is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) under the Indian Constitution.

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.

1. B.R. Ambedkar asserted that Article 32 is the very soul of the Constitution.

2. Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the Supreme Court has the power to issue writs appropriate for enforcement of all the Fundamental rights conferred by Part III of the Constitution.

3. No Act of Parliament can exclude or curtail the powers of the Constitutional Courts with regard to the enforcement of fundamental rights.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

19) Consider the following statements.

1. The concepts of faith, belief and worship are the foundations of Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India.

2. The Supreme Court under Article 142 of the Constitution can pass any order to carry out for doing complete justice being in the public interest, while upholding the Constitution of India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding Lok Adalat.

1. The first Lok Adalat was organised as a voluntary and conciliatory agency with statutory backing for its decisions.

2. Lok Adalat is based on Gandhian principles.

3. It is an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system that delivers informal and expeditious justice to the common people.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one

b) Only two

c) All three

d) None

2. Geography

1) Consider the following statements regarding Earthquakes and Volcano.

1. Earthquake normally occurs along with the volcanoes.

2. Volcanoes occur only where ocean crust collides with continental crust.

3. Volcanoes are one of the best sources of sulphur.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

a) Only one

b) Only two

c) All three

d) None

2) Without a magnetic field, our planet will lose its atmosphere as per researchers. How is Earth's magnetic field helping to hold the atmosphere?

a) Magnetic field supports the gravitation forces in increasing the escape velocity of gas particles

b) The charged particles in the Earth's atmosphere are being held by this magnetic field

c) It deflects ionizing particles from the Sun which would otherwise wear atmosphere away

d) None of the above

3) Consider the following statements.

1. The gravitation force (g) is not the same at different latitudes on the surface of the earth.

2. Uneven distribution of mass of material within the earth influences the gravitational force as experienced within the earth.

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) The most prominent feature in the oceans, forming an almost continuous mountain range, is the

a) Abyssal plain

b) Deep ocean trench

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- c) Seamount
- d) Mid-ocean ridge

- 5) Consider the following statements:
1. Area of Pacific Ocean is almost equal to area of all other oceans combined.
 2. More diversity of landforms can be observed in oceans than continents.

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) Consider the following statements:
1. The northward movement of the Indian plate continues till date.
 2. A part of the Western peninsular region of India is submerged beneath the sea.
 3. The river valleys in the Peninsular region are deep with high gradients.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 7) Which of the following factors contribute to the evolution of landforms on earth?

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

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

- 8) With reference to properties of lava, consider the following statements

1. Basic lavas are the hottest lavas and are highly fluid
2. When Basic lava flows from a volcano, it is very explosive
3. Acid lavas are highly viscous and cause less explosive volcanoes
4. Acid lava are also called as felsic lava

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 9) Why the eastern and western boundaries of the Pacific Ocean experience frequent earthquakes?
- a) Due to the presence of deep ocean trenches along these margins.
 - b) Due to presence of high mountain stretches along the continental belts
 - c) Due to continuous wave and current action
 - d) Due to these margins coinciding with the plate margins.

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

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

- 11) Consider the following statements regarding barrier islands.

1. These are small chain of sand islands that form offshore, far from the coast.
2. Lagoons or shallow marshes separate the barrier islands from the mainland.
3. Such locations are hazardous for settlements because they are easily swept by storms and hurricanes.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 12) Identify the type of cloud on the basis of the given characteristic.

1. High, thin, puffy white clouds of ice crystals that look like ripples.
2. They appear between 20000 feet and 40000 feet above the Earth's surface.
3. One of its types is called a 'mackerel sky' because the clouds resemble large fish scales, especially when they are coloured pink at sunset.

Select the correct answer

- a) Altocumulus
- b) Altostratus
- c) Cirrostratus
- d) Cirrocumulus

- 13) Consider the following statements.

1. Low pressure systems are usually characterized by dry and settled weather.
2. High pressure systems usually bring severe wind and precipitation.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

14) 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

15) As per the Koeppen classification, which of the following regions of India has a Steppe Climate?

- a) Central India
- b) Parts of North-western India and leeward side of Western Ghats
- c) Coastal regions of south-eastern India
- d) North-eastern India

16) Manikaran in Himachal Pradesh is known for

- a) Solar Energy
- b) Bio Energy
- c) Wind Energy
- d) Geothermal Energy

17) In India, the period of steady population growth refers to the decades of

- a) 1911 – 1921
- b) 1921 – 1951
- c) 1951 – 1981
- d) 1981 – 2011

18) Consider the following statements.

1. A geosynchronous satellite has an orbital period same as the Earth's rotation period.
2. A Geostationary Orbit (GSO) is a geosynchronous orbit with an inclination of zero, meaning, it lies on the equator.
3. All geosynchronous satellites are geostationary.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

19) Consider the following statements regarding Coronal holes.

1. These are regions on the sun's surface from where fast solar wind gushes out into space.
2. They have higher temperatures compared to their surroundings.
3. They can be seen in ultraviolet light but are typically invisible to naked eyes.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

20) Consider the following statements regarding Delhi's geography and weather conditions that contributes to air pollution.

1. During the southwest monsoon, the prevalent direction of the wind is easterly.
2. Once the monsoon withdraws, the predominant direction of the winds changes to north-westerly.
3. The fall in temperature also contributes to increased pollution levels.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

3. Economy

1) International Development Association (IDA) funds are allocated to the recipient countries in relation to their

1. population
2. per capita income
3. human development potential

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

2) Consider the following statements regarding Fixed Capital Formation.

1. Fixed capital includes construction of dwellings, which may not add to the productive capacity of the economy.
2. Fixed capital formation is directly related with economic growth rate.
3. Long term growth will be achieved if resources from Fixed Capital are diverted towards consumption.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 3) Who among the following formulated the concept of poverty as a measurable development indicator in the Indian subcontinent?
- V.K.R.V Rao
 - Romesh Chandra Dutt
 - Dadabhai Naoroji
 - M. Ranade
- 4) Economic depression is best defined as a period of
- stagnation in economic growth
 - negative economic growth rate
 - prolonged slowdown in economic growth rate
 - high unemployment rate even in a growing economy

- 5) Consider the following statements.
- Product taxes and subsidies are paid or received per unit or product.
 - Production taxes and subsidies are paid or received in relation to production and are independent of the volume of production.
 - Factor cost includes only the payment to factors of production including tax.

- How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

- 6) Which one of the following statements is not correct for National Income Accounting for India?
- Imports are subtracted in calculating Gross Domestic Product
 - Inventories are included in Gross Domestic Capital Formation
 - Purchase and Sale of second-hand goods are not included in Gross Domestic Product
 - Net factor payments earned from abroad are included in Gross Domestic Product

- 7) Which of the following are included in M1 definition of money for the Indian economy?
- Reserves
 - Currency
 - Demand Deposits
 - Time Deposits

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 8) Which of the following components of Central Government taxes on petroleum products is/are not sharable with the States?

- Basic Excise Duty
- Additional Excise Duty
- Special Additional Excise Duty

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 9) Along with the Budget and Demands for Grants, which of the following document is presented by the GoI before the Parliament in each financial year:

- Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement
- Monetary Policy Strategy Statement
- Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement
- Macroeconomic Framework Statement
- Fiscal responsibility framework statement

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

SIMPLE 10) Consider the following statements

- The deficit requirements for lower revenue expenditures and higher capital expenditures are the best situation for deficit financing.
- High domestic borrowing by the government for increasing capital expenditure would impart a 'crowding-in effect' spurring more investment.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 11) Currently, the US dollar is said to enjoy an 'Exorbitant Privilege', which refers to the innumerable benefits that accrue to the US on account of all other countries of the world using the US dollar as their currency in most of their international transactions. The dollar's position is currently supported by which of the following factors?

- size of the US economy
- reach of its trade and financial networks
- depth and liquidity of US financial markets
- history of macroeconomic stability

5. currency convertibility

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

12) Consider the following statements.

1. In a free-market economy, the exchange rate is decided by the supply and demand for rupees and dollars.
2. If the rupee's exchange rate falls, it implies that buying American goods would become cheaper.
3. In India, the exchange rate is fully determined by the market.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

13) Consider the following statements regarding Vostro accounts.

1. A Vostro account is an account that a domestic bank holds for a foreign bank in the domestic bank's currency.
2. For an Indian entity, In case of trade with a foreign country, payments in rupee for the export and import of goods will go to these Vostro accounts.
3. The objective behind permitting Vostro accounts is to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the interest of the global trading community in the rupee.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

14) Consider the following statements regarding BSE SENSEX.

1. The BSE SENSEX is a free-float market-weighted stock market index of 100 well-established and financially sound companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.
2. It is considered the benchmark index of the Indian stock market.
3. DOLLEX-30, launched by BSE, is a dollar-linked version of the SENSEX.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) All three
- d) None

15) Consider the following statements.

1. If the real exchange rate is equal to one, currencies are at purchasing power parity.
2. Real exchange rate of a currency directly depends on the relative inflation levels in the respective economies.

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 Subsidies.

1. A subsidy shall be deemed to exist if there is a financial contribution by a government or any public body where government practice involves a direct transfer of funds.
2. Tax preferences are considered as implicit subsidies to preferred tax payers.
3. It also includes taxes and charges that are not collected by the Government.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

17) Consider the following statements.

1. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) obligates countries not to impose tariffs beyond bound rates.
2. Bound rate is the maximum rate of duty (tariff) that can be imposed by the importing country on an imported commodity.
3. Bound rate agreed for any commodity at WTO is same for all the members of WTO.
4. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) allows countries to deviate from their trade obligations on grounds of national security.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

18) Consider the following statements regarding interest coverage ratio.

1. The interest coverage ratio is a debt and profitability ratio used to determine how easily a company can pay interest on its outstanding debt.

2. For calculating interest coverage ratio, a company's earnings before interest and taxes is considered.

3. Generally a lower value of interest coverage ratio shows greater ability of a company to meet its interest obligations from earnings.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

19) Consider the following statements.

1. In India, the Constitution gives the government the right to levy taxes on individuals and organisations.

2. As per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Union and the States have concurrent power of taxation.

3. In India, any tax being charged has to be backed by a law passed by the state legislature or Parliament.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

20) Consider the following statements.

1. Both Parliament and the State legislatures enjoy equal power to legislate on Goods and Services Tax (GST).

2. To give effect to GST regime, entries in the State list of Schedule VII of the Constitution were either deleted or amended.

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. Art and Culture

1) Consider the following statements.

1. The Gadag style of architecture is also called Western Chalukya architecture.

2. Sun temple Konark is a famous example of Kalinga architecture.

3. Maru-Gurjara architecture originated in Medieval India during the reign of Delhi Sultanate.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

2) Which of the following chronological order for the construction of the monuments is correct?

- 1. Taj Mahal
- 2. Qutab Minar
- 3. Agra Fort

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

3) Which of the following monuments were constructed by Shah Jahan?

- 1. Red Fort
- 2. Panch Mahal
- 3. Jama Masjid
- 4. Bibi-ki-Maqbara

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

4) An interesting feature of medieval India was the sarais which ringed cities and dotted a vast space of the Indian subcontinent. Sarais were

- 1. Local private godowns which provided grain storage facility to adjoining farms
- 2. Dargahs that hosted religious and spiritual discussions

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Chalukyan architecture.

- 1. They built cave temples depicting both religious and secular themes.
- 2. No Chalukyan age mural paintings can be found.
- 3. The temples under the Chalukyas are an example of the Vesara style of architecture.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

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- 6) Consider the following statements.
1. Buddhist monks went from place to place throughout the year except rainy season, teaching people.
 2. Earliest Viharas served as a permanent shelter for the wandering monks and nuns during rainy season.
 3. Viharas and chaityas are synonymous, the early Buddhist tradition uses the term 'viharas' whereas the later Mahayana tradition uses 'chaitya'.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 7) Who propounded Kashmir Shaivism?

- a) Ramakantha
- b) Vasugupta
- c) Ranganathacharya
- d) Abhinavagupta

- 8) Bhaja, Junnar, Karla and Kanheri caves are associated with the images belonging to which of these religious sects?

- a) Virashaivas
- b) Only Hinduism
- c) Buddhism
- d) Only Alvars

- 9) Who among the following was not a court poet of King Krishnadevaraya?

- a) Mallana
- b) Thimmana
- c) Dhurjati
- d) Siddheshvara

- 10) Variety of metals such as copper, gold, silver was extensively used by the Harappan metal workers. Which of the following could be a reason(s) for the same?

1. These materials were easily available locally obviating the need to import other metals from distant places.
2. The tradition of using alloys in place of metals did not pick up until the very end of the mature Harappan civilization.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 11) The Konark Sun Temple is usually associated with which of the following?

1. Rule of Ganga dynasty
2. Kalinga architecture
3. Odisha's Golden triangle

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 12) With reference to the Group of Monuments at Pattadakal, a World heritage site, consider the following statements.

1. It hosts both Hindu temples and a Buddhist Sanctuary.
2. It was constructed by the Cholas.
3. It represents architectural forms both from the north and south of India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 13) They introduced the art of excavating temples from the rock, and the Dravidian style of temple architecture began with their rule. They were?

- a) Cheras
- b) Pallavas
- c) Eastern Chalukyas
- d) Jaffna

- 14) In Vijayanagara temple architecture

1. Tall Raya Gopurams or gateways and the Kalyanamandapam with carved pillars can be found in the temple premises
2. No animal figurines were to be found on the pillars of these temples

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 15) The State Emblem of India is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Asoka. Consider the following about the Sarnath figure.

1. In the original figure, the Lion Capital has six lions mounted back-to-back on a circular abacus.
2. The abacus of the figure rests on a bell-shaped lotus.

3. Apart from Lion, only horse and elephant are the other animals that have been depicted on the figure.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

16) Consider the following pairs

List I	List II
1. Brihaddeshi	Sarangadeva
2. Sangeeta Makaranda	Narada
3. Swaramela-Kalanidhi	Ramamatya

Which of the pairs given above is/are matched correctly?

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

17) Consider the following about Purandara

Dasa, a major figure associated with Carnatic music.

- 1. He was a contemporary of Kanakadasa.
- 2. He was a staunch opposer of idol worship as practiced in Vaishnavism.
- 3. He is associated with the introduction of Svaravalis and Alankaras in Carnatic music teaching.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

18) Match the following folk traditions to their main feature.

- 1. Pankhida is sung by peasants of Assam during harvest.
- 2. The tradition of singing Rasiya Geet flourished in Braj.
- 3. In Pandavani, tales from Mahabharata are sung as a ballad and one or two episodes are chosen for the performance.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

19) With reference to the 'Sugam Sangeet', consider the following statements

- 1. It is the genre of devotional music, which brings classical and modernity together.

2. Sugam Sangeet is a form of Ghazal.

3. Tevaram is sung in the praise of Lord Vishnu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20) As per classical texts, to present nritya and natya effectively, a dancer should be trained to communicate the navarasas. Which of the following is NOT a navarasa?

- a) Karuna
- b) Bibhatsa
- c) Shaanta
- d) Lasya

5. History

1) With respect to Indian freedom struggle, how is the word "Swadeshi" different from "boycott"?

- 1. While Swadeshi attracted the lower strata of Indian society, Boycott attracted the higher strata.
- 2. Swadeshi was essentially economic movement, boycott was not.

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) 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, Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Madan Mohan Malaviya supported the Home Rule agitation.
- 3. The Russian Revolution of 1917 led to the decline of the Home Rule League Movement.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

3) Consider the following statements.

- 1. A Khilafat Committee was formed in 1915 to defend the Khalifa's temporal powers.

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2. Muhammad Ali and Shaukat Ali, two prominent leaders, decided to boycott the Khilafat Committee.

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) The Ghadar party was

- 1. A revolutionary organization
- 2. Founded in Punjab
- 3. Aiming at securing India's independence from British rule

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

5) Consider the following statements regarding Morley-Minto Reforms

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

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

6) Which of the following were the action programme of the Non-Cooperation Movement?

- 1. Boycott of government affiliated schools and colleges
- 2. The congress organization was to reach down to the village and Mohalla level
- 3. Surrender of titles and honours given by the government
- 4. Taking control of the law-and-order machinery of the State by the Congress Working Committee

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

7) Consider the following statements regarding the events that took place after Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa.

1. On Nehru's advice, Gandhiji spent a year travelling around British India, getting to know the land and its peoples.

2. His first major public appearance was at the opening of the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1916.

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) Ahmadabad Mill Strike 1918 led by Gandhiji was based on the issue of

- a) Large-scale layoffs of mill workers
- b) Inhuman treatment of mill workers by the management
- c) Objection of management on participation of workers in the freedom struggle
- d) Plague Bonus of the previous year to workers

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

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) All four
- d) None

10) In Modern India, Yugantar Ashram was

- a) The headquarters of the Ghadar party
- b) An Ashram adopted by the Indian National Congress in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi
- c) A war memorial established by the British government for Indian freedom fighters in 1948
- d) A seditious publication of the India House, London

11) Which of the following organized 'Pledge Movement'?

- a) The Madras Mahajana Sabha

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- b) The British Indian Association
- c) Indian Social Conference
- d) Servants of India society

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How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

13) Arrange the following events chronologically starting from the earliest:

1. Champaran satyagraha
2. Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
3. Ahmedabad Mill Strike
4. Foundation of Satyagraha Sabha

Select the correct answer code:

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

The *Jallianwala Bagh massacre*, also known as the Amritsar massacre, took place on 13 April 1919.

14) Who among the following were associated with the Berlin Committee for Indian independence?

1. Bhupendranath Dutta
2. Lala Hardayal
3. Virendranath Chattopadhyay

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

15) Consider the following statements regarding C. Rajagopalachari Formula.

1. It proposed that Muslim League shall endorse Congress's demand for independence.
2. After the end of the Second World war, the entire population of Muslim majority areas in North-West and North-East India to decide by a plebiscite, whether or not to form a separate sovereign state.

3. Gandhiji did not support the formula.
How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

16) Arrange the following early political associations in British India, in the chronological order of their formation.

1. East India Association, London
2. Poona Sarvajanik Sabha
3. The British Indian Association
4. The Bombay Association

Select the correct answer code:

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

17) Consider the following with reference to the East India Association organized in London.

1. It was founded by Devendranath Tagore.
2. The organization aimed to present correct information about India to the British Public and voice Indian Grievances.
3. The East India Association incorporated the National Indian Association before the Komagata Maru incident.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

18) Powerful newspapers emerged during the years before the Swadeshi movement. Match the following newspapers and their editors.

1. Swadesamitran: G. Subramaniya Iyer
2. Amrita Bazar Patrika: Motilal Ghosh
3. Voice of India: N. N. Sen

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

19) During the Swadeshi Movement, which of the following leader declared that "Political Freedom is the life breath of a nation"?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Bipin Chandra Pal
- c) Aurobindo Ghose
- d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

- 20) Indian National Liberal Federation was founded by
- Virendranath Chattopadhyay
 - Surendranath Banerjee
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - Maulana Azad

- 21) Which of the following are the sites of Indus Valley Civilisation?
- Sutkagen Dor
 - Rakhigarhi
 - Manda
 - Daimabad

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

- 22) Consider the following statements regarding Lothal.

- Lothal was a thriving trade centre in ancient times, with its trade of beads, gems and ornaments reaching West Asia and Africa.
- Lothal had the world's earliest known dock, connecting the city to an ancient course of the Sabarmati River.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 23) Consider the following statements regarding Treaty of Alinagar.

- It was signed by Nawab Siraj ud Daula with the English East India Company.
- The Treaty strengthened the position of the British in Bengal.
- It laid the foundations for the Battle of Plassey.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 24) Consider the following statements regarding Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

- At Jallianwala Bagh people gathered for a public meeting against the arrest of Dr Satyapal and Dr Saifuddin Kitchlew for opposing the Ilbert Bill.
- Hunter Committee was set up to investigate the Jallianwala bagh incident.

3. Rabindranath Tagore gave up his knighthood as a response to the incident. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 25) 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of

- Rani Gaidinliu
- Birsa Munda
- Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu
- Alluri Seetha Ram Raju

6. Environment

- 1) Consider the following statements.

1. A "carbon credit" is an electronic and serialized unit that represents one ton of CO equivalent that is reduced, avoided, or sequestered from projects applying an approved carbon credit methodology.

2. Decarbonization refers to the conversion of the economic system or individual carbon emitting entity reducing the carbon intensity of its emissions over time.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 2) When coal is burned, it releases a number of airborne toxins and pollutants like

- Nitrogen oxides
- Lead
- Sulfur dioxide
- Mercury
- Heavy Metals

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

- 3) While burning hydrocarbon fuels, if we see a blue flame it means that the fuel is

- Wet
- made of saturated hydrocarbons
- made of unsaturated hydrocarbons
- burning completely

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4) Consider the following statements regarding Biogas.

1. It is formed by the decomposition of cow dung in the absence of oxygen.
2. It is a non-renewable source of energy.
3. It burns without smoke and leaves no residue.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None
- 5) Which one of the following is an exhaustible but renewable natural resource?
- a) Nuclear energy
 - b) Solar energy
 - c) Soil
 - d) Water in usable condition

6) The phenomenon of increasing concentration of a substance, such as a toxic chemical, in the tissues of tolerant organisms at successively higher levels in a food chain is known as:

- a) Biosparging
- b) Biodilution
- c) Biomagnification
- d) Bioaccumulation

7) Due to improper / indiscriminate disposal of old and used computers or their parts, which of the following are released into the environment as e-waste?

1. Cadmium
2. Lead
3. Chromium
4. Heptachlor
5. Mercury
6. Beryllium
7. Plutonium

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3, 4, 6, 7
- b) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
- c) 2, 4, 5, 7
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

8) Lead is a naturally occurring toxic metal found in the Earth's crust. Its widespread use has resulted in extensive environmental contamination, human exposure and significant public health problems in many parts of the world. Which of the following can contribute to Lead pollution?

1. Cosmetics and traditional medicines
2. Paints

3. Batteries of motor vehicles
4. Ceramic glazes
5. Smelting

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Desertification.

1. Desertification refers to the expansion of existing deserts.
2. Desertification is caused primarily by human activities alone.
3. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is the only internationally legally binding framework set up to address the problem of desertification.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

10) Consider the following statements regarding Eutrophication.

1. Excess of phosphorous and nitrogen in a water body may cause eutrophication.
2. Unoxygenated "dead zones" appear in waterways due to eutrophication.
3. Eutrophication in the ocean can lead to ocean acidification.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

11) Consider the following agriculture practices.

1. Zero-Tillage helps in carbon sequestration and requires minimum labour compare to traditional farming method.
2. Zero-Tillage reduces the soil erosion and crop duration.
3. Vertical farming method is different from hydroponic or aeroponic growing methods.
4. Mixed farming is a multiple cropping practice involving growing two or more crops in proximity.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three

d) All four

12) Which of the following are the advantages of phytoremediation?

1. It protects the soil from erosion due to wind and water.
2. No external energy source is required since the plants grow with the help of sunlight.
3. It enriches the soil with organic substances.
4. It is cost-effective in comparison with other remediation methods.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

13) Consider the following statements.

1. Electrostatic precipitator can remove most of the particulate matter present in the exhaust from a thermal power plant.
2. Motor vehicles equipped with catalytic converter should use leaded petrol because lead in the petrol activates the catalyst.
3. A scrubber can remove gases like sulfur dioxide from the exhaust of coal-fired power plants.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

14) Consider the following statements regarding Aerosols.

1. Aerosols are solid particles suspended in a gaseous environment.
2. Aerosols are only situated in the lower layers of the atmosphere (< 1.5 km) since aerosol sources are located on the terrestrial surface.
3. They affect the atmospheric chemical composition.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

15) Consider the following statements.

1. Any oil or gas project that will result in at least a billion tonnes of CO₂ emissions over its lifetime can be called as carbon bombs.
2. Net zero emissions means that all carbon emissions into the atmosphere must be absorbed by

methods like increasing the forest cover, and decreasing man-made emissions.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

16) Consider the following statements.

1. In the aquatic environment, the sediment-characteristics often determine the type of benthic animals that can thrive there.
2. Like humans, plants also have mechanisms to maintain internal temperature.
3. Very small animals are rarely found in polar regions since thermoregulation is energetically expensive for these animals.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

17) Consider the following statements regarding Phosphorus and Phosphorus Cycle.

1. Phosphorus cycle is largely atmospheric and easily dissolves in water from air.
2. Phosphorus occurs as a mineral in phosphate rocks and enters the Phosphorus cycle from erosion and mining activities.
3. Phosphorus is responsible for excessive growth of rooted and free-floating microscopic plants in water bodies.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

18) 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.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

19) Which of the following are the modern-day people's movements for environmental protection in India?

1. Appiko movement
2. Chipko movement
3. Jungle Bachao Andolan
4. Silent Valley movement

Select the correct answer code:

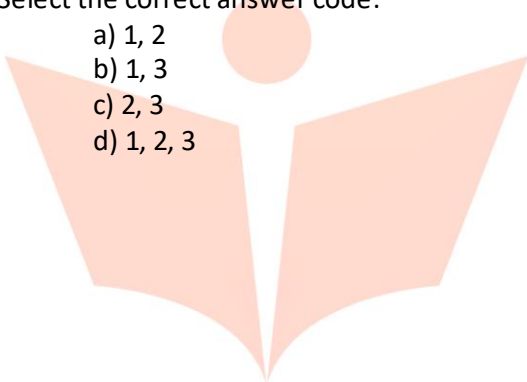
- a) 1, 2, 4
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3

20) To be classified as a wetland under Ramsar Convention, the wetland should have which of the following properties?

1. It should be a natural wetland and not artificially formed
2. The depth of the marine water at low tide must not exceed six meters
3. The water in the wetland can be static or flowing

Select the correct answer code:

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



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