

1. Consider the following statements
  1. Lalitavistara is the most sacred Hinayana text.
  2. Mahavastu is one of the most important works of Mahayana.Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2**
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements
  1. Ashtadiggajas adorned the court of Gautamiputra Satakarni.
  2. Swapna Vasavadattam is written by Shudraka.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
3. Consider the following statements
  1. Urdu has its origin in old Brahmi
  2. Iqbal's Sarejahan se achcha is originally written in Urdu.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only**
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements:
  1. Adi Granth contains poetry of Guru Nana only.
  2. Tuzek-e-Babari is written by Mughal Emperor Baber.Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
  - a) 1 only**
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. Aryabhatta is of the view that our Planet Earth is Achala.
  2. Charak Samhita gives a description of 101 instruments used in surgery.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Bengal School of Art:
  1. It was associated with Indian nationalism and led by Rabindranath Tagore.
  2. The Bengal school's influence in India declined with the spread of modernist ideas in the 1920s.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only**
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. Consider the following in regard to how Sangam texts are different from the (Rig) Vedic texts:
  1. Sangam texts do not constitute religious literature. Thus they were secular in nature.
  2. The Sangama literature is a collection of long and short stories.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. Which of the following pairs is/are NOT correctly matched:

Literary works : Written by

1. Harshacharita : Banabhatta
2. Ramacharita : Sandhyakara Nandi
3. Vikramanakahadevacharita : Kalhana
4. Mushika Vamsa : Bilhana

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9. Which of the following statements with respect to the teachings of Kabir is INCORRECT?

1. He condemned caste and religious distinctions.
2. He believed in unity and formlessness of god.
3. He suggested asceticism to find true knowledge and salvation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

10. Early Sangam Tamil poems speak of five eco zones. In this context 'Marutam' refers to:

- a) Hill and forests
- b) Pasture land with low hills and thin forests
- c) Fertile agricultural plains**
- d) Sea coasts

11. Consider the following statements

1. A bill to amend the Constitution (under Article 368) can be initiated in Rajya Sabha.
2. A bill to amend the Constitution (under Article 368) can be initiated by a private member.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both
- d) None**

12. Consider the following statements:

1. An amendment to the Constitution seeking to make any change in Chapter 1 of Part XI shall be ratified by legislatures of not less than one-half of the States.
2. The President can return the Constitutional Amendment Bill (under Article 368) to the Parliament for reconsideration.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 Only**
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both
- d) None

13. Consider the following statements:

1. A minister of the Union is not deemed to hold any office of profit and hence qualified as a presidential candidate.
2. The nominated members of Rajya Sabha can participate in the impeachment of the President.
3. The elected members of legislative assemblies of States do not participate in the impeachment of the President.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. In case of any delay in conducting the election of new President by any reason, the Vice President has to discharge the duties of the President.

2. A person to be eligible to for election as President should have completed 30 years of age.
  3. When the Vice-President acts as President, he shall not perform the duties of the office of Chairman of the Council of States.
- Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 1 and 2 only**
  - c) 3 only
  - d) 1,2 and 3
15. Consider the following statements:
1. A person to be eligible for election as Vice-President should be qualified for election as a member of Lok Sabha.
  2. During the oath, the Vice-President swears to devote himself to the service and well-being of the people of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 Only
  - b) 2 Only
  - c) Both
  - d) None**
16. According to the CPCB data, Air Quality Index (AQI) keeps a tab on which of the major air pollutants in the atmosphere?
1. Particulate Matter (PM10)
  2. Particulate Matter (PM2.5)
  3. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)
  4. Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)
  5. Carbon Dioxide (CO)
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2, 3 and 4 only
  - c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only**
  - d) All of the above
17. According to a recent study, the wildlife corridor of the Aravallis harbours a richer “variety of mammals” than the Asola Wildlife Sanctuary. Asola WLS is spread across which of the following states?
- a) Rajasthan and Gujarat
  - b) Delhi and Haryana**
  - c) Gujarat and MP
  - d) Punjab and Haryana
18. Recently, Startup India International Summit was held in New Delhi which saw participation of members of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries, under the event name –
- a) Super Start Asia-100
  - b) Operation Arambh
  - c) Operation SECURE
  - d) Prarambh**
19. Which of the following Act is exclusively intended to deal with combating hunting and poaching?
- a) Environment Protection Act, 1986
  - b) Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**
  - c) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
  - d) Biological Diversity Act, 2002
20. Dzukou valley is a popular trekking destination known for its exotic flowers, is spread across which of the following states?
1. Assam
  2. Nagaland
  3. Manipur
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 1 and 3 only

- c) **2 and 3 only**  
d) All of the above
21. Consider the following statements:  
1. Oman shares its land borders with UAE, Yemen and Saudi Arabia only.  
2. Al Najah is the Army Exercise between India and Oman.  
Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?  
a) 1 only  
b) 2 only  
c) **Both 1 and 2**  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
22. Consider the following statements about Thiruvalluvar:  
1. The classic Tamil language text Thirukkural was written by Thiruvalluvar.  
2. Valluvar kottam temple in Chennai is built in the memory of Thiruvalluvar.  
Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?  
a) 1 only  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) **Neither 1 nor 2**
23. Consider the following statements:  
1. The Nagi-Nakti Bird Sanctuaries is located in Bihar.  
2. The Kalrav bird festival was recently held at the Nagi-Nakti bird sanctuaries.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
a) 1 only  
b) 2 only  
c) **Both 1 and 2**  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
24. Consider the following statements:  
1. The Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana aims to boost research and development in the 2G Ethanol.  
2. In India, the current permissible level of blending is 20% of ethanol with gasoline.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
a) **1 only**  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
25. Which of the following reports are published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?  
1. Emission Gap Report  
2. Global Environment Outlook  
3. Invest into Healthy Planet  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
a) 1 and 3 only  
b) 2 and 3 only  
c) 1 and 2 only  
d) **1, 2 and 3**