

1. Consider the following statements regarding the Buddha and his teachings
  1. The Buddha taught his disciples orally – through discussion and debate
  2. None of the Buddha's speeches were written down during his lifetime
  3. After Buddha's death his teachings were compiled by his disciples at a council of "elders" or senior monks at Vesali and these compilations were known as Tipitaka
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3**
2. Consider the following statements regarding Jaina Philosophy
  1. The most important idea in Jainism is that the entire world is inanimated
  2. According to Jaina teachings, the cycle of birth and rebirth is shaped through karma
  3. Jainism believes that asceticism and penance are required to free oneself from the cycle of karma
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only**
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Consider the following statements:
  1. Hagiography is a biography of a saint or religious leader
  2. Epigraphy is the study of inscriptions.
  3. An aghraha was land granted to a Brahmana, who was usually exempted from paying land revenue and other dues to the king, and was often given the right to collect these dues from the local people.
  4. Numismatics is the study of coins, including visual elements such as scripts and images, metallurgical analysis and the contexts in which they have been found.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - b) 2, 3 and 4 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
4. Consider the following statements regarding the Buddhist Tipitakas
  1. The Vinaya Pitaka included rules and regulations for those who joined the sangha or monastic order
  2. The Buddha's teachings were included in the Sutta Pitaka
  3. The Abhidhamma Pitaka dealt with philosophical matters
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3**
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. Guru Nanak preached his ideas much in the same way as Kabir and other monotheists.
  2. Guru Nanak's teachings makes him an integral part of the monotheistic movement.
 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. Sufism as a thought originated in Persia and spread to India by 11th century. Which of the following statements are correct about Sufism?
  1. They believed service to humanity equals service to God.
  2. They introduced a new form of singing called 'Qawwali' where rhythm is given with claps of hand.
  3. They preached meditation to connect to inner soul and God.
  4. They observed strict celibacy.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - a) 1, 3 and 4
  - b) 2, 3 and 4
  - c) 1, 2 and 3**
  - d) 1,2,3 and 4
7. Which of the following statements are correct about 'Pancha Siddhanta'?
  1. It was written by Aryabhata.
  2. It is a detailed account of Greek and Roman Astrology.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2**

8. Consider the following statements—
1. This dance form has been introduced by Mahapurusha Sankaradeva.
  2. The musical compositions accompanying the dance form are called borgeets.
  3. The costumes used are made up of pat.
- Identify the dance-form from the following options:
- a) Mohiniyattam
  - b) Thang Ta
  - c) **Sattriya**
  - d) Kuchipudi
9. Consider the following statements regarding 'Mudrarakshasa':
1. It is a historical play written by Kalidasa that narrates the ascent of king Chandragupta Maurya to power in India.
  2. Mudrarakshasa is written in Sanskrit.
- Which of the above statements are NOT CORRECT?
- a) **1 only**
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. Which of the following statements are correct about the Ajivikas?
1. Ajivika was one of the 'Nastika' school of Indian philosophy.
  2. It was founded by Makkhali Gosala.
  3. Ajivikas do not believe in Karma philosophy and believe that whatever happens is preordained by the cosmic order.
  4. Bindusara was a follower of Ajivika Sect.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- a) 1 and 4 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - d) **1,2,3 and 4**
11. Consider the following statements:
1. The maximum number of Judges of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice of India shall be thirty.
  2. In Fourth Judges Case Supreme Court ruled for the first time that Chief Justice of India should consult Collegium consisting of four senior most Judges of Supreme Court.
- 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
12. Consider the following statements:
1. According to 84th Constitutional Amendment Act, the senior most Judge of Supreme Court is appointed as Chief justice of India.
  2. A Supreme Court Judge can hold office for 5 years or until he attains the age of sixty-five years whichever is earlier.
- 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**
13. Consider the following statements
1. No person who has held office as a Judge of the Supreme Court shall plead in any court except the High Court and Supreme Court within India.
  2. When the Chief Justice of India is unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by the next senior most Judge of the Supreme Court.
- 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**
14. Consider the following statements:
1. When there is a lack of quorum of the permanent judges to hold or continue any session of the Supreme Court, President designates a judge of a High Court as an ad hoc judge of the Supreme Court for a temporary period
  2. The Chief Justice of India with previous consent of the President can request a retired Judge of Supreme Court to act as a Judge of the Supreme Court for a temporary period.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Constitution authorises that the Parliament by Law (with the prior approval of the President) to appoint other place or places as seat of the Supreme Court.
2. An appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court from any judgment, decree or final order of a High Court in the territory of India, in case of criminal matters but not Civil matters.

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The laws made by Parliament on the state subjects during a National Emergency become inoperative six months after the emergency has ceased to operate.
2. During national emergency the legislative power of a state legislature is not suspended, it becomes subject to the overriding power of the Parliament.

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

17. Article 358 and 359 describes the effect of National emergency on Fundamental Rights. With regard to this, which of the following statements is INCORRECT?

- a) Article 358 deals with the suspension of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by Article 19 only.
- b) **Article 358 empowers the President to suspend the Fundamental Rights under Article 19 as soon as the emergency is declared.**
- c) Legislative and Executive actions taken during the national emergency cannot be challenged even after the emergency ceases to operate.
- d) Article 359 operates in case of both External Emergency as well as Internal Emergency

18. Consider the following statements:

1. A Judge of the Supreme Court can resign his/her office by writing to the President.
2. Supreme Court protects the Constitution from any unconstitutional amendments passed by the parliament, by exercising the power of judicial review.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. The High Court can issue writs to any person, authority and government only within its territorial jurisdiction.
2. The writ jurisdiction of the High Court under Article 32 is not exclusive but concurrent with the writ jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Article 226.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

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

20. Which of the following provisions safeguard the autonomy of the Supreme Court of India?

1. The President of India appoints the Supreme Court Judges in consultation with the Parliament.
2. The Judges of the Supreme Court hold their office during the pleasure of the President.
3. The salaries of the Judges are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India to which the legislature does not have to vote.

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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

21. With reference to National Security Act (NSA)-1980, consider the following statements:

- 1. The NSA is a preventive detention law.
- 2. Only the Centre government can detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security.
- 3. The maximum period for which one may be detained is six months.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

22. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Racism?

- 1. Racism is the discrimination against a person belonging to a foreign community or nation.
- 2. Article 24 of the Indian Constitution prohibits discrimination on ground of race.
- 3. India is signatory to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

23. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Exercise Varuna is an Indo-French naval exercise.
- 2. All the QUAD members will also participate in Varuna exercise.
- 3. Varuna exercise will be conducted in the Indian Ocean Region.

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

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

24. With reference to the "Sankalp se Siddhi"-Village and Digital Connect Drive, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is launched by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
- 2. It aims to activate the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) in the villages.

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- 2. India is a member of IMO.

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