

1- Consider the following specific stages of demographic transition associated with economic development:

1. Low birth rate with low death rate.
2. High birth rate with high death rate.
3. High birth rate with low death rate.

Select the correct order of the above stages using the codes given below:

Codes:

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

2- The maximum rainfall in India is received from —

- (a) South-West monsoon**
- (b) Retreating monsoon
- (c) North-Eastern monsoon
- (d) Cyclones

3- Consider the following statements—Himalayan mountain chain was part of Laurasia or Angaraland geological divisions.

Select the correct answer from the following codes:

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

4- Which among the following rock systems in India is also known as storehouse of minerals?

- (a) The Cudappah system
- (b) Archaean Rock system
- (c) Dharwar system**
- (d) The Vindhyan System

5- Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) Lipulekh — Uttarakhand
- (b) Nathu La — Arunachal Pradesh**
- (c) Rohtang — Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Palghat — Kerala

6- With reference to the wetlands of India, consider the following statements—

1. The Country's total geographical area under the category of wetlands is recorded more in Gujarat as compared to other states.
2. In India, the total geographical area of coastal wetlands is larger than that of inland wetlands.

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

7- Consider the following statements—

1. Zojila Pass in Pir Panjal range connects Jammu and Srinagar
2. Banihal Pass connects Srinagar to Drass and Kargil.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

8- Arrange the following from North to South—

1. Coco channel
2. Little Andaman
3. Narcondam Island
4. Barren Island

- (a) 1-2-3-4

(b) 1-3-4-2

(c) 1-2-3-4

(d) 2-1-3-4

9- What is the height of parasnath Hill?

(a) 1600 Meter

(b) 1565 Meter

(c) 1365 Meter

(d) 1260 Meter

10- Which of the following landforms occupy the North-Western parts of Bihar State?

(a) Someshwar Hilly Range

(b) Kaimur Plateau

(c) Nawada Hilly Region

(d) Rajgir Hilly Region

11- In the context of Indus Valley civilization, which of these statements is the most appropriate?

(a) Indus valley people were fashion conscious.

(b) Indus Valley civilization was a closed economy.

(c) It was an atheist civilization.

(d) The civilization did not have access to urban amenities.

12-Consider the following with reference to the 'Painted Grey Ware'.

1. PGW is a predecessor of the Black and red ware culture.

2. These were high quality metalworks produced by local craftsmen.

3. PGW culture is associated with both village and town settlements.

4. PGW sites can be found in Ganges-Basin.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 4 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 2 only

13-The Vedic literature is broadly divided into two categories viz. Shruti and Smriti. What is the difference between them?

1. Shruti is considered eternal whereas Smriti is subject to change.

2. Smriti philosophy stands in direct opposition or contrast to Shruti philosophy.

Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None of the above

14- With reference to ratnahavimshi ceremony in Ancient India, consider the following statements.

1. It was a part of Ashwamedha sacrifice where oblations to certain gods were also offered.

2. It involved the King going on successive days to the homes of certain people called 'ratnins'.

Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None of the above

15-Vedic (Shrauta) yajnas are typically performed by four priests of the Vedic priesthood: the hotar, the adhvaryu, the udgatar and the Brahmin. What are their respective roles?

1. The Hotri recites invocations and litanies drawn from the Rigveda.

2. The Udgatri is the superintendent of the entire performance.

3. The Brahmin is responsible for building the altar explained in the Yajurveda.

4. The Adhvaryu chants the introductory, accompanying and benediction hymns.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 only

(b) 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

16-Consider the following statements about the Rig Vedic society.

1. The Rig Vedic society was matriarchal.
2. Women were allowed to participate in literary activities.
3. The basic unit of society was the family whose head was called as Gahapati.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

17-As per Queen Victoria's proclamation of 1858

1. British Crown assumed the sovereignty and control over all princely states and their subjects.
2. The crown would gradually introduce responsible government in India where subjects would be the source of power.

Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None of the above

18-With reference to the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha, consider the following statements.

1. It was established by Mahadev Govind Ranade in opposition to the expansionist propaganda of the Hindu Mahasabha.
2. It was dedicated to the cause of social and political reforms in India advocating the principle of Swadeshi and Swaraj.

Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None of the above

19-The Indus Navigation Treaty that was signed between the British and the ruler of Kashmir, Ranjit Singh, provided for

1. **Opening Sutlej river for navigation**
2. Sharing of Indus waters with North-western provinces that were not under British control
3. Sole right of Kashmiris to store, cultivate and develop Indus water
4. None of the above

20-In Vedic societies, Gahapatis were

(a) Big land-owner or big farmer involved in farming and trade

- (b) Householders who made regular donations to religious sects
- (c) Preserver of the law and order in social congregations such as festivals
- (d) The priest who performed daily rituals for the royal household

21. Consider the following statements regarding Jason Continuity of Service (Jason-CS) mission:

1. The mission is dedicated to measuring the height of the ocean.
2. It is a joint effort of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

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. With reference to the UMANG app, consider the following statements:

1. It was developed by the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & IT.
2. It provides access to high impact services of various organizations of central government only.

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

23. With reference to Negative Yield Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. These are debt instruments that offer to pay the investor a maturity amount lower than the purchase price of the bond.
2. These are generally issued by central banks or governments.

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. With reference to Masala Bond, consider the following statements:

1. Masala Bonds are rupee-denominated bonds to raise funds from the overseas market in Indian rupees.
2. Any corporate body except Indian banks is eligible to issue these bonds overseas.

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. The Arria Formula, an informal arrangement of discussion is related to?

- (a) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- (b) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- (c) International Labour Organization (ILO)
- (d) United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**