

1-If men and women have equal population for all major age groups in a country, the population pyramid will tend to show

- a) Vertical symmetry
- b) Narrow base with thick top
- c) Horizontal symmetry
- d) Skewed base with narrow top

2-What are the possible ways of increasing the human capital of a country?

- 1. Invest in health expenditure
- 2. Increase the population of the nation

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

3-Malthusian trap is a situation in which

- a) Population growth is greater than economic growth
- b) Fertility rates have declined heavily such that population starts declining
- c) Unemployment allowances discourage the unemployed to go to work
- d) Poverty alleviation programmes keep people persistently poor

4-“Sub Urbanisation” refers to

- a) Reduction of population in lower tier cities
- b) Movement of people from congested urban areas to nearby satellite communities
- c) Movement of population from urban areas to rural areas
- d) A pattern of urbanization where commercial and residential places are completely separated

5-High fertility rate and high death rate lead to an age-sex pyramid of a nation which is of the shape of a

- a) Triangle with a broad base
- b) Rectangle

- c) Inverted triangle
- d) Rhombus with more height than width

6-Which of the following factors affect the onset and intensity of monsoon in India?

1. Shift of the ITCZ in summer over the Ganga plain
2. Differential heating and cooling of land and water
3. Heating of the Tibetan plateau in Indian summer
4. Presence of easterly tropical jet stream over the Indian peninsula in summer

Select the correct answer code:

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

7-If high pressure develops over North-western India, it may lead to

- a) Attraction of South-west Monsoon currents
- b) Suddenly spike in the temperature in the region.
- c) Dry winds blow from north-west region towards south-east region
- d) Torrential rains brought by thunderstorms in the region

8-In the North Indian Ocean, there is a complete reversal of the direction of ocean currents between summer and winter because

1. Monsoon winds change direction from South-west to North- east.
2. Westerly winds succumb to the Easterly flow coming from the South East Asian nations.

Select the correct answer code:

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

9-Consider the following statements

1. Temperature is high throughout the year
2. The wet season is shorter and the dry season is longer
3. Diurnal ranges of temperature are the greatest in the dry season.
4. Deciduous forest and tree-shredded grasslands occur

The above statements are related to

- a) Tropical Monsoon Climate
- b) Tropical Wet and Dry Climate
- c) Tropical Dry Climate
- d) Humid Subtropical Climate

10-Consider the following statements.

1. During winters, cold brings high pressure over north India which pushes monsoon winds towards south of Deccan Plateau.
2. During Retreating Monsoons, the south eastern coast of India receives rainfall.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11-Consider the following statements regarding Paika Rebellion.

1. It was an armed rebellion against the British East India Company's rule in Gujarat.
2. Rise in prices of salt due to taxes imposed on it was one of the causes of the rebellion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12-Which of the following was the reaction of the educated middle class in the revolt of 1857?

- a) They supported the revolt

- b) They opposed the revolt
- c) They remained neutral
- d) They fought against the native rulers

13-Governor-General who followed a spirited "Forward" policy towards Afghanistan was

- a) Wellesley
- b) Lytton
- c) Cornwallis
- d) Minto

14-Which of the following organisations submitted in 1875 a petition to the House of Commons demanding India's direct representation in the British Parliament?

- a) Madras Mahajan Sabha
- b) East India Association
- c) The Indian Association
- d) Poona Sarvajanik Sabha

15-Consider the following statements regarding Moderates.

1. Moderates believed in confrontation rather than persuasion.
2. They popularized the ideas of democracy, civil liberties and representative institutions.
3. They succeeded in getting the expansion of the legislative councils by the Indian Councils Act of 1892.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16-Who among the following social reformers published the journal 'Kudi Arasu'?

- a) C.N. Mudaliar
- b) Sri Narayan Guru
- c) E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker

d) C.V. Raman Pillai

17-Consider the following statements regarding education of women in the colonial era.

1. The Christian missionaries were the first to set up the Calcutta Female Juvenile Society in India in colonial period.
2. The Bethune School laid stress on women's education.
3. Charles Wood's Despatch on Education (1854) laid great stress on the need for female education.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18-What was the purpose behind the setting up of 'Shore Committee'?

- a) To suggest measures for improving the relationship with Princely states.
- b) To inquire the Jallianawalabagh Massacre
- c) To review the Rowlatt Act
- d) To assist the passengers of the Komagata Maru with food, provisions and legal challenges.

19-The Karachi Session of the Indian National Congress is famously known for

1. Adopting the Nehru report
2. A concrete Fundamental Rights and Economic Programme
3. Endorsing the Gandhi Irwin Pact

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

20-Lee Commission, body appointed by the British government in 1923 considered

- a) land, tax and famine related reforms
- b) ethnic composition of the superior Indian public services

- c) education in public universities of British India
- d) interpretation of the traditional law texts vis-à-vis the European legal texts
21. As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who surpassed Mark Zuckerberg to become the third-richest person in the world?
- (a) Bill Gates
- (b) Elon Musk
- (c) MacKenzie Scott
- (d) Warren Buffet
22. Consider the following statements regarding 'National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)'
1. GoI appoints Ashok Bhushan as NCLAT Chairperson
2. Apart from this, Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar has been appointed as the new President of the quasi-judicial body,
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
23. Which of the following language is the current official language of Jammu & Kashmir?
- (a) Gojri
- (b) Pahari
- (c) Punjabi
- (d) Dogri
24. The Conclave on "School Education in 21st Century" has been organised under which initiative of the Education Ministry?
- (a) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
- (b) Shiksha Parv
- (c) GOAL
- (d) STRIDE
25. Consider the following statements about the National Small Matchbox Manufacturers Association.

1. National Small Matchbox Manufacturers Association has increased the price of a matchbox from Rs.1 to Rs. 2 per box.
 2. The increase in the price of matchbox has been done after 14 years since last increase in 2007 from 50 paise to Re. 1.
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER SHEET

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