

1-Consider the following statements regarding Population Ageing.

1. Population ageing is the process by which the share of the older population becomes proportionally larger.
2. It is very common in least developed countries.

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. Quaternary activities involve research and development and is seen as an advanced form of services involving specialized knowledge and technical skills.
2. Quinary activities are performed by highest level of decision makers or policy makers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3-Consider the following pairs regarding Age-Sex Pyramid with their characteristics:

1. Expanding Populations – narrow base and a tapered top
2. Constant Population – bell shaped and tapered towards the top
3. Declining Populations – triangular shaped pyramid

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

4-Consider the following statements regarding the alluvial plains.

1. Bhangar is a narrow belt parallel to the Shiwalik foothills where the streams and rivers coming from the mountains disappear.

2. In Tarai belt, most of the streams and rivers re-emerge and create marshy and swampy conditions.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

5-Consider the following statements regarding Dooars or Duars.

1. Duars are the alluvial floodplains in northeastern India that lie south of the foothills of the Himalayas and north of the Brahmaputra River basin.

2. Duars affect the development of tea gardens.

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-Winter rainfall in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and western Uttar Pradesh occurs mainly due to

1. Northeast monsoon crossing over the Bay of Bengal

2. Arrival of weak temperate cyclones from the Mediterranean Sea

Select the correct answer code:

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

7-Consider the following pairs of rivers and their origin.

1. Sabarmati: Amarkantak

2. Brahmaputra: Kailash Range

3. Krishna: Mahabaleshwar

Which of the above is/are correctly matched?

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

8- Consider the following statements about Dew point.

- 1. Dew point is the temperature at which the atmosphere is saturated with water vapour.
- 2. The dew point gives an indication of the humidity.
- 3. A higher dew point means there will be less moisture in the air.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9-Which of the following are ferrous minerals?

- 1. Bauxite      2. Nickel
- 3. Copper      4. Cobalt

Select the correct answer code:

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

10-Nations sharing a coastline with the Red Sea include

- 1. Oman      2. Yemen
- 3. Sudan      4. Jordan

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

11-ccording to the terms of the 'Subsidiary Alliance', Indian rulers were

- 1. Not allowed to have their independent armed forces
- 2. Supposed to protect the British representatives in the princely states

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

12-In 1720, the British government enacted the Calico Act. What is it related to?

- a) Barring of company officials from private trade
- b) Disallowing Indians from entering Civil Services
- c) Banning the use of printed cotton textile imported from India.
- d) Compulsory use of English language in Company affairs

13-Consider the following statements regarding the Young Bengal Movement

- 1. Attacked old traditions and decadent customs
- 2. Organized debates against idol worship and casteism.
- 3. Advocated women's rights and their education

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14-Consider the following statements

1. Maulana Azad established Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College.
2. Kuka movement in Punjab aimed at purifying the Sikh religion by removing all the abuses, superstitions and ill-practices

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

15-Consider the following statements regarding Theosophical Society.

1. It was founded in Calcutta by Bhikaji Cama.
2. Main aim was to promote the study of ancient religions and philosophies.
3. Central Hindu School was chosen as the parent organization that acted as a catalyst for the growth of this society.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16-Consider the following statements regarding “no first use nuclear doctrine”.

1. It refers to a pledge or a policy by a nuclear power not to use nuclear weapons as a means of warfare unless first attacked by an adversary using nuclear weapons.
2. India became the first nation to propose and pledge no first use nuclear policy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17-Which of the following operations by Indian Military were related to Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) complex?

1. Operation Black Thunder
2. Operation Blue Star
3. Operation Polo

Select the correct answer code:

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

18-Jayaprakash Narayan's Concept of Total Revolution was aimed at

- a) Removing landlessness from rural areas completely by Bhoodan and forced acquisitions
- b) Exposing the totalitarian nature of the incumbent government
- c) Bringing a change in the existing society in tune with the ideals of the Sarvodaya
- d) None of the above

19-Consider the following statements regarding Chipko Movement.

1. Chipko movement was a Gandhian form of protest against deforestation by locals in the Himalayan region.
2. The movement was led by Sunderlal Bahuguna.
3. The support for the movement came mainly from the women.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20-During the Cold war period, the term 'Third World' referred to

- a) Colonies of Europe
- b) Middle Eastern region
- c) Countries that were not aligned with either USA or Soviet Union
- d) Poor or developing countries

21. Consider the following statements regarding Job Reservation for Transgenders

1. Karnataka becomes the 1st state to reserve jobs for transgender persons
2. The first state in the country to provide five per cent reservation for the 'transgender community in all the government services.

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding Axis Bank

1. RBI imposes Rs 5-crore monetary penalty on Axis Bank
2. The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act).

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding Savitribai Phule Pune University tie-up to train youth

1. Maruti Suzuki India Limited has announced a partnership with Maharashtra's Savitribai Phule Pune University to train youth in automobile retail.
2. The aim is to offer a customised three years "Bachelor of Vocational Studies in Retail Management" course to students.

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

24. Consider the following statements regarding India & World Bank

1. India & World Bank sign \$250 million project to safe dams and resilient
2. The project will be implemented at the national level through the Central Water Commission (CWC).

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding 'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre'

1. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has dedicated to the nation "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre"
2. It is situated at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie.

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

### **ANSWER SHEET**

1	A	10	B	19	D
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