

1. Consider the following statements regarding Vesara style of temple architecture.

1. The Vesara style is described as the 'Central Indian temple architecture style'.
2. The trend was started by the Chalukyas of Badami who built temples in this style.
3. It lost prominence during Rashtrakutas and Hoysalas, who built temples mainly in Dravidian style.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. The famous sculpture of the lord Vishnu reclining on the serpent sheshnag can be found in

- a) Jagannath Temple, Puri
- b) Vittala Temple, Hampi
- c) Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh
- d) Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram

3. Consider the following statements regarding bhakti saint Shankaradeva.

1. Shankaradeva was a proponent of Vaishnavism in Assam.
2. His teachings were based on the Bhagavad Gita which focused on absolute surrender to the supreme deity.
3. He was against the establishment of satra or monasteries for the transmission of spiritual knowledge.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding Sufism.

1. The terms Sufi, Wali, Darvesh and Faqir are used for Muslim saints who attempted to achieve development of their intuitive faculties through ascetic exercises, renunciation and self-denial.

2. Sufis regarded God as the supreme beauty and believed that one must admire it, and concentrate his attention on Him only.

3. Sufism took roots in both rural and urban areas and exercised a deep social, political and cultural influence on the masses.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Kabir and Nanak were the saints of sectarian Bhakti Movements.
- 2. One of the impacts of Bhakti movement was use of Hindu deities in Sufi works.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding Khajuraho School of temple architecture.

- 1. The temples were built on relatively high platform and belong to Hindu as well as Jain religion.
- 2. A few temples at Khajuraho are of the Panchayatana type.
- 3. In these temples, only the exterior walls were lavishly decorated with carvings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. The rock-cut temples of Pallava style are seen at

1. Mandagappattu
2. Mamandur
3. Tiruchirappalli

Select the correct answer code:

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding Mahanavami Dibba.

1. Mahanavami Dibba is a wooden platform located on one of the highest points within the Royal Enclosure of Hampi.
2. It was built during the Vijayanagara period by King Krishnadevaraya.
3. It was used to celebrate the festival of Dasara.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding Vijayanagara Kingdom.

1. The chief characteristics of the Vijayanagara architecture were the construction of tall Raya Gopurams or gateways and the Kalyana mandapam with carved pillars in the temple premises.
2. Different languages such as Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil flourished during this period.
3. The chief items of exports were gold, silver and diamonds.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding Bahmani Kingdom.

1. Bahmani Sultans were patrons of the Persian language.
2. Bidri artwork is associated with Bahmani Kingdom.
3. Hindus were inducted in the administration on a large scale.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The ranges of the Eastern Himalayas are more continuous compared to Western Himalayas.
2. The Himachal and Uttarakhand Himalayas lie between the river Jhelum in the west and the Kali in the east.

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. Consider the following statements.

1. The Alaknanda river has its source in the Satopanth glacier.
2. The Ghaghara river originates in the Milam glacier.

Which of the above statements 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. Southern ranges in eastern Himalayas have higher snowline than the northern ranges because they receive more rainfall.
2. The Eastern Ghats and Deccan Plateau are drier than Western Ghats and consequently have less diverse vegetation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Himalayas experience a greater number of debris avalanche compared to the Western Ghats because

1. The Himalayas are tectonically active.
2. Himalayas are mostly made up of metamorphic and igneous rocks which are not stable.
3. The slopes are very steep in Himalayas as compared to Western Ghats.

Select the correct answer code:

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. The folds of the Great Himalayas are symmetrical in nature.
2. The longitudinal valley lying between lesser Himalaya and the Shiwaliks are known as Duns.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

16. Arrange the following hills of Eastern Ghats from North to South direction

1. Nallamala hills
2. Palkonda hills
3. Javadi hills
4. Nagari hills

Select the correct answer code given below:

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

17. Consider the following pairs:

Peaks	State
Mount Saramati	Nagaland
Guru Shikhar	Rajasthan
Dhupgarh	Gujarat

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

18. Consider the following statements.

1. Garo and Khasi hills are the extensions of peninsular part of the Indian subcontinent.
2. Along with the Karbi Anglong plateau, the Meghalaya plateau is separated from the Chotanagpur plateau by Malda fault.

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 altitudinal variations are greater in the Western Himalayas compared to the Eastern Himalayas.
2. The core of Eastern Himalayas is made up of Sandstone, but that of Western Himalayas is made up of Basalt and Granite.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20. Consider the following statements.

1. The Vindhyan mountains form the dividing line between the Deccan plateau and the Ganges plain.
2. The Vindhyan system of rocks is known for the production of Precious stones and building materials.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21. With reference to wheat export from India, consider the following statements:

1. It accounts for even less than one per cent of world wheat export.
2. Bangladesh has the largest share of India's wheat exports in both volume and value terms in 2020-21.

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

22. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a statutory body constituted under enabling provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. The 'Project Tiger' is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

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 Srijan Portal, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has developed this portal.
- 2. It aims to partner with the private sector in the indigenization efforts of Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and the Armed Forces.

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 the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- 2. It shall consist of a Chairperson and the seven members out of which one-third shall be women.

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. With reference to Mission Indradhanush, consider the following statements:

1. It covers partially and unvaccinated pregnant women and children.
2. Under it, all vaccines under Universal Immunization Program (UIP) are provided as per National Immunization Schedule.
3. It was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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