

ENVIRONMENT, ANCIENT HISTORY, CA

1. Consider the following statements?
 - (i) National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) checks the biopiracy and protects the indigenous and traditional genetic resources.
 - (ii) NBA is a statutory body.
 - (iii) Its headquarter is in Bombay.
 Which of the following statement(s) is /are correct?
 - (a) i only
 - (b) i and ii**
 - (c) iii only
 - (d) None of these
2. Consider the following statements?
 - (i) Biodiversity is normally greater in lower latitudes as compared to the higher latitudes.
 - (ii) Along the mountain gradients, biodiversity is normally greater in lower altitudes as compared to the higher altitudes.
 Which of the following statement(s) is /are correct?
 - (a) i only
 - (b) ii only
 - (c) Both i and ii**
 - (d) None of these
3. Which one of the following regions of India is now regarded as an 'ecological hot spot'?
 - a) Western Himalayas
 - b) Eastern Himalayas
 - c) Western Ghats**
 - d) Eastern Ghats
4. Consider the following regions :-
 1. Eastern Himalayas
 2. Eastern Mediterranean region
 3. North-western Australia
 Which of the above is/are Biodiversity Hotspot(s)?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 1 and 2 only**
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
5. Biodiversity forms the basis for human existence in the following ways:-
 1. Soil formation
 2. Prevention of soil erosion
 3. Recycling of waste
 4. Pollination of crops
 Selection the correct answer using the codes given below:-
 - a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - c) 1 and 4 only
 - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
6. With reference to Stone Age, consider the following statements:
 1. Microliths are tiny stone artifacts belonging to Middle Stone Age.
 2. The use of bow and arrow began during the Old Stone Age
 3. Lakhudiyar caves of Uttarakhand bear the famous pre-historic cave paintings of wavy lines and hand-linked dancing figures
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only**
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
7. With reference to Indus Valley Civilisation, consider the following statements:

1. Beads were worn by both men and woman during this period.
 2. Bhirana is the oldest site discovered till now.
 3. There is no evidence of consumption of dairy products during this period.
- Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only**
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1,2 and 3
8. "This material is a greyish or greenish stone which is generally soft and can easily be worked to make figurines, vessels, seals and other objects. It was used extensively during the Indus Valley Civilisation Period."
- Which of the material given below is being discussed in the passage above?
- (a) Steatite**
 - (b) Granite
 - (c) Sand Stone
 - (d) Lapis Lazuli
9. With respect to the "Greater Adjutant Stork", consider the following statements:
1. It is known as "Hargila".
 2. It is present in Assam and Bihar.
 3. It is listed as "Vulnerable" as per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only**
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
10. EX-DUSTLIK is a defence exercise between India and which of the following countries?
- (a) Mongolia
 - (b) South Africa
 - (c) Tajikistan
 - (d) Uzbekistan**
11. With reference to the Operation Greens Scheme, consider the following statements:
1. It was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in November 2018.
 2. It seeks to stabilize the supply of only Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops.
- Which of the given above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2**
12. With respect to "Caracal", consider the following statements:
1. It is included in the Critically Endangered List by the National Board for Wildlife and the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 2. It is found in Gujarat and Jharkhand.
- 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. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
1. Ecological niche represents the range of conditions an organism can tolerate, the resources it utilizes and its functional role in the ecological system.
 2. Grasslands and estuaries are the examples of ecotone.
- 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
14. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Andamans?
1. It is a shallow submerged atoll island located off the western coast of India.
 2. It is protected under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 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
15. Which of the following statements are correct about the Loktak Lake?
1. It is famous for the floating biomass islands or Phumdis.
 2. The Keibul Lamjao National Park lies in the heart of the lake.
 3. It is located in Mizoram.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
16. With reference to Vedic Age, consider the following statements:
1. The Aranyakas deal with mysticism, rites, rituals and sacrifices.
 2. Child marriage and practice of sati was prevalent during the Rig Vedic Period.
 3. Nishka, Satamana and Krishnala were types of coins used as medium of exchange.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
17. With reference to spread of Jainism and Buddhism in India, consider the following statements
1. Sariputta and Moggallana were important disciples of Mahavira.
 2. The Third Buddhist Council was held under the patronage of Kanishka.
- Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. With reference to Nanda Dynasty, consider the following statements:
1. The foundation of new capital of Magadha at Patliputra was laid down by Mahapadama Nanda.
 2. The Hathigumpha inscription refers to the conquest of Kalinga by the Nandas.
 3. Alexander invaded India during the rule of Nandas.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
19. With reference to the Mauryan Empire, consider the following statements:
1. Samharta during the Mauryan Age was the chief of Revenue department.
 2. Megasthenes mentions six boards of five members each to control the six wings of the military under Mauryan empire.
 3. Visakadatta's Devichandraguptam describes how Chandragupta with the assistance of Kautilya overthrew the Nandas.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

20. "He was one of the greatest ruler of the Satavahana dynasty. He ruled for a period of 24 years from 106 to 130 A.D. His achievements were recorded in the Nasik inscription by his mother. He captured the whole of Deccan and expanded his empire. His victory over Nagapana, the ruler of Malwa was remarkable. He patronized Brahmanism. Yet, he also gave donations to Buddhists."

Which of the following ruler is being described in the passage above?

(a) Gautamiputra Satakarni

(b) Hala

(c) Devabhuti

(d) Vasudev Kanva

21. With reference to Child Marriage, consider the following statements:

1. Rao Sahib Harbilas Sarda introduced the Child Marriage Restraint Act.

2. Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 made child marriage a cognizable and bailable offence.

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. Saltwater Crocodiles are the largest living crocodiles on the Earth.

2. They can be found in brackish and freshwater regions of eastern India, Southeast Asia and northern Australia.

3. Odisha is the only state in India where all of the crocodile species can be found.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

23. Rekhpada, pidhadeul and khakra features are common to which temple architecture style.

(a) Bengal Temple Architecture

(b) Assam Temple Architecture

(c) Odisha Temple Architecture

(d) Dravida Temple Architecture

24. Consider the following statements regarding International Development Association (IDA).

1. The International Development Association (IDA) is the part of IMF that helps the world's poorest countries.

2. IDA lends money on concessional terms i.e., at zero or very low interest charge and repayments are stretched over 30 to 40 years.

3. IDA does not provide any grants to countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 2 only

b) 1, 2

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 3

25. With reference to Jain Temples of Mt. Abu, consider the following statements

1. They have exuberant marble exteriors and interiors.

2. The temples were constructed by the Ganga Rulers

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