

INDIAN HISTORY, ENVIRONMENT, CA

1. Which of the following are the features of Mauryan administration?
1. Mauryas had a vast and highly centralised bureaucratic rule.
 2. King was the fountainhead of all powers.
 3. Empire was probably divided into provinces with a viceroy in each province.

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- Only 1
 - Only 2 & 3
 - Only 1 & 3
 - 1, 2 & 3**
2. Consider the following statements:
1. After the death of Pushyamitra shunga, founder of the Shunga dynasty his son Agnimitra, became the second ruler of the Shunga dynasty.
 2. His reign lasted for a short period of 8 years, that is, from 149 BCE to 141 BCE.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2**
 - Neither 1 nor 2
3. Consider the following statements:
1. Fa Hien or Faxian who was a famous Chinese traveler, visited India during his reign of Chandragupta II.
 2. He came through land route and went back through sea route.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2**
 - Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements about Agrahara Grants
1. During the Gupta period the Agrahara grants were restricted to Brahmins only.
 2. These grants were meant to be perpetual, hereditary and tax free, accompanied with the assignment of all land revenue.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2**
5. Consider the following statements
1. The Kadambas had their capital at Vijayanti or Banavasi in north Kanara district in the state of Karnataka.
 2. The Kadambas were contemporaries of the Pallavas.
 3. The Kadamba dynasty was founded by Mayurasharma

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- Only 1
 - Only 2 & 3
 - Only 1 & 3
 - 1, 2 & 3**
6. Consider the following statements
1. Aihole inscription is associated with the Chalukya dynasty.

2. It was written by Ravi Kirti, court poet of Chalukya King, Pulakeshin II
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 regarding the “Script of Harappan Civilization”:

- 1. Most of the Script is Pictographic in nature.
- 2. Script was mostly written from left to right.
- 3. Scripts are yet to be deciphered.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements

- 1. The Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park (KBRNP) is located in Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad, Telangana .
- 2. The park is also known as Chiran Fort Palace.

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

9. Which among the following is the “legally binding” convention?

- a) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- b) Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate
- c) Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer
- d) **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The word “ecology” was coined by the German scientist Ernst Haeckel in 1866.
- 2. He also coined the terms like phylum, phylogeny, and Protista.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1. 1 only
- 2. 2 only
- 3. **Both 1 and 2**
- 4. Neither 1 nor 2

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Algae are primary producers in the aquatic ecosystems
- 2. Most edible algae are marine algae as most freshwater algae are toxic

Which among the above is / are correct statements?

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

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Eutrophication is when a body of water becomes overly enriched with minerals and nutrients which impetus to excessive growth of algae.
- 2. It causes oxygen depletion of the water body.
- 3. Due to this problem algal bloom occurs which is the increase of phytoplankton.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements about Zila Swachh Bharat Preraks (ZSBPs):

- 1. These are professionals who will provide their “technical and management support” in identified districts for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- 2. The programme is being implemented with joint effort of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Tata trust

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Tundra biome?

- 1. Arctic tundra extends as a continuous belt above the polar ice cap.
- 2. Tundra is very small in Northern Hemisphere as compared to Southern Hemisphere.

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) **Neither 1 & 2**

15. Which of the following are xerophilous adaptations?

- 1. Reduced leaves
- 2. Thick hairy growth
- 3. Coatings of wax
- 4. Unprotected stomata

Select the correct option from the codes give below:

- a) Only 1 & 2
- b) Only 2, 3 & 4
- c) **Only 1, 2 & 3**
- d) 1, 2, 3 & 4

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the Scheme of “Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)” exclusively for them.
- 2. Under the scheme, Conservation-cum-Development (CCD)/Annual Plans are to be prepared by each State/UT for their PVTGs based on their need assessment, which are then appraised and approved by the Project Appraisal Committee of the Ministry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 5. 1 only
- 6. 2 only
- 7. **Both 1 and 2**
- 8. Neither 1 nor 2

17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI) has made a significant move that allows Indians abroad to use the fast payments network Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- 2. This move is a significant step towards wider adoption of the homegrown payments platform UPI and opens up new possibilities for non-resident Indians (NRIs).

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Manual scavenging refers to the practice of physically cleaning, carrying, disposing or handling in any manner, human excreta from dry latrines and sewers.
2. In spite of the best efforts by the government, manual scavenging continues to persist in parts of the country due to lack of alternatives like space to lay sewer lines, ill-held traditions and lack of other employment avenues for the poor.

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

19. 'Shree Anna' term in Budget 2023-24 is used for which of the following food grain?

- a) Rice
- b) **Millet**
- c) Wheat
- d) Pulse

20. Which of the following are the Saptrishi-7 priorities in Budget 2023-24

1. Youth Power
2. Unleashing the Potential
3. Green Growth
4. Inclusive Development

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- b) 1 and 3 only
- c) 2 and 4 only
- d) **1, 2, 3 and 4**

21. Government initiative 'Bharat SHRI' which is announced in Budget 2023-24, is related to which of the following?

- a) To develop own Artificial intelligence based search engine
- b) To provide health benefit to senior citizens
- c) **Digitisation of ancient inscription**
- d) Providing internet facilities to tribal areas

22. Recently announced 'PM-PRANAM' scheme in Budget 2023-24 is related to which of the following?

- a) To promote tourism in religious circuit
- b) Restoration of archeological sites
- c) **Promoting alternative fertilizer and balance use of chemical fertilizer**
- d) Providing benefit to farmers on agricultural loan.

23. Consider the following statements regarding new income tax slabs under budget 2023-24:

1. Now those earning up to ₹7 lakh a year need not pay any income tax under the new tax regime.
2. Those switching to the new tax regime can also hereafter avail of the ₹50,000 standard deduction.
3. Taxpayers could, however, still opt to file under the old regime, which allows for tax exemptions and deductions on investments and expenses such as HRA.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2 only
- b) 2 & 3 only

- c) 1 & 3 only
- d) **1, 2 & 3**

24. Consider the following statements

- 1. There is continuous rise in credit to agriculture sector during the last seven years
- 2. There is continuous rise in food grain production during the last seven years

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements

- 1. India and the United States elevated their strategic partnership with the launch of an initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology or iCET.
- 2. The India-US Cyber Framework signed in September 2016, provides for expanding cooperation in the cyber domain.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



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