

**PRELIMS SPECIAL – 11 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)**

1. Which of the following statements related to the Farrukh Siyar is/are correct?
  1. He allowed East India Company to trade in Bengal without paying any duty.
  2. He abolished the jizya tax.
 Codes:
  - (a) Only 1
  - (b) Only 2
  - (c) Both
  - (d) None
2. Consider the following statements with respect to the Second Round Table Conference:
  1. Second round table conference was attended by the Gandhiji in which British government recognized Congress as the representative of Interests of all Indians.
  2. The leaders of the right-wing in Britain strongly supported the British Government negotiating the terms of equality with Congress.
  3. After it, Government decided not to take any reactionary stand without taking Congress into the confidence.
 Which of the above given statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2 and 3
  - (b) Only 3
  - (c) None
  - (d) 1 and 3
3. Consider the following statements with respect to the Morley-Minto reforms 1909:
  1. Besides separate electorates for the Muslims, representation in excess of the strength of their population was accorded to the Muslims.
  2. The number of elected members in the Imperial legislative council remains same but the number of elected members in the provincial legislative council increased.
  3. Both the legislatures (central & provincial) could now pass resolutions, ask questions and supplementaries and vote separate items in the budget.
  4. The elected members were to be directly elected.
 Which of the above given statements are incorrect?
  - (a) 2 and 3
  - (b) 2 and 4
  - (c) 2, 3 and 4
  - (d) 3 and 4
4. Which of the following is/are the objectives of the All India Muslim League?
  1. Since its inception its main aim was to get a separate state for Muslims.
  2. To promote among Indian Muslims feeling of loyalty towards the British government and to remove any misconception.
  3. To protect the political and other rights of the Indian Muslims and to place their needs and aspirations before the Government in temperate language
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
  - (a) 1 and 2
  - (b) 2 and 3
  - (c) Only 1
  - (d) All
5. Which of the following statements is/are true related to the Press during the colonial times?
  1. Amrita Bazar Patrika was a Bengali newspaper which was turned into English over the night.
  2. Indian poets played an important role in the freedom struggle in giving the new concepts and visions of freedom.
  3. Indian language newspaper was known for mainly publishing pro-government news and articles as government used to take harsh measures against the editor who critics government.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 2  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) All

6. Which of the following statements is/are true about Surendra Nath Banarjee?

1. He was one of the founding member of Indian National Congress along with W. C. Banarjee.
2. He was arrested upon his writings in 'The Bengali' newspaper in contempt of court.
3. He promoted the idea the noncooperation and civil disobedience advocated by Gandhiji.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 2  
(c) Only 3 (d) All

7. Which of the following statements is/are true about the Quit India Movement?

1. It was purely a non-violent movement spread across the urban and rural areas.
2. It was led by Gandhiji and J L Nehru from front.
3. This was launched in the aftermath of failure of Cabinet Mission.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 2  
(c) All (d) None

8. Consider the following statements related to the Ancient Literature:

1. Kalidasa's Malavikagnimitram is based on the events of the reign of Mauryan Empire.
2. Harshacharita, is of the legendry work of Kalidas which is the first historical biography in sanskrit.
3. Vikramankadevacharita describes the victories of the Chalukya king Vikramaditya.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) Only 3 (d) Only 2

9. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. Vinaya Pitaka - disciplinary rules for the Buddhist monks and nuns.
2. Sutta Pitaka - teachings attributed to the Buddha.
3. Abhidhamma Pitaka-contain systematic philosophical treatises of Buddhism.

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 2  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) None

10. Which of the following stupas sites outside the Gangetic plains are correctly matched?

1. Sannati - Gujarat
2. Amaravati- Maharashtra
3. Jagayyapetta - Andhra Pradesh

Codes:

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Only 3 (d) All

11. Which of the following statements are correct about Neolithic era paintings found in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh?

1. The granite rocks provided suitable canvases for the paintings.
2. The subjects depicted are bulls, elephants, sambhars, gazelles, sheep, goats, etc.
3. Vegetal motifs are one of the most common features of these paintings.

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All

12. According to Pragyaprasasti, which of the following areas correctly describes the kind of rule of Samundragupta?

1. In Aryavrata the area of Gangetic plains, 9 kingdoms were uprooted and made part of Samundragupta's empire.
2. Dakshinapatha comprises of east coast region where 12 kings surrendered to Samundragupta after being defeated but were allowed to rule again.
3. Inner circle of neighboring states like Assam, Bengal, Nepal, etc rulers brought tribute, followed his orders and attended his court.
4. Outlying areas like Srilanka, rulers submitted to him and offered their daughters Afghanistan.

Codes:

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

13. In which of the following places the Mauryan era pillars with capital figures were found?

1. Basarah-Bakhira
2. Lauriya Nandangarh
3. Sankisa

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All

14. Consider the following statements about the early phase of Buddhism:

1. In this phase Buddha is depicted symbolically through footprints, stupas, lotus throne, chakra, etc
2. There was tradition of either simple worship, or paying respect to Buddha.
3. Events from the life of the Buddha became an important theme in all the Buddhist monuments.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All

15. Consider the following about the Later Vedic period:

1. There was a large scale eastward movement of the Aryan communities to Indo-Gangetic Doab and Upper Ganga plains.
2. Iron weapons and tools were introduced.
3. Agriculture was now the main occupation, and number of crops including rice, wheat and sugarcane were grown.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All

16. Choose the correct statement(s) in context of Satvahanas rule in India:

1. The earliest inscriptional evidence of land grant in India belongs to 1st century BC during Satavahanas rule.
2. Under Satavahanas, coins of bilingual legends were issued, i.e., in addition to the name of the king in Prakrit these coins carried a legend in a south-Indian language.
3. Prakrit was the court language of Satvahanas.

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 2  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

17. Consider the following statements about the features of the Dravida or South Indian Temple Style:
1. It is common to find a large water reservoir, or a temple tank enclosed within the complex.
  2. The shape of the main temple tower known as vimana is like a stepped pyramid that rises up geometrically.
  3. The North Indian idea of multiple shikharas rising together as a cluster was also very popular in South India.
- Which of the statements given above are incorrect?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All
18. The Centre has banned the manufacture and import of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). This is because
- (a) It is a toxic pollutant.
  - (b) It is responsible for coral bleaches across the eastern coast of India.
  - (c) It was being oversupplied in the market leading to price crashes and poor producer margins.
  - (d) It was heavily used by farmers as an additive in their NPK fertilizers
19. What is a catcher beach?
- (a) A beach with low shorelines
  - (b) A tidal estuary with no opening mouth
  - (c) A place where marine debris tends to pile up or aggregate
  - (d) A beach devoid of mangroves and corals
20. The earliest inscriptions recording royal land grants were issued during
- (a) Guptas
  - (b) Satvahanas
  - (c) Pallavas
  - (d) Hoysalas

## ANSWER KEYS

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