

## **PRELIMS SPECIAL – 17 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)**

1. What political changes were brought by the Turkish invasion to India?
  1. The political importance of Delhi increased, earlier it was Lahore.
  2. Supremacy of the Caliph of Bagdad increased.
  3. The Turkish rule put an end to the independent small kingdoms and these were replaced by Iqtas.
 Codes:
 

(a) Only 2	(b) Only 1
(c) 2 and 3	(d) All
2. With its rugged, mountainous landscape, Kabul (in present-day Afghanistan) became politically and commercially important from the sixteenth century onwards. Which of the following causes can be attributed to the growing importance of Kabul?
  1. Slaves were brought to Kabul and Kandahar for sale.
  2. French traveller, Tavernier estimated that the horse trade at Kabul amounted to Rs. 30,000 annually.
  3. Kabul and Kandahar were linked to the celebrated Silk Route.
 Codes:
 

(a) 1 and 3	(b) 1 and 2
(c) 2 and 3	(d) All
3. Consider the following statements about the shifting of capital occurred during different dynasties:
  1. Muhammad Bin Tughlaq had shifted his capital from Delhi to Devagiri.
  2. Iltutmish had transferred his capital to Delhi from Lahore.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 

(a) Only 1	(b) Only 2
(c) Both	(d) None
4. Consider the following statements about Alauddin Khilji:
  1. He had banned the public sale of liquor and drugs.
  2. He had placed the religious leaders known as Ulemas out of the governance function.
  3. Introduced the branding of horses.
  4. He had constructed two mosques - Quwal-ul-Islam at Delhi and Adhai din ka Jhopra at Ajmer
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 

(a) Only 1	(b) 1 and 2
(c) 1 and 3	(d) 2 and 3
5. Alauddin Khilji introduced the military reforms to achieve his various targets. Consider the following statements related to it.
  1. Branding of horses
  2. Organization of army on the decimal system
  3. Abolition of Iqta of royal troopers.
 Which of the above statements are correct?
 

(a) Only 1 & 3	(b) Only 1 & 2
(c) Only 2 & 3	(d) All of the above
6. 'Every pearl in the royal crown is a crystallized drops of blood fallen from the tearful eyes of the poor peasant'. Whose statement is this?
 

(a) Al-Beruni	(b) Amir Khusrau
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- (c) Barani (d) Ibn Battuta

7. Correctly match the following:

**Official**

1. Sadr-us-Sudur
2. Amir Munshi
3. Mushrif-i-Mumalik
4. Barid -i-Mumalik
5. Mustauf-i-Mumalik

**Department**

- A. Head of record department
- B. Head of intelligence department
- C. Head of religious department
- D. Auditor General
- E. Accountant General

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4- E, 5-D
- (b) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B, 5-E
- (c) 1-C, 2-A, 3-E, 4-B, 5-D
- (d) 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A, 5-E

8. Consider the following statements about Firozshah Tughlaq.

1. He abolished the Iqtadari System.
2. He imposed the Jaziya on the Brahmins for the first time.

Which of the above statements are incorrect?

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

9. Which of the following statements about Krishna Deva Raya of Vijaynagar Empire are correct?

1. Krishna Deva Raya's reign is considered the golden age of Telugu literature.
2. He defeated the Gajapati ruler of Odisha and conquered the whole of Telangana.
3. He was orthodox, conservative and hostile towards Islam and Christianity.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) Only 1 & 2
- (b) Only 2 & 3
- (c) Only 1 & 3
- (d) All of the above

10. Consider the following statement about the Mansab System during the Mughal period:

1. The Mansabdar were required to render military service only as civilian services were the responsibility of the Diwan.
2. The Mansabs were granted as hereditary right.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are incorrect?

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

11. After the recent decision to introduce orange passports, different passports will be issued for people with Emigration Check Required (ECR) status and 'Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR) status. Which of the following categories of citizens automatically qualify for an ECNR status?

1. Persons below the age of 18 years
2. People above the age of 50 years
3. All income tax payers
4. All persons having an educational qualification of 10<sup>th</sup> standard and above

Select the correct answer based on the code below:

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

12. Consider the following statements with reference to North Koel River

1. It rises on Ranchi plateau in Jharkhand.

2. The river flows through the states of Jharkhand and Bihar.
  3. It is a tributary of Damodar River.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) 1 and 2 (d) 2 and 3
13. Consider the following statements with reference to the Chiru
1. It is naturally found only in India and China
  2. Its fur is used to make luxury shawls.
  3. It is listed as 'Near Threatened' on IUCN Red list of threatened species.
- Select the correct answer using the code below:
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
14. SAREX exercise, recently seen in news is meant for which of the following?
- (a) Training in battlefield
  - (b) Airlifting in case of disasters
  - (c) Anti-piracy operations
  - (d) Counter terrorism operations
15. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to Under 2 Coalition?
1. It is a coalition of national governments from around the world committed to combat climate change.
  2. It was developed in the aftermath of Paris Agreement for its effective implementation.
  3. Its members are committed to limiting their emissions to less than 2 metric tons per capita by 2050.
- Select the correct answer based on the code below:
- (a) Only 1 (b) 1 and 2  
(c) Only 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
16. Consider the following statements with reference to Mullaperiyar Dam
1. It is situated at the confluence of Mullayar and Periyar rivers.
  2. It is located entirely in Kerala.
  3. The dam is operated by Tamil Nadu state only for irrigation purpose.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
17. Which of the following are responsible for the disease called Kala Azar or Visceral leishmaniasis (VL)?
- (a) Bacteria (b) Protozoa  
(c) Virus (d) Fungus
18. Submitted in 2003, the Justice Malimath Committee report deals with reforms in
- (a) Agricultural Marketing
  - (b) Criminal justice system
  - (c) Election process
  - (d) Financial system L
19. Consider the following statements with reference to the Shola forests
1. These are found in the northern Western Ghats in Maharashtra and Karnataka.
  2. These are broad-leaved evergreen stunted forests.
  3. These occur only in high altitude i.e. more than 1500 metres above sea level.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

20. Consider the following statements with reference to Raisina Dialogue

1. It is a bilateral conference between think tanks of India and Israel.
2. It is held every year in New Delhi.
3. The conference is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

### ANSWER KEYS

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