

**PRELIMS SPECIAL – 19 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)**

1. Which of these statements about Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is correct?
  - (a) It was started before the 2008 recession.
  - (b) The Central Government contributes 100% of the fund.
  - (c) Only Income Tax payers are eligible under the scheme.
  - (d) None of the above
2. Consider the following statements about the authors of tawrikhs.
  1. They lived mainly in cities.
  2. These authors prescribed elitism rather than merit to preserve purity in the royal lineage.
  3. They were sharply critical of the Sultans and the bureaucratic establishment.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 3 only
3. With reference to Delhi Sultanate, who were the bandagan?
  - (a) Royal spies posted to other kingdoms
  - (b) Translators and scribes hired by the royalty
  - (c) Cavalrymen deputed to hilly regions
  - (d) Special slaves purchased for military service
4. It is the largest coastal lagoon in India and the largest wintering ground for migratory birds on the Indian sub-continent. A wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, it is
  - (a) Vembanad Lake
  - (b) Chilka Lake
  - (c) Kolleru Lake
  - (d) Sultanpur Lake
5. The text “Lilatilakam” deals with
  - (a) Grammar and poetics
  - (b) Commentary on the Upanishads
  - (c) Love story of a Chola King
  - (d) War rituals in Rashtrakuta empire
6. Akbar ordered one of his close friends and courtiers, Abul Fazi to write Akbar Nama, a work of three volumes. The volumes deal with
  1. Akbar’s ancestors
  2. Evolution of administrative setup in Indian subcontinent
  3. Geography of India
  4. Events of Akbar’s reign
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 1 and 4 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
7. Virashaiva movement initiated by Basavanna and his companions like Allama Prabhu and Akkamahadevi argued for
  1. Equality of all human beings
  2. Revival of a new caste system based on divine origin
  3. Promoting idol worship
  4. Rituals to be conducted by all segments of society

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1 and 4 only (d) None of the above

8. Consider the following about Sulh-i kul, started by Akbar.

1. It was an idea of "universal peace".
2. Abul Fazl was against this system of beliefs.
3. This system of governance was abandoned by rulers who followed Akbar.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

9. Fundamental Rights are guaranteed against the actions of the

1. Legislature
2. Executive
3. Any other authorities instituted by the government

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

10. Which of these were some important centres of trade and artisanal production in Medieval central and south India?

1. Bidar
2. Svamimalai
3. Masulipatnam
4. Thanjavur

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

11. The Architectural Splendour of Hampi is located in which of these river basins?

- (a) Godavari-Vaigai basin  
(b) Cauvery-Penna basin  
(c) Krishna-Tungabhadra basin  
(d) Mahanadi-Bhima basin

12. Why Gold mining in Kolar mines is expensive or economically less viable?

1. Gold is combined with uranium in these mines.
2. These are some of the deepest mines on earth.
3. Mining follows expulsion of methane hydrates from the mine bed.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) None of the above

13. Rathakaras, mentioned in a twelfth-century inscription from Uyyakondan Udaiyar, were engaged in the profession of

- (a) temple architecture  
(b) preparing metal equipment used to perform sacrifices  
(c) making chariots  
(d) manual scavenging

14. Consider the following dynasties of Medieval India.

1. Rajput
2. Khalji
3. Lodi
4. Sayyid

The correct chronological order in which they appeared in India is?

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| (a) 1,2,3,4 | (b) 2,1,4,3 |
| (c) 1,2,4,3 | (d) 3,1,4,2 |

15. Consider the following about the state of Garha Katanga, a Gond kingdom.

1. It earned much wealth by trapping and exporting wild elephants to other kingdoms.
2. It banned the system of coin minting due to widespread counterfeiting.
3. It conquered Bundelas and Marathas for much of Medieval Indian time period.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 3 only          |
| (c) 1 only       | (d) 1, 2 and 3 only |

16. Consider the following about National Human Rights Commission.

1. The Commission functions autonomously of the government.
2. It is authority established by executive orders based on past conventions.
3. Its recommendations are legally binding on both the courts and the government.
4. A citizen does not need to pay some fees to approach the commission.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

17. Consider the following with reference to Ahom Kingdom.

1. They made land grants to religious institutions and figures.
2. Ahoms were persecutors of Hinduism.
3. Artisan population was predominant in the Kingdom.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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| (a) 1, 2 and 3 | (b) 2 only |
| (c) 1 only     | (d) 3 only |

18. All bills, in order to become a law, passed by the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha must be approved by

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Speaker, Lok Sabha
- (d) A Joint Parliamentary Committee

19. Naga is a vaguely defined umbrella term for several tribes in North-East India and Upper Burma.

Which of these tribes fall under this category?

1. Nyima
2. Zonga
3. Angami
4. Chang and Chiru

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

20. The Puranas laid down that

1. It was not possible for devotees to receive the grace of God unless they were born in certain castes.

2. One should not be a devotee of God idols and instead meditate on the formless reality

Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None

### ANSWER KEYS

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