

1. As per IUCN, what are the defining characteristics of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs)?
 1. A community is closely connected to this well-defined ecosystem.
 2. The area is untouched by human civilization other than the local indigenous communities.
 3. The community is the major player in decision-making (governance) and implementation regarding the management of the site.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 3 only	(b) 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only	(d) 1 only
2. An internal Study Group constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recommended that banks should set interest rates based on an external benchmark and not as per internal benchmarks as is the practice now. What would qualify as external benchmarks in this context?
 1. Cost of funds for the banks
 2. RBI's policy repo rate
 3. Global economic downturns
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 2 only	(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only	(d) 2 and 3 only
3. Nanog is
 - (a) cross-linked three-dimensional polymer chain networks of nanogels
 - (b) class of extremely small droplets that appear to be transparent or translucent with a bluish colouration
 - (c) a key pluripotency regulator critically important in the process of self-renewal of undifferentiated stem cells
 - (d) smallest known self-replicating bacteria
4. The ruins at Hampi were brought to light in 1800 by an engineer and antiquarian who was also the first Surveyor-general of India. He was?
 - (a) Colin Mackenzie
 - (b) Alexander Cunningham
 - (c) Gregory Schopen
 - (d) Julia Shaw
5. Which of the following is correct with regard to the reign of Krishnadeva Raya?
 1. He composed a work on statecraft in Telugu known as the Amuktamalyada.
 2. He strictly prohibited entry of foreign ships and sailors from the port harbour of the kingdom, other than for official purposes.
 3. To encourage the export of horses, elephants and precious gems from the empire, he severely curtailed their imports.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

6. The following is a listing of criteria of classification excerpted from the Ain-I-Akbari for land.
1. Polaj was land which has never been cultivated and can be used by the royalty.
 2. Parauti is land left out of cultivation for a time that it may recover its strength.
 3. Chachar is land that is annually cultivated for each crop in succession and is never allowed to lie fallow.

Select the correct matches using the codes below.

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 2 and 3 only |
7. The business proceedings of the Parliament are conducted as mentioned in the
- (a) Provisional rules under the constitution
 - (b) Conventions as followed by political parties in India
 - (c) Procedures prescribed in the rule books of the Parliament
 - (d) Rules of Business of the Government of India as decided by the Cabinet Secretariat
8. What is described by contemporaries as “Karnataka samrajyamu” was defined by historians as
- (a) Vijayanagara Empire
 - (b) Kadambas and Western Ganges Dynasty
 - (c) Bahmani Sultanate
 - (d) Badami Chalukyas
9. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), consider the following:
1. It is an initiative under ‘Digital India’ programme of the Government.
 2. Literate people between the age group 21-60 years are qualified for the scheme.
 3. The literacy imparted under the scheme is free of cost.
 4. The entire family from every eligible rural household will be digitally trained under the scheme.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2, 3 and 4 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 |
10. In Assam, the Ahom kings had their paiks. These were people who
1. Were obliged to render military service in exchange for land
 2. Were foreign mercenaries and spies who were kept under captivity
- Which of the above is/are correct?
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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) None |
11. The period between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries was marked by a remarkable stability in the availability of metal currency, particularly the silver rupya in India. This was mainly due to
1. The large natural reserves of silver in India that were successfully exploited and mined by the Mughal state
 2. An expanding trade brought in huge amounts of silver bullion into Asia to pay for goods procured from India
- Which of the above is/are correct?
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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only |
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- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
12. Embryo transfer technology (ETT) has revolutionized the breeding strategies in bovines as a tool to optimise the genetic improvement in cattle. What are benefits of using ETT?
1. It leads to a decrease in the number of offspring resulting in improved feed and nutrition to the existing offspring.
 2. The offsprings born using this method will be free from diseases.
 3. It is a potential tool in livestock transgenesis and diversity conservation.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 2 only (d) 1 and 3 only
13. What are the defining features of the chariot of the Vitthala temple in Virupaksha temple?
1. It is a monolithic structure carved out of a single rock.
 2. Remains of painting can be found on the carvings of the chariot.
 3. In front of the chariot two elephants are positioned as if they are pulling the chariot.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 only (d) 2 only
14. Jajmani system, as popular in parts of Medieval India in regions like Bengal, was
1. A system of hereditary holding
 2. A terms of payment of daily allowances
 3. A military service rendered by the local populace
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
15. Parliament can enact a law which is inconsistent with a Directive Principle mentioned under Part IV of the constitution because
1. DPSP is non-justiciable.
 2. DPSP does not come under the "basic structure" of the constitution.
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
16. With reference to the Asiatic Society of Bengal, consider the following statements.
1. It was established to enhance and further the cause of Oriental research.
 2. It was founded by Sir William Jones in 1784.
 3. One of the main activities of the Asiatic Society was to collect the old manuscripts of India.
 4. It undertook the editing, printing and translation of many Indian manuscripts.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

17. The government has launched Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI). Consider the following about it.

1. The programme is focussed on natsals over two years of age.
2. It would be reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary at the National level.
3. Japanese Encephalitis and Rubella diseases are covered by the scheme.
4. Injectable Polio Vaccine has been kept out of the scheme for which a separate nationwide strategy will be devised.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

18. The Baudhayana sutras are a group of Vedic Sanskrit texts which cover

1. Statecraft
2. Dharma
3. Daily ritual
4. Mathematics

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

19. The government has launched the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2017-18 – Series-III. Consider the following about it.

1. These bonds will be issued by the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on behalf of the Government of India.
2. Sale of these bonds will be open to both resident and non-resident Indian (NRI) persons and entities.
3. There is no minimum or maximum permissible investment limit in the new revised scheme.
4. These bonds could be used as collateral for loans.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

20. He founded the Vaisheshika school of Indian philosophy which attempted to explain the creation and existence of the universe by proposing an atomistic theory. He is?

- (a) Vashistha (b) Kanada
(c) Kapila (d) Agastya

ANSWER KEYS

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