

1. Consider the following about the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project.
 1. It is an international effort to build the world's largest radio telescope.
 2. Its receiving stations would extend out to distance of at least three thousand kilometres.
 3. It will be built in Mount Abu, India.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 2 only	(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only	(d) 1, 2 and 3 only
2. Consider the following statements.
 1. An adjournment motion for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance can be made only with the consent of the Speaker.
 2. Question hour can be started at either the first or last sitting of a day depending on the volume of legislative business pending in the Parliament.
 Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only	(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2	(d) None
3. Consider the following about Indian Post Payments Bank (IPPB).
 1. It will be a public-private venture partially owned by the Government of India via the Department of Posts (DoP).
 2. It will focus on low-cost, low-risk, technology led solutions to extend access to formal banking.
 3. All post offices across the country will function as customer access points for IPPB.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 2 only	(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only	(d) 1 only
4. With reference to the International conference on "Dialogue Civilizations - IV", that was recently in news, consider the following:
 1. It has been organised by Archaeological Survey India (ASI).
 2. National Geographic Society (NGS) collaborated for this event.
 3. The purpose of conference is to encourage scholarly and public discourse about five ancient and literate civilizations of the world.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 2 only	(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only	(d) 1, 2 and 3
5. Consider the following statements about certain beliefs of sects of Jainism.
 1. Digambaras believe that women cannot achieve liberation without first being reborn as a man.
 2. Digambara monks are not allowed any possessions, not even personal begging bowls.
 Which of the above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only	(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2	(d) None
6. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved two new World Bank supported schemes - Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) and Skill

Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE). Consider the following with reference to them.

1. Both the schemes are being funded by World bank loan assistance apart from Central Government assistance.
2. The schemes mark a shift in government's implementation strategy in vocational education and training from inputs to results.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) None |

7. Consider the following: Fluorescent in-situ hybridization (FISH)

1. is a physical mapping approach that uses fluorescein tags to detect hybridization
2. is used for finding specific features in DNA for use in species identification

Which of the above is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) None |

8. The discretionary powers of the President of India include

1. Sending back the advice given by the Council of Ministers and asking them to reconsider a decision that has already been made
2. Delaying assent to Bills passed by the Parliament by use of pocket veto
3. Dissolving the Lok Sabha when the government has lost confidence of the house

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

9. In the context of Medieval India, who called themselves the rayas?

- (a) Hoysalas of Karnataka
- (b) The rulers of Vijayanagara
- (c) Deccan Sultans who were also termed as ashvapati
- (d) Bahmani sultans who carved a social niche for the royal empire

10. Consider the following with reference to 'Paryatan Parv'.

1. It is being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs.
2. Ministry of Culture as a part of 'Paryatan Parv' is organising 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav'.
3. It is being organized in all major countries where Indian embassies are present.
4. The main focus of the festival is to showcase Indian heritage abroad and increase foreign exchange received by India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

11. According to constitutional provisions, writs can be issued by the

1. High Courts to enforce a fundamental Right
2. Supreme Court to enforce a statutory Right

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None

12. Consider the following with reference to the United Nations Peacekeeping.

1. The UN Security Council authorizes peacekeeping operations.
2. It follows the principle of non-use of Force except in self-defence and defence of the mandate.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None

13. In India the Extradition Act, 1962 regulates the surrender of a person to another country or the request for arrest of a person in a foreign land. Consider the following with reference to it.

1. Individuals punishable with minimum seven years of imprisonment qualify for extradition request by India.
2. The extradition process has to be initiated by the central government.
3. In the case of countries with which India does not have a bilateral extradition treaty, no extradition is possible.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

14. Which of the following countries have a system of "Inheritance tax"?

1. USA
2. UK
3. Spain
4. India

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

15. Sanctuaries for protection of Turtles have been established at which of the following locations in India?

1. Coondapur
2. Sultanpur
3. Gahirmatha

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

16. Consider the following about Cryo-electron microscopy.

1. It refers to the microscopy of frozen objects.
2. It can only be used to study objects greater than a nanometre.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None

17. National Waterway-4, which has been seen frequently in news, covers canals and waterways built over

1. Godavari river
2. Krishna river
3. Mahanadi river
4. Ghaghra river

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

18. Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS), that was recently seen in news, is a

- (a) Quantum communication system
 (b) Japanese version of Global Positioning System
 (c) Global ocean macroscopy and remote sensing system
 (d) None of the above

19. Mallahzadas, in Medieval India, were

1. Agricultural labourers in state-owned collective farms
2. Considered to belong to the highest occupational caste
3. From a different race than all other castes in India

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

20. Consider the following: "Value Engineering Program" will

1. Be implemented by Department of Science and Technology
2. Look to use new technologies and materials in highway construction projects

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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