

1. Consider the following about Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate.
 1. It is rate at which scheduled banks can borrow funds for their long-term needs.
 2. Funds are borrowed at a rate higher than that prevailing under Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
 Which of the above is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) None
2. Consider the following statements.
 1. The President can be removed from office only by Parliament by following the procedure for impeachment.
 2. The only ground for impeachment of the President is violation of the Constitution.
 Which of the above is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) None
3. In the context of Medieval India, kudirai chettis were
 - (a) horse merchants
 - (b) rebel nomads
 - (c) port and harbour controllers
 - (d) owner of private military stations
4. Consider the following with reference to the Madhyamaka school of Buddhism.
 1. It was founded by Nagarjuna.
 2. All phenomena are empty, as per the school.
 3. It does not believe in dependent co-arising.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
5. Consider the following about Zero hour in the Lok Sabha.
 1. It is the first hour of a day's sitting in the Lok Sabha.
 2. Members can raise issues in this hour without prior notice to the Speaker.
 3. Bills that have pending for long are usually discussed and cleared in this hour of the Lok Sabha.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
 - (a) 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) None of the above
6. The transformation of the ancient brahmanical faith into modern Hinduism can be regarded as the most distinguishing feature from the Gupta period onwards. Consider the following about it.
 1. Buddhism received greater royal patronages than in received earlier.
 2. Bhagavata Sect of Hinduism was abandoned and a more scientific creed was evolved by the Guptas.
 3. Vishnu emerged was considered as the god of devotion and came to be represented as the preserver of dharma.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

7. With reference to Cyanotoxins, consider the following statements.

1. They are produced by viruses.
2. They remain undetected at the micro-level even by a bio-sensor.
3. Microcystins is a cyanotoxin.
4. They can be found in water bodies like oceans.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

8. Consider the following statements with reference to International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA).

1. India is one of the council members of IALA.
2. Recently India agreed to change the status of IALA from a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) to Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO).

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

9. Sayyid Ahmad Khan had a notable contribution in spreading education among Muslims in India. He would NOT agree with which of the following in the initiative towards social reforms?

- (a) Belief in Western Education
- (b) Education of women
- (c) Interpretation of the Quran in the light of traditional sharia customs rather than rationalism and Science
- (d) He would agree with all of the above

10. What were the contributions of Christian Missionaries in the development of literature in India?

1. Publishing dictionaries in local language
2. Publishing Sanskrit grammar in English language for dissemination to the elites
3. Starting the trend of lithographic printing press

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

11. Which of the following are associated with the contributions of Mughals in the development of Arms and Ammunition in India?

1. Technique of production of gunpowder
2. Fire works and explosion techniques
3. Casting of cannons

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

12. Which of the following are key stakeholders in the scheme Udaan which is a Special Initiative for Jammu & Kashmir.

1. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
2. Corporate training Partners
3. Implementation Agency which is National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

13. Our knowledge of the Harappan civilization is based on the archaeological evidence alone because #36213

1. Harappans maintained all official works in palmscripts that are subject to organic decay.
2. No written scripts from the Harappans have been obtained in excavations.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

14. Philosophy of Integral humanism has four pillars. Which of these is NOT one of them?

- (a) Dharma (b) Moksha
 (c) Artha (d) Nikaya

15. The Vajapeya sacrifice lays down some rituals. Consider the following about it with refence to the early Vedic period.

1. These rituals are to be followed in chariot races.
2. The Vajapeya was the most important political ritual of the time, even greater than the Rajasuya.
3. Under the sacrifice, oblations were offered by the king to the Ratnins who were the important courtiers and officials.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

16. Consider the following about Deep sea fishing. Assertion (A): Undertaking deep sea fishing in EEZ and high seas is prohibited under International Maritime Convention (IMO). Reason (R): Bottom trawling is an ecologically destructive practice which leads to exhaustion of maritime species resources.

In the context of the above, which of these is correct?

- (a) A is correct, and R is an appropriate explanation of A.
 (b) A is correct, but R is not an appropriate explanation of A.
 (c) A is correct, but R is incorrect.
 (d) A is incorrect, but R is correct.

17. Ashoka's policy of "Dhamma Vijaya" meant that
1. Dhamma cannot be spread to another country except by voluntary submission and acceptance of its subjects
 2. Every empire should fund welfare projects in neighbouring empires.
 3. No empire should try to conquest another empire.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
 (c) 3 only (d) None of the above
18. Lauria Nandangarh is famous for
1. A large excavated Stupa belonging to the Ashokan period
 2. A monolithic iron pillar of the Mauryan period that was used to propagate Dharma to Sri Lanka
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
19. Consider the following about metal trade and metallurgy in Harrapan civilization.
1. The Harappans produced enough copper ore to export it to Western India and even West Asia.
 2. No evidence of the use of an alloy can be found in the civilization.
 3. There is evidence of use of Gold and precious metals in the civilization that was sourced from Southern India and even abroad.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 3 only (d) 1 and 2 only
20. The 1890 UK- China treaty deals with
- (a) Recognition of the frontier between Sikkim and Tibet
 - (b) Accession of Shortughai as an industrial centre
 - (c) Political status of Taiwan
 - (d) Release of local colonies like Manchuria

ANSWER KEYS

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