

1. Kulasangha, mentioned by Kautilya in Arthashastra, is
 - (a) Recruitment manual for new officers
 - (b) A system of government
 - (c) A forum of the members of royal family
 - (d) Procession led by a group of Kingdoms to assert authority over a certain region
2. Indian Home Rule movement demanded
 - (a) Status of a Dominion for India within the British Empire
 - (b) Complete independence from the British Empire
 - (c) Entry for Indians in the legislative and executive councils
 - (d) Uprooting of the British Empire from India
3. Arrange the following regions/locations in West Asia from West to East.
 1. Azerbaijan
 2. Ashgabat
 3. Tel Aviv
 4. Damascus
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 3421	(b) 4312
(c) 4321	(d) 3412
4. Earth is largely protected from the solar wind by
 - (a) Magnetic field
 - (b) Ozone Layer
 - (c) Tropospheric weather phenomena
 - (d) Continuous revolution around the Sun
5. As per the estimates of Ministry of Coal, which of these states has the largest geological coal reserve?

(a) Assam	(b) Odisha
(c) Maharashtra	(d) West Bengal
6. The Sangam texts mention prominently the ports of
 1. Musiri
 2. Puhar (Kaveripattinam)
 3. Sopatma
 4. Korkai
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only	(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 2 only	(d) 1, 3 and 4 only
7. With reference to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), consider the following statements.
 1. It is a universal non-discriminatory multilateral treaty that bans the development and acquisition of all chemical weapons.
 2. As per the treaty, countries having stockpiles of chemical weapons are required to declare and destroy them in a specified time frame.
 3. India has signed, but not ratified the treaty.

4. Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) examines or inspects the obligations attended by the state parties under the treaty.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

8. Consider the following about North-East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS) 2017.

- 1. Through the scheme, the Government is incentivizing primarily the Cottage Industries Sector in the NE Region.
- 2. Units registered under the scheme will be exempted from the requirement of paying Goods and Service Tax (GST).
- 3. Central Capital Investment Incentive for Access to Credit (CCIIAC) has been provided under the scheme.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

9. The term “pole fleeing force” relates to the

- (a) Forces responsible for the bulging at the earth’s poles
- (b) Magnetic force as emitted through the poles aligning landforms on earth
- (c) Outward directed forces associated with the spinning of Earth
- (d) Forces that causes oscillations in the tilted axis of the earth

10. The following places were associated with the imprisonment of Mahatma Gandhi. Arrange them chronologically in order of their appearance/association with the life of Gandhi.

- 1. Yervada
- 2. Sabarmati
- 3. Johannesburg

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 123
- (b) 312
- (c) 321
- (d) 231

11. Halting deforestation and increasing green cover is a cost-effective action that has a clear impact in reducing global GHG emissions. Why?

- 1. When forests are cleared or degraded, they can become a source of GHG emissions by releasing the stored carbon in biomass or soil.
- 2. Farms such as rice fields soak atmospheric methane and reduce the overall stock of CO₂ in the atmosphere.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

12. Industrial licensing is compulsory for which of the following industries in India?

- 1. Tobacco, cigarette and related products

2. Semiconductor manufacturing
3. Drugs and pharmaceuticals

Select the correct answer using the code below.

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

13. Consider the following about the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.

1. All the members of the Legislative assembly are chosen by direct election.
2. Laws of assembly on municipal matters prevail over those made by the Parliament.
3. Chief Minister of the NCT of Delhi is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.
4. The size of council of Ministers is decided by the Lieutenant Governor through an order issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

14. During the last three financial years, growth rate of Gross Value Addition (GVA) at basic price at Constant (2011-12) prices has been highest on an average for which of the following sectors?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Services
- (c) Mining & quarrying
- (d) Manufacturing

15. The National Mission for Manuscripts that was established in by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India, has which of the following objectives?

1. To promote access to manuscripts by digitizing the rarest and most endangered manuscripts
2. To conserve special manuscripts in situ using the same indigenous methods of conservation that were contemporary to their creation
3. To facilitate public's engagement with manuscripts through lectures, seminars, publications and other outreach programmes

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

16. The parliamentary form of government emphasises on the

- (a) Separation of powers between the legislature and executive
- (b) System of Universal Adult Franchise
- (c) Interdependence between the legislative and executive organs
- (d) Democratic election system administered by an independent body

17. What is NOT included in the meaning of 'Design' under the Designs Act, 2000?

1. Mode of construction of the product

2. Trade mark of the product
3. Shape and pattern of the product

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

18. The Agaria community of Gujarat are

- (a) The wood pickers of Vindhya hills recognized as indigenous conservation workers
- (b) Craftsmen who settled in the North-east from Gujarat during British rule
- (c) Indigenous tribes who have been displaced to Pakistan
- (d) Salt pan workers of the Rann of Kutch

19. According to Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notifications, which of the following activities cannot be allowed in any of the CRZ?

1. Letting off solid waste
2. Agriculture and public utilities
3. Exploration of hydrocarbon resources

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) All of them can be allowed.

20. Naqqar khana was

- (a) A drum house from where ceremonial music was played in Mughal palaces
- (b) A prayer hall indicating the direction of Mecca
- (c) The discussion hall for secret courtly affairs in the Mughal palaces
- (d) Made to host foreign dignitaries in Mughal complexes

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