

1. Gandhiji decided to launch "Individual Satyagraha" due to dissatisfaction with
  - (a) Government of India Act, 1935 which eroded autonomy of local bodies
  - (b) Religious intolerance in the countryside
  - (c) August offer made by the British during the course of the Second World War
  - (d) State of untouchables in the country
2. Which of the following is NOT a fundamental duty under Part IVA of the Constitution?
  - (a) To pay taxes on time
  - (b) To respect the National Flag
  - (c) To protect the environment
  - (d) To develop a scientific and rational temper
3. Which of the following is NOT one of the sessions of Parliament?
  - (a) Budget Session
  - (b) Economy Session
  - (c) Winter Session
  - (d) Monsoon Session
4. Which of the following describe most accurately the character of precipitation in India?
  - (a) Rainfall is dispersed equally over the year.
  - (b) Most of the rainfall is concentrated in few months of time.
  - (c) Rainfall period is highly uneven in India, with sudden spurts occurring at non-definite times.
  - (d) There is no clear pattern of precipitation in India.
5. Which of the following prevent the establishment of an authoritarian and despotic rule in the country, operate as limitations on the arbitrary laws of the legislature and protect the liberties of the people against the invasion by the State?
  - (a) Directive Principles of State Policy
  - (b) Fundamental Duties
  - (c) Federal Structure of India
  - (d) Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution
6. Cryptography is related to the practice of techniques for
  - (a) Secure communication in the presence of third parties
  - (b) Connecting local network with major networks
  - (c) Dealing with e-wastes
  - (d) Mobile-governance that has the potential to transform government communication
7. Which of the following administrative reforms is/are associated with Cornwallis, a Governor-General of British India?
  1. Making appointments mainly on the basis of merit thereby laying the foundation of the Indian Civil Service
  2. Separation of the commercial, judicial and revenue branch of services
 Which of the above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) None

8. The Sustainable land and Ecosystem Management (SLEM) Programme is a joint initiative of Government of India and Global Environmental Facility (GEF). What is/are the objectives of SLEM?
1. To promote sustainable land management and use of biodiversity
  2. To maintain the capacity of ecosystems to deliver goods and services while taking into account climate change
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) None
9. With reference to the Office of the Cabinet Secretary, consider the following statements.
1. He heads the Cabinet Secretariat and is the administrative head of the Ministry of Planning.
  2. The Cabinet Secretary is under the direct charge of the Prime Minister.
  3. The Allocation of Business Rules, 1961, provide a fixed tenure for the Cabinet Secretary.
  4. He prepares the agenda of the Cabinet, attends its meetings and ensures that the Cabinet decisions are implemented.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4              (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 2 and 4 only
10. Internet Domain Name System (DNS) is managed by
- (a) National governments
  - (b) Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
  - (c) UN Commission on Internet Governance
  - (d) All of the above jointly manage it
11. The Mandal Commission Report 1980 was related to
- (a) Reservation for other backward classes
  - (b) Linguistic reorganization of Indian states
  - (c) Design of India's education policy
  - (d) Development of Panchsheel principles
12. TOGETHER is a United Nations campaign that promotes
- (a) Respect, safety and dignity for refugees and migrants
  - (b) Joint climate change action for Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
  - (c) Self-empowerment of differently abled women and children
  - (d) Sentiment of brotherhood between diaspora of various countries
13. As per Directive Principles in Part IV of the Constitution, the State shall direct its policy towards securing that the ownership and control of the material resources of the community so that
1. Concentration of wealth is avoided
  2. Means of production are nationalized
  3. Private ownership is gradually discouraged
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 only                      (d) 2 and 3 only

14. Spotlight Initiative of the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) focuses on
- Eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls
  - Creating a free trade zone between EU and UNGA members
  - Countering the trend of reverse migration from Europe
  - Skill development of underprivileged classes
15. Plant quarantine is vital to prevent the introduction of
- Non-indigenous potentially damaging pests in the country
  - Diseases of plants in host country
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - None
16. Consider the following statements.
- The National Data Bank of Socio-Religious categories provides data pertaining to socio-economic life of population falling in different social or religious categories from a single window.
  - The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) collects data on rural and urban prices and plays a significant role in the improvement of crop statistics through supervision of the area enumeration and crop estimation surveys of the State agencies
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - None
17. Consider the following about Anticyclones.
- These are low pressure regions.
  - Their extent is always small.
  - Cloudy and precipitation conditions exist along with the cyclone.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
18. The 'ICC-WTO Small Business Champions' initiative has been launched by the WTO and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to
- Facilitate participation by smaller companies in international trade
  - Raise awareness of the barriers that MSMEs face in doing business across borders
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - None
19. The national calendar of India
- Is based on the Saka Era
  - Has Chaitra as the first month
  - Dates do not have any permanent correspondence with dates of the Gregorian calendar
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- 1 and 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3

20. Consider the following map of India.



The shaded area in the map given above is the major producer of which one of the following?

- (a) Mustard                      (b) Cotton  
(c) Groundnut                  (d) Rice

### ANSWER KEYS

01 c   02 a   03 b   04 b   05 d   06 a   07 c   08 c   09 d   10 b  
11 a   12 a   13 c   14 a   15 c   16 c   17 c   18 c   19 a   20 c