

1. Consider the following statements
 1. Lalitavistara is the most sacred Hinayana text.
 2. Mahavastu is one of the most important works of Mahayana.Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2**
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements
 1. Ashtadiggajas adorned the court of Gautamiputra Satakarni.
 2. Swapna Vasavadattam is written by Shudraka.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
3. Consider the following statements
 1. Urdu has its origin in old Brahmi
 2. Iqbal's Sarejahan se achcha is originally written in Urdu.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only**
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. Adi Granth contains poetry of Guru Nana only.
 2. Tuzek-e-Babari is written by Mughal Emperor Baber.Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
 - a) 1 only**
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. Aryabhata is of the view that our Planet Earth is Achala.
 2. Charak Samhita gives a description of 101 instruments used in surgery.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Bengal School of Art:
 1. It was associated with Indian nationalism and led by Rabindranath Tagore.
 2. The Bengal school's influence in India declined with the spread of modernist ideas in the 1920s.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only**
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. Consider the following in regard to how Sangam texts are different from the (Rig) Vedic texts:
 1. Sangam texts do not constitute religious literature. Thus they were secular in nature.
 2. The Sangama literature is a collection of long and short stories.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only**

- b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
8. Which of the following pairs is/are NOT correctly matched:
Literary works : Written by
1. Harshacharita : Banabhatta
2. Ramacharita : Sandhyakara Nandi
3. Vikramanakadevacharita : Kalhana
4. Mushika Vamsa : Bilhana
Select the correct answer using the code given below:
a) 1, 3 and 4 only
b) 3 and 4 only
c) 1, 2 and 3 only
d) 3 only
9. Which of the following statements with respect to the teachings of Kabir is INCORRECT?
1. He condemned caste and religious distinctions.
2. He believed in unity and formlessness of god.
3. He suggested asceticism to find true knowledge and salvation.
Select the correct answer using the code given below:
a) 2 only
b) 3 only
c) 1 and 3 only
d) None of the above
10. Early Sangam Tamil poems speak of five eco zones. In this context 'Marutam' refers to:
a) Hill and forests
b) Pasture land with low hills and thin forests
c) Fertile agricultural plains
d) Sea coasts
11. Consider the following statements regarding National Ganga Council:
1. Prime Minister of India is the chairperson of National Ganga Council.
2. The Council has been given overall responsibility for superintendence of pollution prevention and rejuvenation of River Ganga Basin, including Ganga and its tributaries.
Which of the statements given above is/are NOT CORRECT?
a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. Consider the following statements regarding Clean Ganga Fund:
1. Setting up of waste treatment and disposal plants along the river around the cities is one of the activities funded by Clean Ganga Fund.
2. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) can also contribute to the Clean Ganga Fund.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. Which of the following are NOT CORRECTLY matched:
National Park :: State in which it is located
1. Sanjay Gandhi National Park :: Uttar Pradesh
2. Mukurthi National Park :: Telangana
3. Bannerghatta National Park :: Karnataka
4. Madhav National Park :: Rajasthan
Select the correct answer using the code given below:
a) 1 only

- b) **1, 2 and 4 only**
c) 1,2 and 3 only
d) 2 only
14. “India – Spearheading Climate Solutions” publication is released by:
a) **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**
b) NITI Aayog
c) UNFCCC
d) World Bank
15. Consider the following statements:
1. One of the primary components of photochemical smog is ozone.
2. ASH TRACK mobile application tracks the ozone levels of a particular area.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
a) **1 only**
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
16. Western Ghats has very rich biodiversity as compared to Eastern Ghats, because –
1. Western Ghats are continuous mountains.
2. Western Ghats is area of high orographic precipitation.
3. Many major rivers have its source at Western Ghats.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
a) 2 only
b) 2 and 3 only
c) 1 and 3 only
d) **1, 2 and 3**
17. The kurinji flower, that blooms every 12 years in the Western Ghats and the Nilgiris are called...
a) Hardy flowering plants
b) Half-hardy flowering plants
c) **Gregarious flowering plants**
d) Non-gregarious flowering plants
18. Consider the following statements regarding Biosphere Reserves:
1. The core area should be large enough to sustain viable population of all trophic levels.
2. All biosphere reserves of India are under the MAB programme of UNESCO.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
a) **1 only**
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
19. Consider the following regarding ‘Conservation International’
1. It is an international organization under United Nation Environment Program (UNEP) that aims to help stabilize global climate, protect fresh water, and ensure human well-being.
2. Biodiversity Hotspots is an initiative of Conservation International.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
a) 1 only
b) **2 only**
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. In order to name a biodiversity hotspot, which of the following criteria is not taken into account?
a) Endemism
b) Biodiversity loss
c) **Lesser inter – species competition**
d) Species richness

21. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
1. The Nobel Prize for Physiology in 2020 has been awarded for the discovery of the Hepatitis C Virus.
 2. The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) was launched to eliminate Hepatitis C by 2030 in India.
 3. Hepatitis C vaccine is included under India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).
- Choose the correct answer using the code given below:
- a) **1 and 2 only**
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
22. With reference to the Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness for Innovation (CEPI), consider the following statements:
1. CEPI was launched in 2020 in response to Covid-19 in order to develop vaccines to stop future epidemics.
 2. It is an initiative of the World Health Organisation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) **Neither 1 nor 2**
23. With reference to the World Habitat Day, consider the following statements:
1. The World Habitat Day 2020 is hosted by the Habitat International Coalition and the Government of Indonesia.
 2. First World Habitat Day was celebrated in 1986 in Kenya.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) **2 only**
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
24. With reference to the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013, consider the following statements:
1. The jurisdiction of Lokpal does not include the Prime Minister.
 2. The term of office fixed for Lokayukta is of 5 years duration or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) **Neither 1 nor 2**
25. Frequently in the news, Panglong Peace Conference is related to?
- a) Afghanistan
 - b) **Myanmar**
 - c) Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 - d) Hong Kong