

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The inscriptions of Ashoka were first deciphered by Alexander Cunningham in 1837.
 2. The X Rock Edict gives details about Ashoka's war with KalingaWhich 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. Ashoka received Deimachus as ambassador from the Syrian king Antiochus I.
 2. Ashoka convened the Second Buddhist Council at Pataliputra in 240 B.C.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. The method of selection of Amatyas was elaborately given by Kautilya in Arthashastra.
 2. Despite having strong Army Mauryan empire lacks the Navy wing.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. Menander/Milinda has made Pataliputra his capital by defeating Sungas.
 2. Kanishka was considered the founder of both Vikrama Era and Saka era.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. Buddhist scholar Nagarjuna adorned the court of Kanishka.
 2. Kanishka had held the fourth Buddhist Council under the presidency of Ashvagosha.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 about the society in Chola kingdom:
 1. Both Shaivism and Vaishnavism continued to flourish during Chola period.
 2. Practice of 'Sati' was absent in royal families.
 3. The inscriptions of later Chola period mentions about two major divisions of caste.Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) **1 and 3 only**
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
7. Consider the following statements:
 1. Rock cut temples in India were introduced by the Pallavas.
 2. Panchpandava Ratha temples are monolithic temples representing five different styles.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
8. Pulakesin II is considered to be one of the most important rulers of Chalukyas. Which of the following statements about him are NOT CORRECT:
 1. Aihole inscription was issued by him, which describes his reign.
 2. He was defeated by Harshavardhan on the banks of river Narmada.Select the correct answer from the code given below.
 - a) 1 only
 - b) **2 only**
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Narasimhavarman I is considered to be one of the greatest rulers of the Pallava Dynasty.
 1. Consider the following statements regarding Narsimhavarman I:
 2. He was defeated by the army of the Chalukyan ruler Pulakesin II.
 3. He was the founder of the city Mamallapuram and monolithic temples were erected during his reign.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only**
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Rashtrakutas widely patronized Sanskrit Literature and Kannada Literature saw its beginning during their time.
2. Rashtrakuta Ruler, Amoghavarsha I, wrote the first poetic work in Kannada Language.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2**
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Inflation Indexed Bonds (IIBs) are bonds, the principal of which is linked to an accepted index of inflation with a view to protecting the Principal amount of the investors from inflation.
2. Capital Indexed Bonds are bonds wherein both coupon flows and Principal amounts are protected against inflation

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:

1. An Indian Depository Receipt (IDR) is an instrument denominated in Indian Rupees.
2. The IDRs are required to be listed in at least one stock exchange in India having nationwide terminals.

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. Consider the following statements

1. Derivatives have no independent value.
2. Options Contract means a legally binding agreement to buy or sell the underlying security on a future date.

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

14. Consider the following statements regarding various membership categories in the equity derivatives market:

1. Self-Clearing Members (SCM) are permitted to settle their own trades as well as the trades of the other non-clearing members.
2. A Trading Member is a member of the derivatives exchange and can trade on his own behalf, but cannot trade on behalf of others.

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

15. Consider the following statements:
1. Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs) do not include Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs)
 2. Currency future contracts allow investors to hedge against foreign exchange risk.
- 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. Which of the following is/are Money Market instrument?
1. Treasury Bills
 2. Shares of a Company
 3. Certificate of Deposit
 4. Commercial Papers
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- a) 1 and 3 only
 - b) 1, 3 and 4 only**
 - c) 2 and 4 only
 - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
17. Consider the following statements with reference to the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):
1. FDI inflows are more volatile and the capital can leave the country overnight.
 2. FDI is preferable over debt financing as it does not create interest obligations.
- Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only**
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements about Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI)
1. Returns in FPI are in the form of dividends and interest payments.
 2. FPI is the passive holding of securities and other financial assets by a foreign firm.
- Which of the following statements is/are NOT CORRECT?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
19. Consider the following statements with reference to the Venture capitalists (VCs)
1. They invest money collected from a pool of investors.
 2. They provide the seed capital to start a business.
 3. Investment by VCs can be either as debt or as equity.
- Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only**
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
20. Which of the following are the characteristics of a Bull Market?
1. In a bull market, there is a weak demand and strong supply of securities.
 2. Share prices will rise as investors compete to obtain available equity.
- 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
21. With reference to Hologram Imaging, consider the following statements:
1. These are three-dimensional images.
 2. They are generated by interference and diffraction of laser beams.

3. It can be used to detect viruses and antibodies.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3**
22. Consider the following statements:
- The habitat of one-horned rhinoceros is restricted to North-East India only.
 - The one-horned rhinoceros is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.
 - The National Rhino Conservation Strategy was launched in 2005 to conserve the greater one-horned rhinoceros.
- Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 2 only**
 - 1, 2 and 3
23. With reference to Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Livelihoods Mission, which of the following is/are correct?
- It provides for organising one-woman members from each rural poor household into Self Help Groups.
 - It is a Central Sector Scheme.
 - It is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only**
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
24. With reference to Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), consider the following statements:
- It is the selling of foodgrains by Government agencies at predetermined prices in the open market.
 - It is done by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only**
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
25. With reference to the Madhuca Diplostemon, recently in news, consider the following statements:
- It is a species of non-flowering plant which has been listed as critically endangered in the IUCN Red List.
 - The tree species was long believed to be extinct and has been rediscovered after a gap of 184 years.
 - The tree was discovered by the Forest Research Institute.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only**
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3