

1. Consider the following statements regarding the Buddha and his teachings
  1. The Buddha taught his disciples orally – through discussion and debate
  2. None of the Buddha's speeches were written down during his lifetime
  3. After Buddha's death his teachings were compiled by his disciples at a council of "elders" or senior monks at Vesali and these compilations were known as TipitakaWhich of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3**
2. Consider the following statements regarding Jaina Philosophy
  1. The most important idea in Jainism is that the entire world is inanimated
  2. According to Jaina teachings, the cycle of birth and rebirth is shaped through karma
  3. Jainism believes that asceticism and penance are required to free oneself from the cycle of karmaWhich of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only**
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Consider the following statements:
  1. Hagiography is a biography of a saint or religious leader
  2. Epigraphy is the study of inscriptions.
  3. An agrahara was land granted to a Brahmana, who was usually exempted from paying land revenue and other dues to the king, and was often given the right to collect these dues from the local people.
  4. Numismatics is the study of coins, including visual elements such as scripts and images, metallurgical analysis and the contexts in which they have been found.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - b) 2, 3 and 4 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
4. Consider the following statements regarding the Buddhist Tipitakas
  1. The Vinaya Pitaka included rules and regulations for those who joined the sangha or monastic order
  2. The Buddha's teachings were included in the Sutta Pitaka
  3. The Abhidhamma Pitaka dealt with philosophical mattersWhich of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3**
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. Guru Nanak preached his ideas much in the same way as Kabir and other monotheists.
  2. Guru Nanak's teachings makes him an integral part of the monotheistic movement.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. Sufism as a thought originated in Persia and spread to India by 11th century. Which of the following statements are correct about Sufism?
  1. They believed service to humanity equals service to God.
  2. They introduced a new form of singing called 'Qawwali' where rhythm is given with claps of hand.
  3. They preached meditation to connect to inner soul and God.
  4. They observed strict celibacy.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. Which of the following statements are correct about 'Pancha Siddhanta'?

- 1. It was written by Aryabhata.
- 2. It is a detailed account of Greek and Roman Astrology.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. Consider the following statements—

- 1. This dance form has been introduced by Mahapurusha Sankaradeva.
- 2. The musical compositions accompanying the dance form are called borgeets.
- 3. The costumes used are made up of pat.

Identify the dance-form from the following options:

- a) Mohiniyattam
- b) Thang Ta
- c) Sattriya**
- d) Kuchipudi

9. Consider the following statements regarding 'Mudrarakshasa':

- 1. It is a historical play written by Kalidasa that narrates the ascent of king Chandragupta Maurya to power in India.
- 2. Mudrarakshasa is written in Sanskrit.

Which of the above statements are NOT CORRECT?

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

10. Which of the following statements are correct about the Ajivikas?

- 1. Ajivika was one of the 'Nastika' school of Indian philosophy.
- 2. It was founded by Makkhali Gosala.
- 3. Ajivikas do not believe in Karma philosophy and believe that whatever happens is preordained by the cosmic order.
- 4. Bindusara was a follower of Ajivika Sect.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

11. Consider the following statements

- 1. Directive Principles of State Policy can be amended by a simple majority of the two Houses of Parliament.
- 2. Sixth Schedule can be amended by a simple majority of the two Houses of Parliament.

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

12. Consider the following statements

- 1. The doctrine of the basic structure would apply to constitutional amendments enacted after 1971.
- 2. Freedom and dignity of the individual is one of the elements of the basic structure of the Constitution.

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. According to 44th Constitution Amendment Act, a person who has held the office of President shall not be re-elected to that office.  
2. If the election of a person as President is declared void by the Supreme Court, acts done by him before the date of such declaration are not invalidated.  
Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?  
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b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
15. Consider the following statements:  
1. The oath of office to the President is administered by the Vice President of India  
2. The impeachment proceedings against President can only be initiated in Lok Sabha.  
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. Consider the following statements with respect to Constitutional Amendment Bill:  
1. The bill can be introduced only by a minister.  
2. There is no provision for holding a joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament if there is a deadlock over the passage of such bill.  
Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?  
**a) 1 only**  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
17. Who among the following is/are elected by Single transferable vote system (Proportional representation)?  
1. Members of Legislative Assembly  
2. Vice- President  
3. Members of Rajya Sabha  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
a) 2 only  
b) 1 and 3  
**c) 2 and 3 only**  
d) 1, 2 and 3
18. The President can be removed from office by a process of impeachment for 'violation of the Constitution'. Consider the following statements.  
1. Constitution does not define the meaning of the phrase 'violation of the Constitution'.  
2. Constitution does not provide the procedure for impeachment of president and left the Parliament to frame a law.  
3. The nominated members of either House of Parliament cannot participate in the impeachment of the President.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. With regard to pardoning power of the President, Consider the following statements:

1. Both the Governor and the President have concurrent power in respect of suspension, remission and commutation of death sentence.
2. The Constitution does not provide for any mechanism to question the legality of decisions of President.

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. Which of the following statement is/are NOT CORRECT with regard to office of the Vice-President of India?

- a) A person seeking election to this office must be at least 35 years of age
- b) The Electoral College for election to this office consists of the elected as well as nominated members of both the Houses of Parliament.
- c) **In the event of death of the President, he/she can hold that office for a period not exceeding one year.**
- d) The incumbent of this office is the ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha

21. The point of confluence where the two rivers – Dhauliganga and Alaknanda – joins is known as –

- a) Vishnuprayag
- b) Nandprayag
- c) Karnaprayag
- d) Rudraprayag

22. Which of the following statements are correct about ‘Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)’?

- a) **The acronym GLOF is used for glacier floods caused by the drainage of naturally dammed lakes in the glacier, on or at the margin of glaciers.**
- b) GLOF is a flood caused due to sudden ablation of glacier ice due to anthropogenic source.
- c) GLOF is the name given to sudden floods caused by excessive rainfall in mountains.
- d) None of the above

23. The unmanned space probe — named “Al-Amal”, Arabic for “Hope” — blasted off from Japan last year is an ambitious space programme of which of the following country?

- a) Bahrain
- b) Qatar
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) **United Arab Emirates**

24. Supreme Court had declared in January 2020 that the right to access the Internet is one of our fundamental rights, under –

- a) Article 21
- b) **Article 19**
- c) Article 20
- d) Article 16

25. The Kiran (mental health rehabilitation) helpline service was set up by the –

- a) Health and Family Welfare Ministry
- b) Ministry of Women & Child Development
- c) **Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry**
- d) None of the above