

1. Sangam poems mention the *muverndar*. This is a Tamil word meaning three chiefs, used for the heads of three ruling families. These three ruling families are
  - a) Cholas, Rashtrakutas and Chalukyas
  - b) Cholas, Cheras and Rashtrakutas
  - c) Cholas, Chalukyas and Satavahanas
  - d) Cholas, Cheras and Pandyas**
2. After Kalinga war, Emperor Ashoka had gave up war for his lifetime and started to execute Dhamma. Ashoka's Dhamma includes
  - a) Worship of a god but not performance of a sacrifice
  - b) Both worship of God and performance of a sacrifice
  - c) Performance of a sacrifice and not worship of a God
  - d) His Dhamma did not involve both worship of God and performance of a sacrifice**
3. Consider the following statements regarding the Silappadikaram and the Manimekalai
  1. Silappadikaram was written by Ilango Adigal and Manimekalai was written by Buddhist poet Sithalai Sathanar
  2. Silappadikaram was written after 4 centuries of writing of Manimekalai
 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. First Buddhist council was held after the mahaparinirvana of the Buddha under the patronage of king Ajatshatru
  2. The second Buddhist Council was held at Vaishali under the patronage of King Kalasoka
  3. The third Buddhist Council was held at Pataliputra under the patronage of emperor Asoka
  4. In the fourth Buddhist council, the Buddhism was divided into Mahayana and Hinayana Buddhism
 Which 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, 3 and 4**
5. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan Civilization and their Objects of Worship
  1. The Lord Siva seems to be an important Harappan God
  2. The female deities were absent in Harappan religious objects
  3. Trees also seem to be worshipped by Harappans
  4. No animals were worshipped by the Harappans
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1, 2 and 4 only
  - b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only**
  - d) 1, 2 and 3 only
6. Consider the following about HINAYANA:
  1. Believed in individual salvation.
  2. Worshipped Buddha in human form
 Which of the statement given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only**
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. Which of the statements given below is NOT CORRECT?
  - a) Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara is considered to be the founder of Jainism**
  - b) Mahavira was associated with Makari Gosala Putta for 6 years, but later departed due to serious philosophical differences
  - c) Then Mahavira joined Nigrantha sect, while Makari Gosala Putta started Ajivika religion.
  - d) After Mahavira, Jainism came under the control of 11 disciples of Mahavira, namely Ganadharas.

8. Consider the following statements:
1. During Asoka's regime, Sanskrit served as the lingua franca of the country.
  2. Pali acquired the same position and served as the state language, especially in the post-Gupta period.
- 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**
9. What were the reasons for the rise of new religions such as Jainism and Buddhism?
1. Kshatriyas founded these religions as a reaction against the ritualistic domination of the brahmanas or the Varna system
  2. Rise of these new religions lay in the spread of a new agricultural economy in north-eastern India
- 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
10. Consider the following statements:
1. Rashtrakutas patronized Jainism.
  2. Rashtrakutas widely patronized Sanskrit Literature and Kannada Literature.
  3. Rashtrakuta Ruler, Amoghavarsha I, wrote Kavirajamarga in the Kannada Language.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 and 3
  - c) 1 and 3
  - d) 1,2 and 3**
11. Consider the following statements:
1. Parliament shall, while a Proclamation of Emergency is in operation, have power to make laws for any part of the territory of India with respect to any of the matters enumerated in the State List.
  2. The President may, with the consent of the Parliament, entrust certain functions to a State Government in relation to any matter to which the executive power of the Union extends.
- 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. In case of a territory (not included in any State), Parliament has the power to make a law even with respect to a matter in State list.
  2. Parliament has the exclusive power of making any law imposing a tax not mentioned in either State list or Concurrent List.
- 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. The Government of India may by agreement with the Government of any territory (not being part of the territory of India) undertake judicial functions vested in the Government of such territory.
  2. The Governor of Mizoram may likewise direct that an act of Parliament does not apply to a tribal area in the state.
- 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:
1. President has the power to provide for the establishment of any additional courts for the better administration of laws made by Parliament.
  2. Parliament has exclusive power to make any law with respect to any matter not enumerated in the Concurrent List or State List.
- 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. A law made by Parliament shall be deemed to be invalid on the ground that it would have extra-territorial operation.
  2. Only Parliament can make laws with respect to goods and services tax, where the supply of goods takes place in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.
- 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. With regard to 5th Schedule of the Constitution, consider the following statements
1. The Governor is empowered to declare an area to be a scheduled area.
  2. Each state having scheduled areas has to establish a Tribes Advisory Council.
  3. The Governor is empowered to make regulations for the peace and good government of a scheduled area after consulting the Tribes Advisory Council.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 1 and 3 only
  - c) 2 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
17. Consider the following statements:
1. In case of a conflict between the Central law and the state law on a subject enumerated in the Concurrent List, the Central law prevails over the state law.
  2. Education was initially a subject under State list but later it was brought under Central List.
  3. To bring a subject from State list to Concurrent List a Constitutional Amendment is not required.
- Which of the above statements is/are NOT CORRECT?
- a) 3 only
  - b) 1 and 3 only
  - c) 2 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
18. Consider the following statements:
1. Article 275 empowers the Parliament to make grants to the states which are in need of financial assistance and not to every State.
  2. The statutory grants under Article 275 are given to the states on the recommendation of the NITI Aayog.
- 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. The Centre is empowered to give directions to the states with regard to the exercise of their executive power in which of the following matters?
1. The construction and maintenance of means of communication by the state.
  2. The measures to be taken for the protection of the railways within the state.
  3. The drawing up and execution of the specified schemes for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in the state.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- a) 2 only

- b) 1 and 3 only  
c) 3 only  
**d) 1, 2 and 3**
20. Which of the following are considered as the Federal features of the Indian Constitution?
1. Written Constitution
  2. Integrated Judiciary
  3. Division of powers
  4. Single Constitution
  5. Integrated Election machinery
- Select the correct code:
- a) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only  
b) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only  
**c) 1 and 3 only**  
d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
21. Consider the following statements:
1. The Chief Justice of India (CJI) is appointed by the President under Article 124 of the Constitution.
  2. The appointment of CJI is done on the recommendation of the Supreme Court collegium.
- 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
22. With reference to the 'Electoral Bonds', consider the following statements:
1. It is a financial instrument for making donations to political parties.
  2. State Bank of India is authorised to issue and encash these bonds.
- 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. Consider the following statements about Helium:
1. It is a monatomic gas with the lowest boiling point as compared to all other elements.
  2. The Rajmahal volcanic basin is the storehouse of Helium in India.
  3. Qatar is the largest exporter of Helium in the world.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only  
**b) 1 and 2 only**  
c) 2 and 3 only  
d) 1, 2 and 3
24. With reference to Net-Zero Emissions, consider the following statements:
1. It refers to achieving zero net carbon emission in the atmosphere.
  2. India has committed to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.
- 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. With reference to the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NBFID), consider the following statements:
1. It will organise and facilitate foreign participation in infrastructure projects.
  2. NBFID may raise money in the form of loans in both Indian rupees and foreign currencies.
- 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