

1. Consider the following statements: Alberuni's Kitab-ul-Hind is
 - i. A sympathetic study of Indian civilization.
 - ii. Mainly a political history of India.
 - iii. Critical of Mahmud Ghaznavi's plundering raids of India.
 - iv. Mainly a study of India's cultural, social and intellectual history.Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
 - a. Alone
 - b. i and iv
 - c. ii and iv
 - d. i, iii and iv
2. The Indus Valley people venerated the
 - A. bull
 - B. eagle
 - C. cow
 - D. garuda
3. Which of the following statement(s) is/are found to be correct?
 - I. Ashoka's empire covered the entire territory from Hindukush to Bengal.
 - II. The last king of the Mauryan Empire was Dasratha who was assassinated by his Senapati, Pushyamitra Sunga.
 - III. Ashoka's empire was divided into provinces with a viceroy in each province and Dharama Mahapatras were appointed to preach to the people.
 - A. Only I
 - B. Only II
 - C. Only III
 - D. I, II and III
4. Federation, Indian responsibility, reservation and safeguards were the three Lynchpins of
 - A. Radcliffe Award
 - B. Poona Pact
 - C. Macdonald Award
 - D. Gandhi-Irwin Pact
5. Which of the following statements on Gandhian movements is not correct?
 - A. Gandhian movements were non-violent in nature
 - B. Mahatma Gandhi was in favour of mass movement
 - C. Mahatma Gandhi was in favour of passive resistance
 - D. In Gandhian movements, leadership had no role
6. Some of the important-peasant revolts of the 19th colonial India and their leaders were as follows:
 1. Santhal Rebellion-Sido and Kanhu
 2. Khonds of Ghumusar-Chakra Bisoi
 3. Savare Rebellion-Radhakrishna Dandasena
 4. Pabna Uprising-Kesab Chandra RoySelect the code for correct statements:
 - A. Only 1
 - B. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - C. Only 4
 - D. 2, 3
7. How the Indus valley civilization declined? Give correct reasons contributed to the decline of civilization.
 1. Due to fall in foreign trade continuously
 2. Due to changing monsoon, the scarcity of rains.
 3. Due to ruling of weak foreign powers.
 4. Due to the animals used the pasturs in excess.Which of the above is / are correct
 - A. 1 and 4
 - B. 2, 3 and 4
 - C. 2 and 3
 - D. 1, 2 and 4
8. Which one of the following scripts of ancient India was written from right to left, was prevalent from 300 BC to AD 300 and most of Ashoka's edicts in the western most area were executed in it?
 - A. Kharoshti
 - B. Nandnagri
 - C. Brahmi
 - D. Sharada
9. Within the Vijaynagar administration who were the Amarnayakas?
 - A. Officials who represented the Nayakas
 - B. Feudatories who rendered certain military services to the king

- C. Governors of provincial areas
D. Deputies of governors in the provinces
10. The demand for the Tebhaga Peasant Movement in Bengal was for
A. the reduction of the share of the landlords from onehalf of the crop to one-third
B. writing off all peasant debts
C. the uprooting of Zamindari system and the end of serfdom
D. the grant of ownership of land to peasants as they were the actual cultivators of the land.
11. Which one of the following conditions is most relevant for the presence of life on mars?
(a) Atmospheric composition
(b) Thermal conditions
(c) Occurrence of ice cap and frozen water
(d) Occurrence of ozone
12. The tail of a comet is directed away from the sun because
(a) the comet rotates around the sun, the lighter mass of the comet is pushed away due to the centrifugal force alone.
(b) the comet rotates, the lighter mass of the comet is attracted by some star situated in the direction of its tail.
(c) The radiation emitted by the sun exerts a radial pressure on the comet throwing its tail away from the Sun.
(d) The tail of the comet always exists in the same orientation.
13. Consider the following two statements, one labeled as the Assertion (A) and the other as Reason (R). Examine these two statements carefully and select the correct answer using the codes given below:
Assertion (A): The same face of the Moon is always presented to the Earth.
Reason (R): The Moon rotates about its own axis in days which is about the same time that it takes to orbit the earth.
Codes:
(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true
14. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below
- | List-I (Special characteristic) | List-II (Name of Planet) |
|---|--------------------------|
| A. Smallest planet of the solar system | 1. Mercury |
| B. Largest planet of the solar system | 2. Venus |
| C. Planet second from the Sun in the Solar system | 3. Jupiter |
| D. Planet nearest to the Sun | 4. Saturn |
- A B C D
(a) 2 3 4 1
(b) 3 4 1 2
(c) 1 1 2 3
(d) 1 3 2 1
15. Consider the following two statements, one labelled as the Assertion (A) and the other as Reason (R). Examine these two statements carefully and select the correct answer by using the codes given below:
Assertion (A): To orbit around Sun, the planet Mars takes lesser time than time taken by the Earth.
Reason (R): The diameter of the planet Mars is less than that of the Earth.
Codes:
(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.
16. Which of the following statements relating to Earthquakes is/are correct?
1. The point of origin of Earthquake is called epicenter.
2. The lines joining the places which were affected Earthquake at the same point of time are called homoseismal lines.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below
(a) Only 1

- (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
17. What is the correct order of occurrence of the following places as one moves from East to West?
(1) Murshidabad
(2) Gorakhpur
(3) Bhopal
(4) Bhavnagar
Select the correct answer using the codes given below
(a) 2, 4, 3, 1 (b) 1, 3, 4, 2
(c) 1, 2, 3, 4 (d) 4, 3, 2, 1
18. Consider the following- Indian States :
1. Chhattisgarh
 2. Telangana
 3. Andhra Pradesh
 4. Uttarakhand
 5. Tamil Nadu
- Which among, the States given above are the largest and smallest respectively (in terms of geographical area)?
(a) 3 and 4 (b) 3 and 2
(c) 1 and 4 (d) 2 and 5
19. Which of the following tribes of India practise polyandry?
1. Gonds
2. Nagas
3. Jaunsaris
4. Todas
Select the correct answer from the codes given below :
Code :
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 4
20. Consider the following atmospheric conditions with reference to Tropical cyclones.
1. High relative humidity.
2. Warm oceanic temperature.
3. Region lying between the tropics of cancer and Capricorn.
Which of the above motivate the development of cyclone?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
21. With reference to scheduled tribal areas, consider the following statements:
1. Article 244(A) allows for creation of an 'autonomous state' within the state Assam only.
2. Tribal habitations in the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu are under the Fifth schedule 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
22. With reference to Prime Minister's Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme, consider the following statements:
1. The PM-KUSUM scheme was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
2. It focuses only on providing standalone solar-powered agriculture pumps..
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:
1. Exercise Varuna is an Indo-French naval exercise.
 2. All the QUAD members will also participate in Varuna exercise.
 3. Varuna exercise will be conducted in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1 and 3 only
24. With reference to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), consider the following statements:
1. It functions under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 2. It is a statutory body.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The Russian Far East stretches from the Siberian Sea to the Arctic Ocean.
 2. Both India and Russia are the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
 3. The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) is being built in India with Russian cooperation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER KEYS

1. d
2. a
3. c
4. d
5. d
6. b
7. d
8. a
9. b
10. a
11. c
12. a
13. a
14. d
15. d
16. b
17. c
18. a
19. b
20. d
21. a
22. d
23. b
24. b
25. c