

1-In the context of Medieval India, "Kunjali Marakkar" was

- (a) Caliphate campaigns in India when they tried to move eastward
- (b) The title given to the Muslim naval chief of the Zamorin
- (c) An earlier name for the independent Maratha zone carved out by Shivaji Bhosale
- (d) A trading strategy of the Ahom Kingdom

2-Famous in India by the name of "City of Weavers" and "Textile City", it is also known as the "cast-off capital" due to being "the global centre for recycling textiles". The place has witnessed three important historical battles in Medieval India. The best guess for this place, from among the following, would be?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Surat
- (c) Tarain
- (d) Panipat

3-Consider the following about the administrative arrangements in Mughal India.

- 1. Sarkars were further subdivided as paraganas.
- 2. In each paragana a Shiqdar and a Fotehdar were appointed.
- 3. Muqaddam acted as intermediaries between the government and the people.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

4-The zamindars held extensive personal lands – milkiyat – in Mughal India. These lands could be

- 1. Cultivated for the private use of zamindars
- 2. Sold or mortgaged at will by Zamindars

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None

5-Consider the following about land revenue collection in Mughal India.

1. While fixing revenue, the state first assessed the land.
2. Akbar mandated that payment be accepted both in kind and cash.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) None

6-Ain-i Akbari written by Abu'l Fazl that deals with records of administrative arrangements in Medieval India was part of which of these texts?

- (a) Akbarnama
(b) Rizla
(c) Bhaktamal
(d) Tuzk-e-Taimuri

7-Consider the following statements.

1. Mughal chronicle Akbar Nama was written in Persian.
2. Babur's memoirs were translated from the Turkish into the Persian Babur Nama.
3. Mughal emperors commissioned translations of Sanskrit texts into Persian.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

8-The following is a listing of criteria of classification excerpted from the Ain-I-Akbari for land.

1. Polaj was land which has never been cultivated and can be used by the royalty.
2. Parauti is land left out of cultivation for a time that it may recover its strength.

3. Chachar is land that is annually cultivated for each crop in succession and is never allowed to lie fallow.

Select the correct matches using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 2 and 3 only

9-With reference to the Partition of Bengal, 1905, consider the following statements.

1. It was done when Lord Dalhousie was the Governor General of British India.

2. The incident gave birth to the Swadeshi and Rithala movement.

3. New provinces of East Bengal and Assam were created after the partition of Bengal.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1 only

10-As per the Gandhi-Irwin Pact

1. The Congress would participate in the Round Table Conference and discontinue the Civil Disobedience Movement.

2. The Government would withdraw all ordinances issued to curb the Congress.

3. The Government would revoke the Defence of India Act.

4. The Congress would stop picketing of liquor and foreign cloth shops by any means

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 3 and 4 only

11-Consider the following statements about south-west monsoon.

1. It occurs from June to September
2. Its direction is north-east to south-west.
3. It gives maximum rainfall as compared to other monsoon.
4. It has no branch.

Of these statement(s) is/are correct?

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

12. As per geological periods the correct sequence of order of the following is

1. Aravali
2. Himalayas
3. Deccan plateau
4. Eastern Ghat

Codes:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- (b) 4, 3, 2, 1
- (c) 1, 4, 3, 2
- (d) 2, 1, 4, 3

13-Consider the following statements and select the correct answer by using the codes given below:

Assertion (A): India enjoys tropical monsoon climate.

Reason (R): India is located within the tropics.

Select the correct answer from the following codes:

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- Which of the following shows the correct geographical spread of the plateaus?

1. Chota Nagpur Plateau – much of Jharkhand, West Bengal and adjacent parts of Orissa, Bihar and Chhattisgarh.
2. Deccan Plateau – Vindhyas to the north and flanked by the Eastern and Western Ghats.
3. Malwa Plateau – Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.
4. Malwa Plateau – Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 and 3

(c) 3 and 4

(d) 1, 2 and 3

15. Which one of the following is correct?

The Palghat Gap serves inland communications from

- (a) Madurai to Thiruvananthapuram
- (b) Chennai to Kochi
- (c) Pune to Mumbai
- (d) Bangaluru to Mangalore

16. Which of the following divides India into northern and Southern parts?

- (a) Equator
- (b) Tropic of cancer
- (c) Tropic of capricorn
- (d) Arctic circle

17-Which factor influences the plant growth most profoundly?

- (a) Temperature
- (b) Moisture
- (c) Soil fertility
- (d) Soil depth

18-Which one of the following characteristics of the earth is not explained by the tetrahedral hypothesis?

- (a) Drifting of the continents.
- (b) Location of chain of Fold Mountains around the Pacific Ocean.
- (c) Antipodal arrangement of the continents and oceans.
- (d) Triangular shape of the continents and the oceans.

19-90° E Ridge lies in

- (a) Atlantic ocean
- (b) Indian ocean
- (c) Pacific ocean
- (d) Mediterranean ocean

20-Consider the following statements and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Assertion (A): There are disparities in regional development on a global scale and within each country too.

Reason (R): Such disparities are mainly due to the lack of adequate skilled labour.

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.

21. With reference to 'Inland Waterways', consider the following statements:

1. The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system is known as the National Waterway 1 (NW-1).
2. There are four National Water ways (NWS) in India.
3. Jal Marg Vikas Project received assistance from the World Bank for the development of NW-1.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding National Career Service (NCS):

1. NCS was launched within the umbrella of the e-governance plan.
2. The Ministry of Labour & Employment is the nodal ministry for the implementation of NCS.

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 regarding the 'World Competitiveness Index, 2021':

1. The Index is released by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
2. India is the second best performing nation in the Index among all the BRICS nations.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Tianhe is China's own space station module in lower earth orbit.
2. China is the third country to carry out a manned mission on its own.

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 Governor may issue ordinances under Article 213 of the Indian Constitution.
2. The Governor is not bound by the advice of his Council of Ministers (CoM).

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

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