

1. Consider the following statements.

The highest number and high endemism of orchid species are found in Western Ghats.

Trade of wild orchid is banned globally.

Botanical Survey of India conducts census of orchids in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements.

The park was created to protect its keystone species, the Nilgiri tahr.

The park is characterised by montane grasslands and shrublands interspersed with sholas in a high-altitude area of high rainfall, near-freezing temperatures and high winds.

The park is a part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

The above statements mainly refer to

- a) Mudumalai National Park
- b) Mukurthi National Park
- c) Silent Valley National Park
- d) Eravikulam National Park

3. Consider the following statements about Tamil yeoman.

Tamil yeoman is the butterfly species endemic to Western Ghats which has been declared the state butterfly of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu became the first state in the country to declare a state butterfly.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

4. Which of the following rivers flows through Kaziranga National Park?

Brahmaputra

Diphlu

Dharla

Mora Dhansiri

Rangpo

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2, 3

b) 1, 3, 4, 5

c) 1, 2, 4

d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

5. Consider the following statements.

India is a temporary home to several migratory animals and birds like Amur Falcons, Bar-headed Geese, and Humpbacked Whales.

The Indian sub-continent is also part of Central Asian Flyway (CAF) that covers areas between the Arctic and Indian Oceans.

India had legally binding MoUs with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) on the conservation and management of Siberian Cranes and Marine Turtles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

6. Which of the following is the most appropriate analogy regarding the relationship between a "Protected area" and the "Biosphere"?

a) Earth and the moon

b) Troposphere and Stratosphere

c) A tree in a forest

d) None of the above

7. Consider the following statements regarding Shola Forests.

They are tropical montane forests found in high altitudes.

They have high concentration of lichen, mosses, ferns and orchids.

They have spread over the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. The primary productivity of the tropical rain forest is lower compared to the temperate forests because of

Intense leaching of soil in tropical rain forests

Low microbial activity in tropical regions

Select the correct answer code:

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

9. Which of the following regions on earth qualify as biodiversity hotspots?

The biodiversity of the region is threatened.

Areas where multiple ecological niches occur

Select the correct answer code:

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

10. Consider the following statements.

Some animal species change eating habits as they age.

The jaw structure of many animal species indicates their diet.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

11. Milindapanha is in the form of a dialogue between the King Menander and which of the following Buddhist monk:

- a) Nagarjuna
- b) Nagabhatta
- c) Nagasena
- d) None of the above

12. Consider the following statements.

Ashoka annexed Kalinga to the Mauryan Empire.

According to Ashoka's edicts, religious devotion and promotion of religion was more important than social harmony.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding Vaisheshika school.

According to this school, everything in the universe was created by the five main elements: fire, air, water, earth and ether (sky).

They also developed the atomic theory, i.e. all material objects are made of atoms.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

d) Neither 1 nor 2

14. Consider the following statements regarding Central Indian paintings.

They take inspiration from love poems in Sanskrit and other Indian languages, and works on musical themes.

Vaishnavism, Saivism and Sakti exercised tremendous influence on these paintings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

15. Lai Haraoba, a ritualistic festival is celebrated by

a) Hajong communities of Meghalaya

b) Angami Naga of Nagaland

c) Lusei communities of Mizoram

d) Meitei communities of Manipuri

16. Sankhya philosophy discusses

Gunas being a part of nature

Dualism of purusha and prakriti

Self-knowledge leads to liberation

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) 1, 2 and 3

d) None of the above

17. Consider the following statements

According to Ajivikas, sorrow has no existence in this world.

Lokayatas believes that everything in the world is pre-determined.

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

18. Consider the following about Chhau dance.

It is a martial arts dance performed exclusively by men.

It is a major cultural symbol of the Eastern Himalayan Hills.

Bhulya and Hos tribes are associated with this dance form.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

19. Bandhini is a textile tradition that belongs to the region of

- a) Hampi
- b) Kutch
- c) Dispur
- d) Kohima

20. "Maseetkhani" style is associated with the family of

- a) Tansen
- b) Jahangir
- c) Ibrahim Lodi
- d) Dara Sikoh

21. Consider the following statements.

1. Former India cricketer Suresh Raina has been awarded the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022.

2. He is the first Indian player to score 6000 as well as 8000 runs in a Twenty20 career

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements.

1. India Global Forum's (IGF) annual summit is being organized in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
2. The previous editions were hosted in Dubai and the USA

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23. Which country has been connected to 'Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA)'?

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) Afghanistan
- c) China
- d) Ukraine

24. Consider the following statements.

1. 1st BRICS Sherpas meeting of 2022 held under Indian chairship
2. BRICS is a grouping of five major emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Korea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. Which institution released the Directions of 'Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans'?

- a) NABARD

- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) RBI
- d) Ministry of Cooperation

ANSWER SHEET

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