

1. Consider the following statements.

1. Western Ghats are comparatively higher in elevation than the Eastern Ghats.
2. Western Ghats are more discontinuous than the Eastern Ghats and are highly eroded.
3. Javadi hills, the Palconda range and the Nallamala hills are part of Western Ghats.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

b) 1, 2

c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Winter Solstice:

1. It is the day when the North Pole is most tilted away from the Sun.
2. The Sun is directly overhead of the Tropic of Capricorn in the Southern Hemisphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Which of the following are the resultant of the El Nino effect?

1. Irregularities in the evaporation of sea water
2. Distortion of equatorial atmospheric circulation
3. Reduction in the amount of planktons which reduces the number of fish in the sea.

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

4. Ten degree channel is found between

- a) South Andaman and Little Andaman
- b) North Andaman and Middle Andaman
- c) Little Andaman and Car Nicobar**
- d) Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. An area drained by a river and its tributaries is called a drainage basin.
- 2. The rivers originating from the Amarkantak hills follow the trellis drainage pattern.
- 3. The boundary line separating one drainage basin from the other is known as the watershed.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following pairs of minor plates and their locations:

- 1. Nazca plate : Between the Philippine and Indian plate
- 2. Philippine plate : Between the Asiatic and Pacific plate
- 3. Caroline plate : Between South America and Pacific plate

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

7. Individual lava flows are normally only a few feet thick, but over a long period of time, repeated flows may build up a volcano. Such volcanoes are known as

- a) Composite volcano
- b) Strato volcano
- c) Shield volcano**
- d) Cinder-cone volcano

8. Consider the following statements regarding Dharwar rock System.

1. They are the oldest rocks.
2. They are the oldest metamorphosed rocks.
3. They are economically important rocks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Isohalines are lines joining equal

- a) Pressure
- b) Rainfall
- c) Temperature
- d) Salinity**

10. Consider the following statements regarding Acidic Rocks.

1. These rocks are poor in silica.
2. These rocks cool fast and it does not spread far away.
3. Granite, quartz and feldspar are the examples of Acidic Rocks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements regarding Rig Vedic Aryans.

1. The Rig Vedic Aryans were pastoral people and their main occupation was cattle rearing.
2. Their wealth was estimated in terms of land.
3. The terms for war in the Rig Veda is gavishthi or search for cows.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Consider the following statements regarding Religion during Later Vedic period.

1. The importance of prayers declined and that of sacrifices increased.
2. Gods of the Early Vedic period like Indra and Agni became more prominent during the Later Vedic period.
3. Priesthood became a profession and a hereditary one.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements

1. The term horashastra that denotes astrology in Sanskrit, was derived from the Greek term horoscope.
2. The Greek term drachma came to be known as drama.

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. The ruins at Hampi were brought to light by which of the following British officers of East India Company?

- a) James Prinsep
- b) James Rennell
- c) Colonel Colin Mackenzie**

d) William Jones

15. Consider the following statements regarding Rig Vedic period.

1. The word 'Veda' is derived from the root 'vid', which means to know.
2. The Rig Vedic polity was normally monarchical and the succession was hereditary.
3. During the Rig Vedic period, the Aryans were mostly confined to the Ganga region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

16. Which of the following works was composed by Krishnadevaraya on statecraft in Telugu?

- a) Rayavachakamu
- b) Jambavati Kalyanam
- c) Satyavadu Parinaya

d) Amuktamalyada

17. Which of the following pairs of Newspaper and Editor are correctly matched?

1. Mahratta : Bal Gangadhar Tilak
2. Bengalee : Surendranath Banerjea
3. Hitavada : Gopal Krishna Gokhale
4. Voice of India : Bipin Chandra Pal

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2, 3

b) 1, 2

c) 1, 2, 4

d) 1, 2, 3, 4

18. Who among the following did not belong to the group of no-changers?

1. M.A Ansari

2. C Rajagopalachari

3. Vithalbhai Patel

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2

b) 3 only

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 3

19. The year 1916 is important in the Indian history for

1. Congress – League Pact

2. Formation of Home Rule League

3. Lucknow Session of the Congress

4. Non-cooperation movement

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 2, 3

c) 1, 2, 4

d) 1, 2, 3, 4

20. Who among the following formulated the concept of poverty as a measurable development indicator in the Indian subcontinent?

a) M. Ranade

b) Romesh Chandra Dutt

c) Dadabhai Naoroji

d) V.K.R.V Rao

21. Consider Statements regarding the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act)

1. Aim to preserve historical monuments and archaeological sites of national, regulate excavation.

2. This defines prohibited area for construction.

Choose the correct code:

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None of the above

22. Who is appointed as a new Chief Election Commissioner?

(a) Sushil Chandra

(b) Rajiv Kumar

(c) Om Prakash Rawat

(d) Nasim Zaidi

23. Recently Thomas Cup in men's category has won by India. Thomas Cup is associated with which sport?

(a) Badminton

(b) Cricket

(c) Hockey

(d) Table tennis

24. Recently who sworn in as the president of UAE?

(a) Benjamin Netanyahu

(b) Recep tayyip Erdogan

(c) Sheikh Khalifa

(d) Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed

25. Recently PM Modi called for WHO reform. Consider following statements regarding WHO:

1. It was founded in 1984 in New Delhi with the vision to spearhead heritage awareness and conservation in India.

2. It is a non-profit charitable organisation registered under the Societies' Registration Act, 1860.

Choose the correct code:

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) None of the above