

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

1. With reference to the type of majorities in Parliament, consider the following pairs:

Majority Required for

1. Simple

Majority: Resolution for removal of Vice-President in Rajya Sabha

2. Absolute

Majority: Widening the jurisdiction on the Supreme Court

3. Special

Majority: Abolition or creation of legislative councils in states

Which of the pairs given above is/are not correctly matched?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following provisions in Directive Principles of State Policy:

1. To secure opportunities for healthy development of children.

2. To promote equal justice and provide free legal aid to the poor.

3. To minimise inequalities in income, status, facilities and opportunities.

4. To protect and improve the environment and to safeguard forests and wildlife.

Which of the above given provisions were added by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976?

(a) 1 and 3 only

(b) 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 1, 2 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

3. Which of the following are the rights of the accused (of a criminal offence) as guaranteed by the Indian Constitution?

1. No person would be punished for the same offense more than once.

2. No person shall be asked to give evidence against himself or herself.

3. No criminal law shall declare any action as illegal from a backdate.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

4. Consider the following statements regarding Article 13 of the Indian Constitution:

1. The power of judicial review of the Supreme Court and High court is derived from it.

2. Article 13 exempts all Constitutional Amendment acts from Judicial Review.

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

5. Which of the following is/are the features of Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution?

1. They are absolute and sacrosanct.

2. They are available against the arbitrary action of state only.

3. They are enforceable only in the High Courts and the Supreme Court.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 3 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 2 only

(d) None of the above

6. The idea of a Constituent Assembly of India was first put forward by:

(a) Mahatma Gandhi

(b) Jawahar lal Nehru

(c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

(d) M. N. Roy

7. Consider the following statements:

1. In a federation, the powers of the federal and provincial governments are clearly demarcated.

2. In India, Union and State Governments have exclusive jurisdiction on their respective subjects under all circumstances.

3. The devolution of powers to the local government bodies has diluted the spirit of federalism in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

8. Qissa Khwani Bazaar Massacre is related to the which of the following movement?

a) Khudai Khidmatgar

b) Punnapra-Vayalar

c) Swadeshi movement

d) Quit India movement

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Only Parliament shall have the power to make laws restricting the application of Fundamental Rights to members of armed forces.

2. Both Parliament and State Legislature shall have powers to make laws for prescribing punishment for offenses such as traffic in human beings and forced labor.

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

10. Indian Constitution employs the expression 'Proclamation of Emergency' to denote:

- (a) National Emergency only
- (b) President's Rule only
- (c) Financial Emergency only
- (d) National Emergency and President's Rule

GEOGRAPHY

11. Which of the following activities are called gold-collar professions?

- (a) Quinary activities
- (b) Quaternary activities
- (c) Secondary activities
- (d) Primary activities

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sugar Industry is a seasonal industry.
- 2. India is the largest producer of sugarcane in the world.
- 3. The crop yield of sugarcane is higher in Northern India than in Southern India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. With reference to the growth trends of the global population, consider the following statements:

- 1. The doubling time of world population has been increasing in the last century.
- 2. At the beginning of the twentieth century, the world population was less than half of its current levels.

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. Which of the statements given below is correct regarding the cotton industry?

- (a) Cotton is a non-weight losing raw material.
- (b) Cotton industries are mostly market- based industries.
- (c) Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh are

leading producers of cotton.

(d) All the statements (a), (b) and (c) are correct.

15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The maximum percentage of surface water in India is utilized by the industrial sector.
- 2. The maximum percentage of groundwater in India is utilized by the agriculture sector.

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. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) technique?

- 1. It is a process of establishing a rice crop from seeds sown in field rather than by transplanting seedlings from nursery.
- 2. This technique reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

17. Which of the following are identified shale gas basins for exploration?

- 1. Cambay
- 2. K-G Basin
- 3. Assam-Arakan
- 4. Indus River Basin

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

18. Consider the following statements about the Human Development Index:

- 1. It is issued every year by the World Bank.
- 2. It is calculated as a geometric mean of Health, Education & Standard of Living Indicators.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Iron and Steel Industries:

- 1. All the raw materials used in the iron and steel industry are non-weight losing raw materials.

2. In India, all steel plants are located near the sites of raw material.

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**

20. With respect to the agriculture in the Mediterranean region, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Mediterranean lands are known as the world's orchard lands.
- 2. Viticulture is a traditional occupation of the Mediterranean region.
- 3. In mountainous regions transhumance is widely practiced.

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

CURRENT AFFAIRS

21. With reference to Raisina Dialogue, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a flagship conference on "geopolitics and geo-strategy" organized by the India Foundation.
- 2. It is a multi-stakeholder event, which includes cross-sectoral discussions, involving heads of state and cabinet ministers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1. 1 only
- 2. 2 only**
- 3. Both 1 and 2
- 4. Neither 1 nor 2

22. Which of the following statements is true about firnification?

- 1. Firn is a type of sedimentary rock formed from compacted snow.
- 2. Firn is a transitional stage between snow and glacier ice.**
- 3. Firnification occurs when ice melts and freezes repeatedly, forming layers of ice.
- 4. Firnification is a process that occurs exclusively in Polar Regions.

23. Consider the following statements regarding 'IBSA Grouping':

- 1. It is a developmental initiative between India, Bangladesh and South Africa to promote SouthSouth cooperation and exchange.
- 2. The grouping was formalised and named the IBSA Dialogue Forum after the Brasilia Declaration.

Which of the above statements given above is/are correct?

- 1. 1 only
- 2. 2 only**
- 3. Both 1 and 2
- 4. Neither 1 nor 2

24. Which of the following countries borders Persian Gulf?

- 1. Iraq
- 2. Kuwait
- 3. Jordan
- 4. Bahrain
- 5. Qatar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1. 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2. 2, 3 and 4 only
- 3. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only**
- 4. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

25. With reference to Virtual Digital Assets and Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002, consider the following statements:

- 1. VDA service providers must adhere to the same reporting requirements and KYC requirements as other regulated companies, such as banks.
- 2. The PMLA controls the transfer of virtual digital assets.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

- 1. 1 only
- 2. 2 only
- 3. Both 1 and 2**
- 4. Neither 1 nor 2