

1. With reference to the concept of the Stupa in ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. The concept of the Stupa originated within Buddhist tradition as a reliquary structure.
2. Apart from functioning as a reliquary, Stupas also served as commemorative and votive monuments.

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

2. With reference to the Delhi Sultanate, consider the following statements:

1. The Iqta system under the Delhi Sultanate involved the assignment of land revenue to military officers instead of paying them a salary.
2. All territories governed under the Iqta were hereditary and passed on within the officer's family.

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

3. With reference to the Indian National Congress (INC) in the early 20th century, consider the following statements:

1. The 1907 Surat Split within the Congress led to a clear division between the extremist (Swarajist) and moderate (loyalist) factions.
2. The founding of the All India Muslim League (1906) preceded the Surat Split and was partly a response to the rise of extremism within the INC.

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

4. With reference to the GST regime in India, consider the following statements:

1. In normal category states, GST registration is mandatory for businesses supplying goods once their annual turnover exceeds ₹40 lakh and for

service providers once it exceeds ₹20 lakh.

2. Any person making inter-state taxable supply of goods or services is required to register under GST, regardless of turnover thresholds.

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. With reference to compulsory GST registration under Section 24 of the CGST Act, consider the following statements:

1. Any person making inter-state supply of goods must register under GST, regardless of turnover.
2. Any person making inter-state supply of services must register under GST, regardless of turnover.

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

6. With reference to the relationship between Fundamental Rights (FR) and Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) in the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Fundamental Rights are justiciable and enforceable by courts, whereas Directive Principles are non-justiciable guidelines.
2. In case of a conflict between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles, the Directive Principles prevail.

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

7. With reference to the Western Ghats, consider the following statements:

1. The Western Ghats are recognised as one of the world's "hottest hotspots" of biological diversity and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2. They cover nearly 30% of India's total flora and fauna, with over half the tree species being endemic.

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

8. With reference to biodiversity hotspots in India, consider the following statements:

1. A region must have at least 1,500 endemic vascular plant species and have lost 70% or more of its original natural vegetation to qualify as a hotspot.
2. India has four biodiversity hotspots: the Western Ghats, Eastern Himalayas, Indo-Burma, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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

9. With reference to climate change and corporate environmental efforts, consider the following statements:

1. *Greenwashing* refers to misleading claims by companies that their products or practices are environmentally friendly when they are not.
2. Only governments can be held accountable under international agreements like the Kyoto Protocol; private companies have no legal obligation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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. With reference to rare earth elements, consider the following statements:

1. Rare earth elements like europium and terbium are used in flat-panel television screens and computer monitors.
2. These elements exhibit phosphorescent properties, which contribute to display brightness and color quality.

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