

1. What could follow if the Legislative Assembly of a State passes a bill that is ultra vires the constitution?
 1. It may be disapproved by the President and the Governor of the State.
 2. It may be scrapped by the High Court.
 3. It can be repealed by the Central Government after consultation with the Governor of the State.Select the correct answer using the codes below.
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 2 only
2. Which of these is NOT of the Eight components of Yoga as described by Patanjali?
 - (a) Yamas
 - (b) Niyama
 - (c) Asana
 - (d) Mulahara
3. People belonging to which of the following racial stocks can be found in India?
 1. The Mediterranean
 2. Western Brachycephals
 3. Mongoloid
 4. Proto-AustroloidSelect the correct answer using the codes below.
 - (a) 3 and 4 only
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
4. Depictions of which of the following cannot be found in Harappan Seals?
 - (a) One-horned rhinoceros or the Unicorn
 - (b) Peepal leaves
 - (c) Humped bull and elephant
 - (d) Horses
5. Consider the following statements about various committees of the Parliament.
 1. Committee on Subordinate Legislation examines all papers laid on the table of the House by ministers to see whether they comply with provisions of the Constitution.
 2. Committee on Government Assurances examines the assurances, promises and undertakings given by ministers from time to time on the floor of the House.Select the correct answer using the codes below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
6. What would be the parallel in Jainism to viharas in Buddhism?
 - (a) Sthanakas
 - (b) Vishuddha
 - (c) Nikaya
 - (d) Vanjana

7. The writ of “Quo Warranto” can be issued to address which of the following?
1. If a tribal has been detailed under Section 144 of CrPC.
 2. If a District Magistrate passed illegal orders in the district
 3. If a legislator holds such office which makes him ineligible to become an MP

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

8. Consider the following about the Rules Committee.

1. It is established only in Lok Sabha.
2. It is chaired by the Leader of the House or her nominee.
3. The members are nominated by the Speaker.
4. All “Point of Order” motions can be raised in this committee.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

9. Muzarian, khud-kashta and pahi-kashta were terms used by Indo-Persian sources of the Mughal period most frequently to denote

- (a) Non-resident Scholars
(b) Peasants
(c) Foreign spies
(d) Samantas

10. US economist Richard Thaler won the 2017 Nobel Economics Prize for his contributions in the field of behavioural economics. The study of behavioural economics includes how market decisions are made and the mechanisms that drive public choice. In this context, consider the following:

1. As per Heuristics, most decisions made by humans are done using rules of thumb.
2. Mis-pricings and non-rational decision are part of market behaviour which are considered as market inefficiencies.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following with reference to sulh-i kul.

1. In sulh-i kul all religions and schools of thought had freedom of expression.
2. The ideal of sulh-i kul was implemented through state policies.
3. Abu'l Fazl describes the ideal of sulh-i kul as the cornerstone of enlightened rule.
4. Practitioners of Sulh-i-kul were free to challenge and undermine the authority of the state as long as it was done non-violently.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

12. With reference to Medieval India village panchayats, consider the following statements.
1. These used to be an assembly of elders.
 2. The decisions made by these panchayats were binding on the members.
 3. Village Headmen held office until his death post which a new headman was nominated by the state.
 4. The panchayat derived its funds from contributions made by individuals to a common financial pool.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 and 4 only
 - (d) 1 and 2 only
13. The Committee on Empowerment of Women in the Parliament was established
- (a) As a result of India's accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights
 - (b) By the 42nd amendment of the Constitution
 - (c) As a result of resolutions passed by both houses on the occasion of International Women's Day
 - (d) In 2010 as a part of efforts of the NGO, SEWA administered by Ela Bhatt
14. With reference to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) that was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, consider the following statements.
1. It is an inter-governmental coalition of non-nuclear states.
 2. It passed the "Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" which was later admitted by unanimity in the UN General assembly.
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) None
15. Which of the following propositions have been given by the Vaisheshika Darshana?
1. Dharma is that through which there is the accomplishment of rising to the unsurpassed good.
 2. The true being is eternal, having no cause.
 3. Dharma does not have the authority of Vedas as it surpasses Vedas.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
16. Some of Bhaskara's contributions to mathematics include
1. A proof of the Pythagorean theorem
 2. Solutions of quadratic, cubic and quartic indeterminate equations
 3. Derivation of the Hero's theorem for calculating a triangle's area
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 3 only

17. 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

18. Karyotype refers to

1. Number and morphological appearance of chromosomes in the nucleus of a eukaryotic cell
2. Arrangement of mRNAs in the nucleotide of a plant cell

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

19. In the Mughal state, the amil-guzar was

- (a) A Hereditary craftsman
(b) Keeper of Law and Order
(c) The chief cultivator of state-owned lands
(d) A revenue collector

20. Consider the following with reference to the 'Painted Grey Ware'.

1. PGW is a predecessor of the Black and red ware culture.
2. These were high quality metalworks produced by local craftsmen.
3. PGW culture is associated with both village and town settlements.
4. PGW sites can be found in Ganges-Basin.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

ANSWER KEYS

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