



MOCK SCHOLARSHIP TEST

PRELIMS QUESTIONS

1. Consider the following statements about the Chief Justice of India :

1. The Chief Justice of India is appointed by the Prime Minister of India.
2. The salary and pension of the Chief Justice of India is charged on the Consolidated fund of India.

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. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

India will overtake China and will become the world's second largest economy in the near future.

Statement-II :

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates that India will overtake Japan and become the fourth largest economy in 2025.

Which one of the following is correct with respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

3. Which of the following statements about the 'Albedo effect' is correct?

- (a) It refers to the absorption of solar radiation by the Earth's surface.
- (b) It is the process by which greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere.
- (c) It refers to the proportion of solar radiation reflected by a surface.
- (d) It is the phenomenon responsible for ozone depletion in the stratosphere.

4. Article 226 of the Constitution deals with the :

- (a) Powers of High Courts to issue certain writs
- (b) Composition of State Legislative Assemblies
- (c) Powers and functions of the Election Commission of India
- (d) Amendment of the Constitution

5. Which of the following are the applications of an Earth Observation Satellite ?

1. Monitoring agricultural crop patterns and assessing drought conditions.
2. Providing direct-to-home (DTH) television broadcast services.
3. Tracking deforestation and changes in land use over time.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Consider the following pairs :

No	Social Reformers	Organisation
1.	Raja Ram Mohan Roy	Arya Samaj
2.	Jyotirao Phule	Satyashodhak Samaj
3.	Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar	Theosophical Society

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

7. Which of the following Indus valley sites is famous for a dockyard ?

- (a) Harappa
- (b) Mohenjodaro
- (c) Lothal
- (d) Chanhudaro

8. With reference to the Constitution of India, consider the following statements :

1. The political part of the Constitution is largely drawn from the British Constitution.
2. The structural part of the Constitution is borrowed from the Government of India Act, 1935.
3. The philosophical part of the Constitution is drawn from the American and Irish Constitutions.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

9. Consider the following situations :

1. The government increases public spending on infrastructure
2. The central bank reduces interest rates
3. A poor monsoon reduces agricultural output reducing the supply of agricultural goods

How many of the above situations are likely to contribute to inflation in the Indian economy?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

10. Which of the following institutions regulates the currency and credit system of India and aims to maintain monetary stability ?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- (d) NITI Aayog

11. With reference to amendments to the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements :

1. The Preamble of the Constitution has not been amended since its inception.
2. A bill to amend the Constitution can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha.
3. The Constitution does not allow any amendment that alters the federal structure of the Union and the states.

Which of the statements given above are **not** correct ?

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

12. Sometimes, traditional knowledge systems offer sustainable solutions to modern-day environmental challenges. In this context, the practice of 'Zabo' system of water conservation and agriculture is traditionally followed in which of the following states?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

13. With reference to Indian climate, consider the following statements:

1. The South-West monsoon is responsible for most of the annual rainfall in India.
2. Retreating monsoon is associated with cyclonic rainfall over parts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.
3. The western disturbances affect rainfall patterns in northeastern India during summer.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. Which of the following represent the correct order of the levels of ecological organisation when arranged in the ascending order from smallest to largest?

- (a) Population-Community-Ecosystem-Biome
- (b) Community-Population-Ecosystem-Biome
- (c) Community-Population-Biome-Ecosystem
- (d) Population-Community-Biome-Ecosystem

15. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using codes given below the lists:

	<i>List I (Organism)</i>	<i>List II (Type)</i>
A	Earthworm	1. Detritivore
B	Bacteria	2. Scavenger
C	Vulture	3. Decomposer

Code:

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| A | B | C |
| (a) 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (b) 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (c) 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (d) 2. | 1 | 3 |

16. Which of the following are nitrogen fixing plants?

1. Alfalfa
2. Clover
3. Peas
4. Lentils
5. Acacia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

17. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

Goa was declared as a fully literate state in June 2025 under Ullas - New India Literacy Program.

Statement-II :

The New India Literacy Program dictates a literacy rate of 95% to declare a state as a fully literate state.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

18. Consider the following activities:

- 1. Forecasting natural disasters
- 2. Precision farming
- 3. Urban planning and infrastructure monitoring
- 4. Monitoring marine fishing zones

For how many of the above activities can space technology be utilized?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

19. With reference to Parliamentary system in India, consider the following statements :

- 1. There is a complete separation of powers between the Legislature and the Executive.
- 2. Responsible Government is a prominent feature of the Parliamentary form of the Government.

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. Consider the following pairs :

Straits in news

Connects

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Kerch Strait | South China Sea & Andaman sea |
| 2. Bab-el-mandeb Strait | Red sea & Gulf of Aden |
| 3. Sunda Strait | Java sea & Indian Ocean |

Which of the pairs given above is/ are correctly matched ?

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

21. Which of the following best explains the term 'Gross Domestic Product' of India ?
- (a) Total value of all the goods produced in India during a specific period of time
 - (b) Monetary value of all the final goods and services produced within India during a period of time
 - (c) Monetary value of all the final goods and services produced by the citizens of India
 - (d) Total income earned by Indians both within and outside India for a particular year

22. In Ancient India, the term "Shreni" is used in the context of
- (a) Assemblies of village elders for administrative decisions
 - (b) Religious councils for the interpretation of Vedic texts
 - (c) Guilds of merchants and craftsmen
 - (d) Military units organized under tribal chiefs

23. "It is a crop which is used both as food and fodder. It is a kharif crop which requires temperature between 21°C to 27°C and grows well in old alluvial soil. In some states like Bihar, it is grown in rabi season also. Use of modern inputs such as High Yielding Variety seeds, fertilisers and irrigation have contributed to the increasing production of it."

The above-mentioned crop is :

- (a) Wheat
 - (b) Maize
 - (c) Rice
 - (d) Cotton
24. With reference to Federalism, consider the following subjects :
1. Public Health
 2. Education
 3. Local Government
 4. Agriculture

Which of the subjects given above comes under the State list ?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
25. With reference to Panchayat Raj institutions, consider the following statements :
1. Article 40 of the Indian Constitution directs the State to take steps to organize village panchayats and endow them with necessary powers and authority.
 2. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 provided a constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions in India.
 3. The promotion of Panchayati Raj is considered a part of Gandhian Principles listed under the Directive Principles of State Policy.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

26. Which of the following statements does not explain the concept of fiscal deficit ?

- (a) The government's borrowing for expenses including interest payments
- (b) The government's borrowing for expenses excluding interest payments
- (c) Excess of total expenditure over total revenue receipts and non-debt capital receipts
- (d) Indicator of how much the government needs to borrow to meet the shortfall in its total receipts

27. Consider the following statements :

1. Tax Buoyancy is a measure of the degree of responsiveness of the change in tax collection due to change in the tax rate.
2. Tax Elasticity refers to the responsiveness of tax revenue growth to changes in GDP.

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

28. With reference to Indian physiography, which of the following statements is **not** correct?

- (a) The Aravalli Range is one of the oldest fold mountain ranges in the world.
- (b) The Chilika Lake is a saltwater lagoon located along the eastern coast of India.
- (c) The Godavari River originates from the Amarkantak Plateau in Madhya Pradesh.
- (d) The Indo-Gangetic Plain is an example of an alluvial depositional plain

29. Consider the following statements with respect to troposphere :

1. Temperature decreases with increase in altitude at the troposphere.
2. All weather phenomena occur in the troposphere.
3. The height of the troposphere is greater at the equator than at the poles.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

30. In the Southern hemisphere, the longest night of the year normally occurs in the:

- (a) First half of the month of June
- (b) First half of the month of December
- (c) Second half of the month of June
- (d) Second half of the month of December

31. Consider the following events:

1. Chauri-Chaura incident
2. Lucknow pact
3. Poona Pact
4. Dandi March

Which of the following is the correct chronological order of the above events?

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

32. Which of the following leaders established the Swaraj Party in 1922 with the objective of participating in elections to the new Central Legislative Assembly in 1923 ?

- (a) Subhash Chandra Bose and Jawaharlal Nehru
- (b) Chittaranjan Das and Motilal Nehru
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi and Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- (d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Lala Lajpat Rai

33. Consider the following statements about the Vedic period :

1. In the Early Vedic period, society was largely pastoral, whereas in the Later Vedic period, agriculture became more prominent.
2. In the Early Vedic period, the caste system was based on profession, whereas in the Later Vedic period, it became more rigid and based on birth.

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Muhammad Bin Tughlaq shifted the capital from Delhi to Daulatabad.
2. Babur introduced the Mansabdari system to organize his administration and military.

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

35. Consider the following statements :

1. It was one of the most renowned monastic universities of ancient India, flourishing from the 5th to 12th century CE.
2. The complex included temples, monasteries, meditation halls, and was home to thousands of monks and scholars.
3. It was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its cultural and architectural significance.
4. The site was destroyed in the 12th century by Bakhtiyar Khalji during his invasion of Bihar.

The above mentioned historical cite is :

- (a) Vikramashila
- (b) Takshashila
- (c) Nalanda
- (d) Odantapuri

36. Consider the following :

1. Moidams of Ahom dynasty
2. Santiniketan
3. Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve

Which of the above are declared as UNESCO World Heritage sites ?

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

37. Which of the following projects of ISRO envisages demonstration of human spaceflight capability by launching a crew of 3 members to an orbit of 400 km for a 3 days mission and bring them back safely to earth, by landing in Indian sea waters?

- (a) Gaganyaan
- (b) Aditya L-1
- (c) RISAT
- (d) NISAR

38. The 'Extended Fund Facility' and 'Resilience and Sustainability Facility' are associated with :

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) New Development Bank

39. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

Inner planets have a rocky surface and are smaller in size.

Statement-II :

Inner planets are located closer to the Sun, which caused lighter elements like gas and dust to be blown away during the early solar system formation.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

40. Consider the following pairs:

No	Countries	Reasons for being in the news
1.	Greece	Refugee Children's emergency
2.	Mali	Militant attacks
3.	South Korea	Declaration of Emergency martial law

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

41. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5 to encourage global awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

Statement-II :

June 5 marks the date of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm in 1972, which led to the declaration of World Environment Day.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

42. Consider the following statements about the Brahmos missile system :

1. The BrahMos missile is a supersonic cruise missile developed jointly by India and Russia.
2. It is a surface-to-surface missile and cannot be launched from air or sea platforms.

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

43. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

India has committed to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2070.

Statement-II :

'Net zero emissions' refers to achieving an overall balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and greenhouse gas emissions taken out of the atmosphere.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

44. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

Global warming potential compares the amount of heat trapped by a certain mass of a gas to the amount of heat trapped by a similar mass of carbon dioxide.

Statement-II :

Higher global warming potential of a greenhouse gas indicates its longer atmospheric lifetime.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

45. Consider the following statements about the Paris Agreement:

1. The Paris Agreement aims to limit the global average temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C.
2. The Paris Agreement follows a bottom-up approach, allowing countries to set their own climate action targets through Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

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