

UPSC Prelims 2014 Geography Questions

1. With reference to 'Changpa Community of India, consider the following statement:

1. They live mainly in the State of Uttarakhand.
2. They rear the Pashmina goats that yield fine wool.
3. They are kept in the category of Scheduled Tribes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the vegetative propagation of plants?

1. Vegetative propagation produces clonal populations.
2. Vegetative propagation helps in eliminating the virus.
3. Vegetative propagation can be practised most of the year.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

3. The seasonal reversal of winds is the typical characteristic of

- (a) Equatorial climate
- (b) Mediterranean climate

- (c) Monsoon climate
- (d) All of the above climates

4. Consider these pairs

1. Cardamom Hills	Coromandel Coast
2. Kaimur Hills	Konkan Coast
3. Mahadeo Hills	Central India
4. Mikir Hills	North-East India

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

5. Consider the following rivers:

- 1. Barak
- 2. Lohit
- 3. Subansiri

Which of the above flows / flow through Arunachal Pradesh?

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

6. Which one of the following pairs of islands is separated from each other by the 'Ten Degree Channel'?

- (a) Andaman and Nicobar

- (b) Nicobar and Sumatra
- (c) Maldives and Lakshadweep
- (d) Sumatra and Java

7. Which of the following phenomena might have influenced the evolution of organisms?

- 1. Continental drift
- 2. Glacial cycles

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.

8. Turkey is located between

- (a) Black Sea and Caspian Sea
- (b) Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea
- (c) Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea
- (d) Gulf of Aqaba and Dead Sea

9. What is the correct sequence of occurrence of the following cities in South-East Asia as one proceeds from south to north?

- 1. Bangkok
- 2. Hanoi
- 3. Jakarta
- 4. Singapore

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

(c) 3-4-1-2

(d) 4-3-2-1

10. Consider the following pairs

Region often in news	Country
1. Chechnya	Russian Federation
2. Darfur	Mali
3. Swat Valley	Iraq

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

11. Consider the following pairs :

Programme	Project Ministry
1. Drought-Prone Area Programme	Ministry of Agriculture
2. Desert Development Programme	Ministry of Environment and Forests
3. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas	Ministry of Rural Development

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3

(d) None

12. Which of the following adds/add carbon dioxide to the carbon cycle on the planet Earth?

1. Volcanic action
2. Respiration
3. Photosynthesis
4. Decay of organic matter

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

13. If you travel through the Himalayas, you are likely to see which of the following plants naturally grow there?

1. Oak
2. Rhododendron
3. Sandalwood

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

14. Which of the following are some important pollutants released by the steel industry in India?

1. Oxides of sulphur
2. Oxides of nitrogen

3. Carbon monoxide
4. Carbon dioxide

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

15. Recently, a series of uprisings of people referred to as 'Arab Spring' originally started from

- (a) Egypt
- (b) Lebanon
- (c) Syria
- (d) Tunisia

16. With reference to two non-conventional energy sources called 'coalbed methane' and 'shale gas', consider the following 'statements':

1. Coalbed methane is the pure methane gas extracted from coal seams, while shale gas is a mixture of propane and butane only that can be extracted from fine-grained sedimentary rocks.
2. In India, abundant coalbed methane sources exist, but so far no shale gas sources have been found.

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

17. Consider the following pairs :

Region	Well-known for the production of
1. Kinnaur	Areca nut
2. Mewat	Mango
3. Coromandel	Soya bean

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None

18. Consider the following pairs :

National highways	Cities Connected
1. NH 4	Chennai and Hyderabad
2. NH 6	Mumbai and Kolkata
3. NH15	Ahmedabad and Jodhpur

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None

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1. b	2. c	3. c	4. c	5. b
6. a	7. c	8. b	9. c	10. a

11. d	12. c	13. d	14. d	15. d
16. d	17. d	18. d		

