

UPSC Prelims 2015 Geography Questions

1. In the South Atlantic and South-Eastern Pacific regions in tropical latitudes, cyclones do not originate. What is the reason?

- (a) Sea surface temperatures are low
- (b) Inter-tropical Convergence Zone seldom occurs
- (c) Coriolis force is too weak
- (d) Absence of land in those regions

2. Which one of the following pairs of States of India indicates the easternmost and westernmost State?

- (a) Assam and Rajasthan
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan
- (c) Assam and Gujarat
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat

3. What explains the eastward flow of the equatorial countercurrent?

- (a) The Earth's rotation on its axis
- (b) Convergence of the two equatorial currents
- (c) Difference in salinity of water
- (d) Occurrence of the belt of calm near the equator

4. Consider the following pairs:

Place of Pilgrimage	Location
Srisailam	Nallamala Hills
Omkareshwar	Satmala Hills

Pushkar

Mahadeo Hills

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

5. Consider the following rivers :

- 1. Vamsadhara
- 2. Indravati
- 3. Pranahita
- 4. Pennar

Which of the above are tributaries of Godavari ?

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

6. In India, the steel production industry requires the import of

- (a) saltpetre
- (b) rock phosphate
- (c) coking coal
- (d) All of the above

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The winds which blow between 30 N and 60 S latitudes throughout the year are known as westerlies.

2. The moist air masses that cause winter rains in the NorthWestern region of India are part of westerlies.

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. In a particular region in India, the local people train the roots of living trees into robust bridges across the streams. As the time passes, these bridges become stronger. These unique 'living root bridges' are found in

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Tamil Nadu

9. Tides occur in the oceans and seas due to which among the following?

1. Gravitational force of the Sun
2. Gravitational force of the Moon
3. Centrifugal force of the Earth

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

10. In which of the following activities are Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellites used?

1. Assessment of crop productivity

2. Locating groundwater resources
3. Mineral exploration
4. Telecommunications
5. Traffic studies

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

11. Consider the following States:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Mizoram

In which of the above States do 'Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests' occur?

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

12. Which one of the following countries of South-West Asia does not open out to the Mediterranean Sea?

- (a) Syria
- (b) Jordan
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Israel

13. In India, in which one of the following types of forests is teak a dominant tree species?

- (a) Tropical moist deciduous forest
- (b) Tropical rainforest
- (c) Tropical thorn scrub forest
- (d) Temperate forest with grasslands

14. “Each day is more or less the same, the morning is clear and bright with a sea breeze; as the Sun climbs high in the sky, heat mounts up, dark clouds form, then rain comes with thunder and lightning. But the rain is soon over.”

Which of the following regions is described in the above passage?

- (a) Savannah
- (b) Equatorial
- (c) Monsoon
- (d) Mediterranean

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