

## MPSC Previous Year Question Paper

1. Which of the following plays were written by Harshavardhan ?

- (i) Priyadarsika
- (ii) Ratanavali
- (iii) Nagananda

Answer options :

- (1) (i) only
- (2) (i) and (ii) only
- (3) (ii) and (iii) only
- (4) All the three

2. Who has rejected the 'Safety Valve Theory' about the foundation of the Congress calling it the 'myth' ?

- (1) A. O. Hume
- (2) A. R. Desai
- (3) Tarachand
- (4) Bipan Chandra

3. He was given the title of Nizam-ul-Mulk. He was made the Governor of the Deccan. He founded the Asaf Jahi dynasty. His successors are called the Nizams of Hyderabad. Identify him :

- (1) Chin Quilich Khan
- (2) Murshid Quli Khan
- (3) Saadat Khan
- (4) Husain Ali Khan

4. The Maratha power suffered from certain basic weaknesses which led to its downfall. Which of the following was not one among them ?

- (1) The nature of their political system the Marathas alienated the sympathies of other people.
- (2) Their raids into the territories of other rulers made new enemies.
- (3) The levies charged by them added to the oppression of the common people, particularly peasants and traders.
- (4) None of the above

5. Which of the following statements are true about Ajatashatru ?

- (a) His name was also Kunika.
- (b) He was the last ruler of the Haryanka dynasty.
- (c) The first Buddhist council was held at Rajgruh during his regime.
- (d) He integrated Lichhavi kingdom into Magadh.

Answer options :

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

6. Arrange the following British trading centres in their chronological order. Choose the correct answer option.

- (i) Calcutta
- (ii) Surat
- (iii) Madras

(iv) Bombay

Answer options :

- (1) (i),(ii),(iii),(iv)
- (2) (iv),(i),(iii),(ii)
- (3) (ii),(iii),(iv),(i)
- (4) (ii),(iii),(i),(iv)

7. Who, among the following revolutionaries, was an atheist and a socialist in approach ?

- (1) Damodar Chaphekar
- (2) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar
- (3) Arabindo Ghosh
- (4) Bhagat Singh

8. Which one of the following statements about the Faizpur Session of Congress is not true ?

- (1) It was the first Session of Congress held in the rural area.
- (2) It was attended by about 40,000 peasants
- (3) Dhanajinana Choudhari and Sane Guruji played an important role in organizing this session.
- (4) Shankarrao Deo presided over this session.

9. The early nationalists provided the firm foundation to the 20th century freedom movement through :

- (1) Politics of petitions
- (2) Constitutional means
- (3) Agitational way
- (4) Economic critique of colonialism

10. Read statements (A) and (B) and choose appropriate option from the answer options :

- (A) Megasthenes mentions seven castes into which the Indian society was divided.  
(B) Megasthenes confused castes with professions.

Answer options :

- (1) Both (A) and (B) are true, and (B) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (2) Both (A) and (B) are true, but (B) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (3) (A) is true, but (B) is false.
- (4) (A) is false, but (B) is true.

11. Match the pairs. (Choose the correct answer option).

List-I & List-II

- (a) Adil shahi (i) Bidar  
(b) Nizam shahi (ii) Golconda  
(c) Imad shahi (iii) Vijapur  
(d) Qutub Shahi (iv) Ahemadnagax  
(e) Barid Shahi (v) Berar

Answer options :

- (a) (b) (c) (4) (e)
- (1) (iii) (v) (ii) (iv) (i)
- (2) (v) (iv) (i) (ii) (iii)
- (3) (iii) (iv) (v) (ii) (i)
- (4) (v) (iv) (ii) (iii) (i)

12. The most outstanding Rajput ruler in the post Aurangzeb period was Sawai Raja Jai Singh of Amber. He built the beautiful city of Jaipur. He also erected astronomical observatories at five places. At how many of the following places he did not erect these ?

- (a) Banaras
- (b) Ujjain
- (c) Mathura
- (d) Udaipur
- (e) Allahabad

Answer options :

- (1) One
- (2) Two
- (3) Three
- (4) Four

13. Who among the following strongly opposed the interference of the Ulemas in the affairs of the state ?

- (i) Balban
- (ii) Alauddin Khilji
- (iii) Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq
- (iv) Firoze Shah Tughlaq

Answer options :

- (1) (i) and (ii)
- (3) (iii) and (iv)
- (2) (ii) and (iii)
- (4) (iv) and (i)

14. The princely states that were unwilling to join the Indian Union until July 1947 included :

- (a) Baroda
  - (b) Travancore
  - (c) Bikaner
  - (d) Bhopal
- (1) All the above
  - (2) (a),(c)
  - (3) (b). (c)
  - (4) (b),(d)

15. The Great Mughals included Babar, Humayun, Akbar, Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb in that chronological order. The Mughal emperors who came to the throne after the death of Aurangzeb are called the Later Mughals. Arrange the following four Later Mughals in their chronological order.

- (a) Ahmad Shah
- (b) Bahadur Shah
- (c) Jahandar Shah
- (d) Mohammad Shah

Answer options :

- (1) Ahmad Shah, Bahadur Shah, Jahandar Shah, Mohammad Shah
- (2) Bahadur Shah, Jahandar Shah, Mohammad Shah, Ahmad Shah
- (3) Bahadur Shah, Mohammad Shah, Jahandar Shah, Ahmad Shah
- (4) Jahandar Shah, Mohammad Shah, Bahadur Shah, Ahmad Shah

16. Consider the following two statements :

- (A) There are deserts between 10° and 20° latitudes in both the hemispheres  
 (B) Between 10° and 20° latitudes evaporation exceeds precipitation

Answer options :

- (1) Both (A) and (B) are true and (B) is the reason for (A)  
 (2) Both (A) and (B) are true but (B) is not the reason for (A)  
 (3) Only (A) is true  
 (4) Only (B) is true

17. Which of the following statements is incorrect ?

- (a) Chauth : Tax realised by Marathas from the areas outside their domain-equal to one fourth of the revenue paid to the Mughal Empire.  
 (b) Sardeshmukhi : Tax realised by the Marathas equal to one tenth of the land revenue.  
 (c) Misl : Political unit among the Rajputs, each loyal to its own particular leader.

Answer options :

- (1) Only (a)  
 (2) (b) and (c)  
 (3) Only (c)  
 (4) None

18. The Ganga plains accommodate . . . percent of population of India.

- (1) 13  
 (2) 23  
 (3) 33  
 (4) 43

19. Match the following :

Column A & Column B

- (a) Hawaiian Type (i) Erupt with great force  
 (b) Strombolian (ii) Most violent  
 (c) Vulcanian (iii) Erupts frequently  
 (d) Peleean Type (iv) Erupt continuously

- (a) (b) (4) (4)  
 (1) (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)  
 (2) (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)  
 (3) (i) (ii) (iv) (iii)  
 (4) (ii) (i) (iii) (iv)

20. Match the following :

Column A & Column B

- (a) Gulf of Tonkin (i) Arctic Ocean  
 (b) Persian Gulf (ii) China Sea  
 (c) Gulf of Aden (iii) Indian Ocean  
 (d) Gulf of Oman (iv) Red sea

- (a) (b) (c) (4)  
 (1) (ii) (iii) (iv) (i)  
 (2) (iii) (ii) (i) (iv)  
 (3) (ii) (i) (iv) (iii)

(4) (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)

21. Match the following pairs and choose the correct option from those given below :

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- (a) Angami (i) Zarkhand
- (b) Kota (ii) Assam
- (c) Munda (iii) Nilgiri mountain (Tamil Nadu)
- (d) Chutiya (iv) Nagaland

Answer options :

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (1) (iv) (iii) (i) (ii)
- (2) (iii) (ii) (iv) (i)
- (3) (iv) (i) (iii) (ii)
- (4) (i) (iii) (iv) (ii)

22. Teej a Hindu festival is dedicated to which Goddess ?

- (1) Lakshmi
- (2) Saraswati
- (3) Parvati
- (4) Durga

23. Tea is made from young leaves of the tea plant. Chinese were the earliest tea drinkers in the world. The British first discovered the Assam tea in 1829 in the forests of North-East India.

The popular brands in the world are :

- (a) Large leaved China tea
- (b) Small leaved Assam tea

Answer options :

- (1) Only (a) is correct
- (2) Only (b) is correct
- (3) Both (a) and (b) are correct
- (4) Neither (a) nor (b) is correct

24. Consider the following two statements :

- (a) Tropical Evergreen forests : Scattered distribution of one particular species of tree eg. Rosewood.
- (b) 'Tropical Deciduous Forests : They have fewer species but they are found in close proximity eg. Teak.

Now state whether :

- (1) Only (a) is true
- (2) Only (b) is true
- (3) Both (a) and (b) are true
- (4) Neither (a) nor (b) is true

25. Newly developed 'Ennore' port near Chennai is the th largest port in the country and th largest port on the eastern coast.

- (1) 6 and 12
- (2) 8 and 20
- (3) 12 and 6
- (4) 4 and 9