

## **Prelims Practice Questions 16-12-2017**

1. Consider the following statements.

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1. Animal Welfare Board of India is a statutory body.
2. It was established under the Animal Welfare Board of India Act.
3. Rukmani Devi Arundale was instrumental in setting up the board.

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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

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2. Consider the following statements.

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1. The National Green Tribunal has replaced National Environment Appellate Authority.
2. The Chairperson should have been either a Judge of India's Supreme Court or Chief Justice of a High Court in India.

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3. The NGT has jurisdiction over the implementation of Public Liability Insurance Act, 1990.

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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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- a. 1 only

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- b. 2 only

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- c. 1 and 2 only

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- d. 1, 2 and 3

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3. Consider the following statements.

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1. Ken-Betwa river inter-linking project is the first river link project by the Central government.

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2. Dhaudhan dam is built as part of the project.

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3. Surplus water in the Bundelkhand region is transferred to other areas.

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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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- a. 1 and 2 only

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- b. 2 only

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c. 2 and 3 only

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d. 1, 2 and 3

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4. Consider the following statements.

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1. The headquarters of Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is in Austria.

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2. Austria is a member of OPEC.

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3. OPEC is an international Cartel.

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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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a. 1 only

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b. 1 and 2 only

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c. 2 and 3 only

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d. 1 and 3 only

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5. Consider the following statements about Shakas.

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1. The most famous Shaka ruler in India was Rudradaman I.

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2. He is famous in history because of the repairs he undertook to improve the Sudarshana lake.

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3. He issued the first longest inscription in chaste Sanskrit.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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a. 1 and 2 only

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b. 1 and 3 only

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c. 3 and 2 only

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d. 1, 2 and 3

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6. Consider the following statements regarding the state of Goa

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1. It is the smallest state in India in terms of area under the category of states.

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2. It has the lowest population among the all states in India.

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3. It is bordered by Karnataka in all three sides.

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Select the correct answer using the code given below

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a. 1 only

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b. 1 and 2 only

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- c. 2 and 3 only
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  - d. 1, 2 and 3
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7. During the Gupta period a number of new castes made their appearances due to:

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- 1. Assimilation of foreigners
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- 2. Absorption of tribals
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- 3. Rise of rich commercial and trading classes.
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Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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- a. 1 and 2 only
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- b. 2 and 3 only
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- c. 1 only
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- d. 1, 2 and 3
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8. Regarding the Mesolithic Age, consider the following statements :

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1. The Bhimbetka Caves near Bhopal are famous for their Cave paintings.  
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2. Millet (Ragi) was supposed to be first cultivated crop by the Mesolithic farmers of south India.  
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only  
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- b. 2 only  
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- c. Both 1 and 2  
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- d. Neither 1 nor 2  
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9. Which of the following is/are **not** related to Sangam literature?

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1. Pattuppattu  
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2. Agananuru  
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3. Ettuthohai  
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4. Paripadal  
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Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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- a. 2 and 4 only  
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b. 4 only

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c. 1 and 3 only

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d. None of the above

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10. Which of the following are the general features to Amaravati School of art?

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1. The figures are carved out of white marble.

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2. They are well modelled with long legs and slender frames.

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3. The Central characters are human beings.

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4. Kings, princes and palaces figure prominently in sculptural representations.

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Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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a. 1, 2 and 3 only

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b. 2 and 3 only

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c. 1, 2 and 4 only

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d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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**Answers & Explanations**

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1. c

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Animal Welfare Board of India was established under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

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2. d

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3. a

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Surplus water in the Ken river is transferred to the Bundelkhand region.

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4. d

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A cartel is a group of apparently independent producers whose goal is to increase their collective profits by means of price fixing, limiting supply, or other restrictive practices.

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5. d

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First Sanskrit inscription was Junagarh inscription of Rudradaman.

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6. a

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Goa is a state in India within the coastal region known as the Konkan in western India. Bounded by Maharashtra to the north and Karnataka to the east and south, the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. It is India's smallest state by area and the fourth smallest by population.

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7. d

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Bhimbetka provides earliest evidence for the aesthetic skills of early man. It gives details about the social life of Mesolithic period.

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9. d

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The Sangam period is the period in the history of ancient southern India (known as the Tamilakam) spanning from c. 300 BCE to 300 CE.

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The categories are Patinenmelkanakku ("the Major Eighteen Anthology Series") comprising Ettuthohai ("the Eight Anthologies") and the Pattupattu ("ten Idylls")

and Patinenkelkanakku ("the Minor Eighteen Anthology Series").

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10. d

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***Share your answers & thoughts in the comment section***

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