

## **Prelims Practice Questions 07-12-2017**

1. Consider the following statements regarding Gupta society

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1. The position of Sudras improved during this period, which could be attributed to the improvement in their economic status.

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2. The condition of women declined during the same period and the first evidence of Sati was also during this period.

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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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2. Consider the following statements

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1. Jaina literature was compiled in Ardhamagadhi language.

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2. Jaina literature was finally composed at Valabhi.

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3. Jaina literature contributed to the growth of various regional languages.

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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. 2 and 3 only

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c. 1 and 3 only

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d. 1, 2 and 3

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3. Dudhsagar Falls is a four-tiered waterfall located in the Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary and Mollem National Park among the Western Ghats. It is located on which of the following river?

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a. Zuari River

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b. Mandovi River

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c. Sharavati River

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d. Netravati River

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4. Consider the following statements about Nibbana in Buddhism.

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1. Buddhism asserted the right for nibbana was possible for women.
  2. Nibbana can be attained only with the help of gods.
  3. Nibbana means complete dying out of desire and often used with death.
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only
  - b. 1 and 2 only
  - c. 1 and 3 only
  - d. 1, 2 and 3
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5. Consider the following statements about Menander.

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1. He is also known by the name of Milinda and he had his capital at Sakala.
  2. He was converted to Buddhism by Nagasena.
  3. The question asked by Milinda and Nagasena's answer were recorded in the form of a book known as 'Nagasehi'.
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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. 3 only  
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- c. 1 and 2 only  
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- d. 1, 2 and 3  
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6. Consider the following statements regarding "Wassenaar Arrangement"

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- 1. Wassenaar Arrangement deals with Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies only.  
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- 2. India is a member.  
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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. Both 1 and 2  
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- d. Neither 1 nor 2  
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7. Which of the following countries constitute G4 grouping?

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1. India

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2. Japan

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3. South Africa

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4. Brazil

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5. Germany

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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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a. 1,2,3,4

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b. 2,3,4,5

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c. 1,3,4,5

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d. 1,2,4,5

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8. Consider the following statements.

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1. International Solar Alliance is the first treaty-based international Inter-governmental organisation to be based out of India.

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2. It is formed on the sidelines of CoP-21, the UN climate conference.

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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. Both 1 and 2

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d. Neither 1 nor 2

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9. Consider the following statements.

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1. India undertakes development projects in Hulhule island.

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2. The island is located in Maldives.

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3. India and Maldives signed Free Trade Agreement.

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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. 1 and 3 only

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d. 1,2 and 3

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10. Consider the following statements.

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1. Election to the International Court of Justice requires absolute majority of the total membership in UNGA and UNSC.

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2. The candidates to the ICJ are nominated by their respective governments.

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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. Both 1 and 2

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d. Neither 1 nor 2

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## **Answers & Explanations**

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1. c

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Sudras were termed as cultivators during this period and compared with post mauryan period there was an improvement. Sati system, First evidence was from Eran Inscription of Bhanugupta 510 AD.

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2. d

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Valabhi council is considered as second Jain council held in 510 AD.

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3. b

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4. a

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Nibbana can be attained only through the path shown by Buddha and Gods have no role. Nibbana means dying out of desire or extinction of desire .But it is not associated with death and parinibbana is termed with death.

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5. c

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The book was called Milindapanho and it was written by Nagasena.

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6. c

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7. d

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8. c

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9. b

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China undertakes development projects in Hulhule island in Maldives. Further a new FTA was signed between China and Maldives.

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10. a

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The candidates to the ICJ are not nominated by their respective governments but by their national groups in the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

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

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