



Prelims Practice Questions 30-04-2018

01. Consider the following statements.

1. Kathak dance derives its name from kathika meaning story tellers.
2. Generally, this dance is accompanied by Dhrupad music.
3. Sitara Devi and Birju Maharaj are major proponents of this dance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

Kathak is a traditional dance form of Uttar Pradesh which traces its origin back to Ras Leela of Brajbhoomi. It is the only Indian classical dance having a synthesis of Hindu and Muslim traditions. Its various schools (gharanas) are Lucknow, Jaipur, Raigarh and Banaras.

02. Consider the following statements.

1. The classical dance Kathakali was originally performed by Maharis, who were temple dancers.
2. Gotipura refers to group of boys, who were trained in this dance form.
3. Chowk and Tribanga are two basic postures of this dance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

The classical dance of Odissi was originally performed by Maharis, who were temple dancers. Gotipura refers to group of boys, who were trained in this dance form. They danced in temples and for public entertainment. Chowk is masculine stance. Tribhanga is a very feminine stance.

03. Consider the following statements.

1. The earliest reference to the art of puppetry is found in Tamil classic 'Silappadikaram'.
2. Pavakoothu, Kerala is an example of rod puppetry.
3. Kundhei and Kathputli are string puppetry practised in Odisha and Rajasthan respectively.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

String Puppetry:

- Kathputli of Rajasthan
- Kundhei of Odisha
- Gomayetta of Karnataka
- Bommalattam of Tamil Nadu

Shadow Puppetry:

- Togalu Gombeyatta of Karnataka
- Tholu Bommalata of Andhra Pradesh
- Ravanachayya of Odisha.

Rod Puppetry:

- Putul Notch of West Bengal
- Yampuri of Bihar



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Glove Puppetry:

- Pavakoothu of Kerala

04. Consider the following pairs.

Traditional Theatre Forms	States
1. Bhand Pather	Kashmir
2. Nautanki	Uttar Pradesh
3. Krishnattam	Kerala
4. Tamasha	Maharashtra

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

05. Consider the following statements.

1. Hoysala dynasty ruled Southern Madhya Pradesh between 11th and 14th centuries.
2. An important characteristic feature of Hoysala architecture is the use of soapstone.
3. These temples have star shaped base.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

Hoysala dynasty ruled Southern Karnataka between 11th and 14th centuries. Hoysala influence was at its peak in the 13th century, when it dominated the Southern Deccan Plateau region. Large and small temples built during this era remain as examples of the Hoysala architectural style, including the Chennakesava Temple at Belur, the Hoysaleswara Temple at Halebidu, and the Kesava Temple at Somanathapura

06. Consider the following statements.

1. World Monument Fund is an arm of UNESCO.
2. The organisation through its World Monument Watch list aims to identify degraded cultural heritage sites and provide financial and technical support for its preservation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b



World Monuments Fund (WMF) is a private, international, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historic architecture and cultural heritage sites around the world through fieldwork, advocacy, grantmaking, education, and training.

07. Consider the following statements.

1. Swachh Iconic Place is an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
2. Meenakshi Sundareshwar temple in Madurai is adjudged as the best 'Swachh Iconic Place' in India.
3. All Iconic Sites have designated PSUs for financial and technical support.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

The Swachh Iconic Places is an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission. It is a special clean-up initiative focused on select iconic heritage, spiritual and cultural places in the country. The initiative is being coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in association with the Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and the concerned State governments.

08. Consider the following pairs.

Traditional Sports	States
1. Mukna	Manipur
2. Khomlainai	Assam
3. Gatka	Punjab

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

09. Consider the following statements.

- 1. National Intellectual Property award is awarded by Ministry of Commerce and technology.
- 2. Council for Scientific and Industrial research has won the recent award.
- 3. Prime Minister is the chairman of CSIR.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : d



The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research was established by the Government of India in 1942 is an autonomous body that has emerged as the largest research and development organisation in India. Although it is mainly funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology, it operates as an autonomous body through the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

10. Consider the following statements.

- 1. National Safety Council (NSC) was set up by the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of India (GOI).
- 2. It aims to generate, develop and sustain a voluntary movement on Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) at the national level.
- 3. It is an apex non-profit making, tripartite body, registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

National Safety Council (NSC) was set up by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India (GOI).

