

Section A: MCQs (20 × 1 = 20 marks)

1. Who painted “Democratic and Social Republics” (often titled “The Dream of Worldwide Democratic and Social Republics”) symbolising fraternity among nations in Europe?
A) Frederic Sorrieu B) Giuseppe Mazzini C) Delacroix D) Otto von Bismarck
2. The Non-Cooperation Movement was withdrawn by Gandhi in 1922 because of
A) Chauri Chaura incident B) Simon Commission arrival C) Jallianwala Bagh massacre D) Poona Pact
3. A ‘Resource’ that is renewed by natural cycles within a short time is
A) Non-renewable B) Biotic C) Renewable D) Stock resource
4. Contour bunding and terracing are most suitable to control soil erosion due to
A) Wind in deserts B) Sheet and rill erosion on slopes C) Coastal erosion D) Glacial erosion
5. Which crop is a rabi crop?
A) Rice B) Maize C) Wheat D) Jute
6. The mineral used in making cement and smelting iron is
A) Limestone B) Mica C) Copper D) Bauxite
7. The ‘Golden Quadrilateral’ connects
A) India’s major ports B) Four metro cities C) State capitals D) Border towns
8. Power sharing in Belgium accommodated the interests of
A) Sinhala and Tamil groups B) French and Dutch speaking communities C) Hindus and Muslims D) Christians and Buddhists
9. The third tier of government in India refers to
A) State governments B) Union Territories C) Local self-government D) Judiciary
10. Which statement is true about political parties?

- A) Parties are unnecessary in a democracy
- B) Parties give a voice to diverse interests and form governments
- C) Parties only contest elections, not frame policies
- D) Parties are banned in federal systems

11. Human Development Index compares countries on

- A) Only per capita income
- B) Health, education, and income indicators
- C) Military strength and exports
- D) Population size and GDP growth

12. The tertiary sector includes

- A) Agriculture B) Mining C) Manufacturing D) Transport and trade

13. Money is a medium of exchange primarily because it

- A) Has intrinsic value in gold
- B) Removes the double coincidence of wants
- C) Is issued by private banks
- D) Can only be used for imports

14. In globalisation, MNCs expand production by

- A) Only buying foreign companies
- B) Investing where labour and resources are cheaper and markets are near
- C) Reducing technology use
- D) Avoiding global supply chains

15. A consumer's 'Right to be Informed' ensures

- A) Right to form trade unions
- B) Details of ingredients, price, batch, and manufacturer
- C) Free legal aid in all cases
- D) Guaranteed replacement of any product

16. Who designed the tricolour during the Swadeshi movement (pre-1931 variant)?

- A) Rabindranath Tagore B) Pingali Venkayya C) Subhas Chandra Bose D) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

17. Which state leads in wind energy generation?