

TEST – 14 (Textbook)
(INSTA Prelims Test Series 2021)

20. Provisions concerning these matters can be amended by a simple majority in the Parliament:

1. Elections to Parliament and state legislatures
2. Election of the President and its manner
3. Directive Principles of State Policy
4. Fifth Schedule—administration of scheduled areas and scheduled tribes.
5. Sixth Schedule—administration of tribal areas
6. Delimitation of constituencies

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 4, 5 and 6 only B. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only C. 6 only D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

21. Which of the following is INCORRECT with reference to the Tamil work *Ahananuru*?

- A. It was composed during Sangam age.
- B. It was written by Thiruvalluvar.
- C. It mentions Magadha rulers.
- D. The ruler mentioned by this work is also referred to in the Hathigumpha inscription of Kharavela, Kalinga.

22. Gandhara School of Art is best known for the depiction of which of these schools of Buddhism?

- A. Theravada B. Saravastivada C. Vajrayana D. Mahayana

23. Abolition or creation of legislative councils in state(s) is

- A. to be done by a special majority in the Parliament
- B. to be done by a special majority in the concerned State legislatures
- C. not considered a constitutional amendment as under Article 368 and can be done by a simple majority in the Parliament
- D. not considered a constitutional amendment as under Article 368 and can be done by a simple majority in the Parliament only with prior consent from the concerned state(s)

24. Consider the following statements.

1. The Supreme Court has not defined the 'basic structure' of the Constitution.
2. That India is a "welfare state" is a part of the 'basic structure' of the Constitution.
3. Powers of the Supreme Court under Article 32 have never been scrutinized or clarified as the 'basic structure' of the Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only B. 2 and 3 only C. 1 and 2 only D. 1, 2 and 3

25. Consider the following statements.

1. The 'Instrument of instructions' were issued to the Governor-General by the British Government under the Government of India Act of 1935
2. The Directive Principles resemble the 'Instrument of Instructions' enumerated in the Government of India Act of 1935.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only B. 2 only C. Both 1 and 2 D. None

26. If there is a disagreement between the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha concerning a Constitutional amendment, which of these follows?

- A. The President's constitutional discretion decides on the status of the bill.
- B. The matter is taken to the Supreme Court which adjudicates the correct course of action.
- C. The bill is taken to a joint sitting of the houses.
- D. None of the above

27. Consider the following statements.

1. Mahavira rejected the authority of the Vedas and objected to the Vedic rituals.
2. Mahavira regarded all objects, both animate and inanimate, have souls and various degrees of consciousness.
3. Mahavira advocated the doctrine of ahimsa to the clergy but did not think it was practical to be followed by laymen.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only B. 1 and 2 only C. 2 only D. 1, 2 and 3

28. Consider the following statements.

1. Atmospheric ammonia is generated due to animal husbandry activities.
2. Atmospheric ammonia arrests aerosol formation in air.
3. Greater fertilizer consumption is inversely related to the production of atmospheric ammonia.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only B. 2 and 3 only C. 1 and 2 only D. 1, 2 and 3