

**TEST – 17 (Textbook)**  
**( INSTA Prelims Test Series 2021 )**

**19. Consider the following about the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).**

1. It was launched by the World Bank.
2. It is a public-private alliance to finance and coordinate the development of new vaccines to tackle epidemics.
3. It has prepared a Global Epidemic Map (GEP) in Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**20. With respect to crop improvement techniques, how are ‘Synthetic varieties (SVs)’ different from ‘Mass selection led varieties (MSVs)’?**

1. SVs are developed entirely by genetic engineering, whereas MSVs are developed by natural breeding.
2. In SVs, the plants that are involved in crop improvement are carefully chosen whereas in MSVs random mass selection is employed.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**21. Why does Ricardian equivalence hold that Government deficits do not affect the overall level of demand in an economy over the long-term?**

1. Overall budgetary deficit for each year always remains zero.
2. Money supply in the economy remains constant nevertheless.
3. Government can always finance increased debt today from increased taxes tomorrow.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**22. Consider the following about Akbar’s religious policy.**

1. He promulgated a new religion called Din Ilahi which believed in Pantheism and plurality of Gods.
2. The “Infallibility Decree” issued by him made the advice of Muslim Ulemas binding on the emperor and other officials.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**23. Consider the following statements.**

1. The pressures recorded at the centres of tropical cyclones are among the lowest ever observed at sea level.
2. At the centre of a mature tropical cyclone, air rises rather than sinks down.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**24. Consider the following with reference to the administration under the Vijayanagar Empire.**

1. The empire collected tributes and gifts from vassals and feudal chiefs.
2. Custom duty was collected at the ports but professions were not taxed.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**25. The concept of a merit based modern Civil Service in India was introduced in 1854 following**

- A. Macaulay’s Select Committee Report                      B. Hunter Committee Report  
C. Aichinson Report                      D. Bradley Committee Report

**26. Real and nominal interest rates differ primarily due to**

- A. Rate of inflation                      B. GDP growth                      C. Depreciation rate                      D. Foreign exchange devaluation

**27. Consider the following about these two different methods of breeding.**

1. Pedigree breeding involves the crossing of two genotypes that are identical.
2. Backcrossing method involves improving a crop by mating with an inferior crop that has a better survival rate and longer life span in general.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**28. Consider the following about the Bahmani Kingdom.**

1. Bahamani Sultans were patrons of the Persian language.
2. Bidri artwork is associated with Bahmani Kingdom.
3. The Sultans strongly persecuted Hindus and did not allow them to take part in the Bahmani polity.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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