17. With reference to Ashokas Dhamma, which of the following statements is correct?

(a) Ashoka was concerned with broader ethics in governance and to reduce social conflict.

(b) Ashoka saw his dhamma as a result of good deeds which were inspired by formal religious beliefs.

(c) Ashokas intention was the propagation of his Dhamma to make it virtually the state religion of the Mauryan Empire.

(d) Buddhas Dhamma and Ashokan Dhamma were distinct and had no relation to each other.

18. He reduced obscurities of Vedas and made it comprehensible to the educated. He achieved fame for his study of the Vedic system and as the new interpreter of Vedanta philosophy He also rekindled a greater interest in the Upanishads through his commentaries elaborating on the relation between the Atman and Brahman and realised through Jnana. He was:

(a) Adi Shankaracharya

(b) Madhvacharya

(c) Ramanujacharya

(d) Kapila Muni

19. Consider the following statements:

(1) Yakshagana is one of the oldest living theatre traditions of south India.

(2) It originated in the courts of the Chola empire.

(3) It is mostly a descriptive dance and drama enacted by many artists.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

20. Consider the following statements regarding the Tamil epic Silappadikaram:

(1) Illango Adigal was the author of the epic.

(2) The story of the epic is associated with the philosophy of Buddhism primarily.

(3) The story in the book unfolds in the reign of the king Senguttuvan, the ruler of Madurai.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

21. Which of the following areas can be taken up for afforestation under the Social Forestry Programme?

(1) Agricultural fields

(2) Areas affected by shifting cultivation

(3) Unused fallow lands

(4) Roadsides

(5) Panchayat land

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

(b) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

(c) 1, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5