

**RAS PRELIMINARY EXAM**  
**Important questions for practice**

1. For Savarkar, what were the three fundamental bonds that united the Hindus ?

- (A) Territory, Race, Culture.**
- (B) Territory, Population, Sovereignty.
- (C) Territory, Government and International Recognition.
- (D) None of the above.

2. Which of the following are the common features of India and U.K ?

- (i) Supremacy of Parliament
  - (ii) A written Constitution
  - (iii) Bicameralism
  - (iv) Prime Minister is the leader of the largest party on the floor of the House.
- (A) (i) and (ii) are correct.  
(B) (ii) and (iii) are correct.  
**(C) (iii) and (iv) are correct.**  
(D) (i) and (iv) are correct.



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3. Who among the following was not a member of the Indian Constituent Assembly ?

- (A) Sir Firoz Khan Nur
- (B) Sir Zafarullah Khan
- (C) Dr. Jay Shankar
- (D) Jai Prakash Narayan**

4. The Drafting Committee member of the Constituent Assembly said that Governor nominated by the President will be the agent of the Central Government. Identify

- (A) T.T. Krishnamachari**
- (B) B.R. Ambedkar
- (C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- (D) Rajendra Prasad

5. Which of the former presidents was associated with the Trade-Union Movement in India ?

- (A) K.R. Narayanan
- (B) Dr. Zakir Hussain
- (C) V.V. Giri**
- (D) Rana Swami Venkat Raman

6. In which state of India seat is reserved in the Legislative Assembly on religious basis ?

- (A) Goa
- (B) Mizoram
- (C) Sikkim**
- (D) Jammu and Kashmir

7. Which of the following is the correct explanation of regional parties ?

- (i) The democratization of state structures and political practices.
- (ii) The resurgent articulation of local and regional interests in the wake of the retrenchment of the welfare state and turn to neo-liberalism.
- (iii) The modernization paradigm defined regions as spatial units.
- (iv) The politicization of minority nations. (nations without states)

Codes :

- (A) (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.
- (B) (ii), (iii) and (iv) are correct.
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iv) are correct.**
- (D) (iii), (i) and (iv) are correct.

8. Audit of State Government is

- (A) A state subject
- (B) A union subject**
- (C) In the concurrent list
- (D) None of the above

9.. The rule of Lapse means

- (A) All pending bills in Parliament lapse with its propagation.

(B) The demand for grants of a ministry lapse with criticism of its policy by the opposition.

**(C) All appropriations voted by the legislature expire at the end of the financial year.**

(D) The appropriation bill lapses if it is not returned by Rajya sabha within 14 days.

10. A new All India Service can be created by

(A) An amendment of the Constitution

**(B) A resolution under Article 312 of the Constitution**

(C) An executive order

(D) A statute

11. Which of the following is not an All India Service ?

(A) Indian Police Service

(B) Indian Administrative Service

(C) Indian Forest Service

**(D) Indian Foreign Service**



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12. Which one of the following is not a provision to ensure the independence of U.P.S.C. ?

(A) The Chairman and member hold office for a fixed term.

(B) A member may be removed only by the President and that too on the grounds and in manner provided in the Constitution.

(C) The expenses of the commission are charged on the consolidated fund of India.

**(D) A member on the expiry of his term is eligible for reappointment for other governmental jobs.**

13. Match List – I with List – II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List – I

List – II

(Trans National  
Corporation)

(Country)

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| a. Toyota           | i. USA           |
| b. General Electric | ii. Japan        |
| c. Nestle           | iii. Switzerland |
| d. Electrolux       | iv. Canada       |

Codes :

- |            |           |          |            |           |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
|            | a         | b        | c          | d         |
| (A)        | iv        | iii      | ii         | i         |
| (B)        | iii       | iv       | i          | ii        |
| <b>(C)</b> | <b>ii</b> | <b>i</b> | <b>iii</b> | <b>iv</b> |
| (D)        | i         | ii       | iv         | iii       |

14. Match List – I with List – II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List – I

(Regional Economic Commission)

- a. Economic Commission for Europe
- b. Economic Commission for Africa
- c. Economic Commission for Latin America
- d. Economic Commission for West Asia

List – II

(Head Quarters)



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i. Switzerland

ii. Ethiopia

iii. Chile

iv. Iraq

Codes :

- |            |          |           |            |           |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|            | a        | b         | c          | d         |
| <b>(A)</b> | <b>i</b> | <b>ii</b> | <b>iii</b> | <b>iv</b> |
| (B)        | ii       | iii       | iv         | i         |
| (C)        | i        | ii        | iv         | iii       |
| (D)        | iv       | iii       | ii         | i         |

15. Which among the following is correct so far as Aurobindo beliefs are concerned ?

(A) Belief that his education and talent belong to God which could not be utilised for personal happiness alone.

(B) His resolve that he would not merely repeat the name of God, but have direct realisation of Him.

(C) His conviction that he did not regard the country as an inert object, but as the Mother.

**(D) All of the above.**

16. Who among the following criticized Marxian theory of surplus value ?

(A) Savarkar

**(B) M.N. Roy**

(C) Aurobindo

(D) Jayaprakash Narayan



17. Who among the following said  
"Those who say that religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion means" ?

(A) Aurobindo (B) **M.K. Gandhi**

(C) Subhas Bose (D) M.N. Roy

18. The 'Block Vote System' is also known as

**(A) First-past-the-post system**

(B) Limited vote system

(C) Proportional representation

(D) List system

19. Match the List – I with List – II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List – I (Prime Minister)

List – II(Tenure of the Prime Minister)

a. I.K. Gujral

i. 16 May 1996 – 1 June 1996

b. A.B. Vajpayee

c. H.D. Deve Gowda

d. Chandra Shekhar

ii. 21 April 1997 – 18 March 1998

iii. 10 November 1990 – 21 June, 1991

iv. 1 June, 1996 – 20 April, 1997

Codes :

a b c d

(A) iv iii ii i

**(B) ii i iv iii**

(C) i iii iv ii

(D) iii ii i iv

20. Which of the following is the correct sequence regarding the passage of the Budget ?

1. Voting on Grants

2. General Discussion

3. Finance Bill

4. Appropriation Bill

Select the correct code from the following :

(A) 2, 1, 4, 3 **(B) 3, 2, 1, 4**

(C) 3, 1, 2, 4 (D) 1, 2, 4, 3



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21. Which of the following is not a Directive Principle of State Policy ?

(A) Right to adequate means of livelihood.

**(B) Protection of language, script or culture of minorities.**

(C) The state shall endeavour to raise the level of nutrition a standard of living and to improve public health.

(D) to develop cottage industries.

22. Which of the following are the features of the list system of voting ?

(i) The Constituencies are both single and multi-member ones.

(ii) The Constituencies are only multi-member ones.

(iii) The voters vote for the individual candidates.

(iv) Parties put up a panel of candidates for election.

Select the correct answer :

Codes :

(A) (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.

(B) (ii), (iii) and (iv) are correct.

(C) (iii), (iv) and (i) are correct.

**(D) (ii) and (iv) are correct.**

23. Assertion (A) : The President of India is indirectly elected.

Reason (R) : Under a Parliamentary system of Government, the head of State is only a nominal head.

Codes :

**(A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).**

(B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

(C) (A) is true, but (R) is false.

(D) (R) is true, but (A) is false.

24. Assertion (A) : Money bills originate only in the Lower House of the Parliament.

Reason (R) : The Lower House of the Parliament is a popularly elected body.

Codes :

**(A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).**

(B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

(C) (A) is true, but (R) is false.

(D) (R) is true, but (A) is false.

25. Which one of the following committees, is an exclusive committee of Rajya Sabha ?

(i) Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

(ii) Committee on Government Assurance.

(iii) Committee on Papers Laid on the Table.

(iv) Committee on Public Undertakings.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

(A) (i), (iii), (iv)      (B) (i), (ii), (iv)

(C) (iv), (iii), (ii)      **(D) (i), (ii), (iii)**

26. Which one is not an element of the Secular State is India ?

- (A) Civil Equality.
- (B) Freedom of Religion.
- (C) No religious education by the State.
- (D) Taxation on religious property.**

27. In India promotion cases of senior Civil Servants are decided by

- (A) The Head Office
- (B) The Departmental Promotion Committee
- (C) The Prime Minister
- (D) The Cabinet Committee**

28. Reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the services has been provided under

- (A) Article 315
- (B) Article 335**
- (C) Article 365
- (D) Article 375

29. "Hot Line" in International Relations means

- (A) Facsimile Transmission Capability to Direct Communication Link (DCL)
- (B) To send Graphic Material via DCL
- (C) Direct Communication between Head of States (Head of Governments)
- (D) As above of all.**

30. Answer the following Indo-Pak agreements in chronological order :

- (i) Agra Accord
- (ii) Tashkent Agreement
- (iii) Lahore Agreement
- (iv) Shimla Agreement

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (A) (ii), (iii), (i), (iv)
- (B) (ii), (iv), (i), (iii)
- (C) (ii), (iv), (iii), (i)**
- (D) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)

31. Match the List – I with List – II and select the correct answer from the



codes given below :

List – I (Countries)

- a. Pakistan
- b. Bangladesh

- c. Nepal
- d. China

Codes :

a b c d

(A) i ii iii iv

**(B) ii i iii iv**

(C) iii ii i iv

(D) iv iii ii i

List – II(Problems)

- i. Illegalimmigrants
- ii. Baghlihar Hydroproject

- iii. TransitoryPassage
- iv. Tawang Incident

32. Match the List – I with List – II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List – I(Countries)

- a. Cambodia -Vietnam
- b. Myanmar – Thailand
- c. Malaysia – Philippines
- d. Vietnam -Philippines



List – II(Dispute)

- i. Spratlys Island
- ii. Ladrang and Islands of baie
- iii. Dai Lang
- iv. Sabah/North Borneo

Codes :

a b c d

**(A) ii iii iv i**

(B) i ii iii iv

(C) iii iv i ii

(D) iv i ii iii