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Sectional Test on General Knowledge for CLAT UG [Part 4]

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1. Which constitutional amendment reduced the voting age in India from 21 years to 18 years?

a. 42nd Constitutional Amendment

b. 44th Constitutional Amendment

c. 61st Constitutional Amendment

d. 73rd Constitutional Amendment

2. The term “Shadow Banking”, often used in economic discourse, refers to:

a. Illegal banking activities

b. Unregulated financial intermediaries performing bank-like functions

c. Banks operating in tax havens

d. Digital-only banking institutions

3. Which Indian river does not form part of the Ganga river system?

a. Yamuna

b. Son

c. Gandak

d. Godavari

4. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) primarily provides financial assistance to countries facing:

a. Long-term infrastructure deficits

b. Balance of Payments crises

c. Population decline

d. Environmental disasters only

5. What Indian classical music form prioritizes composition and lyrical meaning?

a. Hindustani classical music

b. Carnatic classical music

c. Folk music

d. Sufi music

6. Which of the following is not a feature of a federal system?

a. Division of powers

b. Written constitution

c. Independent judiciary

d. Single central authority

7. The term “Doctrine of Lapse” was introduced by:

a. Lord Dalhousie

b. Lord Wellesley

c. Lord Curzon

d. Lord Cornwallis

8. What is the name of the global index that assesses nations based on criteria such as per capita income, education levels, and life expectancy?

a. World Happiness Index

b. Human Development Index

c. Global Competitiveness Index

d. Multidimensional Poverty Index

9. The headquarters of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) is located in:

a. Geneva

b. Vienna

c. The Hague

d. New York

10. The term “Greenwashing” refers to:

a. Investment in renewable energy

b. Misleading claims about environmental benefits

c. Recycling industrial waste

d. Carbon credit trading

11. Which schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the allocation of seats in the Rajya Sabha?

a. Fourth Schedule

b. Fifth Schedule

c. Sixth Schedule

d. Seventh Schedule

12. Which ocean current is responsible for moderating the climate of Western Europe?

a. Labrador Current

b. Canary Current

c. Gulf Stream

d. Humboldt Current

13. By which constitutional amendment was the Right to Education incorporated into the Indian Constitution?

a. 83rd Amendment

b. 86th Amendment

c. 91st Amendment

d. 97th Amendment

14. Which international organization oversees the PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) tests?

a. UNESCO

b. OECD

c. UNICEF

d. World Bank

15. The term "Separation of Powers" in constitutional law primarily aims to:

a. Ensure judicial supremacy

b. Prevent concentration of power

c. Strengthen federalism

d. Enhance executive authority

Answers

1. Correct Answer: C – The 61st Constitutional Amendment Act, passed in 1988, lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years to promote greater democratic engagement.
2. Correct Answer: B – Shadow banking includes NBFCs, hedge funds, and other entities performing credit intermediation without being fully regulated like banks.

3. Correct Answer: D – The Godavari, an independent river, empties into the Bay of Bengal and is separate from the Ganga river system.
4. Correct Answer: B – IMF assistance is aimed at stabilizing economies facing Balance of Payments difficulties.
5. Correct Answer: B – Carnatic music emphasizes kritis (compositions) and lyrical devotion more than improvisation.
6. Correct Answer: D – Federalism involves shared authority, not a single centralized power structure.
7. Correct Answer: A – Lord Dalhousie used the Doctrine of Lapse to annex princely states lacking a male heir.
8. Correct Answer: B – The Human Development Index (HDI) measures human well-being beyond income.
9. Correct Answer: C – The ICJ is headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands.
10. Correct Answer: B – Greenwashing involves falsely portraying products or policies as environmentally friendly.
11. Correct Answer: A – The Fourth Schedule allocates Rajya Sabha seats among states and UTs.
12. Correct Answer: C – The warm Gulf Stream current significantly moderates Europe’s climate.
13. Correct Answer: B – The 86th Constitutional Amendment made education a Fundamental Right under Article 21A.
14. Correct Answer: B – PISA is conducted by the OECD to assess education systems globally.
15. Correct Answer: B – Separation of Powers prevents misuse of authority by dividing functions among branches.