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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.