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## IAS Prelims General Studies Paper 1996 (Part 1 of 10)

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1. According to ancient Indian cosmogonic ideas the sequential order of the cycle of four aeons (yugas) is
  - a. Dvapara, Krita, Treta and Kali
  - b. Krita, Dvapara, Treta and Kali
  - c. Krita, Treta, Dvapara and Kali
  - d. Treta, Dvapara, Kali and Krita
2. Which one of the following rivers thrice forks into two streams and reunites a few miles farther on, thus forming the islands of Srirangappattanam, Sivasamudram and Srirangam?
  - a. Cauvery
  - b. Tungabhadra
  - c. Krishna
  - d. Godavari
3. Of the four landmarks in medical history given below, which one was the first to take place?
  - a. Organ transplant
  - b. Bypass Surgery
  - c. Test tube baby
  - d. Plastic surgery
4. If the number of seats allocated to a state in the, Lok Sabha is 42, then the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes in that state will be
  - a. 21
  - b. 14
  - c. 7
  - d. 6
5. The following Table shows the percentage distribution of revenue expenditure of Government of India in 1989 – 90 and 1994 – 95: Expenditure Head (per cent to total)

Years	Defense	Interest payments	Subsidies	Grants to States/UTs	Others
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Year 1989 – 90	Expense 15.1	Expense 27.7	Expense 16.3	Expense 13.6	Expense 27.4
Year 1994 – 95	Expense 13.6	Expense 38.7	Expense 8.0	Expense 16.7	Expense 23.0

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- Based on this table, it can be said that the
  - Indian economy is in poor shape because the Central government continues to be under pressure to:
    - a. reduce expenditure on defence
    - b. spend more and more oil interest payments
    - c. reduce expenditure on subsidies
    - d. spend more and more as grants-in-aid to State government/Union Territories.
- 6. As per the 1991 Census, which one of the following states has a lower population density than the other three?
  - a. Sikkim
  - b. Nagaland
  - c. Meghalaya
  - d. Manipur
- 7. Consider the map given below: The dotted (broken) line in the map is the
  - a. Durand line
  - b. MacMahon line
  - c. line of demarcation between India and Pakistan suggested by the Boundary Commission (1947)
  - d. route followed by the Young husband Expedition
- 8. In the Indian context the term De-notified tribes refers to
  - a. tribes which are aboriginals
  - b. nomadic tribes
  - c. tribes practicing shifting cultivation
  - d. tribes which were earlier classified as criminal tribes
- 9. Which one of the following temples figured in the news regarding the institution of the Devadasis?
  - a. Jagannath temple, Pun
  - b. Pasupatinath temple, Katmandu

- c. Kandariyamahadev temple, Khajuraho
  - d. Chaunsathyogini temple, Bheraghat
10. The power of the Supreme Court of India to decide disputes between the Centre and the States falls under its
  - a. advisory jurisdiction
  - b. appellate jurisdiction
  - c. original jurisdiction
  - d. constitutional jurisdiction
11. Which one of the following is correct regarding stabilization and structural adjustment as two components of the new economic policy adopted in India?
  - a. Stabilization is a gradual, multi-step process while structural adjustment is a quick adaptation process.
  - b. Structural adjustment is a gradual multi-step process, while stabilization is a quick adaptation process.
  - c. Stabilization and structural adjustment are very similar and complimentary policies. It is difficult to separate one from the other.
  - d. Stabilization mainly deals with a set of policies which are to be implementary by the Central government while structural adjustment is to be set it motion by the State governments.
12. When an air bubble at the bottom of lake rises to the top, it will
  - a. increase in size
  - b. decrease in size
  - c. maintain its size
  - d. flatten into a dislike shape
13. The river most mentioned in early Vedic literature is
  - a. Sindhu
  - b. Sutudri
  - c. Sarasvati
  - d. Ganga
14. Of the four forms of political protests mentioned below, which one is derived from the name of the person who used it as a political weapon for the first time?
  - a. Boycott
  - b. Gherao
  - c. Bandh
  - d. Hartal

15. According to the World Health Organization the disease which causes the death of the largest number of people today is:
- a. AIDS
  - b. tuberculosis
  - c. malaria
  - d. ebola