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1. The entrustment of certain specified functions by the central to the local authority with the former retaining the right to issue directives or revise decisions is termed as
 - a. Devolution
 - b. Deconcentration
 - c. Decentralization
 - d. Delegation
2. Which one of the following does NOT relate to supervision process?
 - a. The top authorities simply laying down the objectives and policy in board terms
 - b. Obtaining reports from subordinate units.
 - c. Requiring the prior approval of the departmental head
 - d. Requiring the prior approval of the superior if expenditure is proposed
3. Which one of the following CANNOT be the function of the staff agency?
 - a. Rendering advice and consultancy services
 - b. Performing substantive functions of an agency
 - c. Coordination of the activities of the agency
 - d. Gathering information and collating it.
4. Which of the following is a major staff agency in the government of India?
 - a. Railway board
 - b. Central pollution control board
 - c. Planning commission
 - d. Central board of direct taxes

5. Which of the following are true regarding staff and line?
- They are concepts derived from military science.
 - They are meant to work at crosspurposes.
 - They are meant to complement the work of each other.
 - They are inevitable in all public organizations.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- 1,2 & 3
 - 1,3 & 4
 - 1,2 % 4
 - 2,3 & 4
6. The following are some of the steps in decision-making:
- Acquiring backboard information concerning the problem
 - Determining the problem
 - Choosing the preferred alternative.
 - Evaluating the alternatives.
 - Identifying the alternatives.

Which is the correct sequence of the above steps? Choose the answer from the codes given below:

- 1, 5,2, 4,3
 - 2, 4,1, 3,5
 - 1, 2,4, 5,3
 - 2, 1,5, 4,3
7. Which one of the following approaches to decision-making is referred to as the with or with out principle
- Cost-benefit analysis
 - Factor analysis
 - Differential analysis
 - Marginal analysis
8. Which one of the following NOT true about the emergence of New Public Administration?

- a. It grew out of meetings of Minnow brook in September, 1968.
- b. It was a movement pioneered by the younger generation of American Public Administrations.
- c. Waldo's book 'Public Administration in a time of Turbulence' gave impetus to it
- d. It was triggered by problems of comparative and development
9. Which one of the following pairs is NOT correctly matched?
- a. Intelligence activity 褻 Develops possible course of action.
- b. Values and facts 褻 Facilitate rational calculations.
- c. Premises 褻 Simplify decision making process.
- d. Design activity 褻 Inventing and analyzing alternative coerces of action.
10. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists:

| List-I | List-II |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. Herbert Simon | 1. Positive and negative decisions |
| B. Charles Lindblom | 2. Logical positivism |
| C. Chester Barnard | 3. Mixed-scanning |
| D. Amitai Etzioni | 4. Instrumentalism |
| | 5. One best way |

A B C D

- a. 1 2 3 4
- b. 1 4 3 5
- c. 2 4 1 3
- d. 2 1 4 3
11. Listed below are four leadership qualities mentioned by Chester Bernard:
- a. Responsibility and intellectual capacity
- b. Decisiveness
- c. Vitality and endurance

d. Persuasiveness

Which according to him is their importance in descending order?

- a. 1,2, 4,3
- b. 2,1, 4,3
- c. 3,2, 4,1
- d. 4,2, 1,3

12. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer.

| List-I | List-II |
|--|------------------------------|
| A. A store clerk tells the top executive when to buy a commodity. | 1. Leadership by Personality |
| B. A youth rushing to save life and property of a house on fire commands neighbors to collect water. | 2. Leadership by Position |
| C. A newly elected secretary advises members about their duties. | 3. Leadership by Function |
| D. A leader attempts to bend his followers to his will in most kinds of work. | 4. Leadership by Situation |

A B C D

- a. 1 3 2 4
- b. 2 4 3 1
- c. 3 4 2 1
- d. 3 2 4 1

13. Who among the following said that 'Governmental sense' and 'political sense' are major attributes of good administrative leadership?

- a. John Millet
- b. William Siffin
- c. Paul Appleby
- d. L D White

14. The author who described complicated communication of bureaucracy as 'officialese' or 'gobbledygook' was
- Herbert Simon
 - Rudolf Flesch
 - Chester Barnard
 - Lloyd George
15. ◦ **Assertion (A)** : Under theory 'X' upward communication is as important as downward communication.
- **Reason (R)** : Under Theory 'X' subordinates have little participation in setting the objectives of the organization.

In the context of the above two statements, which one of the following is correct?

- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Both A and R are true but R is NOT a correct explanation of A
- A is true but R is false
- A is false but R is true

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