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## 1. Economy

1) Consider the following statements regarding Geographical Indications (GIs).

1. Geographical indication is a sign which is used in the course of trade and it distinguishes goods of one enterprise from those of other enterprises.

2. Like Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), GI also guarantee the protection of individual interest of the product developer.

3. The registration of a geographical indication is valid for a period of 10 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements regarding Patents.

1. A Patent is a statutory right for an invention granted for a limited period of time to the patentee by the Government, in exchange of full disclosure of his invention for excluding others, from making, using, selling, importing the patented product or process for producing that product for those purposes without his consent.

2. The term of every patent granted is 20 years from the date of filing of application.

3. The Indian Patent is effective worldwide.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 3

3) Which of the following types of inventions are not patentable in India?

1. Artificial intelligence led innovations without human intervention.

2. A method of agriculture or horticulture

3. Normal biological processes

4. Inventions relating to atomic energy

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) In India, the sectors where FDI is not allowed are:

1. Investment in Chit Funds

2. Tobacco industry

3. All Agricultural or Plantation Activities

4. Satellite and its associated activities  
Select the correct answer code:

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Government Security (G-Sec) and Treasury Bills (T-bills).

1. In India, the Central Government issues both, treasury bills and bonds or dated securities while the State Governments issue only bonds or dated securities, which are called the State Development Loans (SDLs).

2. They are not available for small and retail investors.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

6) Consider the following statements regarding FDI in India in 2019-20.

1. Mauritius remained the top source of FDI followed by Singapore.

2. Services sector attracted maximum foreign inflows during 2019-20.

3. In India Greenfield investment is more dominant than in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 3

7) Consider the following statements regarding Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX).

1. The Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX) is the new Chinese *payment mechanism*.

2. Its mission is to facilitate non-USD and non-SWIFT transactions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Singapore's Temasek-like model, recently in news is related to

- a) Restrictive lockdown measures
- b) Disinvestment programme
- c) Local Governance
- d) Primary Health care

9) Recently the Government announced Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0. It covers

1. Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)
2. Micro finance institutions (MFIs)
3. Housing finance companies (HFCs)

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

10) Ease 3.0, launched in India is related to

- a) Tech-enabled banking
- b) Easy access to credit for MSME Sector
- c) Child and Maternal Healthcare
- d) Farm seed production

11) Equalisation levy, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Tax on importing Electronic goods
- b) Tax on Renewable Energy Devices
- c) Tax on digital transactions
- d) Tax on disinvestment proceeds

12) Consider the following statements regarding leverage ratio for banks.

1. The leverage ratio measures a bank's core capital to its total assets.
2. An increase in the leverage ratio for banks help them boost their lending activities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

13) Due to slowdown in various sectors, several states are asking for longer period of GST compensation. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding GST compensation?

1. The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017 provides for 100% compensation to the states for a period of only three years for the loss of revenue arising on account of implementation of GST.
2. For the purpose of calculating the compensation amount payable, the financial year ending 31st March, 2016, shall be taken as the base year.

3. For providing compensation to states, Centre uses the funds specifically collected as compensation cess levied on products considered to be 'sin' or luxury goods.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Which of the following food items are taxed under the GST?

1. Milk in tetra pack
2. Ready to eat parotta
3. Cereal grains hulled
4. Plain Chapatti or roti
5. Newspapers containing advertising material

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 2, 4, 5
- c) 1, 2, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

15) Consider the following statements regarding Inter-creditor agreement.

1. The inter-creditor agreement is aimed at the resolution of loan accounts with a size of ₹50 crore and above that are under the control of a group of lenders.
2. It is part of the "Sashakt" plan approved by the government to address the problem of resolving bad loans.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

16) Consider the following statements regarding Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM)

1. Reverse charge is a mechanism under which the provider of the goods or services is liable to pay the tax instead of the recipient of the goods and services.
2. The RCM helps to check tax evasion and expand the tax base of the government.
3. It puts pressure on small businesses to voluntarily register on the Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

17) Consider the following statements regarding the new definition of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

1. MSMEs are defined on the basis of investments put in and the turnover of the company.
2. There is no distinction between Manufacturing and Service MSMEs.
3. MSMEs will now be called Micro units if they have investments upto Rs 2 crore and turnover of less than Rs 5 crore.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

18) Arrange the following food grains produced in India in 2018-19 in their decreasing order.

1. Wheat
2. Rice
3. Bajra
4. All Pulses
5. Jowar

Select the correct answer code

- a) 2-1-4-5-3
- b) 2-1-4-3-5
- c) 1-2-3-4-5
- d) 1-2-4-3-5

19) Consider the following statements.

1. India is the world's largest milk producer.
2. Milk is the largest crop in India in terms of value.
3. The total value of milk produced in India is more than the total value of paddy and wheat put together.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

20) Consider the following statements.

1. The unemployment rate refers to the percentage of persons unemployed among the persons in the labour force.

2. The labour force is defined as people who are working, or seeking work or available for work.

3. 2017-18 saw the lowest unemployment rate since 1977-78.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

21) Consider the following statements regarding Coal imports.

1. India reduced its coal imports in 2019 compared to 2015.

2. Imports of thermal coal is higher than coking coal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

22) Consider the following statements.

1. The GDP growth rate in India has declined successively from 2016-17 to 2019-20.

2. In the last 10 years India has not crossed the GDP growth rate of 8%.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

23) The official committees that have estimated the number of people living in poverty in India are

1. Y K Alagh committee
2. D T Lakdawala committee
3. Suresh Tendulkar committee
4. C Rangarajan committee

Select the correct answer code:

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

## 2. Ecology and Environment

1) Consider the following statements regarding Platform of Science-based Ocean Solutions.

1. It was launched during the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the UNFCCC.

2. The Platform of Science-based Ocean Solutions aims “to enhance the sharing of knowledge created by various actors in the ocean and climate community to advance ocean-climate action”.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) provided for prior informed consent of farmers before the use of genetic resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use.

2. The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) recognised farmers’ rights as the rights to save, use, exchange and sell farm-saved seeds.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

3) Sickle senna, sometimes seen in news is

a) A rare disease  
b) A new snake eel species discovered recently

- c) Edible weed
- d) Non-oxygen breathing animal

4) India is the largest emitter of sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) in the world, contributing more than 15 per cent of global anthropogenic emissions, according to a new report by Greenpeace. The reasons for this is/are:

- 1. Very high sulphur content in Indian coal.
- 2. Vast majority of thermal power plants in India lack flue-gas desulfurisation (FGD) technology.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

5) Consider the following statements regarding Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AsESG).

1. The Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AsESG) is an integral part of the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the international Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

2. The AsESG provides scientifically-grounded evidence of the abundance, distributions, and demographic status of Asian elephant populations.

3. Gajah is the journal of the IUCN.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) Poonam Avlokan, recently seen in news is related to

- a) Kangaroo Mother Care
- b) Assessing the number of lions and their locations
- c) Cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption
- d) Assessing the impact of Breastfeeding on the health of mothers and children

7) Consider the following statements regarding Biennial Update Report (BUR).

1. Biennial Update Report (BUR) is submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change towards fulfilment of the reporting obligation under the Convention.

2. National Greenhouse Gas Inventory is one of the major components of Biennial Update Report.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Challenger Deep, recently seen in news is

- a) Deepest volcanic vent
- b) Deepest known spot in the ocean
- c) Deep space mission
- d) None of the above

9) Consider the following statements regarding Antarctic Treaty.

1. Antarctic Treaty regulate international relations with respect to Antarctica.

2. For the purposes of the treaty system, Antarctica is defined as all of the land and ice shelves south of 60°S latitude.

3. The treaty establishes freedom of scientific investigation, and bans military activity on the continent.

4. Antarctica is earth's only continent without a native human population.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Maguri-Motapung wetland, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Sikkim
- b) Assam
- c) West Bengal
- d) Meghalaya

11) According to recent estimates, the number of Asiatic lions in Gujarat has increased between 2015 and 2020 census years. In this context, consider the following statements.

1. The increase in the number of Asiatic lions in Gir forest in Gujarat between 2015 and 2020 is the highest rise between two census years.

2. Asiatic lions are present only in the Protected Areas of Gir forest.

3. Asiatic Lions are listed as 'Endangered' under the IUCN Red List.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

12) Consider the following statements regarding Sand mining.

1. The Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining 2020 push for online sales and purchase of sand and other riverbed materials to make the process transparent.

2. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 empowers state governments to make rules to prevent illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

13) Consider the following statements regarding Hydrophone.

1. A hydrophone detects acoustic signals under the water.

2. A Hydrophone works by converting a sound wave into an electrical voltage by detecting changes in pressure in the surrounding environment.

3. Recently National Green Tribunal banned the use of hydrophone in Indian rivers and lakes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Consider the following statements regarding Irrawaddy dolphins.

1. Of the six varieties of dolphins that are found in India's rivers, lakes and around coastline, the Irrawaddy Dolphins are among the highest in number.

2. The Irrawaddy Dolphins are found mostly in brackish water zones.

3. In India, Irrawaddy Dolphins are found mainly in Chilika Lake.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) The government had recently amended the Environment Protection Act to drop the mandatory washing of coal supplied to thermal power plants. In this context what are the benefits of using washed coal.

1. Washing coal increases the efficiency and quality of the dry fuel.

2. Thermal power plants would have fewer operational problems.

3. The combustion of washed coal would be better from an emissions and local air pollution perspective

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements about National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR).

1. The NCPOR has established a high-altitude research station named 'Himansh' in Himalaya.

2. NCPOR functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

3. NCPOR does not have the permission to do research in the Arctic region and the Antarctica continent.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

17) Consider the following statements regarding Lonar Lake.

- 1. Lonar Lake was created by an asteroid collision with earth.
- 2. Lonar is the only fresh impact structure in basalt on Earth, making it an important analog for impact craters on the surface of the Moon.
- 3. It is a notified National Geo-heritage Monument.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

18) Which among the following is India's first wildlife sanctuary with golden langur as the primary species.

- a) Sipahijala Wildlife Sanctuary
- b) Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Chakrashila wildlife sanctuary
- d) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary

19) Consider the following statements.

- 1. The highest number and high endemism of orchid species are found in Western Ghats.
- 2. Botanical Survey of India conducts census of orchids of India.
- 3. Trade of wild orchid is banned globally.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 2, 3

20) Consider the following statements regarding Golden Langur.

- 1. They are found only in Assam and parts of Bhutan.
- 2. It is one of the most endangered primate species of India.
- 3. It inhabits the area bound by three rivers — Brahmaputra in the south, Manas in east and Sonkosh in west.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

21) Consider the following statements regarding coal gasification and its advantage.

- 1. Coal gasification is the process of converting coal into syngas, which is a mixture of hydrogen, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.
- 2. Low-grade coal cannot be used in the coal gasification process.
- 3. It reduces dependence on imported Liquefied Natural Gas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

22) Dehing Patkai elephant reserve, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Assam
- d) Karnataka

23) Consider the following statements regarding Forest Fires.

- 1. The youngest mountain ranges of Himalayas are susceptible to forest fires.
- 2. The forests of Eastern Himalayas are more frequently vulnerable to forest fires as compared to those in Western Himalayas.
- 3. Fire lines are strips without greenery or dried twigs to prevent forest fires from spreading.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

24) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Indian elephant has been declared as National Heritage Animal by the Government of India.
- 2. As per 2017 Census, Karnataka has the highest number of elephants followed by Kerala.
- 3. Indian elephants are protected under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

25) Deomali elephant reserve, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

26) Consider the following statements regarding Biorock or mineral accretion technology.

1. Biorock or mineral accretion technology can be used to restore coral reefs.

2. Biorock is the name given to the substance formed by electro accumulation of minerals dissolved in seawater on steel structures that are lowered onto the sea bed and are connected to a power source.

3. It results in the formation of calcium carbonate.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

27) Consider the following statements regarding Convention on Migratory Species (CMS).

1. The CMS is an environmental treaty of the UN that provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats.

2. It is not the only global convention specialising in the conservation of migratory species, their habitats and migration routes.

3. CMS brings together the States through which migratory animals pass, the Range States, and lays the legal foundation for internationally coordinated conservation measures throughout a migratory range.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

28) Consider the following statements regarding Sundarbans.

1. The Sundarbans is a mangrove area in the delta formed by the confluence of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Teesta Rivers in the Bay of Bengal.

2. Indian Sundarban constitutes more than 50% of India's total mangrove forest area.

3. Sundarbans Mangroves ecoregion is the world's largest mangrove ecosystem.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

29) Consider the following statements regarding Bandipur National Park.

1. It is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

2. It is established as a tiger reserve under Project Tiger.

3. A national highway between Kerala and Karnataka passes through Bandipur National Park.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

30) Consider the following statements.

1. India has proposed to add rosewood (*Dalbergia sissoo*) to Appendix II of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

2. Appendix II of CITES has species not necessarily threatened with extinction, but in which trade must be controlled to avoid utilisation incompatible with their survival.

3. Once an item is listed in Appendix II, exporters need to obtain a certificate from CITES.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

31) Consider the following statements regarding Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

1. CITES is an international agreement to which States and regional economic integration organizations adhere voluntarily.

2. More than 70% of species protected by CITES currently are species of animals.

3. If a country violates the convention, CITES can impose sanctions, which prevent a country from trading in CITES-listed species.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

32) The knowledge of bathymetry — the measurement of the shape and depth of the ocean floor — is instrumental because

1. It helps in understanding the natural phenomena, including ocean circulation, tides, and biological hotspots.

2. It provides key inputs for exploration for oil and gas projects and building offshore wind turbines.

3. Help achieve one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

33) Consider the following statements regarding Loktak Lake.

1. Loktak lake is the largest freshwater lake in India and is famous for the phumdias floating over it.

2. Keibul Lamjao National Park located here is the only floating national park in the world.

3. The park is the last natural refuge of the endangered Sangai.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

34) Consider the following statements regarding Bambusa tulda.

1. Bambusa tulda is an evergreen Bamboo native to the Indian subcontinent.

2. It is used by the paper pulp industry and for making Agarbatti sticks in India.

3. In 2018 the Government amended the Indian Forest Act, 1927 to include bamboo grown on non-forest areas under the definition of a tree.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

35) Consider the following statements regarding Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news.

1. Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary is located in the Western Ghats of Karnataka.

2. It is home to Dudhsagar Waterfalls.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2



### 3. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issues orders and directions on subjects such as

1. Tariffs
2. Increasing broadband penetration in India
3. Direct to Home (DTH) services
4. Mobile number portability

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) PM CARES Fund, recently seen in news is part of

- a) Consolidated Fund of India
- b) Public Account of India
- c) Contingency Fund of India
- d) Public charitable trust

3) Consider the following statements regarding PM CARES Fund.

1. The fund consists of voluntary contributions from individuals/organizations and also get budgetary support.
2. There is no Parliamentary oversight.
3. The fund is audited by an independent auditor and not by Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

4) Consider the following statements regarding PM CARES Fund.

1. PM CARES Fund has not got exemption under the FCRA and thus cannot receive foreign donations.
2. Donations to PM CARES Fund will qualify to be counted as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure under the Companies Act, 2013
3. It does not come under the ambit of RTI Act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

5) Consider the following statements regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP).

1. The scheme is designed as a social safety net for improvement of livelihood of MFP gatherers by providing them fair price for the MFPs they collect.

2. At present the scheme is implemented only in States having Fifth Schedule areas.

3. Ministry of Tribal Affairs shall announce Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the selected MFPs with the technical support from TRIFED.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) Consider the following statements.

1. The nationwide lockdown that was imposed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic was under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act).

2. COVID-19 is the first pan India biological disaster being handled by the legal and constitutional institutions of the country.

3. The subject 'disaster management' is mentioned in all the three lists of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

7) Consider the following statements regarding Inner Line Permit (ILP).

1. An Inner Line Permit is a document that allows an Indian citizen to visit or stay in a state that is protected under the ILP system.

2. The concept originates from the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act (BEFR), 1873.

3. At present only Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur are protected by the ILP system.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

8) Consider the following statements regarding State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

1. SDRF was constituted based on the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission.

2. The Central Government contributes 50% to SDRF and the remaining 50% is provided from the State Government.

3. A State Government may use the funds available under the SDRF for providing immediate relief to the victims of natural disasters that they consider to be 'disasters' within the local context in the State.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

9) In the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 the term 'FARMER' includes

- 1. Agricultural operational holders
- 2. Gardeners
- 3. Pastoralists
- 4. Person engaged in shifting cultivation
- 5. Non-corporate planters

Select the correct answer code:

- a) All except 2
- b) All except 3
- c) All except 5
- d) All of the above

10) Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN).

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India.

2. Under the Scheme an income support of Rs.6000/- per year will be provided to all farmer families across the country with some exceptions.

3. Definition of family for the Scheme is husband, wife and minor children.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) Consider the following statements regarding Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA).

1. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) is a Maha Ratna Government of India Enterprise under the

administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

2. It is registered as Non-Banking Financial Company (NFBC) with Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

3. It is the implementing agency for setting up solar power plants by Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

12) IFLOWS, recently seen in news is related to

- a) Fluoride Water treatment system
- b) Integrated Banking System
- c) Flood Warning system
- d) Financial Literacy Programme

13) The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) uses which of the following parameters to rank institutions of higher education in India.

- 1. Teaching, Learning & Resources (TLR)
- 2. Research and Professional Practice (RP)
- 3. Graduation Outcomes (GO)
- 4. Peer Perception

Select the correct answer code:

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

14) The prices of which of the following petroleum products are decontrolled in India.

- 1. Aviation Turbine Fuel
- 2. Domestic LPG
- 3. Petrol
- 4. PDS Kerosene
- 5. Diesel

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 5
- b) 1, 3, 5
- c) 1, 3, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

15) Consider the following statements regarding Van Dhan Scheme.

1. The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and TRIFED.

2. It seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.

3. The aggregation of tribal produce would be done by SHGs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements regarding Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan.

1. Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan is a massive employment cum rural public works campaign.
2. The scheme will work in a mission mode in select districts across all States where the maximum number of the migrant workers have returned back to their districts due to Covid-19.
3. The campaign will contribute towards provision of modern facilities, such as internet connectivity, laying of optic fibre cables and to increase internet speed in villages.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

17) Consider the following statements regarding SUTRA PIC.

1. SUTRA PIC is a programme to research on 'indigenous' cows.
2. It is led by the Department of Biotechnology.
3. The programme aims to develop standards for traditionally processed dairy products of Indian-origin cows.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

18) Consider the following statements regarding YUKTI 2.0 initiative.

1. YUKTI 2.0 is an online depository for innovative ideas that aims at fostering innovation among students and teachers.
2. It also help farmers and businessmen to use innovations suitable for their field of work.
3. It acts like an online market where people who sell ideas and buy ideas will coexist.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

19) Consider the following statements regarding Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

1. GeM is a state-of-the-art national public procurement platform of Ministry of Commerce and Industries.
2. GeM platform is not applicable to State Governments as they have their own procurement mechanism.
3. 'Make in India' filter has now been enabled on GeM, where buyers can choose to buy only those products that meet the minimum 60% local content criteria.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2

20) Consider the following statements.

1. Central Consumer Protection Authority is being constituted under the provisions of Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
2. Consumer Protection Act, 2019 recognises offences such as providing false information regarding the quality or quantity of a good or service, and misleading advertisement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2



## 4. Science and Technology

1) Consider the following statements regarding Corona Viruses.

1. All Coronaviruses are large enveloped RNA viruses which have single stranded genome.
2. Corona viruses show very low rate of genetic mutations.
3. Human infection is caused by only those Corona Viruses which can adapt to human conditions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

2) Which of the following are the main routes of transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

1. Respiratory droplets
2. Through Air over long distances
3. Contact routes
4. Faecal-oral transmission

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Corona Virus.

1. Corona virus infections produce short and brief immunity, leaving a chance of reinfection.
2. Major problem with vaccine production for Covid-19 is the genetic alterations which the virus undergoes.
3. There are reports that the severity of Covid-19 also depends on pollution levels in that area.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

4) Consider the following statements regarding asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19.

1. Asymptomatic transmission is when a person who has no symptoms of Covid-19 transmits the novel coronavirus to another person.
2. Till now there are no reported cases of asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

5) Consider the following statements regarding rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19.

1. The rapid antigen detection test seeks to detect the antibodies produced by the body.
2. Rapid antigen detection test takes less time for interpreting a positive or negative test compared to RT-PCR test.
3. The positive results from antigen tests are highly accurate, but there is a higher chance of false negatives.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) Consider the following statements regarding *space internet*.

1. *Starlink network project of SpaceX* is one of several ongoing efforts to start *beaming data signals from space*.
2. *Usually* Geostationary orbit is used for placing satellites because satellites in this orbit complete one revolution of the Earth in the same time that the earth rotates once on its axis.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

7) Consider the following statements regarding *Sowa-Rigpa*.

1. It is a traditional system of medicine most practised in the Western-coastal belt of India.
2. The majority of theory and practice of Sowa-Rigpa is *similar to Ayurveda*.
3. It is formally recognized and promoted as traditional medical system by the Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

8) Consider the following statements regarding ElectroSkin.

1. ElectroSkin is a robot made from the skin.
2. ElectroSkin is an important step toward soft robots that can be easily transported, deployed and even worn.
3. While traditional robots are rigid and incompressible, soft robots are compliant and can stretch and twist to adapt to their environments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

9) Consider the following statements regarding hydrogen fuel cell.

1. Fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) uses hydrogen, and an oxidant to create electricity by an electrochemical process.
2. Like a battery-electricity vehicle, fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) can also store energy.
3. Hydrogen fuel cells produce much smaller quantities of greenhouse gases.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

10) Colistin, sometimes seen in news is used as

- a) HIV antiretroviral drug
- b) Growth supplements used in animals
- c) Bt Cotton variety
- d) None of the above

11) Consider the following statements regarding virtual autopsy.

1. In a virtual autopsy, doctors use radiation to examine the innards to reach a conclusion about the cause of death of the human body.
2. A computerized tomography (CT) or a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine cannot be used in virtual autopsy.
3. Virtual autopsy is time consuming compared to traditional postmortem.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

12) Extraocular vision, recently seen in news is

- a) Ability to see objects which are very far
- b) Age-related difficulty to focus up close objects
- c) Eyes with Refractive errors
- d) Ability to see without eyes

13) Consider the following statements regarding Genetically modified crops.

1. Genetic engineering aims to introduce an alien gene which could be only from a plant, into the seeds to get the desired effects.
2. In India, the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is the apex body that allows for commercial release of GM crops.
3. More than 95 per cent of India's cotton area is under Bt cotton.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Consider the following statements regarding Polio.

1. Polio is a potentially deadly disease that affects the nervous system.
2. Polio infection is easily preventable by a vaccine.
3. In 2010, India was declared polio-free after three years on zero cases.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) Juice Jacking, recently seen in news is

- a) ATM card skimming technique to clone debit/credit cards to withdraw money
- b) Cyber-attack which alters the communication between two users
- c) Cyber-attack during the mobile charging process
- d) Cyber-attack through a disguised email

## 5. International Relations and Organisations

- 1) WHO has declared 2020 as the  
 a) International Year of Plant Health  
 b) International Year of the Nurse and Midwife  
 c) International Year of Corona Outbreak  
 d) International Year of Millets
- 2) Consider the following statements.  
 1. India remained the world's largest arms importer during the period 2015-19.  
 2. At present the Government spends more than half of its defence budget on salaries and pensions.  
 Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?  
 a) 1 only  
 b) 2 only  
 c) Both 1 and 2  
 d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 3) Consider the following statements about Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).  
 1. It comprises of eight Member States lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal.  
 2. It came into being through the Bangkok Declaration.  
 3. It is headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal  
 4. In 2018, the 4th BIMSTEC Summit concluded in Kathmandu  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 2, 4  
 b) 1, 3  
 c) 1, 2, 4  
 d) 2, 3, 4
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Arctic Council.  
 1. The Arctic Council is a treaty-based intergovernmental forum that addresses issues faced by the Arctic governments and the indigenous people of the Arctic.  
 2. Ottawa Declaration established the Arctic Council as a forum for promoting cooperation, coordination, and interaction among the Arctic states.  
 3. Only states with territory in the Arctic can be members of the Council.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2  
 b) 1, 3  
 c) 2, 3  
 d) 1, 2, 3
- 5) Consider the following statements.  
 1. India is the only country to set up a permanent station in the Arctic for the purposes of scientific research.  
 2. India was first granted the Observer status in Arctic Council in 1991 after it announced the New Economic Policy.  
 3. The Observer status is granted to entities that support the objectives of the Arctic Council, including the ability to make financial contributions.  
 Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?  
 a) 1, 2  
 b) 1 only  
 c) 1, 3  
 d) 2, 3
- 6) Consider the following statements regarding International Seabed Authority (ISA).  
 1. The International Seabed Authority (ISA) is an autonomous international organization established under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).  
 2. ISA has observer status to the United Nations.  
 3. India is a member of Council of ISA.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2, 3  
 b) 2, 3  
 c) 1, 3  
 d) 1, 2
- 7) Consider the following statements regarding Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).  
 1. Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is an intergovernmental organization of low-lying coastal and small island countries.  
 2. The main purpose of the alliance is to consolidate the voices of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to address global warming.  
 3. AOSIS partners with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to effectively influence climate negotiations.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2  
 b) 1, 3  
 c) 2, 3  
 d) 1, 2, 3
- 8) Which of the following statement is correct regarding 'Tiger Triumph', sometimes seen in news

- a) International programme to create awareness about tiger conservation.
- b) Restoring tiger conservation areas.
- c) India and U.S. armed forces tri-services exercise.
- d) None of the above

- 9) The term 'Heart of Asia' highlight the location of
- a) India
  - b) China
  - c) Afghanistan
  - d) Iran

10) Consider the following statements regarding International Criminal Court (ICC).

1. International Criminal Court (ICC) is the first permanent, treaty based, international criminal court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.

2. The ICC has universal territorial jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute crimes of international concern.

3. India and U.S. are the members of the court.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2

11) Consider the following statements regarding BRICS grouping.

1. Not all BRICS members are the members of G20.

2. Since 2009, the BRICS nations have met annually at formal summits.

3. New Development Bank (NDB) is a multilateral development bank operated by the BRICS countries with each country contributing equally to its equity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2 only

12) Consider the following statements regarding Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (RMIFC).

1. Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre functions under the aegis of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

2. Its aim is "to monitor maritime activity and guarantee freedom of navigation in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz."

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

13) Which of the following are considered as nuclear-armed states?

1. France
2. Pakistan
3. India
4. Israel
5. North Korea

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 3, 4, 5
- c) 2, 3, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

14) Consider the following statements regarding Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).

1. Recently India joined Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence as its founder member.

2. GPAI is a first initiative of its type for evolving better understanding of the challenges and opportunities around Artificial Intelligence.

3. It is supported by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) Recently Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released a report that assesses the current state of armaments, disarmament and international security. In this context consider the following statements.

1. Both China and Pakistan have larger nuclear arsenals than India.

2. Russia and the U.S together possess over 90% of the global nuclear weapons.

3. The U.S. and Russia have reduced their nuclear arsenals under the 2010 New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) Border Peace & Tranquility Agreement signed in 1993, sometimes seen in news is between

- a) India and Pakistan
- b) India and China
- c) India and Nepal
- d) India and Bhutan

17) Consider the following statements regarding International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

1. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is an international organization that seeks to ban the use of nuclear energy, and to inhibit its use for any military purpose, including nuclear weapons.

2. IAEA was established through a United Nations Statute.

3. IAEA reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

18) Consider the following statements regarding Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA).

1. Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) is the oldest preferential trade agreement between countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

2. APTA is open to all members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which serves as the APTA Secretariat.

3. India is not a member of APTA.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

19) Consider the following statements regarding International Comparison Program (ICP).

1. Recently IMF released new Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for reference year 2017 under the International Comparison Program (ICP).

2. India is the third-largest economy after China and the US in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP) for 2017.

3. The PPP of Indian rupee per US dollar at GDP level is around Rs. 20 in 2017.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2

- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 2 only

20) Consider the following statements about International Court of Justice (ICJ).

1. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial body of the United Nations.

2. The International Court of Justice is composed of 15 judges elected to five-year terms of office by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.

3. Judges are not eligible for re-election.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

21) Consider the following statements regarding National Security Clause under the WTO rules.

1. National Security Clause is an exception that allows WTO members to breach their WTO obligations for purposes of national security.

2. If India invokes National Security Clause, it would allow India to impose tariffs on imports from one country while exempting other trading partners.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

22) Consider the following statements regarding Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

1. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is a policy-making body that sets international standards to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.

2. FATF is an initiative of the G7.

3. FATF has got sanctioning powers on the countries listed in the FATF Blacklist.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

## 6. Polity

1) Disqualification from contesting the elections when a person is convicted under the Prevention of corruption act, 1988 is quite often in the news. Who among the following is empowered to remove the disqualification?

- a) President of India
- b) Chief Election Commissioner alone
- c) Parliament for MPs / State Legislature

Assembly for MLAs

- d) Election Commission of India

2) The principle of absolute liability is part of

- a) Article 19
- b) Article 20
- c) Article 21
- d) Article 22

## 7. History, Art and Culture

1) Arikamedu, an archaeological site, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Puducherry
- d) Andhra Pradesh

## 8. States

1) Consider the following statements regarding Ken-Betwa river interlinking project.

1. Ken-Betwa river interlinking project is India's first river interlinking project.
2. Ken and Betwa rivers originate in Madhya Pradesh and are the tributaries of Narmada River.
3. Ken River passes through Panna tiger reserve.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 3 only

2) The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project is on which of the following river.

- a) Mahanadi River
- b) Godavari River
- c) Krishna River
- d) Kaveri river

3) Teliya Rimal which was recently given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Telangana
- d) Tamil Nadu

4) Who among the following are listed as the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

1. Jarawa
2. Toda
3. Sentinelese
4. Shompen

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4

d) 1, 2, 3, 4

## 9. Reports and Indices

- 1) Solar Risk Mitigation Initiative (SRMI) has been operationalised by
- International Energy Agency*
  - International Monetary Fund (IMF)
  - World Bank
  - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

## 10. Maps / Places

- 1) Saqqara, recently seen in news is located in
- Israel
  - Egypt
  - Syria
  - Lebanon
- 2) Pyongyang, recently in news is located in
- South Korea
  - Taiwan
  - North Korea
  - Hongkong
- 3) Galwan Valley, recently seen in news is located in
- Arunachal Pradesh
  - Ladakh
  - Sikkim
  - Uttarakhand
- 4) The countries bordering North Korea are
- China
  - South Korea
  - Russia
  - Japan
- Select the correct answer code:
- 1, 2, 3
  - 2, 3, 4
  - 1, 2, 3, 4
  - 1, 2

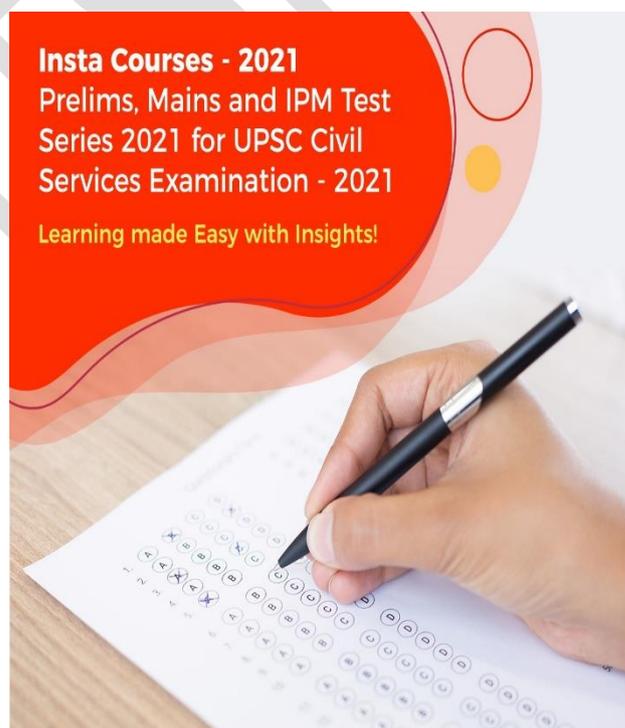
- Jubaland  
Saudi Arabia
- Al-Qadarif  
Sudan

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- 1, 2, 3
- 1, 2, 4
- 2, 4
- 2, 3, 4

6) Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, sometimes in news is been built on

- White Nile River
- Blue Nile River
- Congo River
- Niger River



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