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1. Economy

1) Consider the following statements regarding Transfer payments.

1. Transfer payments are receipts which the residents of a country receive 'for free'.
2. They consist of remittances, gifts and grants.
3. They could be given by the government or by private citizens living abroad

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Utkarsh 2022, often seen in the news, is related to

- a) Space technology
- b) Military system
- c) Governance system
- d) Banking system

3) New Arrangement to Borrow (NAB), a funding mechanism, recently seen in news is related to which bank

- a) World Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- d) International Monetary Fund

4) Which of the following statements about the Enforcement Directorate (ED) is incorrect?

- a) ED is appointed on the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister.
- b) It functions under the aegis of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- c) It is responsible for tracking black money and hawala trade cases.
- d) None of the above

5) Among the following Acts, an Enforcement Directorate (ED) in India will be most concerned with

- a) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act
- b) Negotiable Instrument Act
- c) Public Debt Act
- d) Prevention of Money Laundering Act

6) A SWIFT Code, sometime seen in the news, is related to

- a) International Banking Transaction
- b) Payment Gateway System
- c) Quick Toll Plaza Electronic Payment

d) None of the above

7) Specified financial transactions, recently seen in news is related to?

- a) Donations received from foreign countries to Indian NGOs.
- b) Financial transactions which are exempt from Income tax payments
- c) High-value transactions undertaken by citizens which will be tracked by the Government
- d) None of the above

8) Consider the following statements regarding Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS).

1. TReDS is an electronic platform for facilitating the financing / discounting of trade receivables of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through multiple financiers.

2. Only MSMEs can participate as sellers in TReDS.

3. Banks and NBFCs can participate as financiers in TReDS.

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 India's tax system.

1. In the last 10 years, India's Indirect tax-to-GDP ratio is lower than direct tax-to-GDP.

2. The average share of direct tax in OECD countries is greater than that in India.

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. Ecology and Environment

1) Consider the following statements regarding WWF-India's Small Grants Innovation Program

1. It offers eligible individuals a one-time grant for undertaking conservation research

2. It adopts one village in every major critical habitat of India to recreate it as an eco-model village

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) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been constituted under

- a) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- b) Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- c) Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
- d) Hazardous waste Handling and management act, 1989

3) Global Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators is an initiative of

- a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b) Conference of the Parties–Convention of Biological Diversity
- c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- d) Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

4) Consider the following statements regarding 'Hope Spots'.

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep islands are the first in India to make it to the list of global hope spots.
2. A hope spot is an area of an ocean that needs special protection because of its wildlife and significant underwater habitats.
3. They are declared by Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding 'Drought Management in India'

1. There is no single, legally accepted definition of drought in India.
2. Drought will fall within the definition of "disaster" as defined in Disaster Management Act, 2005.
3. Central Government is the final authority when it comes to declaring a region as drought affected.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Flexitarian Movement is often seen in news. It is related to

- a) Providing protein rich food to Children and adolescents
- b) Moving to flexible interest rates for loans rather than the fixed interest rate
- c) Reducing the animal-based food and increasing the plant based food
- d) None of the above

7) Consider the following statements regarding Manufactured sand (M-Sand).

1. Manufactured sand (M-Sand) is a substitute of river sand for concrete construction and is produced from hard granite stone by crushing.
 2. The size of manufactured sand (M-Sand) is less than 4.75mm.
 3. One disadvantage of M-sand is that it contains organic and soluble compound which affects the setting time and properties of cement.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Serengeti National Park, recently in news, is located in

- a) Botswana
- b) Tanzania
- c) South Africa
- d) Kenya

9) Consider the following statements regarding National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).

1. National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is a "Statutory Organization" constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. Its roles is "advisory" in nature and advises the Central Government on framing policies and measures for conservation of wildlife in the country.
3. It has power to review all wildlife-related matters and approve projects in and around national parks and sanctuaries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Earth Overshoot Day.

1. Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year.
2. Earth Overshoot Day is hosted and calculated by Global Footprint Network.
3. In the last ten years, every year the overshoot date has been advancing compared to the previous year.

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Which of the following are some of the main modes of seed dispersal?

1. Gravity
2. Wind
3. Animals

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) 'PLAN BEE', an initiative of Indian Railways concerns

- a) Reducing traffic on passenger trains
- b) Safety of wild elephants
- c) Hiking tariff on congested routes to improve turnaround times
- d) Preserving trees on newly constructed or to be constructed railway tracks

13) Which of the following statements is correct regarding 'Bamboonomics'?

- a) Bamboo plantation in urban areas in order to maintain a sustainable environment and pollution free clean air.
- b) Promoting Bamboo as an alternative in building construction.
- c) Encourage bamboo plantation by farmers in private lands.
- d) A movement to combat desertification and climate change

14) Consider the following statements:

1. India is the founding member of the Global Tiger Forum (GTF).
2. Pakke Tiger reserve is located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a statutory body constituted under

the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 headed by the Prime Minister.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements:

1. The National Compensatory Afforestation Fund falls under the Public Account of India.
2. The Champions of the Earth award is the highest environmental award of United Nations.

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 International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

1. International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is a multilateral treaty overseen by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
2. It aims to secure coordinated, effective action to prevent and to control the introduction and spread of pests of plants and plant products.
3. It is the only international standard setting body for plant health.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Arrange the following National Park and Wildlife Sanctuaries of India from South to North.

1. Dudhwa
2. Bandhavgarh
3. Keibul Lamjao
4. Simlipal

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 4231
- b) 3142
- c) 4213
- d) 1243

18) Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) is mandated to

1. Collect and collate intelligence related to organized wildlife crime activities and to disseminate the same to State and other enforcement agencies.

2. Establish a centralized wildlife crime data bank.
3. Assists and advises the Customs authorities in inspection of the consignments of flora & fauna.

Select the correct answer code:

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding Central Asian Flyway (CAF).

1. The Central Asian Flyway (CAF) covers a large continental area of Eurasia between the Arctic and Indian Oceans and the associated island chains.

2. Central Asian Waterbirds Flyway Action Plan promotes the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

3. Rann of Kutch and Marine National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary are the major sites for migratory waterbirds.

Select the correct answer code:

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

20) Match the following Tiger Reserves and their location

	Tiger Reserve	
Location		
Mizoram	1. Corbett Tiger Reserve	A.
Telangana	2. Buxa Tiger Reserve	B.
Uttarakhand	3. Amrabad Tiger Reserve	C.
West Bengal	4. Dampa Tiger Reserve	D.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- b) 1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A
- c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A
- d) 1-C, 2-B, 3-D, 4-A

21) Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) The coastal ecosystems of mangroves, tidal marshes, and seagrass meadows provide numerous benefits and services along coasts like

1. Protection from storms and sea level rise
2. Regulation of coastal water quality
3. Provision of habitat for commercially important fisheries
4. Food security for many coastal communities
5. Sequester and store coastal blue carbon from the atmosphere

Select the correct answer code:

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

23) When coal is burned, it releases a number of airborne toxins and pollutants like

- 1. Mercury
- 2. Lead
- 3. Sulfur dioxide
- 4. Nitrogen oxides

Select the correct answer code:

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding Emperor Penguin.

1. Emperor penguin is the shortest of all living penguin species and is endemic to Antarctica.
2. It is the only penguin species that breeds during the Antarctic winter.

3. Disappearing sea ice impacts Emperor Penguins directly, as the animals use it as a home base for their breeding season.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) Consider the following statements.

1. Svalbard Global Seed Vault is a facility located on a remote island in the Arctic Ocean and it houses the world's largest collection of seeds.

2. ICRISAT is contributing seeds to be stored in Svalbard Global Seed Vault for a 100-year experiment that seeks to test the resilience of seeds.

3. In India, because of its climatic conditions, there are no Seed storage facility like the Svalbard Global Seed Vault.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

26) India's cold wave zone covers which of the following states.

1. Punjab
2. Haryana
3. Gujarat
4. Madhya Pradesh
5. Bihar

Select the correct answer code:

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

27) Consider the following statements regarding Carbon offsetting.

1. Carbon offsetting allows a country to help reach its own emissions reduction targets by funding emission reductions in another country.

2. The United Nation's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) set up under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol is first major Carbon offsetting scheme.

3. Carbon offsets can be bought by individuals, companies or countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28) Recently over 450 long-finned pilot whales have died in Australia in what is being called the biggest stranding of whales on record in Australia. What could be the possible reasons for stranding of whales.

1. Whales follow fish or other prey in the shallow waters, which causes the whales to become disoriented and get stranded.

2. Panic from being trapped by a predator such as killer whales or sharks.

3. The shape of the beach and the coastline.

Select the correct answer code:

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

29) Which of the following factors could influence the occurrence of wildfires?

1. Increase in average temperatures
2. Increase in the intensity of heatwaves
3. Increase in the frequency of droughts

Select the correct answer code:

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

3. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) Consider the following statements regarding Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

1. TRAI regulates telecom services, including fixation/revision of tariffs for telecom services.

2. One of the objectives of TRAI is to provide a fair and transparent policy environment promoting a level playing field amongst players and facilitating fair competition.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

2) Consider the following statements regarding the role and functions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?

1. It imparts basic and operational level training to State Response Forces like Police and Home guards.

2. It is responsible for organizing Public Awareness Campaigns about disaster management.

3. It is the statutorily sanctioned force for guarding sensitive international borders during a disaster.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Administration and management of Geological Survey of India

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme aimed at providing adequate and timely credit support from the banking system under a single window with flexible and simplified procedure for the farmers for their overall credit requirements such as

1. Marketing of produce
2. Maintenance of farm assets
3. Consumption requirements of farmer households

households

4. Post-harvest expenses

Select the correct answer code:

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding VidyaDaan 2.0

1. It is a national programme launched by the ministry of human resource development to develop and contribute e-learning content.
2. The content will be used on the DIKSHA app to help millions of children across the country to continue their learning anytime and anywhere.
3. Contributions can be made only by the subject experts.

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 Food Safety Mitra (FSM).

1. In a bid to improve the ease of doing business, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched the scheme Food Safety Mitra (FSM).
2. The scheme will mainly support large scale food businesses in compliance to the food safety laws.

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 'Samudrayaan' project.

1. It is a pilot project of the Ministry of Earth Sciences for deep ocean mining for rare minerals.
2. It proposes to send humans into the deep sea in a submersible vehicle for ocean studies.
3. The project has been undertaken by ISRO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding 'Mission Parivar Vikas'.

1. Mission Parivar Vikas is a family planning programme aimed at stabilising population growth in all the states of the country.
2. The objective of the mission is to accelerate access to high quality family planning choices based on information, reliable services and supplies within a rights-based framework.
3. The goal is to reduce the Total Fertility Rate and to bring it to 2.1 by 2025.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Recently Delhi high court ordered schools to provide gadgets and internet access to students from economically weaker section (EWS) and disadvantaged groups (DG) categories to assist in their online education during the Covid-19 crisis. In this context Consider the following statements regarding Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

1. The private unaided schools can claim some reimbursement for procurement of the gadget and Internet package from the government under RTE Act.
2. The RTE Act mandates 35% reservation for disadvantaged sections of the society.
3. RTE Act makes provisions for a non-admitted child to be admitted to an age appropriate class.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding the recently launched "Chunauti" programme.

1. Chunauti is a Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest launched by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. It aims to boost startups and software products with special focus on Tier-II towns of India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

- c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

11) Consider the following statements regarding Mission Karmayogi.

1. Mission Karmayogi, is a new capacity-building scheme for civil servants aimed at upgrading the post-recruitment training mechanism.

2. Mission Karmayogi programme will be delivered through a digital platform called iGOTKarmayogi.

3. Capacity Building Commission will prepare and monitor annual capacity building plans and audit human resources available in the government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) SAANS campaign, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Reducing child mortality due to pneumonia
b) Improve the overall quality of life of children through early detection of birth defects
c) Prevention of anaemia among under-5 children
d) Vaccination against vaccine preventable diseases

13) Consider the following statements regarding Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020.

1. Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 grant farmers and traders the freedom of choice to sell and buy agricultural produce outside the premises of APMC mandis.

2. The Bill gives statutory backing to minimum support price (MSP).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements.

1. National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) provides a legal basis for the public distribution system (PDS).

2. Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) that recommend minimum support price (MSP) is a statutory body set up through an Act of Parliament.

3. Sugar cane pricing is governed by the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) The commodities included under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 are

1. Fertilisers, both inorganic and organic
2. Edible oils
3. Hank yarn made wholly from cotton
4. Jute textiles
5. Seeds of cattle fodder

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) 1985.

1. According to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) 1985, no person under any circumstance shall import into India, export from India or tranship any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance.

2. The act applies also to all Indian citizens outside India.

3. United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances is the only international drug control treaty currently in force.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding Essential Commodities Act.

1. The Essential Commodities Act is an act of Parliament of India which was established to ensure the delivery of certain commodities or products, the supply of which if obstructed owing to hoarding or blackmarketing would affect the normal life of the people.

2. The states can include new commodities as and when the need arises, and only the centre can take them off the list once the situation improves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements regarding Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

1. Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 was introduced to tackle the epidemic of bubonic plague that had spread in the erstwhile Bombay Presidency in the 1890s.

2. The law is meant for containment of epidemics by providing special powers that are required for the implementation of containment measures to control the spread of the disease.

3. Bal Gangadhar Tilak in his newspapers Kesari and Mahratta had praised about the Act and handling of the plague epidemic.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Mission Sahakar 22, sometimes seen in news aims to

- a) Open defecation free India by 2022
- b) 100 percent rural electrification by 2022
- c) Double farmers' income by 2022
- d) Elimination of TB by 2022

20) Consider the following statements regarding National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)

1. NCDC is the apex financing organization of Union Agriculture Ministry.

2. NCDC is a statutory Corporation set up under an Act of Indian Parliament.

3. NCDC carries out planning and promoting programmes for production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).

1. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare can delegate power under Disaster Management Act, 2005 to NPPA to regulate the availability and pricing of Medical devices.

2. Under the provisions of Drug Prices Control Order, 2013, NPPA monitors and controls the prices of all Scheduled Drugs.

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) Which of the following are correctly matched?

1. DIKSHA: National Digital Infrastructure for Teachers.

2. SWAYAM: Provide High Quality Educational Channels through DTH (Direct to Home).

3. SWAYAM PRABHA: National online education platform.

Select the correct answer code:

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

4. Science and Technology

1) Consider the following statements regarding ExoMars.

- 1. It is an initiative of SpaceX.
- 2. It aims to examine the change in Martian orbit patterns.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

- 1. BIRAC is a not-for-profit Public Sector Enterprise
- 2. It was set up by Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- 3. It helps provide access to risk capital through targeted funding for the bio-tech sector

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Hyperspectral imaging can be useful in

1. Finding oil fields
2. Monitoring crop health
3. Diagnosis of retinopathy
4. Removing defects and foreign material in processed food

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Notifiable Disease.

1. A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to government authorities.
2. The onus of notifying any disease and the implementation lies with the state government.
3. Any failure to report a notifiable disease is a criminal offence and the state government can take necessary actions against defaulters.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Which of the following services generally use encryption to secure data transmission?

1. Payment gateways
2. Messaging services
3. Wireless microphones and Bluetooth devices

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) RaIDer-X, recently seen in news, has applications in

- a) Explosive detection
- b) Narcotics control
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the above

7) Which of the following is/are examples of natural nanomaterials, i.e. those which occur naturally in the world?

1. Haemoglobin in our blood
2. Particles in volcanic ash
3. Nano-structures that give colour to peacock's feathers

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) The applications of nano-technology in the food sector include

1. Delivering plant growth hormones directly to plants
 2. Designing anti-bacterial and anti-fungal packaging
 3. Making biodegradable nano-sensors for monitoring food temperature and moisture
- 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 about ICRISAT Genebank.

1. It is a gene collection of all major food crops grown around the World.
2. The collection intends to serve as an insurance against genetic erosion and a source of tolerance to diseases and pests for a given plant variety.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Which of these disease(s) are transmitted by a vector?

1. Polio
2. Chicken Pox
3. Tuberculosis
4. Hepatitis B

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3, 4
- d) None of the above

11) India has officially declared itself free from which of the following diseases?

1. Chikungunya
2. Yaws
3. Avian Influenza
4. Smallpox

Select the correct answer code:

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

d) 1, 3, 4

12) Consider the following statements regarding Copernicus Programme.

1. Copernicus is the NASA's Earth observation programme.
2. It aims to improve the management of the environment, understand and mitigate the effects of climate change.
3. It uses vast amount of global data from satellites and from ground-based systems to produce timely and quality information in the domains of environment and security.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding winter-grade diesel.

1. The Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) introduced a special winter-grade diesel which does not lose its fluidity even in extreme winter conditions such as minus 30-degree celsius.
2. This winter-grade diesel does not meet BIS specification of BS-VI grade.
3. Regular diesel fuel contains paraffin wax, which at low temperature thickens and hinders the flow of fuel in the car engine.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) NASA's sonification project recently seen in news is related to

- a) Creating 3D images from astronomical data
- b) Astronomical mapping exercise
- c) Transforming astronomical images into music
- d) None of the above

15) The term 'Brute Force Acquisition' is related to

- a) Encryption of mobile data
- b) Private land acquisition
- c) Mobile device forensics
- d) None of the above

16) Consider the following statements regarding Bhabha Kavach.

1. Bhabha Kavach is India's lightest bullet-proof jacket which can withstand bullets from an AK-47 assault rifle.

2. It is developed by DRDO.

3. The jacket is powered with nano technology from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. International Relations and Organisations

1) What advantages do India and Russia accrue from the Agreement on Reciprocal Logistics Support (ARLS)?

1. It will allow access to India and Russia, to each other's military facilities for supplies and fuel.
2. India will get access to ports in the Russian part of the Arctic, allowing access to energy resources there.

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Consider the following regarding World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

1. It was founded alongside the World Trade Organization (WTO).
2. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.

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 regarding the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).

1. It is an organ of the United Nations adjudicating disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS).

2. Each state party of the ITLOS nominates a representative to become a member of ITLOS.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

4) E-2020 initiative, launched by the World Health Organization (WHO), is regarding

- a) Anti-biotic resistance
- b) Malaria elimination
- c) Tackling health issues arising from e-waste
- d) Disbursement of electronic aids to the differently abled in developing countries

5) Consider the following statements regarding PACEsetter fund.

1. The fund was constituted by India and OECD nations.
2. The fund provides early-stage grant funding to accelerate the commercialization of innovative off-grid clean energy products.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) UN convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities includes which of these rights for the differently abled?

1. Rights to accessibility including the information technology
2. Rights to live independently and be included in the community
3. Rights to participate in political and public life

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Oslo Accords sometimes seen in news concern which of these countries?

- a) Egypt-Sudan
- b) Israel-Palestine
- c) Iraq-Iran
- d) Turkmenistan-Afghanistan

8) Hague Code of Conduct (HCOC), sometimes seen in news, is related to

- a) Code of Conduct for civil servants working for United Nations
- b) Prevention of the proliferation of ballistic missiles
- c) Prohibition of the usage of biological weapons by the member countries
- d) None of the above

9) Convention no. 185 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), often seen in the news, deals with?

- a) Protection of Workers against Radiations
- b) Equal treatment of labour
- c) Seafarer Identity Document
- d) None of the above

10) Momentum for Change is an initiative of

- a) UN Climate Change secretariat
- b) UNEP
- c) World Bank
- d) UNICEF

11) Consider the following statements about the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) initiative.

1. The main objective of BBIN is to facilitate seamless cross-border movement of vehicles.
2. Asian Development Bank (ADB) is providing technical, advisory, and financial support to the BBIN.
3. The initiative also aims to phase out all custom duties and tariff on international trade in goods and services between the member countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements regarding Intellectual Property Rights policy 2016

1. It is entirely in compliant with the WTO's agreement on TRIPS
2. It aims to remove compulsory licensing clause from India's Patents Act.

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 UN Security Council.

1. It is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.
2. The presidency of the Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month, following the English alphabetical order of the Member States names.
3. It was established in 1945 and headquartered in Geneva.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Information Technology Agreement (ITA).

1. The Information Technology Agreement (ITA) is a plurilateral agreement enforced by the World Trade Organisation.
2. The aim of the agreement is to lower all taxes and tariffs on information technology products by signatories to zero.
3. India does not impose basic customs duty on photovoltaic cells and modules.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) India has signed the Singapore Convention on Mediation. What will be the positive implications of this move?

1. It will allow Indian individuals and entities to move arbitration and mediation cases from any law court in India to the UN Committee on Mediation.
2. It will give a positive signal to foreign investors about India's commitment to adhere to international practice on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) Consider the following statements about the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

1. Nepal and Bhutan are members of the BIMSTEC.
2. It was established through the Bangkok Declaration.

3. It is an implicit free trade agreement among the member nations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) includes which of these member countries?

1. Australia
2. Indonesia
3. India
4. Japan
5. China

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) INTERPOL's declared policing goals include

1. Providing a secure cyberspace for people and businesses
2. Curbing illicit markets
3. Supporting environment security

Select the correct answer code:

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

19) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states include

1. Afghanistan
2. Belarus
3. Mongolia
4. Iran

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 2, 3
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 2, 4
- d) None of the above

20) With respect to the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), consider the following statements.

1. It is an associated organization of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).
2. India is a member of IOC.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

21) Consider the following statements about Wassenaar Arrangement.

1. It concerns with transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
2. It is a sub-treaty under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).
3. It also extends to web-based systems.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) Survival International sometimes seen in news advocates the rights of

- a) Trafficked human beings
- b) Leprosy patients
- c) Tribal people
- d) Refugees

23) Hague Code of Conduct (HCOC), often seen in news, is related to

- a) Code of Conduct for civil servants working for United Nations
- b) Prevention of the proliferation of ballistic missiles
- c) Prohibition of the usage of biological weapons by the member countries
- d) None of the above

24) The Budapest Convention, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) World Trade Organization
- b) Cyber Security
- c) Organic Farming
- d) Ozone Depletion

25) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

1. UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.

2. UNODC was established through a merger between the United Nations Drug Control Programme and the Centre for International Crime Prevention.

3. Reducing conflict, crime and violence is part of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26) Consider the following statements regarding Indus Water Treaty.

1. Indus Water Treaty is a Water-Distribution Treaty between India and Pakistan, brokered by the World Bank, signed soon after India's Independence.

2. Under the treaty, India has no control and right to use the water of the western rivers— Indus, Chenab and Jhelum.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

27) Consider the following statements regarding the funding of World Health Organisation (WHO).

1. WHO gets its funding from Member States paying for their membership dues and voluntary contributions from Member States and other partners.

2. The WHO Foundation, a legal entity of WHO facilitates contributions from the general public, individual major donors and corporate partners to WHO.

3. For the 2018/2019 biennium, USA was the top contributor to WHO.

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 OECD Mutual Acceptance of Data Agreement.

1. The OECD Mutual Acceptance of Data system is a multilateral agreement that allows the results of a variety of non-clinical safety tests done on chemical products like pesticides, to be shared across OECD countries.

2. India is not a member to OECD system for the Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) Agreement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

29) COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Programme (CARES Programme) is the initiative of

- a) World Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) European Union
- d) ASEAN

30) Consider the following statements.

1. Globally the year 2018 saw the highest level of gold purchases by the Central banks in the past 50 years.

2. India is in the list of top five countries in terms of total gold reserves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

31) Consider the following statements regarding International Energy Agency (IEA).

1. IEA is a Paris-based autonomous intergovernmental organization established in the framework of the World Economic Forum.

2. The IEA acts as a policy adviser to its member states, but also works with non-member countries like China and India.

3. IEA also promotes alternate energy sources including renewable energy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Polity

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Prices of milk in the country are decided entirely by market forces.

2. 'Preservation of cattle' is a matter on which the legislature of the States has exclusive powers to legislate.

3. Improving animal husbandry and the quality of cattle breed is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Recently the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) notified new rules for administration in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir that specify the functions of the Lieutenant Governor (LG). Which of the following fall under the executive functions of the LG.

- 1. Police
- 2. Public Order
- 3. Land
- 4. Anti-Corruption

Select the correct answer code:

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

7. Reports and Indices

1) Global Social Mobility Report is released by

- a) International Monetary Fund
- b) United Nations Economic and Social Council
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) World Bank

2) The "COVID-19 Risks Outlook: A Preliminary Mapping and Its Implications" is published by which of the following organizations?

- a) United Nations Development Programme
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) World Bank
- d) IMF

3) Consider the following statements regarding the Global Innovation Index 2020.

1. Global Innovation Index is released annually by the World Bank.

2. India is in the list of top 50 innovative countries.

3. The top three countries in the Global Innovation Index 2020 are also the high-income countries as defined by the World Bank.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Maps / Places

1) The Indian Army commemorates September 23 every year as Haifa Day to pay its respect to the three Indian Cavalry Regiments that helped liberate Haifa. Haifa is located in

- a) Saudi Arabia

- b) Jordon
- c) Palestine
- d) Israel

2) Which of these African states border the Mediterranean Sea?

- 1. Tunisia
- 2. Egypt
- 3. Niger
- 4. Chad

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) The Indian Ocean has some large marginal or regional seas such as

- 1. Arabian Sea
- 2. Laccadive Sea
- 3. Somali Sea
- 4. Tasman Sea

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Agalega Island and Assumption Island sometimes in news is located in

- a) Pacific Ocean
- b) Atlantic Ocean
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) *Mediterranean Sea*

5) Doumeira Islands, sometimes seen in news is located in

- a) Black Sea
- b) Red Sea
- c) Caspian Sea
- d) *Mediterranean Sea*

6) Which of these water bodies witnesses sun rise at the earliest?

- a) *Red Sea*
- b) Black Sea
- c) Caspian Sea
- d) Mediterranean Sea

7) The Red Sea is a strip of water and an inlet of the Indian Ocean occupying the area separating the continent of Africa from Asia. The countries bordering the Red Sea are

- 1. Saudi Arabia
- 2. Yemen

- 3. Ethiopia
- 4. Egypt
- 5. Djibouti

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Kunduz, Ghormuz and Ghazni, often seen in news, is located in

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) Iran
- d) Turkmenistan

9) Okjokull glacier, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Canada
- b) Greenland
- c) Antarctica
- d) Iceland

10) Marawah Island sometimes seen in the news is located in?

- a) Bay of Bengal
- b) Arabian Sea
- c) Persian Gulf
- d) South China Sea

11) The transboundary Indus river basin is spread across which of the following countries?

- 1. India
- 2. Pakistan
- 3. China
- 4. Afghanistan

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) The Island crete, recently seen in news is located in

- a) South China Sea
- b) Caspian Sea
- c) Mediterranean Sea
- d) Yellow Sea

9. Miscellaneous

1) Yo-Yo test, recently seen in news is related to

a) Analyzing the genome of a plant to identify the presence of a genetic modification.

b) Estimation of Total Polar Compounds (TPC) to decide whether the cooking oil is safe for further use or not.

c) *Indoor Air Quality Testing*

d) Athlete's fitness level test