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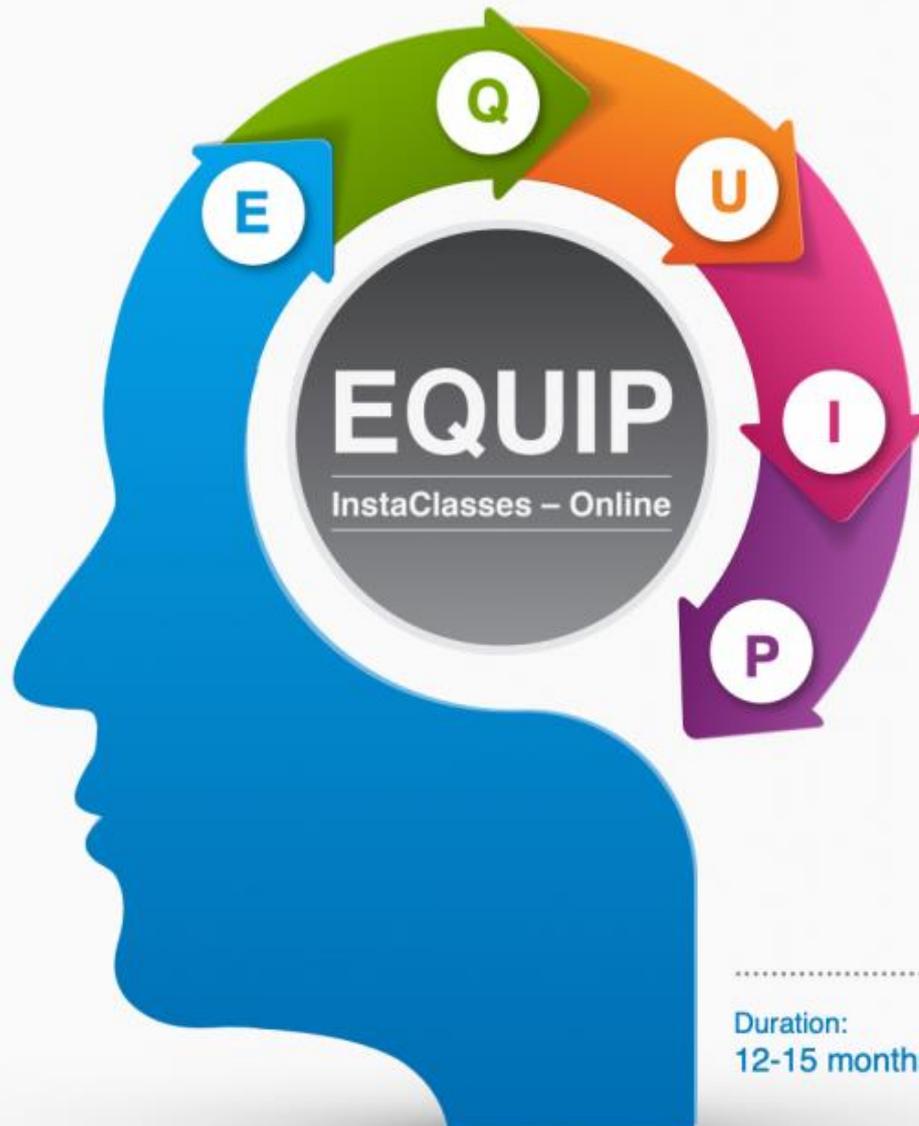
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1. Economy

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

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

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

2) Singapore's Temasek-like model, sometimes seen in news is related to

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

3) 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

4) 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

5) Which of the following sectors are eligible for Priority Sector Lending in order to ensure adequate institutional credit?

- 1. Export Credit
- 2. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 3. Social Infrastructure
- 4. Renewable Energy

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Consider the following statements.

1. India is the world's largest crude oil importer.

2. At present, OPEC countries meet 90% of India's crude oil demand.

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) Participatory notes (P-notes) investments in the Indian market is allowed in which of the following instruments

- 1. Equity
- 2. Debt
- 3. Hybrid securities
- 4. Derivatives

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following statements.

1. India is the leading exporter of the Basmati Rice to the global market.

2. In India, Basmati rice is mainly grown in South and Central India.

3. Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has registered Basmati Rice as a product with Geographical Indication (GI).

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.

1. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were formed by an act of parliament, with an objective to provide

2. Ecology and Environment

credit and other facilities to small farmers, agricultural labourers, and artisans in rural areas.

2. As per RBI guidelines, the RRBs have to provide 90 per cent of their total credit under priority sector lending.

3. Co-operative Banks contributed the major share in agricultural and allied credit in India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

10) Consider the following statements.

1. From the 11th finance commission to the 14th finance commission, the share of net proceeds recommended to be devolved to states have increased each time.

2. The gap between states' share in gross tax revenue and states' share in divisible pool has widened due to increase in cesses and surcharges.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Special Drawing Rights (SDR) can be used to

1. Supplementing IMF member countries' official reserves.

2. Settle Balance of Payment transactions

3. Bridge fiscal deficit and fund infrastructure projects

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) 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

1) The Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news is located in

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

2) 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

3) Manesar Lake, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Rajasthan

4) Consider the following statements regarding Kaziranga National Park

1. It hosts two-thirds of the world's great one-horned rhinoceroses.

2. Kaziranga is recognized as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International for conservation of avifaunal species.

3. It is located on the edge of the Western Himalaya biodiversity hotspot.

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 Bioplastics.

1. Bioplastics refer to plastic made from plant or other biological material instead of petroleum.

2. All bioplastics are biodegradable and biodegrade more readily than fossil-fuel derived plastics.

3. Higher temperatures are conducive for the degradation of bioplastics.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) India is the largest emitter of sulphur dioxide (SO₂) 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 correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Green crackers.

1. Green crackers are researched and developed by scientists at CSIR-NEERI.
2. It does not emit any Particulate Matter.
3. Petroleum and Explosives Safety

Organisation (PESO) grants licences to the manufacturers of Green crackers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Cyanobacteria.

1. Cyanobacteria are microscopic organisms common in water and sometimes found in soil.
2. Not all Cyanobacteria produce toxins.
3. Climate change and increasing global temperature is leading to cyanobacterial blooms.

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 Ice Shelves.

1. An ice shelf is a large floating platform of ice that forms where a glacier or ice sheet flows down to a coastline and onto the ocean surface.
2. Ice shelves are found only in Antarctica.
3. Ice shelf collapse could contribute to sea level rise.

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 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, 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 3, 4

11) Consider the following statements regarding Mekong River.

1. Mekong River rises in the Tibetan Plateau and flows into South China Sea.

2. The capital of Laos and Cambodia are situated on the banks of the Mekong River.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) 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

13) 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

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) Consider the following statements regarding the mangroves of Guneri and Shraavan Kavadia.

1. The mangroves of Guneri and Shraavan Kavadia are located in the Indian part of Sundarbans region.

2. They survive because of underground supply of brackish or saline water.

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) 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

17) Consider the following statements regarding wastelands.

1. Snow-covered areas, coastal saline area and barren hill-ridges are considered as Wastelands.

2. Deforestation, overgrazing, over-cultivation and unskilled irrigation majorly contribute to the formation of wastelands.

3. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released Wasteland Atlas -2019 which provides district and state wise distribution of different categories of wastelands.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) 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

19) Consider the following statements.

1. It is the oldest national park in India.

2. Earlier it was known as Hailey National Park.

3. The park was the first to come under the Project Tiger initiative.

The above statements refer to

- a) Dudhwa National Park
- b) Manas National Park
- c) Jim Corbett National Park
- d) Namdapha National Park

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.

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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 pairs:

Places recently in news	Location
1. Kabartal	Bihar
2. Lonar lake Maharashtra	
3. Sur Sarovar	Kerala

Which of the above are correctly matched?

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

22) Melghat Tiger Reserve, recently seen in news, is located in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Karnataka

23) Consider the following statements regarding Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.

1. The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat is a treaty for conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

2. It aims to develop a global network of wetlands for conservation of biological diversity and for sustaining human life.

3. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is one of the international organization partners (IOPs) of Ramsar Convention that provide expert technical advice and financial support.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24) Recently the Lonar lake in Maharashtra was added to the list of recognised Ramsar sites. What does it mean?

1. Facilitate development of lake and policies for its wise use.

2. Encourage international cooperation and expert advice on problems of Lonar wetland.

3. Help ensure survival of representative natural eco-systems of Lonar as well as rare and endemic species

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 regarding National Green Tribunal.

1. National Green Tribunal was established by an act of parliament for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.

2. The Tribunal is bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure.

3. NGT is mandated to make disposal of applications or appeals finally within 6 months of filing of the same.

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 Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

1. Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources is part of the Antarctic Treaty System.

2. The prime objectives of CCAMLR are the conservation of living resources of Antarctica while permitting sustainable levels of exploitation of resources.

3. India is not a member of CCAMLR.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27) A new mushrooms species, Roridomyces phyllostachydis which is bioluminescent was recently discovered in which state?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Andaman and Nicobar
- d) Meghalaya

28) Consider the following statements.

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1. While La Niña conditions enhance the rainfall associated with the Northeast monsoon, it has a negative impact on rainfall associated with the Southwest monsoon.

2. During El Niño, there is abnormal surface warming observed along the eastern and central regions of the Pacific Ocean.

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) Consider the following statements.

1. Preservation of forest areas in India under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been monitored by the Supreme Court.

2. Deemed forests refer to land tracts that appear to be a "forest", but have not been notified so by the government or in historical records.

3. Deemed forests comprise about one fourth of India's forest land.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

30) Bioluminescence or light-emitting tide made an appearance recently on a beach in Mumbai. Consider the following statements regarding Bioluminescence.

1. Luminescence is generally higher in shallow species than in deep-living and planktonic organisms.

2. This was the first appearance of blue tide in India.

3. Larger blooms of blue tide have an impact on deep-sea fishing.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

3. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) SVAMITVA scheme, sometimes seen in news is related to

a) Survey all rural properties using improved technology

b) Agricultural Insurance Scheme

c) Income support to farmers' families

d) Old age pension scheme for all land

holding Small and Marginal Farmers

2) Government announces minimum support prices (MSPs) for which of the following crops

- 1. jowar
- 2. Raw cotton
- 3. Coffee
- 4. Copra
- 5. soyabean

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Consider the following statements.

1. In India Ethanol is procured by Oil

Marketing Companies (OMCs) mainly based on market determined prices.

2. India does not allow production of ethanol from food grains.

3. Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme has been extended to the whole of India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

4) The government has expanded the scope of raw material for ethanol production to include

- 1. Sugar beet
- 2. Sweet sorghum
- 3. Cassava
- 4. Sugarcane juice

Select the correct answer code:

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

5) 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

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6) 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

7) Consider the following statements regarding National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP).

1. The National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) is a group of social and economic infrastructure projects in India over a period of five years.

2. Majority of the investments will be from the Central Government.

3. India Investment Grid provides real-time updates on the implementation of the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP).

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 correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

1. The PLI scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing and cut down on imports by

providing cash incentives on incremental sales from products manufactured in India.

2. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is the single nodal ministry for the implementation of the PLI scheme.

3. Adding any new sector for PLI scheme will require approval of the Union Cabinet.

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 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

11) The renewable energy Ministry has expanded the scope of PM-KUSUM scheme to enable greater solar energy generation in farm sector. The scheme consists of which of the following components?

1. Decentralised ground mounted grid connected renewable power plants.

2. Installation of stand-alone solar powered agriculture pumps.

3. Solarisation of grid-connected solar powered agriculture pumps.

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Consider the following statements regarding Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme.

1. MGNREGA guarantees 100 days of unskilled manual work to all households in India.

2. The Act stipulates a minimum wage-material ratio of 60:40.

3. MGNREGA is to be implemented mainly by gram panchayats (GPs) with the help of contractors.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Vivad se Vishwas scheme, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Pension scheme for the Vyaparis
- b) Partial Credit Guarantee for NBFCs
- c) Direct tax dispute resolution
- d) Enhance loan availability for exporters

4. Science and Technology

1) Supercomputing play an important role in which of the following fields?

- 1. Quantum mechanics
- 2. Weather forecasting
- 3. Oil and gas exploration
- 4. Genomics
- 5. Drug discovery

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding IndiGen programme.

1. IndiGen programme aims to undertake whole genome sequencing of thousands of Indian individuals representing diverse ethnic groups from India.

2. The human genome data sets could be utilized for prioritizing Pharmacogenomics variants specific for Indian population for optimizing therapy and minimizing adverse events.

3. IndiGen programme is the initiative of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Earth-observation satellites are used for which of the following purposes?

- 1. Land and forest monitoring
- 2. Mapping of water and mineral resources
- 3. Weather and climate observations
- 4. Soil assessment

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Radar Imaging Satellites.

1. Radar Imaging Satellites are basically Earth observation satellites.

2. They can be used for border surveillance, to deter insurgent infiltration and for anti-terrorist operations.

3. One of the main disadvantages of Radar Imaging Satellites is that they are not all-weather satellites since they are affected by weather, cloud or fog.

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 over-the-top (OTT) platforms.

1. Over-the-top platforms, are audio and video hosting and streaming services offered directly to viewers via the Internet.

2. In India, OTT platforms are currently under the purview of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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) 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 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.

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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

8) Juice Jacking, sometimes 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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Measles.

- 1. Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus.
- 2. It is an airborne disease which spreads easily from one person to the next through the coughs and sneezes of infected people.
- 3. Measles cases has reduced drastically worldwide and 2019 reported the lowest number of cases in 10 years.

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.

- 1. The creation of antibodies against disease-causing virus guarantees immunity against a future attack from the same virus.
- 2. Serosurveys for the prevalence of novel coronavirus tests the presence of antibodies that are developed after an infection.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Reverse Osmosis Systems can remove

- 1. Metal ions
- 2. Aqueous salts
- 3. Bacteria
- 4. Lead

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. The storage temperature for vaccines can vary, even if they are developed using same technology.

2. Polio Vaccine used in India's immunisation programme are stored in room temperature.

3. mRNA vaccine can be developed that can be stored at warmer temperatures.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding Guillain Barre Syndrome.

1. Guillain Barre Syndrome is a rare autoimmune disorder.

2. It is caused by bacteria or viral infection.

3. There are no reported cases of patients infected with Covid-19 showing the symptoms of Guillain Barre Syndrome.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Brain fingerprinting.

1. Brain fingerprinting is a method of interrogation in which the accused's participation in the crime is investigated by studying their brain's response.

2. It is conducted to study the electrical behaviour of the human brain.

3. Supreme Court has ruled that brain mapping tests cannot be forced upon any individual without their consent and the test results cannot be admitted solely as evidence.

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) Arrange the following agreements between India and USA in its chronological order as they were signed.

1. General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)
2. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)
3. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)
4. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Recently India and the United States signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA). This will benefit India in which of the following areas.

1. Access to American geospatial intelligence
2. High-quality GPS
3. Response to natural disasters.

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Gilgit-Baltistan, recently seen in news borders which of the following regions?

1. Xinjiang region of China
2. Jammu and Kashmir
3. Ladakh
4. Aksai Chin

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

1. OPEC member countries account for two thirds of global oil production.

2. OPEC+ is an alliance of crude producers, who have been undertaking corrections in supply in the oil markets.

3. OPEC membership is open to any country that is a substantial exporter of oil and which shares the ideals of the organization.

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 are the Member Countries of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?

1. Ecuador
2. Algeria
3. Nigeria
4. Iran
5. Qatar

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Supply chain resilience initiative.

1. It is an initiative decided by India, Japan and Australia to achieve supply-chain resilience in the Indo-Pacific region.

2. The idea is to reduce the reliance on China for supply of goods and services.

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) Apart from the 10 ASEAN member states, East Asia Summit includes which of the following countries?

1. Republic of Korea
2. United States
3. Bhutan
4. Russia

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding International Seabed Authority (ISA).

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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

9) Laicite, recently seen in news is

- a) COVID-19 vaccine in trial stage
- b) NASA's Asteroid Redirect Mission
- c) Secularism in France
- d) None of the above

10) 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

11) Consider the following statements.

1. India has built Integrated check posts (ICPs) only on the borders with Bangladesh and Nepal.

2. On the Indian side, the Integrated check posts are built by the Land Port Authority of India (LPAI), which is under Ministry of Home Affairs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) 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

13) Consider the following statements regarding Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

1. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

2. In APEC, all economies have an equal say and decision-making is reached by consensus.

3. China, Japan, Indonesia and India are members of APEC.

4. APEC projects provide digital skills training for rural communities and help indigenous women export their products abroad.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) 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

15) Consider the following statements.

1. India has become the first country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

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2. The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) will be used to assist in the navigation of ships in ocean waters within the area of approximately 1,500 km from the Indian boundary.

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 Maritime Organisation (IMO).

1. International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) is the United Nations' specialised agency responsible for the safety and security of shipping.

2. IMO sets standard for environmental performance of international shipping.

3. IMO currently lists India as among the 10 states with the "largest interest in international seaborne trade".

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 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

18) Consider the following statements regarding Global compact for migration.

1. The global compact for migration is the first, inter-governmentally negotiated agreement to cover all dimensions of international migration.

2. The global compact is a legally binding agreement.

3. It was prepared under the auspices of the United Nations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3

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

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

1. 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

20) 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

21) 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

22) Consider the following statements regarding Compulsory licensing.

1. Compulsory licensing is when a government allows someone else to produce a

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patented product or process without the consent of the patent owner.

2. It is included in the WTO's Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement.

3. India grants compulsory licenses frequently for the production of generic drugs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Polity

1) When Parliament passes laws on the matter enumerated in the concurrent list and if some states are aggrieved by the Parliament's laws, what options does the states have

1. States can amend central laws enacted under the Concurrent List, subject to the condition that provisions repugnant to the parliamentary Acts will have to get the President's assent, without which they do not come into force.

2. The aggrieved states can challenge the validity of the central laws in the Supreme Court.

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 statements regarding Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

1. CBI functions under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions of the central government.

2. CBI is not exempted from the purview of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

3. CBI is India's officially designated single point of contact for liaison with the Interpol.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) can investigate which of the following types of cases in a state?

1. Corruption against public servants
2. Money laundering and black money operations

3. Crimes related to espionage, narcotics and banned substances

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

1. Delhi Special Police Establishment Act (DPSEA) makes the CBI a special wing of Delhi Police and its original jurisdiction is limited to Delhi.

2. Like the National Investigation Agency (NIA), CBI enjoys an all-India jurisdiction.

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 Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

1. Delhi Special Police Establishment Act (DPSEA) authorises the central government to direct CBI to probe a case within the jurisdiction of any state without the recommendation of the concerned state government.

2. Supreme Court and High Courts can also order CBI to investigate such a crime anywhere in the country without the consent of the state.

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) Consider the following statements regarding National Commission for Women (NCW).

1. National Commission for Women Act requires that the head of the Commission should be a women's rights activist.

2. National Commission for Women receives funds mainly from the Consolidated Fund of India.

3. National Commission for Women has powers on par with civil courts and can issue warrants and conduct judicial proceedings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) 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

7. States

1) Consider the following statements

1. Out of the total installed renewable energy capacity in India, more than two-third of it is comprised of wind and solar energy.

2. Out of the total installed renewable energy capacity in India, more than half comes from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

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 statements.

1. India is the second largest onion growing country in the world after China.

2. The onions as the Kharif crop output is more than the rabi crop output.

3. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh are the key onion growing states in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Reports and Indices

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Consumer Expenditure Survey is conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to collect information on the consumption spending patterns of households across the country, both urban and rural.

2. There has been consistent increase in the devolution of taxes from the centre to states during the 11th to 15th Finance Commission periods.

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 Purchasing Managers' Index.

1. Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) gives an indication of the economic health of the manufacturing sector.

2. Services sectors are not covered while calculating PMI.

3. PMI is released by *Central Statistics Office (CSO)*.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Maps / Places

1) Nagorno-Karabakh, recently seen in news is internationally recognised as part of

- a) Turkey
- b) Azerbaijan
- c) Georgia
- d) Iran

2) Tigray Region, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Somalia
- c) Egypt
- d) Yemen

3) Consider the following statements.

1. Ethiopia, is an East African country on the Horn of Africa.

2. It shares its border with Red Sea.

3. The Blue Nile is a river originating at Lake Tana in Ethiopia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Tristan da Cunha Islands, recently seen in news is located in

- a) South China Sea
- b) Arctic Ocean
- c) Atlantic Ocean
- d) Indian Ocean

10. Miscellaneous

5) The country with the longest coastline on the Black Sea is

- a) Georgia
- b) Bulgaria
- c) Russia
- d) Turkey

6) Arrange these geographical regions from the West to east.

1. Gulf of Aden
2. Laccadive Sea
3. Gulf of Thailand
4. South China Sea

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1234
- b) 2134
- c) 1243
- d) 2143

7) The Central Asian countries bordering Caspian Sea are

1. Tajikistan
2. Uzbekistan
3. Turkmenistan

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following pairs.

**Regions sometimes in news
Country**

1. Oromia
Nigeria
2. Bougainville
Papua New Guinea
3. Jubaland
Saudi Arabia
4. Al-Qadiriya
Sudan

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

1) Consider the following statements.

1. The recent decision of the Government for mandatory packaging of 100% food grains in diversified jute bags has got statutory backing.

2. In India, Jute is not grown in North-Eastern states due to hilly terrain.

3. In India, Government announces minimum support prices (MSPs) for Raw Jute.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) e-Choupal, sometimes seen news is regarding

- a) Procurement of agricultural products
- b) Tracking of sale of fertilizers at subsidized rates to farmers
- c) Providing subsidy on new solar-powered pumps
- d) Crop insurance scheme

3) 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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Bru or Reang Community.

1. Bru or Reang community is indigenous to Northeast India, living in Tripura, Mizoram, and Assam.

2. They are recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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