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1. Economy

1. Consider the following statements regarding Bound rates or Bound Tariffs.

1. Bound rate is the maximum rate of duty (tariff) that can be imposed by the importing country on an imported commodity.

2. Bound rate agreed for any commodity at WTO is same for all the members of WTO.

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 regarding Incremental Capital-Output Ratio (ICOR).

1. The incremental capital output ratio (ICOR) denotes the relationship between the level of investment made in the economy and the consequent increase in the gross domestic product (GDP).

2. The higher the ICOR, the higher the productivity of capital.

3. In the last ten years, the ICOR has seen substantial decline in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements.

1. Indian tax revenues remain largely dependent on direct tax collections.

2. Among the Revenue expenditure made by the Centre, the Interest payments constitute the lowest share.

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. The term 'Roaring Twenties' refer to

- a) Strong westerly winds found in 10 to 20 degrees latitude
- b) Period of economic prosperity in the United States and Europe
- c) Sever Thunderstorms during 1920s
- d) Economic recession in Asian countries during 1920s

5. With reference to the government expenditure in India, which of the following constitutes Transfer Payments?

- 1. The payments which are made by the government to its employees.
- 2. The Interest payments made to foreign countries on loans taken.
- 3. The payments which are made as financial aid in a social welfare programme.

Select the correct answer code:

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

6. A share repurchase or buyback is a decision by a company to purchase its own stock from the market. Such a move may lead to

- 1. It reduces the number of outstanding shares of the company.
- 2. It tends to increase the price of remaining shares.
- 3. It is often undertaken when the company's shares are undervalued.

Select the correct answer code:

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

7. India's average tariff increased to 14.3% in FY21 from 13% in FY15 with the country's policymakers frequently using trade policy measures to

- a) Encourage domestic production
- b) Curb inflation
- c) Both a and b
- d) Neither a nor b

8. Consider the following statements regarding Off-budget financing.

1. Off-budget financing isn't taken into account when calculating fiscal indicators like Fiscal deficit.

2. Parliamentary control on such spending is also reduced.

3. National Small Savings Fund is the biggest source for the Government for Off-budget financing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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9. Consider the following statements regarding Bad Bank.

1. A bad bank is an asset reconstruction company (ARC) that takes over the bad loans of commercial banks, manages them and finally recovers the money over a period of time.

2. Bad bank is also involved in lending and taking deposits.

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. Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) sometimes seen in news is

- a) Financing received from IFC Masala bonds
- b) Resources raised by the PSUs through loans and equity.
- c) Monetization of deficit through Forex Reserves
- d) Basel III Capitalization of Commercial Banks

11. Consider the following statements regarding Special Drawing Right (SDR).

- 1. The Special Drawing Right (SDR) is an interest-bearing international reserve asset created by the IMF.
- 2. The value of the SDR is not set by IMF, rather it is directly determined by supply and demand in the market.
- 3. It can be held and used by member countries, private entities or individuals.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

12. The Scheduled Commercial Bank's NPAs can be recovered through which of the following channels?

- 1. Lok Adalats
- 2. Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs)
- 3. SARFAESI Act
- 4. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)

Select the correct answer code:

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

13. Arrange the following sector's Government expenditure on subsidies in the last 5 years in decreasing order

- 1. Fertilizer Subsidy
- 2. Food Subsidy
- 3. Petroleum Subsidy

Select the correct answer code:

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

14. Consider the following statements.

1. Commercial crops are not covered under minimum support prices (MSPs).

2. IF MSP is made legally binding, no crop can be purchased below the MSP by the private buyers.

3. The marketed surplus for all the crops covered under MSP is more than 50%.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Monetary Policy.

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is vested with the responsibility of conducting monetary policy under the provisions of Agreement on Monetary Policy Framework Act.

2. The primary objective of monetary policy is to maintain price stability and achieve growth.

3. The inflation target is set by the Reserve Bank of India in consultation with Government of India, once in every five years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. India's economy is showing decisive signs of a 'V-shaped' recovery in 2021. What does 'V-shaped' recovery mean?

a) Economy quickly rises like a phoenix after a crash and it more than makes up for lost ground.

b) Economy quickly recoups lost ground and gets back to the normal growth trend.

c) Economy, after falling, struggles and muddles around a low growth rate for some time, before rising gradually to usual levels.

d) Growth falls and rises, but falls again before recovering yet again.

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17. Consider the following statements regarding Off-budget borrowing.

1. Off-budget borrowings are loans taken by any public institution on the directions of the central government.

2. Off-budget borrowing helps keep the country's fiscal deficit within acceptable limits.

3. Off-budget financing is not part of the calculation of the fiscal indicators and does not have any fiscal implications.

4. Public sector banks can fund off-budget expenses.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18. The actual liabilities of the Union government include which of the following

1. Borrowings by PSUs

2. Loans taken for the recapitalisation of

banks

3. Capital expenditures of various Ministries.

Select the correct answer code:

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

1. All the NBFCs are regulated by RBI.

2. The designation of 'Systematically

Important' is applicable for Banks and not for NBFCs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20. Which of the following are regulated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

1. Housing Finance Companies

2. Merchant Banking Companies

3. Venture Capital Fund Companies

Select the correct answer code:

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

21. Consider the following statements.

1. Disinvestment can either reduce the government's share in the public sector undertakings (PSUs) or transfer the ownership of the PSU altogether to the highest bidder.

2. Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) under the Ministry of Finance is tasked with managing the Centre's investments in the PSUs.

3. In the last five years, the Government has been unable to meet the Disinvestment target it wanted at the start of the year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements.

1. RBI primarily factors in retail inflation while making its bi-monthly monetary policy.

2. A broad-based domestic and global economic recovery can lead to rise in inflation.

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. Consider the following statements.

1. Union Budget can make important decisions and changes in tariff structure of GST.

2. The GST law also provides for the creation of a Consumer Welfare Fund wherein undue benefits made by businesses under the GST law have to be deposited, in case it cannot be passed on to the identified recipient.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24. Teaser loan, sometimes seen in news means

a) Loans provided to high net worth individuals.

b) Loans provided to weaker sections of the society with interest rate below the repo rate.

c) Loans which charge lower rates of interest in the first few years after which the rates are increased.

d) None of the above

2. Ecology and Environment

1. Consider the following statements regarding Global Forest Cover.

1. Forests cover more than 40 percent of the global land area.
2. Russia and Brazil accounts for more than 30 percent of world's forests.
3. The largest part of the forest is found in tropical domain.

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements.

1. The Arctic is warming far more quickly than Antarctic.
2. The accelerated Arctic warming changes the temperature contrast between mid and high latitudes.
3. Arctic warming can be beneficial for the whales.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding Himalayan trillium, recently seen in news.

1. Himalayan trillium is found in temperate and sub-alpine zones of the Himalayas.
2. The existence of the plant has been traced only across India, Bhutan and Nepal.
3. Recently it was declared as 'endangered' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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 Bacteriophages.

1. A Bacteriophage is a type of bacteria that can kill viruses.
2. Bacteriophages are among the most common and diverse entities in the biosphere.

3. They are seen as a possible therapy against multi-drug-resistant strains of many bacteria. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements.

1. States and Union Territories with more than 50 per cent of their land under forest cover can undertake compensatory afforestation in other states.

2. Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have more than 75 per cent of their land under forest cover.

3. According to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, each time forest land is diverted, the project proponent has to pay the state for the ecosystem services lost due to diverting forest land.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Which of the following regions are considered as tiger landscapes in India?

1. Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains
2. Central Indian Landscape and Eastern Ghats
3. North-East Hills and Brahmaputra Plains
4. Sundarbans

Select the correct answer code:

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding Majuli Island.

1. Majuli Island is the world's largest fully habituated river island located in the Brahmaputra River.

2. It became the first island to be made a district in India.

3. Majuli is the abode of the Assamese neo-Vaishnavite culture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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8. Consider the following statements.

1. India is home to nearly 75 percent of the global tiger population and has already fulfilled its resolve of doubling tiger numbers, made at St. Petersburg in 2010.

2. As per the Latest Tiger census in India, out of five tiger landscapes, Western Ghats landscape has the highest number of Tigers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provides funding to assist developing countries in meeting the objectives of international environmental conventions. The GEF serves as a "financial mechanism" to which of these conventions?

- 1. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- 2. Stockholm Convention on Persistent

Organic Pollutants (POPs)

- 3. UN Convention to Combat Desertification

(UNCCD)

- 4. Minamata Convention on Mercury

Select the correct answer code:

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

10. Which of the following states does not experience Cold wave conditions?

- 1. Rajasthan
- 2. Madhya Pradesh
- 3. Odisha
- 4. Chandigarh

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3, 4
- c) 2, 4
- d) All the states experience Cold wave

conditions

11. Consider the following statements.

1. The IMD declares a cold wave only when the temperature of the place falls below 0 degrees Celsius.

2. According to recent study, consuming alcoholic beverage during cold wave is not recommended as it "reduces the body temperature".

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. Galathea National Park and the Campbell Bay National Park are part of

- a) Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve
- b) Dibru-Saikhowa
- c) Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve
- d) Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve

13. Consider the following statements.

1. Carbon neutrality refers to achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions.

2. Carbon neutrality can be achieved only by eliminating carbon dioxide emissions altogether.

3. Renewable energy always produce zero carbon emissions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements.

1. Genetic engineering can introduce alien genes in the seeds of a plant from even an animal or a soil bacterium.

2. In India, the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is the apex body that allows for commercial release of GM crops.

3. Unapproved GM crops can be grown for private consumption, but not for commercial sale, according to the Environment (Protection) Act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, located in

- a) Near Timor Sea in Southern Australia
- b) Off the coast of Queensland in Northeastern Australia
- c) South of Kimberley Plateau
- d) Soloman Islands

16. Consider the following statements.

1. Global warming potential (GWP) is a measure of how much energy the emissions of 1 ton of any greenhouse gas (GHG) will absorb over a given period of time, relative to the emissions of 1 ton of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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2. The larger the GWP, the more that a given GHG warms the Earth compared to CO₂ over that time period.

3. The time period usually used for GWPs is 10 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17. Which of the following has/have been observed to destroy Ozone layer?

- 1. Polar Vortex
- 2. Higher than usual temperatures in the stratosphere.
- 3. Stratospheric clouds that react with chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)

Select the correct answer code:

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Forest Fires.

- 1. Himachal Pradesh frequently witness forest fires during dry weather conditions.
- 2. Forest Fires occur most commonly in Chir Pine forests.
- 3. Forest fires increase organic matter in the soil and prevent soil erosion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19. Which of the following causes Forest fire?

- 1. Lightning
- 2. Rubbing of dry bamboos with each other
- 3. Dry pine needles or leaves falling on electric pole

Select the correct answer code:

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

20. Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Manipur
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Madhya Pradesh

21. Consider the following statements regarding "4 per 1000" initiative.

1. The "4 per 1000" initiative intends to increase soil organic matter and carbon sequestration through the implementation of agricultural practices such as agro-forestry and conservation agriculture.

2. It is the initiative of *Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)*.

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 methods can help soil store more carbon?

- 1. Never leaving soil bare
- 2. Intercropping and growing more grass strips
- 3. Extensive grazing
- 4. Use of organic fertilizers and compost

Select the correct answer code:

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding Green Climate Fund (GCF).

- 1. The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a fund established within the framework of the UNFCCC.
- 2. The Fund's investments can be in the form of grants only.
- 3. GCF has established a direct access modality so that national and sub-national organisations can receive funding directly, rather than only via international intermediaries.

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 regarding Great Indian Bustard.

1. They are among the heaviest flying birds in India and are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act.

2. They are categorised as Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red data list.

2. Recently, collision with live high-tension wires is the prime reason for mortality among great Indian bustards.

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding Urban heat island (UHI).

1. An urban heat island (UHI) is an urban area that is significantly warmer than its surrounding rural areas due to human activities.
2. The effect of Urban heat island is more severe during daytime than in night time.
3. The UHI decreases air quality by increasing the production of pollutants such as ozone, and decreases water quality.

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 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

1. Its main aim is to mobilize the public in support of nature conservation.
2. It has observer and consultative status at the United Nations.
3. It was involved in establishing the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27. Which of the following are the contributors to nitrogen emissions in India?

1. Burning of crop residue
2. Agricultural soils
3. Sewage and fossil-fuel burning
4. Poultry industry

Select the correct answer code:

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

28. Which of the following are the Tiger Reserves located in Arunachal Pradesh?

1. Pakke Tiger Reserve
2. Nameri Tiger Reserve
3. Namdhapa Tiger Reserve

4. Kamlang Tiger Reserve

Select the correct answer code:

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding National Board for Wildlife.

1. National Board for Wildlife is a Statutory Organization constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. It has the power to review all wildlife-related matters and approve projects in and around national parks and sanctuaries.
3. The NBWL is chaired by the Union Environment Ministry.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

30. In India, fishing cats are mainly found in

- a) Mangrove forests of the Sundarbans
- b) Foothills of the Himalayas
- c) Western Ghats
- d) All of the above

31. Consider the following statements regarding Irrawaddy dolphin.

1. Irrawaddy dolphins are found in coastal areas in South and Southeast Asia.
2. It lives in brackish water near coasts, river mouths, and estuaries.
3. In India, Irrawaddy dolphins are found in Chilika Lake.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding Microplastics.

1. Microplastics are synthetic or semi-synthetic, solid, water insoluble plastic particles of a size range below 1 micrometre.
2. Because of its size, most of the microplastics are biodegradable.
3. Microplastics are also considered as airborne pollutant.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- c) 3 only
- d) 2, 3

33. Lead is a naturally occurring toxic metal found in the Earth's crust. Its widespread use has resulted in extensive environmental contamination, human exposure and significant public health problems in many parts of the world. Which of the following can contribute to Lead pollution?

- 1. Smelting
- 2. Paints
- 3. Batteries of motor vehicles
- 4. Ceramic glazes
- 5. Cosmetics and traditional medicines

Select the correct answer code:

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

34. Compensatory Afforestation Fund can be utilised for which of the following activities?

- 1. Wildlife Management
- 2. Forest Fire Prevention and Control Operations
- 3. Payment of salary and medical expenses of those working in forest areas
- 4. Monitoring of CAMPA works

Select the correct answer code:

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

35. 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. Government Schemes and Programmes

1. Consider the following statements.
 1. Antibiotics are under the purview of the Central Drugs Standard and Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

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2. According to Drugs and Cosmetics (D&C) Act, 1940, it is mandatory that Antibiotics are sold only under prescription.

3. Poultry Feeds containing antibiotics comes under the purview of CDSCO.

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

1. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.

2. It is an initiative of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

3. It has been incorporated as a "For Profit" Company under the provisions of Companies Act 1956.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Which of the following are the services offered by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- 1. National Automated Clearing House
- 2. Cheque Truncation System
- 3. National Financial Switch (NFS)
- 4. National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC)

Select the correct answer code:

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

4. Consider the following statements.

1. Solid Waste Management Rules (SWM), 2016 are applicable beyond municipal areas and include urban agglomerations, census towns, areas under the control of Indian Railways, airports and special economic zones.

2. North East India has well established waste management system and more than 80% of the waste is processed.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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5. Consider the following statements regarding Special Marriage Act, 1872.

1. It was enacted following a campaign launched by Brahmo Samaj for simpler marriage ceremonies.

2. It prohibited the inter-faith marriages.

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 Protection of Human Rights (Amendments) Act, 2019.

1. It reduced the tenure of chairpersons of national and state human rights bodies to three years from the earlier five years.

2. The Act does not allow for the reappointment of members of the National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commissions.

3. A person who has been chief justice or judge of a high court is to be the chairperson of the State Human Rights Commission.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana.

1. PM Kisan is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India.

2. Under the scheme an income support of ₹ 6,000 is provided three times to all landholding farmers' families.

3. State Government and UT administration will identify the farmer families which are eligible for support as per scheme guidelines.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA).

1. On the basis of the report of the Bhuria Committee submitted in 1995, the Parliament enacted the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) to extend Part IX of the

Constitution with certain modifications and exceptions to the Scheduled V areas.

2. Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar have Schedule V Areas.

3. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is the nodal Ministry for implementation of the provisions of PESA in the States.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Which of the following categories are excluded from the benefits of PM-KISAN Yojana.

- 1. Income tax payer farmers
- 2. Those who received a monthly pension above ₹10,000
- 3. Institutional landholders
- 4. Those who held a constitutional position

Select the correct answer code:

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding Atmanirbhar Digital India Foundation (ADIF).

1. Atmanirbhar Digital India Foundation (ADIF) was setup recently by the Department of Science & Technology to represent the digital ecosystem in the country.

2. It advises the government and sector regulators with respect to required legal and policy framework to promote local digital entities.

3. It aims to ensure a level-playing field between Indian digital businesses and global enterprises such as Google, Facebook and Microsoft.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Science and Technology

1. Consider the following statements regarding Extra Neutral Alcohol.

1. Extra Neutral Alcohol is formed from molasses that are a residue of sugarcane processing.

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2. It is the primary raw material for making alcoholic beverages.
3. It is an essential ingredient in the manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products such as perfumes, toiletries, hair spray, etc.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

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

Select the correct answer code:

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

3. The applications of nano-technology in agriculture sector include

1. Delivery of pesticides, fertilizers and other agrochemicals more efficiently
2. Monitoring soil conditions and crop growth

3. Detection of animal and plant pathogens
4. Delivery of growth hormones in a controlled manner

Select the correct answer code:

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding Avian influenza or Bird flu.

1. It is a highly contagious viral disease caused by Influenza Type A viruses.
2. Avian influenza does not affect the egg production in poultry birds.
3. Bird flu can be spread through their droppings while flying.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements regarding Avian influenza or Bird flu.

1. People coming in close contact with infected alive or dead birds can get infected with the H5N1 bird flu.
2. It spreads rapidly from person to person.
3. It attacks the respiratory tract of humans and may cause severe respiratory illnesses such as pneumonia or Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding Bird Flu, a viral infection that is reported recently in birds.

1. The most common strain of the virus that causes severe respiratory disease in birds is H5N1.
2. It does not spread to mammals.
3. From 2006 India has been witnessing Bird flu in one or the other state and since then India has never declared itself free from Bird flu.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements.

1. Antibodies bind to the surface structures of bacteria or viruses and prevent their replication.
2. Nanobodies are antibody fragments that can be produced by bacteria or yeast.
3. Producing Nanobodies is difficult and time-consuming and therefore not suitable for widespread use.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding 5G Technology.

1. 5G or fifth generation is the latest upgrade in the long-term evolution (LTE) mobile broadband networks.
2. 5G only works in high frequency spectrum.
3. 5G is set to be as much as 100 times faster than 4G.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Pneumoconiosis, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) High levels of fat in the blood
- b) Black lung disease
- c) High blood glucose levels
- d) Tuberculosis

10. Prime editing, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) 3D printing Technology
- b) Editing subatomic particles in Quantum communication
- c) Blockchain Technology
- d) Genome editing technology

11. Quantum Technology is based on the principles of Quantum mechanics developed in the early 20th century to describe nature at the scale of atoms and elementary particles. Quantum technology is manifested through applications in

- 1. Secure communication
- 2. Disaster management
- 3. Healthcare
- 4. Cryptography
- 5. Understand biological phenomena such as photosynthesis.

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

12. Two different subtypes of the bird flu virus or avian influenza (H5N1 and H5N8), was detected recently. Consider the following statements regarding this.

- 1. Influenza A viruses are divided into subtypes on the basis of two proteins on the surface of the virus.
- 2. All known subtypes of influenza A viruses will infect birds.

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.

- 1. Polio was the first disease to be eradicated through a vaccine.

2. In recent times, 'vaccine hesitancy' is increasingly cited as a cause behind measles outbreaks, especially in western countries.

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. International Relations and Organisations

1. Consider the following statements regarding International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

1. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) is a multilateral treaty adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

2. The covenant commits its parties to respect the civil and political rights of individuals including rights to due process and a fair trial.

3. The ICCPR is part of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding Freedom of navigation (FON).

1. Freedom of navigation (FON) is a principle of customary international law that ships flying the flag of any sovereign state shall not suffer interference from other states, without any exceptions.

2. This right to Freedom of navigation is codified under United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

3. Not all UN member states have ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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3. Which of the following countries are the members of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)?

1. Vietnam
2. Thailand
3. Malaysia
4. Papua New Guinea
5. Laos

Select the correct answer code:

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

4. MARPOL Convention, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- b) Control the use of chemical weapons and their precursors.
- c) Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- d) Safety, security, and sustainability of airspace.

5. Which of the following are the members of BASIC countries.

1. Brazil
2. Australia
3. South Africa
4. Indonesia
5. China

Select the correct answer code:

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

6. The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health. In this context WHO's work focus on

1. Support people's participation in national health policies for universal health coverage.
2. Prepare for health emergencies by identifying, mitigating and managing risks.
3. Health and well-being, prioritize health in all policies and healthy settings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) focuses on

1. Maritime security

2. Women's Economic Empowerment
3. Disaster risk reduction
4. Tourism promotion and cultural

exchanges

Select the correct answer code:

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

1. The East Asia Summit (EAS) involves all the ASEAN members.
2. It has an observer status at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
3. The 'ASEAN Way' refers to a multi-modal trade corridor developed by ASEAN along the old Silk Route.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding UN peacekeeping forces.

1. According to UN Charter every Member State is legally obligated to pay their respective share for peacekeeping.
2. Peacekeeping forces are contributed by UN member states on a mandatory basis.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Compulsory licensing.

1. Compulsory licensing is when a government allows someone else to produce a 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 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

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11. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a law on data protection and privacy in
- United States of America
 - China
 - European Union (EU)
 - Australia

12. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Ocean Commission.

- Indian Ocean Commission is an intergovernmental organization that links African Indian Ocean nations.
 - Recently India joined as a member of the Indian Ocean Commission.
 - The Indian Ocean Commission has funded a number of regional and national conservation and alternative livelihoods projects through Regional Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Coastal Zones of the Countries of the Indian Ocean.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements.

- Every two years, the United Nations General Assembly elects all the ten non-permanent members of the UN Security Council (UNSC) at once.
- The ten non-permanent member seats are distributed among different regions of the world and African and Asian countries together get half of the seats.

Which of the above is/are incorrect?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

14. Consider the following statements regarding Open Skies Treaty (OST).

- Open Skies Treaty (OST) is an accord between member countries that allows participants to fly armed reconnaissance flights over any part of the fellow member states.
- Under the treaty, a member state can “spy” on any part of the host nation, with the latter’s consent.
- United States and Russia are members of the Open Skies Treaty.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 2 only
- 2, 3

- d) None of the above

15. Resolution 2231 of the United Nations Security Council, sometimes seen in news is related to

- Israeli–Palestinian conflict
- Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation

Federation

- Iran Nuclear Programme
- USA withdrawal from Afghanistan

16. Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

- It is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.
- All decisions of the UNSC must be approved by the UN General Assembly to be enforced.
- It recommends new states for admission as member states of the United Nations (UN).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 2 only
- 1, 3
- None of the above

17. Consider the following statements regarding Group of 20 (G 20).

- The G20 Summit is formally known as the “Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy”.
- The first G20 meeting took place right after the 2008 financial crisis.
- The resolutions of G20 are legally binding.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 1 only
- 1, 3
- 2, 3

18. Consider the following statements regarding South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

- Its secretariat is based in India.
- The SAARC maintains permanent diplomatic relations at the United Nations as an observer.
- Decisions at all levels are to be taken on the basis of unanimity and bilateral and contentious issues are excluded from the deliberations of the Association.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 2 only
- 1, 3
- 2, 3

19. Abraham Accords, recently seen in news is a joint statement between

1. Israel
2. United Arab Emirates
3. Iran

Select the correct answer code:

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

6. Polity

1. For filing Public Interest Litigation (PIL), the Supreme Court invokes which of the jurisdiction under them?

- a) Advisory Jurisdiction
- b) Writ Jurisdiction
- c) Appellate jurisdiction
- d) Original Jurisdiction

2. Consider the following statements regarding President's rule that is imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution.

1. It cannot be imposed without the written recommendation of the Governor of the concerned state.
2. Every proclamation of President's rule must be approved by both the houses of Parliament within a stipulated time.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Law Commission of India.

1. The Law Commission of India is a statutory body constituted by the Government of India from time to time.
2. The commission is re-constituted every five years.
3. The Law Commission shall suo-motu, undertake research in law and review of existing laws in India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

4. Consider the following statements

1. The governor is indirectly elected by a specially constituted electoral college same like president.
2. The office of governor of a state is considered as an employment under the Central government.

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.

1. Nagaland shares its border with Myanmar.
2. Nagaland is bordered by two Indian states.
3. Article 371A of the Constitution confers special provisions on Nagaland.

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 the President's address in the Parliament.

1. In India, the practice of the President addressing Parliament can be traced back to the Government of India Act of 1919.
2. In the past, there are instances where the President's speech is delivered by the Vice president discharging the functions of the President.
3. President's address is the only occasion in the year when the entire Parliament come together.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. History, Art and Culture

1. Patharughat uprising, during the British rule was a

- a) Tribal Revolt
- b) Peasant Uprising
- c) Working class movement
- d) Caste movement

8. Reports and Indices

- Inclusive Wealth Report (IWR), sometimes seen in news is released by
 - World Bank
 - World Economic Forum
 - UN Environment
 - UNFCCC
- Global Competitiveness Index, sometimes seen in news is published by
 - World Bank
 - World Economic Forum
 - World Trade Organisation
 - International Monetary Fund
- India Innovation Index, 2020 recently seen in news is released by
 - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 - Department of Science & Technology
 - Niti Ayog
 - None of the Above

9. Maps / Places

- Which of the following countries are bordering the Caspian Sea?
 - Georgia
 - Kazakhstan
 - Turkmenistan
 - Iran

Select the correct answer code:

 - 1, 2, 3
 - 1, 3, 4
 - 2, 3, 4
 - 1, 2, 3, 4
- Sunda strait connects
 - Indian Ocean and Java Sea
 - Java Sea and South China Sea
 - Java Sea and Celebes Sea
 - Tasman Sea and Java Sea
- Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, recently seen in news is under construction on which river?
 - Congo River
 - Zambezi River
 - Niger River
 - None of the above
- Nile River, the longest river in Africa, drains into.

- Red Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- Lake Victoria

Select the correct answer code:

- 3 only
- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3

- Lampedusa Island, sometime seen in news is located in
 - Mediterranean Sea
 - Red Sea
 - Black Sea
 - Caspian Sea
- Consider the following statements
 - Malacca strait separates Malaysia and Indonesia.
 - Strait of Hormuz separates Oman and Iran.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

 - 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

- Consider the following statements regarding Barak River.
 - Barak River flows through the states of Manipur, Mizoram and Assam.
 - Barak River drains into Bay of Bengal after flowing through Bangladesh.
 - Tipaimukh Dam is a proposed embankment dam on the Barak River.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- The countries bordering Syria are
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Iraq
 - Jordan
 - Lebanon
 - Turkey

Select the correct answer code:

- 1, 2, 3, 4
- 1, 3, 4, 5
- 2, 3, 4, 5
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

- Consider the following statements.

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1. Russia borders both Black Sea and Caspian Sea.

2. Georgia borders only Black Sea.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

10. India shares borders with several sovereign countries. Arrange the following countries in the descending order according to the length of the border it shares with India.

- 1. Bangladesh
- 2. Pakistan
- 3. China
- 4. Nepal
- 5. Bhutan
- 6. Afghanistan

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1-3-2-4-5-6
- b) 1-3-2-4-6-5
- c) 1-2-3-4-6-5
- d) 1-2-3-4-5-6

11. Consider the following statements.

1. Arunachal Pradesh shares international borders with only Bhutan, Myanmar and China.

2. Arunachal Pradesh borders the states of Assam and Manipur.

3. *Pakke Tiger Reserve and Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary* are situated in Arunachal Pradesh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Vanguard Bank and Scarborough Shoal sometimes seen in news is located in

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

13. Consider the following statements.

1. Nepal shares its international boundary with India, China and Bangladesh.

2. Nepal shares boundary with 5 Indian States.

3. Uttar Pradesh shares the longest land boundary with Nepal among the Indian states.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

c) 1 only

d) 1, 3

14. The country with the longest coastline on the Black Sea is

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

15. Strait of Gibraltar is a narrow strait that connects

- a) Adriatic Sea & Ionian Sea
- b) Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea
- c) Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea
- d) Tasman Sea and South Sea

16. If you keep walking on the Mediterranean coast, starting from the coast of Egypt towards middle-east, you are likely to touch the coast of which of these countries en route?

- 1. Iraq
- 2. Jordan
- 3. Syria

Select the correct answer code:

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

10. Miscellaneous

1. Consider the following statements.

1. Large galaxies in the universe has a supermassive black hole, whose mass is millions or billions of times that of the Sun.

2. Black hole at the centre of our galaxy– the Milky Way, is called Sagittarius A*.

3. When two black holes merge, they release gravitational waves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

1. World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is a United Nations organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide.

2. The main objective of the OIE is to control epizootic diseases and thus to prevent their spread.

3. It recommends killing of animals for disease control purposes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Recently China and Nepal announced that Mount Everest has grown by 86 cm. This is due to

- a) Massive Earthquake
- b) Plate Tectonic Collision
- c) Both a and b
- d) Neither 1 nor 2