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## 1. Economy

- 1) Which of the following was not the criteria used by 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to recommend allocation of resources to the states?
  - a) Fiscal discipline of the state
  - b) Forest Cover of the state
  - c) Area of the State
  - d) Poverty rate in the state
  
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Cryptocurrencies.
  1. Cryptocurrencies are digital or virtual currencies in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of their units.
  2. In most of the countries they operate within the framework of central bank.
 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) An inverted duty structure for a particular product will tend to discourage its
  1. Domestic value addition
  2. Associated Foreign Direct Investment
  3. Import of finished goods as compared to its raw material
 Select the correct answer code:
  - a) 1, 2
  - b) 2, 3
  - c) 1, 3
  - d) 2 only
  
- 4) Which of the following is not a non-tariff measure?
  - a) Technical Barriers to Trade
  - b) Phytosanitary restrictions
  - c) Import licencing procedures
  - d) All of the above are non-tariff measures.
  
- 5) The government introduced amendments to which of the following laws to introduce electoral bonds?
  1. Income Tax Act of 1961
  2. Companies Act of 2013
  3. Representation of the People Act of 1951
 Select the correct answer code:
  - a) 1, 2
  - b) 1, 3
  - c) 2, 3
  - d) 1, 2, 3
  
- 6) Consider the following statements.
  1. The share of small and marginal farmers in India have decreased from the year 1980-81 to 2015-16.
  2. The Centre has encouraged farmer producer organisations (FPOs) under the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), NABARD, state governments and NGOs.
 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) Which of the following committees suggested privatisation of some operations in Indian railways?
  - a) Usha Thorat Committee
  - b) N Gopaldaswami Committee
  - c) Subhash Garg Committee
  - d) Bibek Debroy committee
  
- 8) Internationalization of Rupee would mean
  1. Paying in rupees both for imports and exports
  2. Repaying in rupees for the bonds issued globally
  3. Accumulating Indian rupee as a reserve currency all over the world by the central banks
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - a) 1, 2
  - b) 1, 3
  - c) 2, 3
  - d) 1, 2, 3
  
- 9) This government department is mainly responsible for policy issues relating to Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Financial Institutions. It also deals with matters relating to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). It is?
  - a) Department of Financial Services (DFS)
  - b) Department of Disinvestment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
  - c) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)
  - d) Department of Expenditure (DoE)
  
- 10) The term demographic trap is used by demographers to describe the combination of
  1. Sub-replacement level fertility rates
  2. High Fertility rate

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3. Declining mortality
4. Increasing Mortality

Select the correct answer code:

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

11) Swiss challenge method, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Resolving Stressed Assets
- b) Public Procurement
- c) Reducing Interest rate in the economy
- d) Public Private Partnership

12) Consider the following statements.

1. Union Finance Commission tries to rectify the vertical and horizontal imbalances in resources and expenditure responsibilities between Union and States.

2. State Finance Commissions that supplement the resources of panchayats and municipalities are constituted along with Union Finance Commission.

3. The Fifteenth Finance Commission for the first-time recommended performance-based grants to panchayats and municipalities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements.

1. More than two-thirds of India's crude comes from the Gulf region.

2. India is the top importer of crude oil and products via the Suez Canal.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

14) Recently the central government promulgated an ordinance **allowing the use of pre-packs as an insolvency resolution** mechanism for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with defaults up to Rs 1 crore, under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. Consider the following statements regarding Pre-packs.

1. A pre-pack is the resolution of the debt of a distressed company through an agreement between creditors and investors wherein creditors will agree to terms with a potential investor and

seek approval of the resolution plan from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

2. A resolution professional takes control of management of the debtor in the case of pre-packs.

3. The pre-pack mechanism allows for a swiss challenge for any resolution plans.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) All the Prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) at present helps facilitate which of the following operations?

1. Purchase of goods and services
2. Money transfer
3. Cash withdrawal
4. Remittance facilities

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding G-SAP initiative, recently seen in news.

1. It is the initiative of the RBI, where it buys Government bonds from the secondary market.

2. It is long term in nature and its main intention is to stimulate the economy.

3. This will help the government borrowing sail through smoothly.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Depreciation in the rupee would negatively impact Indian in which of the following areas?

1. Foreign education
2. Foreign Travel
3. Investments abroad
4. NRI sending money back home
5. Crude import

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) Consider the following statements regarding Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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1. WPI pertains to only goods, not services.
  2. WPI captures the average movement of wholesale prices of goods and is primarily used as a GDP deflator.
  3. WPI has a higher weight of manufactured goods and the CPI has a greater constitution of food items.
  4. RBI considers WPI as the main metric for the purpose of setting monetary policy.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2, 3
  - b) 1, 3
  - c) 1, 3, 4
  - d) 2, 3, 4

- 19) Mobile wallets in India are regulated by
- a) Department of Telecommunications
  - b) Ministry of Finance
  - c) Reserve Bank of India
  - d) Indian Banks' Association

- 20) Consider the following statements.
1. India is the largest producer and exporter of rice in the World.
  2. Basmati rice constitutes the largest share of rice exports from India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 2. Ecology and Environment

- 1) Making Peace *with* Nature report, recently seen in news is released by
- a) World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
  - b) Germanwatch
  - c) UN Environment
  - d) Conservation International
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Aerosols.
1. Some aerosols are reflective, i.e. when the sun's rays beam down on them, they bounce the rays back out of the atmosphere.
  2. Mist, dust, particulate air pollutants and smoke are the examples of anthropogenic aerosols.

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

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 4) Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

Tiger Reserve State

1. Satkosia Tiger Reserve: Maharashtra

2. Kanha Tiger Reserve: Madhya Pradesh

3. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve: Odisha

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 5) Many countries are aiming to achieve a net-zero emission scenario by the middle of the century. Consider the following statements regarding net-zero emission.

1. Net-zero emission mean that a country would bring down its greenhouse gas emissions to near zero.

2. Net-zero emission can be achieved by creating more carbon sinks such as forests and relying on futuristic technologies such as carbon capture and storage.

3. The net-zero goal does not figure in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Which of the following practices can reduce emissions from agriculture?

1. Alternate wetting and drying of paddy.
2. Increasing the productivity of milk and meat production.
3. Organic agriculture.

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Brahmaputra River is often flooded in India, but not in Tibet. What can be the possible causes for it?

1. In India it passes through a region of high rainfall, while Tibet is a dry cold area.
2. Brahmaputra is marked by huge deposits of silt on its bed causing the river bed to rise.

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Namdapha National Park.

1. Namdapha National Park lies in the international border between India and Bhutan.
2. Noa-Dihing River, a tributary of the Brahmaputra flows through it.
3. It is India's only reserve to have four big cat species the tiger, leopard, clouded leopard and snow leopard.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Natural Gas.

1. Natural gas consists primarily of Nitrogen but also includes small percentage of carbon dioxide and methane.
2. Natural gas is found in deep underground rock formations or associated with other hydrocarbon reservoirs in coal beds.
3. It is used as a chemical feedstock in the manufacture of plastics and organic chemicals.

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 Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

1. Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) have the property of long-range environmental transport (LRET).
2. As we move up the food chain, concentrations of POPs tend to decrease so that animals at the top of the food chain tend to have the low concentrations of these chemicals.
3. Exposure to POPs can lead to cancer and diseases of immune system.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Which of the following sources produce sulphur dioxide emissions?

1. Volcanoes
2. Phytoplankton
3. Burning of coal and oil
4. Smelter ovens

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is a report by

- a) World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- b) Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- c) Conservation International
- d) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

13) Consider the following statements regarding Antarctic Treaty, 1961

1. More than 100 countries are parties to Antarctic treaty.
2. According to treaty, Antarctica shall continue forever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes.
3. It prohibits military activity, except in support of science and prohibits nuclear explosions and the disposal of nuclear waste.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) According to recent Bird census, there is a decline in the migratory birds. What could be the probable reasons behind this?

1. Increasing human footprints
2. Disturbance, especially around the habitats for the migratory birds
3. Cultivation of water chestnuts at water bodies
4. Increasing water level of water bodies

Select the correct answer code:

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

### 3. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) The Ministry of External Affairs too manage science and technology issues in the nation's diplomatic matrix. In this context, which of the following comes under the Ministry of External Affairs?

1. Cyber Diplomacy Division
2. E-Governance & Information Technology Division
3. New Emerging & Strategic Technologies Division

Division

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) 2020.

1. The National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) 2020 is a National Mission document providing the roadmap for the faster adoption of electric vehicles and their manufacturing in the country.

2. As part of NEMMP 2020, *Ministry of Road Transport & Highways* formulated Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme to promote manufacturing of electric and hybrid vehicle 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

3) Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), sometimes seen in news works under

- a) Minister for Science & Technology
- b) Niti Ayog
- c) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

4) The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) can designate individuals as "terrorists" under which of the following provisions

- a) National Security Act, 1980
- b) Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002
- c) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019

d) Only organisations can be designated as terrorist and not individuals

5) The Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) component of Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus) under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) will be monitored on the basis of output-outcome indicators for which of the following areas?

1. Plastic waste management
2. Bio-degradable solid waste management
3. Greywater management
4. Fecal sludge management

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Section 69A of the IT Act was recently in news. The powers under Section 69A of the IT Act can be exercised by the Government in the interest of

1. Sovereignty and integrity of India
2. Security of the State
3. Friendly relations with foreign States
4. Preventing incitement to the commission of any cognisable offence relating to public order

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 Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM (G)].

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1. It will focus on Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus), which includes ODF sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM).

2. The program aims to ensure that no one is left behind and everyone uses a toilet.

3. The program will be implemented with 100 percent financial assistance from the Centre.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC).

1. National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) is an organization of the Government of India created under the Information Technology Act.

2. It is designated as the National Nodal Agency in respect of Critical Information Infrastructure Protection.

3. It exchanges cyber incidents and other information relating to attacks and vulnerabilities with Indian Computer Emergency Response Team and other concerned organisations in the field.

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. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 was enacted pursuant to Article 15 of the Constitution.

2. According to the POCSO Act, 2012, it is the legal duty upon a person who has knowledge that a child has been sexually abused to report the offence.

3. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child protects children from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography.

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 National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

1. National Dairy Development Board is an institution of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament of India.

2. Cooperative principles and cooperative strategies are fundamental to the board's efforts.

3. It organises farmer's orientation programmes across the country, under which women farmers are trained in scientific best practices on animal health and clean milk production.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, which paved the way for issuing a certificate of transgender identity, is in spirit with international conventions like

- 1. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 2. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- 3. Yogyakarta Principles

Select the correct answer code:

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

## 4. Science and Technology

1) With reference to Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), consider the following statements.

- 1. It is the second generation launch vehicle
- 2. It successfully launched two spacecraft such as Chandrayaan-1 and Mars Orbiter Spacecraft.

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 Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

1. GSLV was developed to launch low-Earth Orbit satellites into polar and sun synchronous orbits.

2. PSLV was developed to launch the heavier INSAT class of geosynchronous satellites into orbit.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only

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

- 3) A research project has been flagged off for gathering samples for genome mapping of microorganisms in the Indian Ocean. The genome mapping in the ocean will help to
1. Understand the internal working of the ecosystem of the Indian Ocean.
  2. Identify the factors controlling the changes in RNA and DNA of microbes in the oceans.
  3. Understand the adaptation of microbes to various micronutrients like nitrates, sulphates and silicates in the ocean.

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Brucellosis.

1. Brucellosis is a bacterial disease that mainly infects cattle, swine, goats, sheep and dogs.
2. Humans get infected if they come in direct contact with infected animals and not by eating or drinking contaminated animal products.
3. Human to human transmission is very rare.

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 regarding Black holes.

1. A black hole is an astronomical object with a gravitational pull so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape from it.
2. The area outside the boundary of Black holes, called the event horizon does emit all kinds of radiations, even visible light.

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) Scientists usually study asteroids for which of the following reasons?

1. Asteroids provide information about the formation and history of planets and the sun.
2. To look for asteroids that might be potentially hazardous.

3. Asteroids offer a source of volatiles and an extraordinarily rich supply of minerals.

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 7) Consider the following statements.

1. Among all human pathogens, bacteria tend to become most resistant to antibiotics because of their physiology.

2. Bacteria does not exchange resistant genes during sexual reproduction.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 8) Consider the following statements regarding NISAR mission.

1. NISAR is a satellite wholly developed by ISRO, that will detect movements of the earth's surface.

2. It uses synthetic aperture radar that produces high-resolution images.

3. It will help track changes in croplands, hazard sites and to monitor crises such as volcanic eruptions.

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 Ocean Energy.

1. Various forms of ocean energy include tidal, wave and ocean thermal energy.

2. Ocean Energy is considered as renewable energy and is eligible for meeting the non-solar Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPO).

3. In India, Ocean Energy capacity is installed in Khambhat & Kutch regions.

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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10) NASA's Ingenuity mission is related to  
a) Study Neptune and Uranus during planetary flybys  
b) Deep space exploration systems  
c) Flying Helicopter on Mars  
d) Nuclear-powered drone to search for life on Mars

11) Consider the following statements regarding Remdesivir.

1. Remdesivir is an injectable anti-viral that kills the virus in the human body.

2. It was used to treat *SARS* (severe acute respiratory syndrome) and *MERS* (Middle East respiratory syndrome).

3. It is usually given in the early stages of hospitalisation, since late use has little effect.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

## 5. International Relations and Organisations

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

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

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

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

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) is a preferential tariff system wherein differential tariff could be imposed by a nation on various countries depending upon factors such as whether it is a developed country or a developing country.

2. Generalized System of Preferences is outside the purview of WTO.

3. India has an untapped export potential in the European Union (EU) and is among the least beneficiaries of the EU's GSP.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Which of the following are recognised as "Three Sisters" by the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Agreement?

1. International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

2. Codex Alimentarius Commission

3. Pacific Plant Protection Organization

4. World Organization for Animal Health

(OIE)

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Eastern Economic Forum, sometimes seen in news is the initiative of

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) Russia
- d) South Korea

5) Faith for rights (F4R) movement, recently seen in news is associated with

- a) Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)
- b) United Nations
- c) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- d) Oxfam International

6) Consider the following statements about 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?

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

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

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

2. The goal is to facilitate international collaboration, reduce duplication between governments, and act as a global reference point on discussions on responsible AI.

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

8) Which of the following countries are members of both BIMSTEC and SAARC?

- 1. Bangladesh
- 2. Bhutan
- 3. Myanmar
- 4. Sri Lanka

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), is related to

a) Indian military action carried out in 1984 to remove militant religious leaders in Punjab

b) U.S. government's Global War on Terrorism

c) Reassure safe passage of Indian flagged vessels transiting through Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman

d) Humanitarian assistance aimed to supply relief packages to Bangladesh for migrant Rohingya Muslims

10) Consider the following statements regarding North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

1. NATO membership is open to any country that is willing to accept the terms of the military alliance.

2. All decisions are taken by consensus in NATO.

3. The Membership Action Plan (MAP) of NATO is a military code that prohibits attack on member countries by any of the NATO members. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Countries that are included in the FATF Grey list may face which of the following

1. Economic sanctions from IMF and World Bank.

2. Problem in getting loans from other countries.

3. International boycott.

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

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

2. APEC is recognized as one of the highest-level multilateral blocs and oldest forums in the Asia-Pacific region.

3. China, Russia and India are the members of APEC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding 'Group – 4' (G4) nations.

1. G4 nations are group of four countries which support each other's bids for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council.

2. G4 nations includes Brazil, India, Australia and Japan.

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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14) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

1. UNCLOS is a UN specialised agency that defines the rights and responsibilities of nations with respect to their use of the world's oceans and the management of marine natural resources.

2. International Seabed Authority (ISA) and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) were established by the UNCLOS.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Afghanistan is a member of which of the following organisations and Agreements?

- 1. South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)
- 2. South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)
- 3. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
- 4. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- 5. Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) Consider the following statements.

1. India is not a signatory to the 1951 UN Convention relating to the *Status of Refugees*.

2. India has its own refugee policy according to which India accepts refugees who are unable or unwilling to return owing to the fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion and nationality.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

## 6. Polity

1) Consider the following statements.

1. All power in a democracy ultimately belongs to the country's people.

2. Finance Commission (FC) is a constitutionally mandated body that balances revenue power with expenditure responsibilities.

3. In the 15<sup>th</sup> FC recommendations, there is material shrinkage in the relative size of the divisible pool from Centre to states because of the increase in the surcharges and cesses.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Any member of the Parliament can oppose the introduction of a bill by stating that it initiates legislation outside the legislative competence of the Parliament.

2. All Government bills automatically go to Parliamentary committees for examination.

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.

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

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

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

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements.

1. A foreign national who enters India on valid travel documents and stays beyond their validity cannot be considered as an illegal immigrant.

2. Only the Union Government has the power to identify and deport foreign nationals who are in India illegally.

3. Long-term visa (LTV) holders can take up private-sector employment and enrol in any academic institution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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- 5) Consider the following statements.
1. Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha is subordinate to the speaker of Lok Sabha.
  2. Till now the Deputy Speaker is always elected along with the speaker of Lok Sabha.
- 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 about National Commission for Women (NCW).
1. It has all the powers of a civil court.
  2. It can attend to cases of harassment of women and order appropriate punishments.
  3. It can review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 2, 3
  - b) 1 only
  - c) 3 only
  - d) None of the above
- 7) Consider the following statements regarding None Of The Above (NOTA) provision in EVMs in India.
1. It was introduced according to the directions of Supreme Court.
  2. The right to say "none of the above" constituted a basic right of the voters.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 8) The NOTA voting option is applicable in
1. Lok Sabha elections
  2. State Legislative Assembly Elections
  3. Election of the President and Vice-President
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 1, 2
  - b) 1, 3
  - c) 1, 2, 3
  - d) 1 only
- 9) Which of the following bodies is the designated authority to examine and act upon purported malpractices in local body elections?
- a) The Election Commission of India (ECI)
  - b) State Election Commission
  - c) Zila Parishad

d) District Planning Committee (DPC)

- 10) Consider the following statements regarding National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
1. National Commission for Backward Classes is a non-constitutional body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
  2. The commission was the outcome of Indra Sawhney & Ors. Vs. Union of India.
  3. The commission considers inclusions in and exclusions from the lists of communities notified as backward for the purpose of job reservations.
  4. The commission have the same powers as a Civil Court.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2, 3
  - b) 2, 3, 4
  - c) 3, 4
  - d) 1, 3, 4

- 11) Consider the following statements.
1. Parliamentary democracy, with a cabinet form of government, is part of the basic structure of the Indian Constitution.
  2. A balanced federal structure mandates that the States enjoy freedom without any unsolicited interference from the Central Government with respect to matters which exclusively fall within State's domain.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 12) Substantive equality adopted by some countries, means that
- a) All people must be equally treated at all times.
  - b) Absolute equality in all spheres and to every person.
  - c) Providing equal opportunities for disadvantaged and marginalized groups
  - d) Abolition of all special rights and privileges

- 13) 69th Constitutional Amendment Act is related to
- a) Granting Representative form of government for the NCT of Delhi
  - b) Granting statehood after Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh
  - c) Constitutional status and protection to cooperative societies
  - d) Disqualification on grounds of defection

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14) Consider the following statements.

1. Access to justice for the weaker sections of the society is a constitutional mandate to ensure fair treatment under Indian legal system.

2. Equal justice and free legal aid is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) under the Indian Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Litigants approach Lok Adalats mainly because it is a party-driven process, allowing them to reach an amicable settlement. Which of the following are the attributes of Lok Adalats?

- 1. Speed of settlement of cases
- 2. Procedural flexibility
- 3. Economic affordability
- 4. Finality of awards

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) Consider the following statements.

1. Gram Sabha is a channel to include the less privileged section of society and ensure their participation in the village level governance.

2. Construction and maintenance of roads within the village is not the responsibility of the Gram Panchayat (GP).

3. Gram Panchayats generate their own source of revenue in the form of tax or non-tax revenue by renting shops, house tax and clean water fee.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) As an alternative dispute resolution tool, Lok Adalats are regularly organised to help parties reach a compromise. Which of the following cases are usually taken up by Lok Adalats to help parties reach a compromise?

- 1. Motor-accident claims
- 2. Disputes related to public-utility services
- 3. Cases related to dishonour of cheques
- 4. Matrimonial disputes including divorce

Select the correct answer code:

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

18) Consider the following statements.

1. B.R. Ambedkar asserted that Article 32 is the very soul of the Constitution.

2. Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the Supreme Court has the power to issue writs appropriate for enforcement of all the Fundamental rights conferred by Part III of the Constitution.

3. No Act of Parliament can exclude or curtail the powers of the Constitutional Courts with regard to the enforcement of fundamental rights.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements.

1. The concepts of faith, belief and worship are the foundations of Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India.

2. The Supreme Court under Article 142 of the Constitution can pass any order to carry out for doing complete justice being in the public interest, while upholding the Constitution of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding Model code of conduct (MCC).

1. This code is based on consensus among political parties.

2. It is part of the Representation of the People Act 1951.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

## 7. History, Art and Culture

- 1) Battle of Saraighat was fought between
  - a) Marathas and Rajputs
  - b) Mughal Empire and Ahom Kingdom
  - c) Marathas and Afghans
  - d) Marathas and Ahom Kingdom
- 2) Shigmo, a harvest festival is mainly celebrated in
  - a) Goa
  - b) Assam
  - c) Maharashtra
  - d) Tripura
- 3) Jaapi, Xorai and Gamosa are primarily associated with which state?
  - a) Manipur
  - b) Nagaland
  - c) Assam
  - d) Mizoram

## 8. Defence and Security

- 1) Software that enables a user to obtain secret information about another computer's activities?
  - a) Malware
  - b) Adware
  - c) Spyware
  - d) Trackware
- 2) In the context of cyber security, what is a DDoS?
  - a) A standalone malware computer program that replicates itself in order to spread to other computers
  - b) Network of private computers infected with malicious software and controlled as a group without the owners' knowledge
  - c) A computer program designed to assist in the sending of spam
  - d) Disrupting the normal traffic of a targeted server or network with a flood of Internet traffic.
- 3) Blackrock and Netwire, recently seen in news are
  - a) Mini satellites
  - b) Superbug
  - c) Malware
  - d) Cryptocurrency
- 4) ShadowPad, recently seen in news is a

- a) Superbug (biotic)
- b) Malware
- c) Bovine infection
- d) Artificial protein

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In).
  1. CERT-In is an office within the *Ministry of Defence*.
  2. It strengthens security-related defence of the Indian Internet domain.
  3. It collects, analyse and disseminate information on cyber incidents.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - a) 1, 2
  - b) 1, 3
  - c) 2, 3
  - d) 1, 2, 3

## 9. Reports and Indices

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Agricultural Markets and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI).
  1. Agricultural Markets and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index evaluates Indian states on the extent to which each of them undertook required agri-reforms.
  2. A low AMFFRI rank implies the state is undertaking desired reforms.
  3. AMFFRI is the initiative of the Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 1, 2
  - c) 1, 3
  - d) 1, 2, 3

## 10. Maps / Places

- 1) Agalega Island and Assumption Island sometimes in news is located in
  - a) Pacific Ocean
  - b) Atlantic Ocean
  - c) Indian Ocean
  - d) Mediterranean Sea

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- 2) The Indian Ocean has some large marginal or regional seas such as
1. Arabian Sea
  2. Laccadive Sea
  3. Somali Sea
  4. Tasman Sea

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 3) Doumeira Islands, sometimes seen in news is located in

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

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

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

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

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Yemen
3. Ethiopia
4. Egypt
5. Djibouti

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

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

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 7) Consider the following statements.

1. Tigris River flows through Turkey and Iraq.

2. Mekong River flows through parts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 8) The Mekong is a trans-boundary river in Southeast Asia. It does not pass through which of these countries?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Vietnam
- d) Myanmar

- 9) Consider the following statements.

1. The Galwan Valley region, which China claims is part of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Brahmaputra is the world's highest altitude river.

3. Three Gorges Dam is part of Nile River.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 10) Which of these North-eastern states does not border Bangladesh?

- a) Manipur
- b) Assam
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Tripura

- 11) Afghanistan shares its land border with which of the following countries?

1. India
2. Iran
3. Kazakhstan
4. China

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 12) Bangladesh shares land borders with

1. India
2. Bhutan
3. Myanmar
4. Nepal

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding Teesta River.

1. Tista River is a tributary of the Jamuna River.

2. It originates in Tibet.

3. It flows through the Indian states of Sikkim and West Bengal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) The term 'Heart of Asia' highlight the location of

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Iran

15) Which of the following countries borders Myanmar?

- a) Bangladesh, Thailand, India and Vietnam
- b) Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia and Bangladesh
- c) Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia
- d) Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh and China

16) Which of the following states do have the common frontier with Myanmar?

- 1. Manipur
- 2. Tripura
- 3. Mizoram
- 4. Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct code:

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

17) Israel has borders with which of the following countries.

- 1. Saudi Arabia
- 2. Egypt
- 3. Turkey
- 4. Jordan
- 5. Lebanon

Select the correct answer code:

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

- d) 4, 5

18) Baltic Sea shares border with which of the following countries?

- 1. Russia
- 2. Norway
- 3. Finland
- 4. Poland

Select the correct answer code:

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

19) Which of the following African countries share border with Indian Ocean?

- 1. Tanzania
- 2. Zimbabwe
- 3. Botswana
- 4. Mozambique

Select the correct answer code:

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

20) Thwaites Glacier, recently seen in news is located in

- a) South America
- b) Iceland
- c) Svalbard
- d) Antarctica

21) Among which of the following countries the famous Wakhan National Park is located?

- a) Iran
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Cambodia

22) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Myanmar, Malaysia and Vietnam share land boundary with Thailand.
  - 2. Kra Canal is a proposed canal that would connect the Gulf of Thailand with the Andaman 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

23) Arrange the following Islands from West to East.

- 1. Sumatra Island
- 2. Sulawesi Island

3. Java Island

Select the correct answer code:

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

## 11. Miscellaneous

1) Unlawful content is the one that violates any law in force in India. Such content is

- 1. Against Security of the State
- 2. Against friendly relations with foreign States
- 3. Disturbing communal harmony
- 4. Child Sex Abuse material

Select the correct answer code:

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