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1. Economy

- 1) The gross revenue receipts (GRR) as per the modelling done by the 15th Finance Commission for the five-year period comes to ₹154 trillion. In this context, the gross revenue receipts (GRR) for the Centre includes
1. Dividend payment of the Reserve Bank of India
 2. Revenue from spectrum auction
 3. Cess and surcharge
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding India's Foreign trade policy.
1. Foreign trade policy is formulated by the Ministry of Finance once in five years.
 2. It provides guidelines for enhancing exports to push economic growth and create jobs
- 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 Participatory Notes (P-Notes).
1. P-notes are issued by registered foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to overseas investors who wish to be part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly.
 2. P-notes constitute the maximum share under the FPI investments in India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Harmonised System of Nomenclature (HSN) code.
1. It is a multipurpose international product nomenclature developed by the World Trade Organization (WTO).
 2. It was developed with the vision of facilitating the classification of goods all over the World in a systematic manner.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 5) Consider the following statements regarding Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme.
1. Bonds can be used as collateral for loans.
 2. The minimum permissible investment limit will be 1 gram of gold for individual.
 3. Both resident and non-resident Indian entities can invest in Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 1, 2
 - c) 1, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 6) Consider the following statements regarding incremental capital-output ratio (ICOR).
1. The incremental capital-output ratio (ICOR) is the amount of capital required to produce one unit of output.
 2. The lower the ICOR, the less efficient we are in the use of capital.
 3. Reducing the cost of capital helps in reducing ICOR.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 1, 2
 - c) 1, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 7) Consider the following statements.
1. In the last 10 years, income tax collections were higher than the corporation tax collected by the government.
 2. Centre's overall revenue is around 60 to 65 percent of total revenue of the Centre and the States put together.
- 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) Consider the following statements regarding Board for Financial Supervision.
1. The Reserve Bank of India performs the supervisory function under the guidance of the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS).

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2. The Board is chaired by the Deputy Governor of RBI.
3. It undertakes supervision of Scheduled Commercial and Co-operative Banks, Small Finance Banks and Payments Banks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 9) Reserve Bank of India lends money through Repo operation, by keeping Government securities as collateral to

- 1. Commercial Banks
- 2. Non-Banking Financial Companies
- 3. Payment Banks

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 10) India currently has trading of Gold using

- 1. Gold derivatives
- 2. Gold ETFs
- 3. Spot exchanges for physical trade in gold

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 11) Consider the following statements regarding G-Sec Acquisition Programme (GSAP).

- 1. It is Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) bond buying programme.
- 2. It was introduced to ensure adequate liquidity and stabilise financial markets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 12) Consider the following statements regarding the recently launched Account Aggregator Framework.

- 1. It was launched by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- 2. Account aggregators will act as intermediaries who will collect financial data from one financial entity and exchange it with another.

3. It will help the banks in faster processing of a loan application.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 13) In India, Microcredit is delivered through which of the following channels?

- 1. Scheduled commercial banks including small finance banks (SFBs).
- 2. Cooperative banks
- 3. Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) registered as NBFCs
- 4. Microfinance institutions (MFIs)

Select the correct answer code:

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

2. Ecology and Environment

- 1) Consider the following statements.

- 1. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer originates from the Montreal Protocol that regulates the output and use of ozone-depleting chemicals substances.
- 2. Montreal Protocol is the only United Nations treaty to be ratified by all its member-states.
- 3. Among the chemicals that cause severe damage to the ozone layer, Halocarbons have the least Ozone-depleting potential.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 2) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are on average several thousand times more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.
- 2. Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol is legally binding with mandatory HFC reduction targets for countries.
- 3. HFCs have very high potential to deplete the stratospheric ozone layer.

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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 can lead to stratospheric ozone depletion?

- 1. Anthropogenic emission of nitrous oxide
- 2. Space exploration

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Pantanal.

1. Pantanal is the world's largest tropical wetland.

2. It is situated entirely in Brazil.

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) Forest landscape restoration (FLR) is the ongoing process that involves

- 1. Planting of more trees
- 2. Managing natural regeneration of forests
- 3. Enhancing human well-being across

deforested or degraded forest landscapes

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Consider the following statements.

1. Carbon sinks are natural systems that suck up and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

2. A forest is considered a carbon sink if it absorbs more carbon than it releases.

3. Continental forests store at least ten times more carbon than Mangroves, seagrass beds and salt marshes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements.

1. Plastic Pollution Coalition is an intergovernmental organization working toward a world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impact on humans, animals, waterways, the ocean, and the environment.

2. Microbeads are commonly found in cosmetic products.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding carbon footprint.

1. Carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases-especially carbon dioxide-released into the atmosphere by a particular human activity.

2. Adopting a plant-based diet will lead to an increase in carbon footprint.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Environmental enteropathy.

1. Environmental enteropathy is a disorder of chronic intestinal inflammation.

2. The disorder is intricately connected to the poor environmental conditions.

3. It impacts the normal growth and cognitive development of children, leading to anaemia, stunting, and wasting.

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 Green Status of Species.

1. It was launched by *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*.

2. It is a new Global Standard to measure how close a species is being fully ecologically functional across its range.

3. It also measures how much the species has recovered due to conservation efforts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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11) Consider the following statements regarding Vampire bats.

1. Vampire bats mainly inhabit the warmer regions of Indian Sub-continent.
2. They are the only mammals which feed solely on blood.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. There are 18 notified biosphere reserves in India.
2. The National Commission for Heritage Sites was constituted under the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

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. Vultures not only keep our environment free of carcasses but also help control disease outbreak.
2. The main reason for the decline in the vulture population in India is the use of the drug, diclofenac.
3. All states in India have setup vulture breeding centres under the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation for 2020-2025.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) The mangrove ecosystem across Sundarbans is threatened due to

1. Frequent clearing of the shorelines for shrimp cultivation.
2. The building of dykes for the protection of coastal villages from storm surges.

Select the correct answer code:

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding the benefits of Pulses on Environment.

1. The roots of pulses and legumes contain soil enriching bacteria collectively known as Rhizobium.
2. Pulses perform biological fixation of environmental nitrogen.
3. Pulses enhance soil fertility and reduce the consumption of major fertilisers required for the cultivation of food crops.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding Kunming biodiversity fund.

1. Kunming biodiversity fund was announced at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
2. It intends to support the cause of biodiversity conservation in developing countries.
2. It will replace the existing United Nations' Global Environment Facility.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding the draft rules issued by the Environment Ministry for plastic waste management.

1. The draft rules mandate producers of plastic packaging material to collect all of their produce by 2024 and ensure that a maximum percentage of it is recycled and reused.
2. The makers and users of plastic packaging can collect Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) certificates and trade in them.
3. Plastic that cannot be recycled will be eligible to be used for road construction, waste to energy, waste to oil and cement kilns.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements.

1. Forests cover nearly 40 percent of the global land area.
2. Of the total forest area more than one-third is primary forest i.e. naturally regenerated forests of native species.

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3. The intricate link between poverty and environmental degradation was first highlighted by India at the first UN global conference on the human environment in Stockholm.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Geography

1) Raunthi glacier and Mrigthuni Glacier are located in

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Ladakh
- d) Sikkim

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Glaciers are the largest source of freshwater in the Himalayan ecosystem.
2. There is considerable shrinking of glacial lakes across the Himalayas, in recent decade.

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. When Geomagnetic reversal occur, the animals that use Earth's magnetic field for navigation like sea turtles could get lost during their routine journeys.

2. An increase in the temperature due to climate can become a threat to the genetic diversity of sea turtles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Droughts.

1. Drought is the consequence of a natural reduction in the amount of precipitation over an extended period of time, usually a season or more in length.

2. Drought is often associated with high winds, high temperatures and high relative humidity.

3. Agricultural Drought occurs when available soil moisture is inadequate for healthy crop growth and cause extreme stress and wilting.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements.

1. India is the second largest producer of coal in the world.

2. Jharkhand, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh account for almost 70% of the total known coal reserves in India.

2. According to the present rules, coal mines in a state can be allocated to different state for its extraction and use.

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 could be the reasons for the coal shortage at power plants in India?

1. Unprecedented increase in demand for electricity due to the revival of the economy.
2. Heavy rains in coal mine areas.
3. Increase in prices of imported coal to unprecedented high level.

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Which of the following mineral deposits/rocks are present in India?

1. Iridium
2. Nepheline Syenite
3. Palladium
4. Osmium
5. Ruthenium

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following statements.

1. Iron ore occurs most abundantly in the form of silicates.

2. Hematite is the most abundant iron ore mineral and is the main constituent of the iron ore industry in India.

3. The major Hematite type iron deposits are located in the States of Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

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 'Drought Management in India'

1. State Government is the final authority when it comes to declaring a region as drought affected.

2. Drought will fall within the definition of "disaster" as defined in Disaster Management Act, 2005.

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) Consider the following statements.

1. Seasonal snow cover acts as a major input in controlling the hydrology of the river basins in the ecological fragile parts in the States of Himalayan region.

2. All major river basins including Satluj, Ravi, Chenab and Beas have witnessed an overall increase in area under snow in 2020-21 in comparison to 2019-20.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding Western Ghats.

1. Western Ghats is one of the eight hotspots of biological diversity in the world.

2. Western Ghats is older than the Himalaya mountains.

3. The peak of Anamudi in Tamil Nadu is the highest peak in the Western Ghats.

4. Western Ghats traverses through only five states in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

d) 2, 3, 4

12) Although the monsoon season ends with September, several parts of the country are still receiving rainfall. This can be due to

- 1. Delayed monsoon withdrawal
- 2. Development of low-pressure areas at multiple places

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding the energy sources in India.

1. The installed capacity of Hydro, wind and solar energy combined is higher than the coal fired power plants.

2. The renewable energy generation is higher in south India compared to other parts of India.

3. The demand for electricity is higher in south India compared to other parts of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) Consider the following statements regarding Local Disasters.

1. State Governments may use up to 50% of the funds available under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for providing immediate relief to the victims of the natural disaster that are within the local contacts in the State.

2. They are not included in the notified list of disaster of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

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) Recently the Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide roll out of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Which of the following

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are the components of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

1. A health ID for every citizen that will also work as their health account, to which personal health records can be linked.
2. Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) that will act as a repository of all healthcare providers across both modern and traditional systems of medicine.
3. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Sandbox that will act as a framework for technology and product testing.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding RoDTEP (Refund of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products).
1. RoDTEP replaced the Merchandise Exports from India (MEIS) scheme.
 2. The scheme aims to refund to the exporters the embedded central, state and local duties and taxes paid on inputs.
 3. Products manufactured or exported by units situated in special economic zones are also covered and can avail the benefits under the scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
 - b) 1, 2
 - c) 1, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding PM POSHAN scheme.
1. The scheme will replace the existing Mid-day Meal Scheme.
 2. It provides two cooked hot meal in government and government-aided schools.
 3. The social audit of the scheme has been made mandatory in all districts under the scheme.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
1. The Act fulfils the obligations to the United National Convention on the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities (UNCRPD), to which India is a signatory.

2. Both the Central Government and State Governments have the power to add more types of disabilities.
3. The Act provides not more than four per cent reservation in government jobs for persons with benchmark disabilities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
 - b) 1 only
 - c) 1, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 6) The Government has introduced Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for which of the following sectors?
1. Drones and drone components
 2. Solar PV Modules
 3. Spices, coffee and tea
 4. Technical Textiles

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
 - b) 1, 2, 4
 - c) 2, 3, 4
 - d) 1, 2, 3, 4
- 7) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been constituted under
- a) Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
 - b) Hazardous waste Handling and management act, 1989
 - c) Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
 - d) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

- 8) Which of the following are the objectives of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)?
1. Providing employment in rural areas.
 2. Creating self-reliance amongst people and building up a strong rural community spirit
 3. Establishing a major khadi industry in every village

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 9) Consider the following statements regarding Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
1. It is the initiative of NITI Ayog.
 2. It aims to democratise e-commerce and move it from platform-centric model to an open-network model.

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3. The ONDC project is modelled around the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) project.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping is under taken by

- a) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- b) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- c) Geological Survey of India
- d) Both b and c

11) Consider the following statements regarding PM-WANI scheme.

1. The PM-WANI scheme envisages provision of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Hotspot providers.

2. It encourages local shops and small establishments to become Wi-Fi providers.

3. PM-WANI will help in facilitating the Central government's target of setting up millions of Wi-Fi hotspots by 2022 as per the National Digital Communication Plan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements regarding Air India.

1. The airline was started by J.R.D. Tata as Tata Airlines before Independence.

2. The airline flew its inaugural flight from Delhi to Mumbai.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding Census and Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC).

1. The Census is a statutory exercise and all data collected will be published in the local areas for public scrutiny.

2. All the personal information given in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) is open for use by Government departments to grant and/or restrict benefits to households.

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) Consider the following statements.

1. The National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) was established through an act of Parliament.

2. The NDRF is not answerable under the RTI Act.

3. The Disaster Management (DM) Act of 2005, provides to collect and use the donations at the local level, with mandatory audit provisions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

1. Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) was established with public contributions to assist displaced persons from Pakistan.

2. The fund is now utilised primarily to render immediate relief to families of those killed in natural calamities and to the victims of the major accidents and riots.

3. The PMNRF has the President of India and the Leader of Opposition as trustees.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding PM CARES Fund.

1. Donations to the PM CARES Fund would qualify for 100% exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

2. Donations to PM CARES Fund will also qualify to be counted as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure under the Companies Act, 2013.

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3. PM CARES Fund has also got exemption under the FCRA [Foreign Contribution Regulation Act].

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements regarding Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act) 2015.

1. The Act allowed the trial of all juveniles in the age group of 16-18 years as adults.

2. Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) was given the status of a statutory body to enable it to perform its function more effectively.

3. The Act streamlined adoption procedures for orphans, abandoned and surrendered children.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT 2.0)

1. AMRUT 2.0 aims to provide free coverage of water supply to all households in urban areas.

2. The scheme adopts the principles of circular economy and promote conservation and rejuvenation of surface and groundwater bodies.

3. 'Pey Jal Survekshan' will be conducted to promote progressive competition among cities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) 'Operation Red Rose' to curb illicit liquor trading was launched in which state?

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

21) The goal of the *POSHAN Abhiyaan* is to improve nutritional status of

- 1. Children (0-6 years)
- 2. Adolescent girls
- 3. Pregnant women and lactating mothers

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2

b) 1 only

c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

22) Consider the following statements.

1. Compensation to workers engaged in mining areas is provided from District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) funds to which mine owners contribute.

2. The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) under Ministry of Labour and Employment is the sole enforcement authority for health and safety of workers in mines.

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 regarding Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG).

1. INSACOG is established by NITI Ayog.

2. It is a multi-laboratory, Pan-India network that tracks the emergence of new variants in the SARS-CoV-2.

3. It also focuses on sequencing of clinical samples to understand the disease dynamics and severity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding the recently launched Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

1. The scheme provides entry level training in industry relevant skills through Railway training institutes.

2. It covers youths in the age group of 18 to 35 years.

3. Training programmes will be conducted in trades such as electrician, welder and machinist.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Science and Technology

- 1) India's Mars Orbiter spacecraft has completed seven years in its orbit, well beyond its designed mission life of six months. Consider the following statements regarding Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM).

1. Mars Orbiter Mission is the first interplanetary mission of ISRO.
2. The primary objective of the mission was to search for signs of ancient life on the planet mars.
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) CRISPR-based genetic engineering technology can be used in which of the following areas

1. Restrain populations of mosquitoes that infect humans
2. Enhancing crop production
3. Improve the production of biofuels
4. Live Imaging of DNA/mRNA

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 3) Consider the following statements.

1. The vaccines for Covid-19 that are currently used are mainly infection-preventing vaccines.
2. A 'breakthrough infection' refers to infection of SARS-CoV-2 virus that occurs either after the first dose or after the second dose of the vaccine.

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 Deep tech includes which of the following

- 1. Advanced manufacturing
- 2. Robotics
- 3. Blockchain
- 4. Big data

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding CHAPEA Mission.

1. CHAPEA is a series of Mars analog missions that will recreate Mars life habitats on earth.

2. It is the initiative of Chinese space agency.

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) Arrange in the decreasing order the installed capacity of renewable energy in India.

- 1. Solar Energy
- 2. Small hydro Energy
- 3. Wind Energy
- 4. Bio Energy

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding Nipah virus (NiV) Infection.

1. Nipah virus (NiV) Infection has lower mortality rate and incubation period compared to coronavirus.

2. It has the ability to infect a much wider variety of animals.

3. The animal host reservoir for Nipah virus (NiV) is similar to the host reservoir for Hendra virus (HeV).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 8) Firecrackers contain which of the following Chemicals?

- 1. Aluminium
- 2. Barium
- 3. Potassium
- 4. Iron
- 5. Strontium

Select the correct answer code:

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

6. International Relations and Organisations

- 9) Consider the following statements about Poliomyelitis.
1. It is a highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects young children.
 2. The virus is transmitted by person-to-person and spread through contaminated water or food.
 3. Polio disease can be cured with proper medication.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 10) DNA Profiling is used in which of the following areas?

1. Criminal investigations
2. Parentage testing
3. Genealogical research
4. Study of animal and plant populations

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 11) Consider the following statements.

1. Hydrogen exists only combined with other elements, and has to be extracted from naturally occurring compounds like water.
2. Hydrogen fuel must be transformed into electricity by a fuel cell before it can be used to power a car or truck.

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) Consider the following statements regarding Silicosis.

1. Silicosis is part of the pneumoconiosis family of diseases, described by the policy as occupational diseases due to dust exposure.
2. They are incurable, cause permanent disability and are totally preventable by available control measures and technology.
3. Rajasthan was the first state to notify silicosis as an 'epidemic' disease.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Five Eyes alliance.

1. The Five Eyes alliance is an intelligence-sharing arrangement between US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
2. It evolved during the Cold War as a mechanism for monitoring the Soviet Union.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 2) Fortaleza Declaration, is related to which of the following grouping?

- a) G20
- b) BRICS
- c) G7
- d) ASEAN

- 3) The Blue Dot Network (BDN) is a multi-stakeholder initiative of which of the following countries?

1. US
2. Japan
3. India
4. Australia

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 4) Brent Crude is often used as a benchmark for the prices of crude oils. It is found in parts of the North Sea off the coast of

- a) Biscay near France
- b) U.K. and Norway
- c) Finland and Sweden
- d) British Isles island in Ireland

- 5) Consider the following statements.

1. India is a signatory to the establishment of UNESCO Global Geoparks.
2. India has more than 30 Geo-parks that are recognised by UNESCO.
3. India was the first country to formulate laws to conserve its geological and natural heritage.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2

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

6) Which of the following are the disputed regions between Indian and Nepal?

1. Kalapani
2. Limpiyadhura
3. Galwan Valley
4. Lipulekh

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding International Atomic Energy Agency.

1. The IAEA was created in response to the deep fears and expectations generated by the discoveries and diverse uses of nuclear technology.
2. It is a United Nations organization that reports annually to the United Nation General Assembly.
3. It prohibits the use of Nuclear technologies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements.

1. India has ratified the International Labour Organization's Employment Policy Convention, 1964.
2. The Employment Policy Convention, 1964, requires the ratifying countries to implement an active policy designed to promote full, productive and freely chosen employment.

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) Race to Zero global campaign, is carried out under the aegis of

- a) World Bank
- b) UNESCO
- c) UNFCCC
- d) OECD

10) Authorisation of Use of Military Force (AUMF) is a piece of legislation that sanctions the use of

military services against those responsible for the attacks, is enacted by

- a) European Union
- b) Japan
- c) United States
- d) China

11) Consider the following statements regarding Nord stream 2 pipeline, recently seen in news.

1. It runs from Russia to Germany.
2. It runs across the Mediterranean Sea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. 2021 to 2030 has been declared as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration for improving environmental conditions and enhancing human communities.
2. India has joined the Bonn Challenge with a pledge to restore its entire degraded and deforested land by 2030.

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) World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship event of

- a) World Bank
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- d) International Energy Agency (IEA)

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

1. IEA member countries are required to maintain strategic oil reserves to 90 days requirement.
2. India is the full-time member of IEA.
3. The World Energy Outlook is published by IEA.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ).

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1. ICIJ is the media arm of the United Nations.
2. It is a network of investigative journalists and media organizations spanning more than 100 countries.

3. Over the years, ICIJ has released dozens of investigations, including the recently published Pandora Papers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding Asian Premium.

1. The Asian Premium has its origins in the late 1980s when Saudi Arabia adopted a marker based price system for its oil exports, that is West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for the US, Brent for Europe and Dubai/Oman for Asia.

2. Asian Premium is extra charge being collected by OPEC countries from Asian countries when selling oil in comparison to western countries.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding China-Pakistan 1963 agreement.

1. It resulted in Pakistan handing over the Shaksgam Valley of Aksai Chin to China.

2. The agreement is recognized as legal by India.

3. India and Bhutan are China's only land neighbours that don't have a resolved boundary.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

1) Consider the following statements.

1. As per the Seventh schedule of the Constitution, police are under the Concurrent list.

2. Justice Malimath committee was established to propose reforms in the criminal Justice System.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Reservation in Indian law is a form of affirmative action whereby a percentage of seats are reserved in the public sector units, union and state government departments and religious/ linguistic minority educational institutions for the socially and educationally backward communities.

2. Justice G. Rohini Commission's report is related to the issue of sub-categorization of OBCs.

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. In the last five years there is substantial increase in the renunciation of Indian citizenship.

2. The guidelines for renunciation of Indian citizenship is issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

3. Every minor child of the person who ceases to be a citizen of India shall also cease to be a citizen of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Tribunals.

1. The 42nd Constitutional Amendment in 1976 embedded tribunals as an integral part of the justice delivery mechanism in India.

2. The idea of a National Tribunals Commission was first mooted by the Supreme Court in Chandra Kumar v. Union of India (1997).

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

5) Consider the following statements.

1. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) is headed by the Union Home Minister.

2. It is the exclusive right of Parliament and the executive to frame policies and execute it.

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.

1. When the Constitution came into force, the President was required to address each session of Parliament.

2. The 42nd Amendment of the Constitution made that the President shall address both Houses of Parliament only once a year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Public Account of India.

1. Public Account of India accounts for flows for those transactions where the Union government acts as a banker.

2. State provident funds and small savings deposits are outside the preview of Public Account of India.

3. Expenditures from Public Account of India require the approval of the parliament.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

8) Consider the following statements.

1. Political parties in India are extra-constitutional institutions.

2. In India, the Election Commission of India recognises the political parties and provides certain benefits to them based on their voting share.

3. The right to form political parties is a fundamental right under Article 19.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) 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 have the same powers as a Civil Court.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements.

1. According to the Indian Constitution, all lands, minerals and other things of value underlying the ocean within the territorial waters or the continental shelf of India vest in the Indian Union.

2. India does not have sovereign rights over the resources in its exclusive economic zone.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

11) Article 239A of the Constitution deals with

a) Power of President to make regulations for Union

b) Special provisions with respect to Delhi

c) Power of the Parliament to create a legislature for Union Territories.

d) High Courts for Union territories territories

8. History, Art and Culture

- 1) Consider the following statements.
1. Arahat Mahinda was a Buddhist monk depicted in Buddhist sources as bringing Buddhism to Sri Lanka.
 2. Saṅghamittā was the eldest daughter of Emperor Ashoka.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. Kushinagar is the place where the Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana, and is therefore, an international Buddhist pilgrimage centre.
 2. Kushinagar has the highest population of Buddhists in India.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 3) In the history of Modern India, Mount Harriet is associated with
- a) Anglo-Sikh War
 - b) Anglo-Marri Wars
 - c) Paika Rebellion
 - d) Anglo-Manipur War
- 4) Consider the following statements.
1. Barpukhan was a post equivalent to Governor General created in Ahom Kingdom.
 2. The Battle of Saraighat was a naval battle fought between the Mughal Empire and the Ahom Kingdom on the Brahmaputra river.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

9. Agriculture

- 1) The states which is/are the major producer(s) of pulses in India include
1. Manipur
 2. Himachal Pradesh
 3. Madhya Pradesh
 4. Kerala
- Select the correct answer code
- a) 3, 4
 - b) 3 only
 - c) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - d) 1, 2, 3
- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. Punjab is the largest Rice producing state in India.
 2. In the last 2 years, Punjab and Haryana account for one-third of the Government's share in total wheat and paddy procurement and its allocation under National Food Security Act.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Food processing in India.
1. If we consider fruits and vegetables, marine, milk and poultry products, the maximum share of fruits and vegetables are processed in India.
 2. The Government introduced PM SAMPADA Scheme to enhance food processing sector in India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 4) Which among the following is the nodal procurement agency for pulses in India?
- a) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
 - b) India Pulses and Grains Association
 - c) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
 - d) National Pulses Corporation Ltd
- 5) Consider the following statements.
1. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed high-yield rice varieties using such gene editing techniques which have already been approved by many countries.

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2. In the Site Directed Nuclease (SDN) 1 and 2 technology, the gene that is already there in the plant is tweaked, without bringing in any gene from outside.

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.

1. India is the second largest consumer of edible oil in the world.
2. Soyabean oil and mustard oil together constitutes the largest share of edible oil consumed in India.
3. Indian edible oil market is influenced by the international markets.

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.

1. The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) monitors the prices of edible oils and their availability to the consumers.

2. Agriculture Infrastructure Development Cess is imposed exclusively on the imported agricultural products like pulses and palm oil, to raise funds to finance spending on developing agriculture infrastructure.

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) Consider the following statements.

1. More than 25% of the rice exported from India is destined for the European countries.

2. Rice exports constitute the second-highest share in terms of India's total exports.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

1) Consider the following statements.

1. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is deployed exclusively in the Left-Wing Extremist-affected States.

2. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) guards the border from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

3. The Border Security Force (BSF) guards India's border with both Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding Ex Milan.

1. Milan is the naval exercise hosted by Maldives.

2. It is held biennially and brings together Navies of the countries in the Indian Ocean region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Reports and Indices

1) Consider the following statements regarding All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (QES).

1. The All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (QES) is released by Labour Bureau.

2. The survey covers all establishments in the organised segment in the selected sectors.

3. The objective of the QES is to enable the government to frame a sound national policy on employment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Maps / Places

- 1) Consider the following statements
1. Bolivia is the only landlocked country in South America.
 2. Brazil shares border with all South American countries except Chile.
- 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 Zojila tunnel.
1. Once completed Zojila tunnel will be the world's longest bi-directional tunnel with all-weather connectivity.
 2. It will connect Ladakh and Srinagar.
- 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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