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1. Economy

- 1) Consider the following statements.
- In a floating exchange rate system, market forces determine the value of a currency.
 - The demand for rupees in the forex market depends on foreign demand for Indian exports.
 - Currency appreciation encourages a country's export activity as its products and services become cheaper to buy.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 3
 - 1, 2, 3
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Off-budget borrowing.
- Off-budget borrowing helps keep the country's fiscal deficit within acceptable limits.
 - The RBI does not allow Public sector banks to fund off-budget expenses.
 - Off-budget financing is not part of the calculation of the fiscal deficit.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 3
- 3) Teaser loan, sometimes seen in news means
- Loans provided to weaker sections of the society with interest rate below the repo rate.
 - Loans provided to high net worth individuals.
 - Loans which charge lower rates of interest in the first few years after which the rates are increased.
 - Loans provided for priority sectors
- 4) Which of the following factors can or have led to the depreciation of Indian rupee?
- Massive sell-off by foreign portfolio investors in the Indian stock market
 - Steep interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve
 - Widening India's current account deficit (CAD)
- Select the correct answer code:
- 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 3
 - 1, 2, 3
- 5) Debtor Reporting System (DRS), sometimes seen in news was established by
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 - World Bank
 - New Development Bank (NDB)
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- WPI pertains to only goods, not services.
 - WPI captures the average movement of wholesale prices of goods and is primarily used as a GDP deflator.
 - WPI has a higher weight of manufactured goods and the CPI has a greater constitution of food items.
 - RBI considers WPI as the main metric for the purpose of setting monetary policy.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 3 and 4 only
 - 2, 3 and 4 only
- 7) What are the benefits a country gets from the 'developing country' tag at the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
- It gets longer timeframes to implement the WTO agreements.
 - It allows other countries to offer preferential treatment.
 - It gets Zero duty and zero quota access for all exports to the developed countries.
- Select the correct answer code:
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 8) Consider the following statements regarding Currency Swap Agreement.
- A currency swap is a transaction in which two parties exchange an equivalent amount of money with each other but in different currencies.
 - Currency swap agreement will help a country tide over its foreign exchange crisis.
 - Currency swap agreements between countries help in reducing its reliance on the International Monetary Fund.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2

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

- 9) Consider the following statements.
1. State-level securities are issued by various State governments and are referred to as State Development Loans (SDLs).
 2. All SDLs are serviced by the RBI.
 2. Normally the yield on state development loans is lower than the yield on government securities issued by the central government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 10) Consider the following statements regarding Angel Investors.

1. Angel Investors are high-net-worth individuals, who generally buy back failed firms for asset restructuring.
2. The funds angel investors provide may be a one-time investment to help the business propel or an ongoing injection of money to support and carry the company.
3. Often, angel investors are found among an entrepreneur's family and friends.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 11) Hard currency is usually preferred because

1. It is seen as politically and economically stable.
2. It is not likely to depreciate or appreciate suddenly.
3. It is widely accepted around the world as a form of payment for goods and services.

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 12) Consider the following statements regarding International Monetary Fund (IMF).

1. The IMF is a quota-based institution and quotas are the building blocks of the IMF's financial and governance structure.
2. Any changes in quotas must be approved by two-third majority of the total voting power.

3. An individual member country's quota broadly reflects its relative position in the world economy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 13) The surplus in the current account in India can happen when

1. Record inflow of foreign direct investment and foreign portfolio investment.
2. Net services receipts increases sequentially.
3. Contraction in the trade deficit
4. Growth in remittances by Indians employed overseas.

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 14) Consider the following statements regarding Imported Inflation.

1. When the general price level rises in a country because of the rise in prices of imported commodities, it is termed as imported Inflation.
 2. The weakening of the domestic currency may lead to increase in the cost of imported items.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 15) Consider the following statements.

1. The labour force includes those who are employed and those who are looking for work but unable to get it.
2. The Unemployment Rate is the percentage of people in the labour force who demanded work but did not get it.
3. The fall in Unemployment Rate happens only when more jobs are created.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 16) "Angel investor" means any person who proposes to invest in an angel fund and satisfies which of the following conditions?

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1. Has early stage investment experience
2. Has experience as a serial entrepreneur
3. Is a senior management professional with

at least ten years of experience

Select the correct answer code:

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

17) Consider the following statements.

1. Interest rate growth rate differential (IRGD) is a key indicator of an economy's long-run debt sustainability.
2. When the cost of raising debt is higher than the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate, then public debt comes with low fiscal costs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements.

1. Counter-cyclical fiscal policy becomes critical during an economic crisis.
2. Pro-cyclical fiscal policy stabilizes the business cycle by being contractionary (reduce spending/increase taxes) in good times and expansionary (increase spending/reduce taxes) in bad times. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Non-performing Assets (NPAs) are loans made by a bank or finance company on which repayments or interest payments are not being made on time. How do high NPAs affect the Banks in India?

1. Results in lesser interest income
2. Adds to risk weighted assets
3. Banks tend to lower the interest rates on

deposits

Select the correct code?

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

20) Bond yield is the return an investor gets on that bond or on a particular government security.

Which of the following factors affect the bond yield in India?

1. Inflation in the economy
2. Monetary policy of the Reserve Bank of

India

3. Global markets
4. Fiscal position of the government

Select the correct answer code:

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

21) Invisible account of the balance of payments comprises of

1. Receipts from export of software services
2. Remittances by overseas Indians
3. Expenditure by foreign tourists in India

Select the correct answer code:

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

22) Consider the following statements.

1. The top 5 Countries with highest Forex reserves have Current account surplus in the last 5 years.
2. The invisible surpluses have usually contained India's current account deficits to manageable levels.

3. A depreciation of the US dollar causes valuation gains in India's existing stock of forex reserves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23) Foreign exchange reserves are held in the form of

1. US dollars
2. Non-dollar currencies
3. Gold

Select the correct answer code:

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding Fixed Capital Formation.

1. Fixed capital formation is directly related with economic growth rate.

2. Fixed capital includes construction of dwellings, which may not add to the productive capacity of the economy.

3. Long term growth can be achieved if resources from Fixed Capital are diverted towards consumption.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) In India, deficit financing is usually resorted in order to

- 1. Finance the revenue deficit component
- 2. Undertake developmental expenditure
- 3. Bridge the short-term Current Account Deficit (CAD)

Select the correct answer code:

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

26) The FRBM Act contain an 'escape clause' under which Centre can exceed the annual fiscal deficit target on which of the following grounds?

- 1. Structural reforms
- 2. National security
- 3. Collapse of agriculture
- 4. Decline in real output growth of a quarter

by at least three percentage points below the average of the previous four quarters.

Select the correct answer code:

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

27) With reference to Indian economy, which of the following best describes Exit policy

- a) Export policy that guides direction of exports from India
- b) Policy of repatriation of income by multinational companies
- c) Right or ability of an industrial unit or a firm to withdraw from or to close down.
- d) Disinvestment policy of Public sector enterprises

28) Gross Domestic Capital Formation (GDCF), often seen in the Budget and Economic Surveys, essentially refers to

- a) Money circulation in public hands
- b) Capitalization of Public sector Banks

- c) Direct Retail Investment in manufacturing goods sector
- d) Creation of Infrastructure or durable economic assets

29) Which of the following is the primary objective of monetary policy in India?

- a) Tackling stressed assets of banks
- b) Maintaining low levels of unemployment
- c) Maintaining price stability
- d) Appreciate the exchange value of rupee in the Forex markets

2. Ecology and Environment

1) 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 incorrect?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of a State.

1. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) consists of the seabed and subsoil that extends to the outer edge of the continental margin, or to a distance of 200 nautical miles if the outer edge of the continental margin does not extend up to that distance.

2. According to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the extended continental shelf of a coastal State is considered as an extension of its Exclusive Economic Zone.

3. The sovereign rights that a coastal state may exercise in the Exclusive Economic Zone, especially rights to the resources of the water column also apply to the entire stretch of extended continental shelf.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) 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. Countries are setting their Net-zero emission goal based on the 2015 Paris Agreement guidelines.

3. 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.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

1. Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) have the property of long-range environmental transport (LRET).

2. Exposure to POPs can lead to cancer and diseases of immune system.

3. 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.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Green manures.

1. Green manures are crops grown specifically for maintaining soil fertility and structure.

2. Growing green manure can curtail the consumption of chemical fertilizers to a large extent by 25 to 30% .

3. Green manure increases the soil pH level.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Carbonisation.

1. It involves pyrolysis of organic carbon to produce coke.

2. Wood does not undergo carbonisation.

3. A major advantage of industrial carbonisation is that no carbon monoxide emissions are involved.

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. Methane is the most abundant greenhouse gas in the atmosphere.

2. Human sources of methane are responsible for more than 50 per cent of global methane emissions.

3. According to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, methane accounts for about half of the 1.0 degrees Celsius net rise in global average temperature since the pre-industrial era.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR).

1. Common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR) is the foundational principle of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

2. It was the first international legal instrument to address climate change and address negative impacts to global environment.

3. It establishes that all states are responsible for addressing global environmental destruction yet not equally responsible.

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 Important Bird Areas (IBAs).

1. Important Bird Areas are declared by Birdlife International.

2. It aims to identify, monitor and protect a global network of IBAs for conservation of the world's birds and associated biodiversity.

3. More than one-third of India's IBAs fall outside the Protected area network.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

1.

The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is a market-based approach to reducing emissions of the greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

2. A CDM project activity might involve a rural electrification project using solar panels or the installation of more energy-efficient boilers.

3. The projects registered by India under the CDM is the highest in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Olive Ridleys Turtles are naturally found in India in

- 1. Andhra Pradesh coast
- 2. Odisha coast
- 3. Maharashtra coast

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. The Ramsar Convention is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

2. The number of Ramsar Sites in India is the highest for any country in South Asia.

3. In India, the definition of wetlands as per Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 also includes river channels, paddy fields and other areas where commercial activity takes place.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding the distribution of Wetlands in India.

1. According to National Wetland Inventory and Assessment compiled by ISRO, wetlands are spread over more than 10 percent of the total geographical area of India.

2. Inland-natural wetlands account for maximum share compared to coastal-natural wetlands.

3. In state-wise distribution of wetlands, West Bengal is at the top position.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding All India Tiger Estimation (AITE).

1. All India Tiger Estimation is the tiger population census that is conducted once in four years.

2. The survey is a process of charting the signs, such as pugmarks and scratch marks on trees, that indicate tiger presence in the area.

3. It is conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with the State Forest Departments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) What do you understand by the term 'Social Forestry'?

1. Reducing the pressure on the traditional forest area by encouraging plantations on community land

2. Promoting commercial harvesting of timber and non-timber products from traditional forests by community to meet local demands

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

3. Geography

1) Arrange the following Classification of Coal in the decreasing order of their carbon content.

1. Bituminous
2. Lignite
3. Anthracite
4. Peat

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Coal based thermal power plants constitute the maximum share in India's installed power generation capacity.
2. In India the total installed capacity of Nuclear power plants is higher than Natural gas-based power plants.
3. At present Wind power constitutes the maximum share in the total installed renewable energy in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Which of the following explains why we should move away from coal based power generation?

1. Coal emits nearly twice as much carbon dioxide as natural gas.
2. Combusting coal also leaves behind partially burnt carbon particles that feed pollution and trigger respiratory disorders.
3. Opencast mining and underground mining of coal affect the vegetation pattern.
4. There are several occupational hazards associated with coal mining like Pneumoconiosis and asthma.

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements.

1. Iron ore occurs most abundantly in the form of carbonates.
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, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

5) Consider the following statements regarding Western Ghats.

1. Western Ghats is one of the eight hotspots of biological diversity in the world.
2. The peak of Anamudi in Tamil Nadu is the highest peak in the Western Ghats.
3. Western Ghats is older than the Himalaya mountains.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Wet-bulb temperature.

1. Wet-bulb temperature is used to measure both heat and humidity of a place.
2. It represents the lowest temperature air can reach by evaporation of water.
3. Generally a dry heatwave is more dangerous than a humid heatwave for human beings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements.

1. India has officially hit a total fertility rate (TFR) of 2.0
2. Total fertility rate (TFR) of about 2.1 children per woman is called replacement-level fertility and if replacement level fertility is sustained over a sufficiently long period, each generation will exactly replace itself.
3. In India, the urban TFR is greater than the rural TFR.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Which of the following are the destabilising geological processes that pose a serious threat to human habitation in the highlands of western Ghats?

1. Soil piping
2. Lateral spread
3. Land subsidence

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements.

1. Western disturbances are periodic influxes of moisture-laden clouds from the Mediterranean that are common during winter and cause rain in northern India.

2. The elevated temperatures and warmer waters in the Arctic Ocean reduces the intensity of Western disturbances over North-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

4. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) Consider the following statements regarding Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021.

1. Under the Act, a pregnancy may be terminated up to 20 weeks by a married woman in the case of failure of contraceptive method or device.

2. The act applies only to married women, and unmarried women are not covered.

3. Opinion of the State-level medical board is essential for a pregnancy to be terminated after 24 weeks in case of substantial foetal abnormalities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) In India, the National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping is undertaken by

- a) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- b) National Disaster Response Force
- c) Geological Survey of India
- d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

3) Consider the following statements regarding Right to Information Act 2005.

1. Under the provisions of Right to Information Act 2005, any citizen of India may request information from a public authority which is required to reply within thirty days.

2. The Act protects the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21 guaranteed by the Constitution.

3. The Act completely exempts information available to a person in his fiduciary relationship from disclosure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).

1. The law was enacted after the Economic reforms of 1991.

2. The law sought to regulate foreign donations to individuals and associations so that they functioned in a manner consistent with the values of a sovereign democratic republic.

3. The law does not allow for transfer of funds received by an NGO to another NGO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- 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. The Act provides not more than four per cent reservation in government jobs for persons with benchmark disabilities.

3. Both the Central Government and State Governments have the power to add more types of disabilities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Collective Investment Scheme.

1. A Collective Investment Scheme is an investment scheme where various individuals come together and pool their money in order to invest their whole fund collection in a particular asset.

2. Mutual funds are an example for Collective Investment Scheme in India.

3. They are regulated by Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Science and Technology

1) Which of the following technologies are used in the criminal investigation in India without the consent of the accused?

- 1. Polygraph
- 2. Narco-analysis
- 3. Brain mapping

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Why are Bacteriophages seen as a possible therapy against multi-drug-resistant strains of many bacteria?

- 1. These are ubiquitous viruses found wherever bacteria exist and can kill bacteria.
- 2. They do not contain any RNA or DNA and thus cannot be infected by bacteria.

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Distributed ledger technology (DLT).

1. Distributed ledger technology (DLT) is a digital system for recording the transaction of assets in which the details are recorded in multiple places at the same time.

2. Blockchain technology is a specific kind of Distributed ledger technology.

3. Unlike traditional databases, distributed ledgers have a central data store or administration functionality.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements.

1. Monkeypox is caused by a bacterium that is endemic in a few African countries.

2. Monkeypox has more visible manifestations such as rashes and blisters on human skin.

3. Earlier monkeypox fell under the category of neglected tropical diseases.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. International Relations and Organisations

1) Which of the following countries are members of both G7 and G20 grouping?

- 1. France
- 2. Japan
- 3. China
- 4. Australia
- 5. Canada

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. None of the G7 countries has yet signed a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India.

2. All the G7 countries are part of G20 grouping.

3. The decision taken by leaders during G7 annual summits are non-binding.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Berne convention, sometimes seen in news is intended to protect

- a) Human Rights
- b) Intellectual property rights
- c) Traditional Knowledge of plants
- d) Foreign Diplomatic officials

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

- 1. Limpiyadhura
- 2. Susta
- 3. Galwan Valley
- 4. Kalapani

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

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

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

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

7) Which of the following countries are part of the Gulf Cooperation Council?

- 1. Oman
- 2. Yemen
- 3. Saudi Arabia
- 4. Iran
- 5. United India Emirates

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Permanent Observers to the United Nations.

1. Only Member States of the United Nations can apply for the status of Permanent Observer.

2. The status of a Permanent Observer is based purely on practice, and there are no provisions for it in the United Nations Charter.

3. Permanent Observers have free access to most meetings and relevant documentation of UNGA.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Programme Of Action (POA) of the International Conference on Population and Development.

1. The Programme Of Action (POA) of the International Conference on Population and Development focuses on meeting the needs of individual women and men, rather than on achieving demographic targets.

2. It is against coercion in family planning.

3. India is a signatory to the Programme of Action (POA).

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 World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

1. WIPO was established under TRIPS agreement as a global forum for intellectual property (IP) services.

2. The predecessor to WIPO was the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property.

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) Which of the following are associated with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- 1. Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC)
- 2. Mediterranean Dialogue
- 3. Istanbul Cooperation Initiative

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

12) Which of the following countries are part of both QUAD and AUKUS?

1. Australia
2. United States
3. Japan
4. India

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Consider the following statements.

1. All the G7 countries and India are part of G20 grouping.
2. None of the BRICS countries are members of G7.
3. The G7 does not have a formal constitution or a fixed headquarters.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements.

1. The Beijing Declaration led to the establishment of New Development Bank (NDB) by BRICS countries.
2. BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement aims to provide short-term liquidity support to the members.
3. BRICS Payments Task Force (BPTF) coordinates between the central banks of BRICS countries for an alternative to the SWIFT payment system.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA).

1. It is a satellite-based maritime security system aiming for peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.
2. The initiative will allow tracking of dark shipping and other tactical activities in the Indo-Pacific region.

3. IPMDA initiative was launched under UNCLOS.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding G20 group.

1. IMF and World Bank are the permanent guest invitees for G20 summits.
2. The working of G20 is divided into two tracks, i.e, the finance track and the Sherpa track.
3. The Sherpa track focuses on broader issues such as political engagement, anti-corruption, development and energy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding Geneva Conventions.

1. The Geneva Conventions is a Public International Law whose purpose is to provide minimum protections, standards of humane treatment to individuals who become victims of armed conflicts.
2. The Geneva Conventions protect non-combatants and civilians as well.
3. Not all UN member states have ratified the Convention.

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 International Criminal Court (ICC).

1. International Criminal Court is the first permanent, treaty based, international court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.
2. International Criminal Court is principal organ of United Nations.
3. ICC's expenses are entirely funded by States Parties.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

d) 2, 3

19) WHO's REPLACE programme sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Replacing Palm oils
- b) Replacing Artificial Sugar
- c) Replacing artificial trans-fats
- d) Replacing Cholesterol

20) United Nations Global Compact is associated with

- a) Management of global commons
- b) Refugee Crisis
- c) Encourage businesses to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies
- d) Mitigate Climate Change

21) Consider the following statements regarding Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

1. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organization.

2. It is a Eurasian political, economic and military organization aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.

3. China and Russia were members of the Shanghai Five.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Polity

1) Consider the following statements.

1. In *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India and others case*, the Supreme Court had held that the decision by a pregnant person on whether to continue a pregnancy or not is part of such a person's right to privacy.

2. In the United States, the right to abortion is a constitutional right.

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 Anti-defection law.

1. The Anti-defection law was included in the Original Constitution of India.

2. The members disqualified under the law can stand for elections from any political party for a seat in the same House.

3. The law does not provide a timeframe within which the presiding officer of the House has to decide a defection case.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) The anti-defection law disqualifies individual Members of Parliament (MPs)/MLAs on which of the following grounds?

1. If an elected member voluntarily gives up his membership of a political party.

2. If an elected member votes or abstains from voting in such House contrary to any direction issued by their political party.

3. If any nominated member joins any political party before the expiry of six months.

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding the term Floor Test.

1. It is a term used for the test of the majority in the House of Parliament or State Legislature.

2. Some legislators may be absent or choose not to vote during the Floor Test.

3. Governor's power to call for a floor test is not restricted only before the inception of a State government immediately after elections, but continues throughout its term.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements.

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 incorrect?

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

6) Consider the following statements.

1. The Constitution of India confers the power to make laws with respect to goods and services tax only to the Parliament and not State Legislatures.

2. July 2022 marks the completion of five years since the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India.

3. GST was first discussed in the report of the Kelkar Task Force on indirect taxes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) In India, under which of the following occasions a person can be legally handcuffed?

- 1. An accused on his/her arrest and before he/she is produced before the magistrate.
- 2. An under-trial prisoner during transit from jail to the court.
- 3. A convict being transported from jail to the court.

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) The Maneka Gandhi versus Union of India case (1978), is known for

- a) Setting parameters for Governor's rule in a state
- b) Striking a balance between fundamental rights and directive principles
- c) Expansion of rights available under Article 21 of the Constitution
- d) 'Rarest of rare' doctrine

9) The writ of mandamus cannot be issued

- 1. To enforce departmental instruction that does not possess statutory force
- 2. Against the president of India and the state governors
- 3. To an inferior court and a tribunal

4. To enforce a contractual obligation

Select the correct answer code

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

10) Which one of the following Directive Principles was not originally provided in the Constitution of India?

- a) Organization of village panchayats
- b) Safeguard forests and wild life
- c) Uniform civil code for the citizens
- d) Organization of agriculture and animal husbandry

11) Consider the following statements regarding Tribunals.

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

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

12) Consider the following statements regarding the observations made by Supreme Court with respect to Right to privacy.

1. Right to privacy is as sacrosanct as human existence and is inalienable to human dignity and autonomy.

2. This is an absolute right.

3. Any surveillance done on an individual by the state is an infringement of that person's right to privacy.

4. Any violation of right to privacy by the state in national interest, has to follow procedures established by the law.

Select the correct answer code:

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy (PLCP).

1. The Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy (PLCP) mandates that whenever the Government

makes any laws, it must place a draft version of it in the public domain.

2. The policy also says that, a note explaining the law in simple language and justifying the proposal, its financial implication, impact on the environment and fundamental rights should be uploaded.

3. The PLCP was adopted through an act of Parliament.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements.

1. In both the Houses of Parliament, elected members enjoy the right to seek information from various ministries and departments in the form of starred questions and unstarred questions.

2. The admissibility of questions in Rajya Sabha is governed by Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States.

3. The questions in both the Houses of Parliament cannot be disallowed and is usually passed on to the next session of the Parliament if it cannot be taken up in the ongoing session.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) The Supreme Court of India had upheld the constitutionality of Section 69A of the IT Act (in Shreya Singhal vs Union of India, 2015), which empowers the Government to restrict access to online content in the interest of

- 1. Sovereignty and integrity of the country
- 2. Security of the state
- 3. Friendly relations with foreign states
- 4. Public order

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) The Indian constitution is a written one unlike in some of the other democracies. What does it imply?

- 1. All the laws made by Parliament are to be written down as a part of the constitution.

2. The form of government in India has been codified in the constitution to reduce political and administrative conflicts.

3. Only because of a written constitution, citizens are able to enjoy fundamental rights.

Select the correct answer code:

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding the jurisdiction of Supreme Court of India.

1. It has the jurisdiction to issue writs under Article 32 of the Constitution.

2. It has the original jurisdiction under Article 131 of the Constitution.

3. It has the power to make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.

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. According to the Constitution of India, The Governor shall from time to time summon the House or each House of the Legislature of the State to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit.

2. The Governor always has to act on the aid and advice of the cabinet and cannot decide on his or her own on summoning the House.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) 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 have the same powers as a Civil Court.

3. The commission was the outcome of Indra Sawhney & Ors. Vs. Union of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

d) 1, 3

20) The "Sovereignty" of India means

1. No external power can dictate the government of India.
2. There is freedom of speech and expression for Indian citizens.
3. Citizens cannot be discriminated against on any grounds.

Select the correct answer code:

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

21) Consider the following statements.

1. Part VI of the Constitution of India lists out the qualification, election and impeachment of the President of India.
2. The President is the formal head of the executive, legislature and judiciary of India and is also the commander-in-chief of the Indian Armed Forces.
3. All the members of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha and all Members of the Legislative Assemblies of States vote for electing the President of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) The judgement "Kedar Nath vs State of Bihar (1962)", sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Balance between Fundamental Rights and DPSPs
- b) Basic structure of the Constitution
- c) Constitutionality of Sec. 124A of IPC
- d) None of the above

23) Consider the following statements.

1. India does not allow dual citizenship, and taking up the citizenship of another country automatically results in the cancellation of Indian citizenship.
2. In the last three years, the largest numbers of Indians who relinquished Indian citizenship in 2021 went to the *United Arab Emirates (UAE)*.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements.

1. The Constitution of India provides for a parliamentary form of government, both at the Centre and in the States.
2. The parliamentary system of government in India is part of the basic structure of the Constitution.
3. In the Presidential System of Government, the executive is responsible to the legislature for its policies and acts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) Who among the following administers the *oath* to the newly elected *President of India*?

- a) Vice President of India
- b) Retiring President of India
- c) Chief Justice of India
- d) Speaker of the Lok Sabha

26) Consider the following statements regarding *Pardoning powers of President*.

1. The power of pardon shall be exercised by the President *on the advice of Council of Ministers*.
2. The President can exercise these powers in all cases where the punishment or sentence is for an offence against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the Union extends.
3. The original *constitution provided for a small window for judicial review* of the pardon powers of President for the purpose of ruling out any arbitrariness.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27) Which of the following cases of the Supreme Court of India are related to Surveillance?

1. People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) vs Union of India case
2. S. Puttaswamy vs Union of India verdict of 2017
3. Indra Sawhney and Others vs. Union of India & Others

Select the correct answer code:

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

9. Agriculture

- 28) Consider the following statements regarding *Collegium of judges in India*.
1. Collegium is a system under which judges are recommended by an institution comprising judges.
 2. Collegium also recommends the transfer of Chief Justices and other judges of High Courts.
 3. The Collegium of judges does not figure in the Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 29) Speaker of the Lok Sabha is the chairman of which of the following committees?
1. Rules Committee
 2. Business Advisory Committee
 3. Committee on Absence of Members from Sittings of the House
 4. Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 30) Which of the following is the competent authority to change the name of any State of India?
- a) Concerned State Legislature
 - b) Governor of the State
 - c) Parliament
 - d) Union Home Minister

8. States

- 1) Hatti community recently seen in news are mainly settled in which state?
- a) Andhra Pradesh
 - b) Himachal Pradesh
 - c) Odisha
 - d) Gujarat

- 1) Which among the following is the nodal procurement agency for pulses in India?
- a) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
 - b) National Pulses Corporation Ltd
 - c) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
 - d) India Pulses and Grains Association
- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. Marine products constitute the maximum share in India's Agri exports.
 2. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is a statutory body that undertake purchase, store, transport, distribute and sell food grains and other food products.
 3. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) regulates the exports of agricultural products from India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2
 - b) 2 only
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 3

- 3) Consider the following statements.
1. India is the highest livestock owner of the world.
 2. Rashtriya Gokul Mission was initiated with a focus on the genetic upgradation of the bovine population through widespread initiatives on artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization.
 3. The contribution of Livestock in total agriculture and allied sector Gross Value Added (GVA) has doubled from 2014-15 to 2018-19.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 1 and 2 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding transgenic crop.
1. In India there is no commercial cultivation of transgenic crops.
 2. Transgenic crops can bring new gene combinations which are not found in nature.
 3. Transgenic crops are more toxic and can highly proliferate in the environment.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 2 only
 - b) 1 and 2 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only

d) 1, 2 and 3

5) Consider the following statements regarding Landraces.

1. Landraces refer to naturally occurring variants of commonly cultivated crops.
2. These are improved variants of commercially grown crops, which are developed by selective breeding or through genetic engineering.
3. Kalbhat, a scented rice is an example of landrace variant.

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Wheat cultivation in India.

1. Wheat is a major cereal crop in India and is grown mainly in the plains of north and north-eastern India, coastal areas and the deltaic regions.
2. It requires cool, moist weather during the major portion of the growing period followed by dry, warm weather to enable the grain to ripen properly.
3. Soils with moderate water holding capacity are ideal for wheat cultivation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. Defence and Security

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

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is deployed exclusively in the Left-Wing Extremist-affected States.
2. The Border Security Force (BSF) guards India's border with both Pakistan and Bangladesh.

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

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following types of Cyber Attacks and their description.

1. **Malware:** Any kind of software that is designed to cause damage to a single computer, server, or computer network.
2. **Denial of Service attacks:** Shutting down a machine or network and making it inaccessible to its intended users.
3. **Phishing:** Method of trying to gather personal information using deceptive e-mails and websites.

4. **Denial of Service attacks:** An attack that relies on human interaction to trick users into breaking security procedures in order to gain sensitive information that is typically protected.

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

11. Maps / Places

1) What is the correct sequence of occurrence of the countries in Eastern coast of Africa as one proceeds from South to North?

1. Mozambique
2. Tanzania
3. Kenya
4. Somalia

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Kerch Strait sometimes in news is located between:

- a) Sea of Marmara and Aegean Sea
- b) Black Sea and Sea of Azov
- c) Adriatic Sea and Ionian Sea
- d) Black Sea and Aegean Sea

- 3) The countries bordering Chile are
1. Peru
 2. Bolivia
 3. Paraguay
 4. Argentina

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 4) Which of these African states border the Mediterranean Sea?

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

Select the correct answer code:

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

3. Drought does not fall within the definition of “disaster” in the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Miscellaneous

- 1) Consider the following statements.

1. The National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) was established through an act of Parliament.
2. The Disaster Management (DM) Act of 2005, provides to collect and use the donations at the local level, with mandatory audit provisions.
3. The NDRF is not answerable under the RTI Act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding ‘Drought Management in India’

1. Drought is generally considered as a deficiency in rainfall /precipitation over an extended period, usually a season or more.
2. State Government is the final authority when it comes to declaring a region as drought affected.