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1. Economy

1) Consider the following statements.

1. The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) is an international financial institution owned by central banks that fosters international monetary and financial cooperation.

2. Bank for International Settlements (BIS) serves as a bank for central banks.

3. The Secretariat of Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) is located at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Spaghetti bowl effect, sometime seen in the news, is related to

- a) Threat to biodiversity due to climate change
- b) Influx of migrants and effect on domestic economy of a nation
- c) Multiplication of free trade agreements threatening WTO position
- d) China's policy towards south-east Asian countries

3) 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, inflation is termed as imported.
- 2. The weakening of the domestic currency may lead to imported inflation in the country.

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 of the following banks are insured by the Deposit insurance and credit guarantee corporation (DICGC)?

- 1. All commercial banks including branches of foreign banks functioning in India
- 2. All State, Central and Primary cooperative banks
- 3. Regional rural banks
- 4. Primary cooperative societies

Select the correct answer code:

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

c) 1, 3, 4

d) 1, 2, 3, 4

5) Consider the following statements regarding REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust).

1. REITs are investment vehicles that pool investor money like mutual funds and use it to buy real estate assets.

2. REITs can invest in all kinds of income-generating properties like residences, offices, hotels, malls and warehouses.

3. Majority of the portfolio of a REIT should be invested in completed and rent-generating properties.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB).

1. SGBs are government securities denominated in grams of gold.

2. Eligible investors include individuals, trusts, universities and charitable institutions.

3. Bonds can be issued by Non-Banking Financial Institutions and Private Banks in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Fiscal prudence.

1. Fiscal prudence implies spending excess to create demand in the economy.

2. Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003 institutionalised the concept of fiscal prudence.

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) Movements or changes in India's foreign exchange reserves occur due to

- 1. External aid receipts of the Central Government

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2. Income arising out of the deployment of the foreign exchange reserves
3. Purchase and sale of foreign exchange by the RBI

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Which of the following is/are part of Disposable personal income?

1. Net interest households' payment
2. Income Tax Payments
3. Non-tax Payments such as fines

Select the correct answer code:

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

10) Consider the following statements.

1. Monitoring the trade deficit is crucial as this has a direct bearing on the current account deficit (CAD).
2. Foreign direct investment helps bridge the current account deficit (CAD).
3. The wider the current account deficit (CAD), the lower the downward pressure on the rupee.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

1. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank with a mission to improve social and economic outcomes in Asia and beyond.
2. All the G-20 nations are members of AIIB.
3. China is the largest shareholder in the bank followed by Russia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Gross Domestic Product of India include

- a) Gross capital investments made in India during a financial year

b) Value of goods and services provided by NRIs

- c) Both a and b
- d) Neither a nor b

13) Which of the following factors can lead to inflation?

1. Supply bottlenecks
2. Rapid economic recovery
3. Higher wages for workers
4. Government giving stimulus money

Select the correct answer code:

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

14) 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.

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) Alternative Investment Funds are an avenue to pool in funds for investing in

1. Infrastructure funds
2. Venture Capital
3. Private Equity
4. Debt funds

Select the correct answer code:

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

16) Under the RBI Act, 1934, if the central bank fails to meet the inflation target for three consecutive quarters, it is required to provide the following information to the government

1. Reasons for the failure to achieve the inflation target
2. Remedial actions proposed to be taken
3. An estimate of the time period within which the inflation target shall be achieved

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2

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

17) Consider the following statements.

1. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has six members including the RBI Governor, where each member is nominated by the RBI.
2. The Monetary Policy Committee meets every two months to evaluate the current status and outlook for inflation and economic growth.
3. When the Monetary Policy Committee wants to contain inflation, it follows "dear money" policy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) The Reserve Bank of India monitors which of following indicators in the banking sector?

1. Cash flow with banks
2. Credit activities of banks
3. Spurious transactions

Select the correct answer code:

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding Currency Deposit Ratio (CDR).

1. It is calculated only with respect to the Term deposits held by the public in banks.
2. It reflects people's preference for liquidity.
3. It generally increases during the festive season.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements.

1. Under Preferential trade arrangements (PTAs), a country can offer trade preferences, such as lower or zero tariffs to a trade partner unilaterally.
2. In International trade agreements, Preferential trade arrangement and Partial Scope agreement is used interchangeably.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding Federal Funds Rate (FFR).

1. The FFR is the interest rate at which commercial banks in the US borrow from each other overnight.
2. Like in India, where the RBI decides the repo rate, the *Federal Reserve* directly specifies the Federal Funds Rate.

3. When the *Federal Reserve* wants to raise the prevailing interest rates in the US economy, it reduces the money supply.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) The problem of international liquidity is related to the non-availability of

- a) Gold and Silver
- b) Goods and Services
- c) Dollars and other hard currencies
- d) Exportable surpluses

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23) Consider the following statements.

1. Direct Tax revenue is charged against services provided by the government.
2. Non-tax revenue includes interest charged on loans advanced by the government for various purposes.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding Gilt Funds.

1. Gilt Funds are mutual funds that invest only in government securities.
2. These funds are invested only for short duration, say less than 91 days.
3. These are impacted by interest rate movements.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

2. Ecology and Environment

25) The concept of 'fall-back liability' sometimes seen in news is related to

- Recapitalisation of Banks
- Central Government grants to states
- E-commerce Rules
- Merger of Public Sector Banks

26) Consider the following statements regarding Vostro accounts.

- A Vostro account is an account that a domestic bank holds for a foreign bank in the domestic bank's currency.
- For an Indian entity, In case of trade with a foreign country, payments in rupee for the export and import of goods will go to these Vostro accounts.
- The objective behind permitting Vostro accounts is to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the interest of the global trading community in the rupee.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27) Consider the following statements.

- Singapore has the biggest *Foreign portfolio investment (FPI)* in India.
- The sustained fall in US bond yields can lead to increase in *Foreign portfolio investments (FPI)* in India.
- Pull-out of *Foreign portfolio investment* from India is a major concern for the Indian stock market and not for Reserve Bank of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28) Consider the following statements regarding Tariff rate quota (TRQ) system.

- The TRQ is a mechanism that allows import of a set quantity of specific products.
- They are used on a wide range of products but most are in the agriculture sector.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

1) Consider the following statements regarding 'Solar Facility', recently seen in news.

- Solar Facility was approved by International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- It aims to stimulate high potential solar technologies, by attracting private capital to flow into underserved markets in Africa.
- Solar Payment Guarantee Fund and Solar Insurance Fund are part of Solar Facility.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding the formation of foam in River waters in India.

- The foaming in rivers usually happens due to the presence of phosphates from detergents.
- During winters the formation of foams in the rivers is completely reduced.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved spraying of Defoamers to suppress the foam.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Pusa Decomposer.

- It is essentially a fungi-based liquid solution that can soften hard stubble to the extent that it can be easily mixed with soil in the field to act as compost.
- The window of time required for the solution to work is around 1 to 2 days.
- It has been developed by The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Emissions Gap Report.

- The flagship report is managed by the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre.

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2. The annual report assesses the gap between the pledges taken by different countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the estimated reduction required to maintain the average global temperature rise to below 2°C by the end of this century.

3. It serves as a scientifically authoritative source of policy-relevant information to key decision-makers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Plants prepare Glucose in the process of

- a) Respiration
- b) Mineral absorption
- c) Photosynthesis
- d) Degradation

6) Consider the following statements regarding 'Last Ice Area', seen in news

1. The 'Last Ice Area', is located in the polar deserts of Antarctica.
2. The area has stopped melting of Ice and is strong enough to withstand the effects of global warming.

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 Black Carbon.

1. Black carbon is a component of fine particulate matter, formed through the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, biofuel, and biomass.
2. Black carbon significantly increases the albedo when deposited on snow and ice.
3. In the tropics, black carbon in soils significantly contributes to the soil fertility.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Reserved Forests.

1. The term Reserved Forest was first introduced in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2. These are constituted by the State Government

3. Generally In reserved forests local people are prohibited for settlement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Oil spills can be treated with bioremediation by using some species of

1. Bacteria
2. Plants
3. Algae
4. Archea
5. Fungi

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding methanogens.

1. Methanogens are microorganisms that are capable of generating methane as a metabolic byproduct.
2. They are found in swamps, dead organic matter, and even in the human gut.
3. They cannot survive in high temperatures.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements.

1. The Global Warming Potential (GWP) of gases is a metric that helps measure the radiative effect of each unit of gas over a specific period of time, that is expressed relative to the radiative effect of carbon dioxide.

2. Emissions from livestock mainly include carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and methane.

3. Gases such as nitrous oxide and methane absorbs less energy than carbon dioxide but stays in the atmosphere for a longer duration.

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.

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1. Whenever a farm animal digests food, methane is released into the atmosphere.
2. The cultivation of paddy, which floods the fields, prevents oxygen from penetrating the soil and creates suitable conditions for methane-emitting bacteria.

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) Rotterdam Convention, often seen in news, is related to

- a) Prohibition of the usage of biological weapons by the member countries
- b) Promote shared responsibility among State Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals
- c) Prevention of the proliferation of ballistic missiles
- d) None of the above

14) Bioluminescence is the property of a living organism to produce and emit light. Which of the following organisms show the property of bioluminescence?

1. Fungi
2. Plants
3. Bacteria
4. Animals

Select the correct answer code:

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

1. GRAP is a set of emergency measure that is incremental in nature.
2. It aims to prevent further deterioration of air quality once it reaches a certain threshold in the Delhi-NCR region.
3. It is invoked by the Supreme Court of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements.

1. Diesel as a fuel contains a little more carbon per litre than petrol.

2. Diesel engines use a smaller amount of fuel to produce the same level of performance as a petrol engine.

3. Diesel was promoted as a green-friendly auto fuel as part of the European Union's response to the Kyoto Protocol to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions.

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.

1. The Glasgow Pact marked the first time a U.N. climate agreement mentioning the goal of reducing fossil fuel use.

2. The Kyoto Protocol is successor to the Paris Agreement that aims to limit the rise in the average global surface temperature.

3. The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the supreme body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), made up of representatives from each country that signed the Paris Agreement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements.

1. When air is heated in an automobile engine, nitrogen oxides (NO_x) are produced.

2. Nitric oxide (NO) is a greenhouse gas, which reacts with oxygen to form nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

3. Diesel engines emit fine particulate matter (PM) emissions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements.

1. Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are the legally binding pledges that each country makes to reduce its emissions and adapt to climate change.

2. Countries have to update and expand their Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) every five years.

3. The principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities" (CBDR) was enshrined

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in the Kyoto accord, which says that developed countries should take the lead in fighting climate change.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding 're-wilding' of wild animals.

1. Re-wilding means reintroduction of the cub into the wild after a certain time when it appears that the cub is capable of surviving in the wild independently.
2. The guidelines for the 're-wilding' of wild animals are laid down in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
3. In India, Endangered species and scavengers are prohibited for 're-wilding'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding Air Quality Index (AQI).

1. AQI is a number that helps the public and the government understand the condition of the air and what subsequent measures are to be taken to combat the situation.
2. The lower the AQI, the worse is the quality of the air.
3. There are different categories of AQI, ranging from 'Good' to 'Severe'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) Consider the following statements regarding Stockholm Convention.

1. The Stockholm Convention seeks to eliminate the production and use of intentionally produced Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).
2. Global Environment Facility (GEF) has been set up as an interim financial mechanism, to assist the developing countries in implementation of the Convention.

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 Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC), that was recently seen in news.

1. Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) was launched at the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP 27) of the UNFCCC.

2. India is a partner country to the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC).

3. It seeks to educate and spread awareness worldwide on the role of mangroves in curbing global warming and its potential as a solution for climate change.

4. MAC carries out checks and balances to hold members accountable for Mangrove conservation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding the significance of mangroves.

1. Mangrove forests consists of trees and shrub and live in intertidal water in coastal areas.

2. They also support a rich food web.

3. Mangrove forests can both aid in removal of carbon from the atmosphere and prevent the release of the same upon their destruction.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) Consider the following statements.

1. Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary located in the Little Rann of Kutch in the Gujarat is one of the last places on earth where the Indian Wild Ass can be spotted.

2. Gujarat is the not the only abode of both Asiatic lions and Indian wild asses.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26) In India, fishing cats are mainly found in

1. Foothills of the Himalayas
2. Western Ghats
3. Mangrove forests of the Sundarbans

Select the correct answer code:

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

27) Consider the following statements.

1. Hydrogen in its pure form is the most abundant element available on Earth.
2. Since Hydrogen has higher energy density than that of diesel, it makes it a rich source of energy.

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. Geography

- 1) Sukapaika River, recently seen in news, originated from
 - a) River Mahanadi
 - b) River Godavari
 - c) River Krishna
 - d) River Yamuna
- 2) Manikaran in Himachal Pradesh is known for
 - a) Wind Energy
 - b) Bio Energy
 - c) Solar Energy
 - d) Geothermal Energy
- 3) In India, the period of steady population growth refers to the decades of
 - a) 1911 – 1921
 - b) 1921 – 1951
 - c) 1951 – 1981
 - d) 1981 – 2011
- 4) Consider the following statements.
 1. A geosynchronous satellite has an orbital period same as the Earth's rotation period.
 2. A Geostationary Orbit (GSO) is a geosynchronous orbit with an inclination of zero, meaning, it lies on the equator.
 3. All geosynchronous satellites are geostationary.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding Coronal holes.
 1. These are regions on the sun's surface from where fast solar wind gushes out into space.
 2. They have higher temperatures compared to their surroundings.
 3. They can be seen in ultraviolet light but are typically invisible to naked eyes.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Geomagnetic Storm.
 1. During geomagnetic storms, there is a very efficient exchange of energy from the solar wind into the space environment surrounding earth.
 2. Geomagnetic storms cause a major disturbance to the earth's magnetosphere.
 3. Geomagnetic storm can disrupt Radio and GPS signals that travel through ionosphere.
 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 regarding Delhi's geography and weather conditions that contributes to air pollution.
 1. During the southwest monsoon, the prevalent direction of the wind is easterly.
 2. Once the monsoon withdraws, the predominant direction of the winds changes to north-westerly.
 3. The fall in temperature also contributes to increased pollution levels.
 Select the correct answer code:
 - a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3

- 8) Consider the following statements regarding total lunar eclipse.
 1. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the orbits of the Earth, moon and sun align so that the moon is directly behind Earth relative to the sun.
 2. During total lunar eclipse, reddish appearance of the lunar surface is caused by rays of sunlight around the outer edge of the eclipse

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shadow being filtered and refracted as it passes through Earth's atmosphere.

3. Total lunar eclipses is a rare event and occurs once in 10 to 12 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements.

1. Reduction in mortality always leads to a rising population.
2. The total fertility rate (TFR) is the number of babies an average woman bears over her lifetime.
3. Populations can keep growing even with total fertility rates (TFRs) falling.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Sinkholes.

1. Sinkholes are depressions formed in the ground when layers of the Earth's surface start collapsing into caverns.
2. They are formed in areas of "karst" terrains, where the rock below the surface of the Earth can be easily dissolved by groundwater.
3. They are formed due to natural processes or human activity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Government Schemes and Programmes

1) Consider the following statements regarding National Council of Science Museums (NCSM).

1. It is the largest network of science centres/museums in the world functioning under a single administrative control.
2. It is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
3. NCSM is the implementing agency for the Science City Scheme.

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 Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA).

1. SEWA is a trade union that promotes the rights of low-income, independently employed female workers.
2. It is affiliated by the Union *Ministry of Labour & Employment*.
3. SEWA Bank was established to provide small loans to poor women — an initiative that was recognised by the International Labour Organisation as a microfinance movement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Cooperative societies in India.

1. Cooperatives are enterprises which are owned, controlled and run by its members.
2. In India, the first cooperative society emerged after Independence.
3. Majority of the cooperative societies in India are governed by laws in their respective states.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

1. The Act provides a definition of "domestic violence" for the first time in Indian law.
2. The Act recognises domestic abuse as a punishable offence.
3. It is both a civil and criminal law, meant for protection orders and criminal enforcement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Science and Technology

1) Consider the following statements regarding Yellow Rust Disease.

1. It is a fungal disease which turns the crop's leaves into a yellowish colour.
2. It is a disease of cool weather in the northern hills and north-western plains zone.
3. It does not affect the process of photosynthesis in plants.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Suspension bridges depend on the balance of the forces of compression and tension.
2. India's longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge has been built in Gujarat.

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) The Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) provides for the examination of the accused through which of the following tests?

1. DNA profiling
2. Blood and semen test
3. Brain fingerprinting
4. Narcoanalysis

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Shigella infection.

1. Shigella infection (shigellosis) is an intestinal disease.
2. It is caused by family of fungi.
3. The main sign of shigella infection is diarrhoea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

1. UV-C radiation can be used to disinfect the air and also in water treatment.
2. UV-A rays can penetrate the middle layer of human skin and can cause aging of skin cells and damage the cells' DNA.

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 regarding Alopecia areata.

1. Alopecia areata is a condition that causes sudden hair loss in patches.
2. It mostly occurs in people who have a family history of auto-immune conditions, such as diabetes and thyroid.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR).

1. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) technique is used for determining the structure of organic compounds.
2. Due to its electromagnetic radiation, it cannot be used to test the adulterants in food.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Mucormycosis.

1. The disease is caused by a group of moulds, called mucormycetes, that live throughout the environment including in soil and on plants.
2. Moulds can get into sinuses and deposit there and they can get into the air spaces in the head.

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) Consider the following statements.

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1. X-ray fluorescence is commonly used to study the composition of materials in a non-destructive manner.

2. When the sun gives out solar flares, a large amount of X-ray radiation falls on the moon, triggering X-ray fluorescence.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Tomato flu.

1. The flu affects children below five years of age.

2. This flu is noncontagious in nature.

3. This flu is a self-limiting one and there is no specific drug for this.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellites are mainly used for which of the following purposes?

- 1. Mineral exploration
- 2. Assessment of crop productivity
- 3. Coastal and disaster management
- 4. Telecommunications
- 5. Locating groundwater resources

Select the correct answer code:

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. Hypertension or elevated blood pressure is a condition having systolic blood pressure level greater than or equal to 140 mmHg.

2. India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) aims to eliminate the prevalence of high blood pressure by 2025.

3. According to National Family Health Survey, Southern States have a lower prevalence of hypertension than the national average.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

13) Consider the following statements.

1. For Measles, the Symptoms appear around 10 to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

2. The WHO recommends that measles vaccine must be given in combination like measles-rubella (MR) or measles-mumps-rubella (MMR).

3. In India the Universal Immunisation Programme covers vaccination for measles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Which of the following missions have the objective to ensure the return of humans to moon?

- a) Chandrayaan-3
- b) Parker mission
- c) Artemis mission
- d) OSIRIS-REx mission

15) Consider the following statements.

1. In a Narcoanalysis test, a drug is injected into the body of the accused, which transports them to a hypnotic or sedated state, in which their imagination is neutralised.

2. A polygraph test is based on the assumption that physiological responses that are triggered when a person is lying are different from what they would be otherwise.

3. Both Narcoanalysis test and polygraph test have been proved scientifically to have 100% success rate.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. International Relations and Organisations

1) India is a member of which among the following organisation?

- 1. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
- 2. Better Than Cash Alliance
- 3. Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB).

1. It is largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide.
2. A-WEB's vision is to foster efficiency and effectiveness in conducting free, fair, transparent and participative elections worldwide.
3. The current chairman of Association of World Election Bodies is from India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) High Burden to High Impact (HBHI) Initiative, sometime seen in the news, is related to

- a) Elimination of Novel Corona Virus in worst hit countries

- b) Plantation of native trees in degraded areas
- c) Initiated of WHO to reduce TB cases
- d) Initiative of WHO to reduce malaria cases in high burden countries

4) Consider the following statements regarding East Asia Summit (EAS).

1. It is a forum for strategic dialogue and cooperation on political, security and economic issues.
2. EAS is an initiative of SASEC and is based on the premise of the centrality of ASEAN.
3. India has been participating in the EAS since its very inception.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

1. For those nations that are party to it, the treaty prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, and use of nuclear weapons.
2. Not all nuclear weapons nations have signed the treaty.
3. It is not a legally binding agreement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements.

1. The Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) is a global partnership of countries most at risk from climate impacts.
2. Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) represents countries that are disproportionately vulnerable to climate effects, particularly sea level rise and coastal erosion.

3. Umbrella Group includes Africa's U.N. members that push for additional climate financing. 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 regarding Singapore Convention on Mediation.

1. It is the first UN treaty to be named after Singapore.
2. The Convention will apply to international commercial settlement agreements resulting from mediation.
3. The Convention also applies to international settlement agreements that are concluded in the course of judicial proceedings and which are enforceable as a court judgment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

1. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) is a subsidiary body of the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA).
2. Its mandate is to promote the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law.

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) Consider the following statements regarding G20 grouping.

1. G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation formed in the backdrop of the financial crisis of the late 1990s.

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2. Its aim was to secure global financial stability by involving middle-income countries.
3. All the BRICS countries are the members of G20.

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 G20 grouping.

1. The G20 has no permanent secretariat.
2. G20 represents around 85 per cent of the global GDP and about two-thirds of the world population.
3. The presidency of the G20 rotates every three years among members.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding International Commission of Jurists (ICJ).

1. International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is an international human rights non-governmental organization.
2. It includes senior judges, attorneys and academics who work to develop national and international human rights standards.
3. The composition of the Commission aims to reflect the geographical diversity of the world and its many legal systems.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) India has signed Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) with which of the following country?

- a) United States
- b) Japan
- c) Australia
- d) Bangladesh

13) Consider the following statements regarding United States' Currency Monitoring List.

1. It is a report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States.

2. The report reviews the currency practices and policies of the US' trading partners.

3. India has never been on the list in the last five years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

1. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation came into being before World War I.
2. After the collapse of USSR in 1991, several eastern European nations joined NATO.
3. NATO works on a collective defense principle and is 'one-for-all, all-for-one' nature of treaty.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism is a plan to tax carbon-intensive products, such as iron and steel, cement, fertiliser, aluminium and electricity generation, is proposed by

- a) UN Environment
- b) European Union (EU)
- c) *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)*
- d) *World Trade Organization (WTO)*

16) No Money for Terror (NMFT) Conference is as an initiative of

- a) *United Nations Security Council (UNSC)*
- b) *Financial Action Task Force (FATF)*
- c) *World Bank*
- d) *None of the above*

7. Polity

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Article 44 of the Indian constitution says, "The state shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India."

2. A Uniform Civil Code (UCC) would provide for one law for the entire country, applicable to all

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religious communities in their personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption.

3. The principles laid down in the Part IV of the Indian Constitution is fundamental in the governance of the country, and shall be enforceable by any court in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Part IV of the Constitution of India covers a wide range of principles, including

1. Securing of equal justice and free legal aid to citizens
2. Organisation of agriculture and animal husbandry
3. Protection and improvement of the environment
4. Promotion of international peace and security

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Consider the following statements.

1. The Fundamental Rights are legally enforceable in a court of law in India.
2. In the Minerva Mills judgment (1980), the Supreme Court held that, "Indian Constitution is founded on the bed-rock of the balance between Part IV and Part V of the Constitution.
3. According to the Constitution, if a law is made to implement any of the Directive Principles, it cannot be challenged on the ground of being violative of the Fundamental Rights under Articles 14 and 19.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements.

1. In India, the Constitution gives the government the right to levy taxes on individuals and organisations.
2. As per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Union and the States have concurrent power of taxation.

3. In India, any tax being charged has to be backed by a law passed by the state legislature or Parliament.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements.

1. The Indian Constitution mandates local governments to prepare and implement plans for 'economic development and social justice' in rural India.
2. The main objective of 'Mission Antyodaya' is to ensure optimum use of resources through the convergence of various schemes that address multiple deprivations of poverty.
3. Annual survey in Gram Panchayats across the country is an important aspect of Mission Antyodaya framework.

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 institutions were introduced to promote social justice and progress in rural India?

1. Gram sabha
2. State Finance Commission (SFC)
3. District Planning committee (DPC)

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019.

1. The 103rd Amendment provide up to 10 per cent reservation to the economically weaker sections (EWS) among non-OBC and non-SC/ST sections of the population.
2. The Amendment provide reservation in higher educational institutions, and in initial recruitment in central government jobs.
3. The Amendment excludes reservation in state government jobs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

d) 1, 2, 3

8) The first amendment to the Constitution of India contained which of the following provisions?

1. Exempted land reforms from scrutiny
2. Provided protection for backward classes

in the Constitution.

3. Expanded the scope of restrictions on the right to free speech.

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements.

1. According to Election Commission

(Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Act of 1991, the term of a Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners is six years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

2. Since 2004, the Election Commissioners are selected in such a way that they complete their full term.

3. Article 324 states that, the Chief Election Commissioner is removed through impeachment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) A Partial Protection against Double Jeopardy is a

- a) Judicial convention
- b) Fundamental right
- c) Provision under CrPC
- d) None of the above

8. History, Art and Culture

1) Consider the following statements regarding Chhath Puja.

1. This festival is mainly celebrated in

Southern India.

2. It is dedicated to worshipping Lord Sun.

3. It is celebrated few days after Deepavali

Festival.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding Classical Languages.

1. Currently, six languages enjoy the 'Classical language' status in India.

2. For declaring a language as 'Classical Language', the literary tradition must be original and not borrowed from another speech community.

3. Sanskrit was the first language to be declared as Classical language.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Ulgulan movement.

1. The Ulgulan movement was started by Birsa Munda, who encouraged the tribals to refuse following colonial laws and paying rent.

2. It involved the use of weapons and guerrilla warfare to drive out foreigners.

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 Patan Patola.

1. Patan Patola is an ancient art of double ikat woven in pure silk.

2. It has its origins in an intricate technique of dyeing, known as 'bandhani'.

3. It is mainly made in Rajasthan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Hornbill Festival is the flagship festival celebrated mainly in

- a) Assam
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Nagaland
- d) Sikkim

6) The Battle of Rezang La, was fought during

- a) Indo-Pakistani War of 1947–1948
- b) Sino-Indian War of 1962
- c) Bangladesh Liberation War
- d) Kargil War

9. Agriculture

1) Consider the following statements regarding the Buffer Stock Management in India.

1. Buffer stock refers to a reserve of a commodity that is used to offset price fluctuations and unforeseen emergencies.
2. At present, buffer stock is maintained only for rice and wheat.
3. Ministry of Agriculture fixes the minimum buffer norms every year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements:

1. Minimum Support Price (MSP) may be both lower or higher than the prevailing market price of the particular crop.
2. All food grain procurement operations in India are undertaken by the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

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 India, which of the following are used for Crop Residue Management (CRM)?

1. Happy Seeder
2. Smart Seeder
3. Super seeder

Select the correct answer code:

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

4) Consider the following statements.

1. In 2021-22, vegetable oil accounted for more than 50% of India's total Agricultural imports in terms of value.
2. In the last one-decade India had surplus in Agricultural trade in terms of value.
3. In 2021-22, Basmati rice constituted India's top Agricultural export item in terms of value.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) The Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) is an inter-agency platform to enhance food market transparency and encourage international policy coordination in times of crisis, was setup by

- a) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- b) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- c) G20 members
- d) World Bank

10. Defence and Security

1) India participated in the first edition of IMT TRILAT, which is a joint maritime exercise among the navies of

1. India
2. Maldives
3. Tanzania
4. Mozambique
5. Thailand

Select the correct answer code:

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

11. Maps / Places

1) The regions bordering Gilgit-Baltistan are:

1. Xinjiang Autonomous Region
2. Afghanistan
3. Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
4. Union Territory of Ladakh

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) The African Great Lakes are a series of lakes constituting the part of the Rift Valley lakes in and around the East African Rift. They include

1. Lake Victoria
2. Lake Malawi
3. Lake Baikal
4. Lake Tanganyika

Select the correct answer code:

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

3) Consider the following statements.

1. Strait of Malacca is between the Malay Peninsula and Socotra island.
2. Strait of Hormuz connects Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

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) Kherson region, recently seen in news is located in

- a) China
- b) United States
- c) Ukraine
- d) Turkey

5) Arrange the following places from North to South.

1. Gogra
2. Hotsprings
3. Depsang
4. Galwan Valley

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Consider the following statements.

1. Car Nicobar is the southernmost of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. The Andaman Islands lie to the north of Ten Degree channel, and the Nicobar Islands to the south.
3. Great Nicobar is home to Shompen and Nicobarese tribal peoples.

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 regarding Great Nicobar Island.

1. Indira Point on the southern tip of Great Nicobar Island is India's southernmost point.
2. The Great Nicobar Island has tropical wet evergreen forests, mountain ranges and coastal plains.
3. The leatherback sea turtle is the island's flagship species.

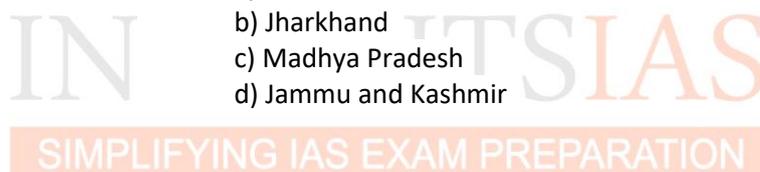
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Miscellaneous

1) Gujjars and Bakerwals are the nomadic community present mainly in

- a) Sikkim
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Jammu and Kashmir





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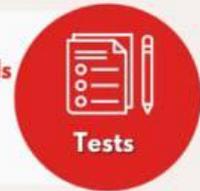
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