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1. Economy

1) Consider the following statements regarding Credit information bureaus.

1. They maintain credit information of borrowers which can be accessed by banks and other lending institutions.
2. They collect information of borrowers from credit card companies and non-bank financial institutions.
3. The lending decision of banks and finance companies are not dependent on the rating given by the credit bureaus.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Central Depositories Services India Ltd is a Market Infrastructure Institution that is deemed as a crucial part of the capital market structure.
2. Central Depositories Services India Ltd is the only state-owned share depository in India.
3. Share depositories hold shares in an electronic or dematerialised form and are an enabler for securities transactions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

3) Consider the following statements regarding loan write-off.

1. Writing off a loan essentially means it will no longer be counted as an asset, by the bank.
2. The amount so written off does not reduce the bank's tax liability.
3. After the write-off, banks are not supposed to continue their efforts to recover the loan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) At any time after the expiration of three years from the date of the grant of a patent, any person interested may make an application for grant of compulsory licence on patent on which of the following grounds?

1. The requirements of the public with respect to the patented invention have not been satisfied.
2. The patented invention is not available to the public at a reasonably affordable price.
3. The patented invention is not worked in the territory of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

5) Consider the following statements regarding Share buyback.

1. According to SEBI proceeds, a loss-making company cannot repurchase its shares.
2. To be eligible to participate in the share repurchase process, a shareholder needs to hold the shares of the company, which has announced the buyback, before the record date declared in the announcement.

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) Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Triffin dilemma'?

- a) A framework for understanding how to strike a balance between cooperation and competition for strategic decision-making.
- b) Role of government intervention and fiscal policy to stabilize the economy and prevent recessions.
- c) Conflict of economic interests that arises between short-term domestic and long-term international objectives for countries whose currencies serve as global reserve currencies.
- d) None of the above

7) Consider the following statements regarding World Trade Organization (WTO).

1. The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations.
2. It officially commenced operations on 1 January 1945, under the Marrakesh Agreement.
3. After WTO came in to existence, General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) ceased to exist.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 8) Keki Mistry committee, that was recently in news was related to
- a) Reforms in the criminal Justice System.
 - b) GM crops in India
 - c) Review the share buyback regulations
 - d) Armed Forces Special Powers Act

- 9) Consider the following statements regarding Goods and Services Tax Council.
1. Every decision of the Goods and Services Tax Council shall be taken by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the weighted votes of the members present and voting.

2. The vote of the Central Government in the GST council meeting shall have a weightage of two-thirds of the total votes cast.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 10) Which of the following taxes are not subsumed under Goods and Services Tax?

1. Anti-Dumping Duty
2. Professional Tax
3. Service Tax
4. Entertainment Tax
5. Property tax levied by local bodies

How many of the above options are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

- 11) Consider the following statements.

1. India's External commercial borrowings in rupees helps to promote the internationalisation of the rupee.

2. For a currency to be considered a reserve currency, it needs to be fully convertible, readily usable, and available in sufficient quantities.

3. India permits full capital account convertibility, without any constraints on the exchange of its currency with others.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three

d) None

- 12) Which of the following steps can help to internationalise the rupee?

1. Rupee must be made more freely convertible.
2. RBI should pursue a more liquid rupee bond market.
3. Indian exporters and importers should be encouraged to invoice their transactions in rupee.
4. India signing Currency swap agreements with other countries.
5. Tax incentives to foreign businesses to utilise the rupee in operations in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

- 13) Which of the following taxes are considered as Direct taxes?

1. Corporation Tax
2. Minimum Alternate Tax
3. Personal Income Tax
4. Securities Transaction Tax
5. Value-added tax

How many of the above options are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

- 14) Consider the following statements.

1. In India, only the Ministry of Finance measures inflation.

2. RBI through its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) controls Money supply in the market.

3. Inflation is indicative of the increase in the purchasing power of a unit of a country's currency.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 15) Vostro account, sometimes seen in news is used in the context of

- a) Zero balance Account
- b) Foreign exchange transactions
- c) Providing Subsidies to the Targeted Beneficiaries
- d) Bank account without any expiry

- 16) The Tarapore Committee constituted by the Reserve Bank of India, was
- Economic Capital Framework (ECF) Committee
 - High Powered Committee on Urban Co-operative Banks
 - Committee on Capital Account Convertibility (CAC)
 - Committee on Offshore Rupee Markets

- 17) 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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 18) Consider the following statements regarding Emergency Procurement (EP) through the fast-track procurement (FTP) route in India.
- Emergency Procurement powers were granted to the armed forces by the Union Defence Ministry.
 - Under the FTP route, the armed forces can procure weapons systems without any financial limits, on an urgent basis without any further clearances to cut short the procurement cycle.
 - Such acquisitions are applicable only from indigenous sources.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

- 19) Consider the following statements.
- The Patents (Amendment) Act, 2005, introduced the provisions relating to Exclusive Marketing Rights (EMRs).
 - Preventing known substance from being patented as an invention unless it enhances the

efficacy of the substance repetitively is known as preventing "evergreening" of patents.

3. The TRIPS Agreement sets out the minimum standards of intellectual property protection to be provided by each Member. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements.

- In the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket, housing and fuel constitutes the maximum weightage.
- The weightage of food in the CPI basket has decreased from 1960 to 2001.
- The base year for the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) in India is 2016.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

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2. Ecology and Environment

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Air Quality Index (AQI).
- 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.
 - The lower the AQI, the worse is the quality of the air.
 - There are different categories of AQI, ranging from 'Good' to 'Severe'.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- 2) Consider the following statements.
- 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 absorb less energy than carbon dioxide but stay in the atmosphere for a longer duration.
 How many of the above statements are correct?
 a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) All three
 d) None

3) 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.
 How many of the above statements are correct?
 a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) All three
 d) None

4) Consider the following statements.
 1. All life on Earth is carbon based.
 2. Organic molecules contain carbon atoms that are bonded only to hydrogen atoms.
 3. The presence of CH₃⁺ in space tells us that basic building blocks for life exist there.
 How many of the above statements are correct?
 a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) All three
 d) None

5) Consider the following statements.
 1. Ambergris is a waxy substance that originates from the digestive system of protected sperm whales.
 2. Sperm whales are a protected species under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
 3. Ambergris is a tradable commodity in India with regulations under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
 How many of the above statements are correct?
 a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) All three
 d) None

6) Consider the following statements regarding CITES Agreement.
 1. CITES is an international agreement between governments to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.
 2. Conference of the Parties (CoP), which is the supreme decision-making body of CITES, applies a set of biological and trade criteria to evaluate proposals from parties to decide if a species should be in Appendix I or II.
 3. When a country becomes a party to the CITES, all import, export and re-export of species covered under CITES must be authorised through a permit system.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2
 b) 1, 3
 c) 2, 3
 d) 1, 2, 3

7) Consider the following statements.
 1. 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.
 How many of the above statements are correct?
 a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) All three
 d) None

8) Consider the following statements regarding Amazon rainforest.
 1. The Amazon rainforest covers an area twice the size of India.
 2. Two-thirds of the Amazon rainforest is located in Brazil.
 3. El Niño typically brings more rain and lowers the temperature of Amazon rainforest.
 How many of the above statements are correct?
 a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) All three
 d) None

9) Chinkara, also known as the Indian gazelle is the state animal of
 a) Odisha
 b) Uttarakhand

- c) Rajasthan
- d) Andhra Pradesh

10) Consider the following statements.

1. CITES Appendix I lists species threatened with extinction and import or export permits for these species are completely banned.
2. CITES Appendix II includes species not necessarily threatened with extinction but in which trade must be strictly regulated.
3. The endangered Asian elephant is included in CITES Appendix I.
4. India has banned the domestic sales of ivory.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

11) Consider the following statements.

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change has statutory and constitutional obligations to protect the forests in India.
2. Approval for the use of forest land for non-forestry use is granted under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. Protected areas, including national parks are not allowed for non-forestry purposes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

12) Consider the following statements.

1. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, located off the coast of Queensland, Australia.
2. Great Barrier Reef is in the List of World Heritage sites in Danger.
3. Under the 1972 World Heritage Convention, inscribing a site on the List of World Heritage sites in Danger allows the World Heritage Centre to allocate immediate assistance from the World Heritage Fund to the site and gathering international support to the site.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

13) Consider the following statements regarding Community Forest Resource (CFR) area.

1. The community forest resource area is the common forest land that has been traditionally protected and conserved for sustainable use by a particular community.
2. The community forest resource area may include revenue forest, deemed forest, sanctuary and national parks.
3. Community forest resource area can also be used for pastoral purpose.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements.

1. Phytoremediation is a remediation method that uses living organisms like plants, microalgae, and seaweeds to reduce the concentrations or toxic effects of contaminants in the environment.
2. Metals like cadmium, cobalt, nickel, lead and organic pollutants can be easily removed from the soil through Phytoremediation.
3. Hyperaccumulator plants slows down the process of Phytoremediation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

15) Consider the following statements

regarding Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

1. The legislation empowers the Central government to regulate the extraction of forest resources by industries as well as forest-dwelling communities.
2. It is the only Act that protects the rights of tribals and forest-dwellers dependent on forests for their livelihood.
3. The Act initially provided protection to areas not formally notified as 'forests' by the Central or State governments.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

16) Consider the following statements regarding Primary forests.

1. 'Primary forests' are forests predominant with native tree species, undisturbed with little to no human interference.

2. These forests are densest, wildest, and of most ecological importance on Earth.

3. They cover very small geographical area and are predominantly absent in snow-covered boreal region.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

17) The State of the World's Forests Report is released by

- a) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- c) Global Forest Watch
- d) Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

18) Consider the following statements regarding Tarballs.

1. Tarballs are dark-coloured, sticky balls of oil that are found on the ocean surface.

2. Tarballs are formed by weathering of crude oil in marine environments.

3. Usually Tarballs are washed away from the beaches during monsoon.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

1. Aichi Biodiversity Targets adopted during the 2010 United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) included goals such as reducing deforestation by at least half during the coming decade and curbing pollution.

2. After parties adopted the Aichi Targets, they were expected to devise their own national biodiversity strategies that would mimic the goals laid out by Aichi.

3. More than half of the parties have met all the Aichi Targets within its own borders.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements regarding Marine Sponges.

1. Sponges are among the most ancient and abundant animals on rocky reefs across the world.

2. They provide habitat for a range of other species such as crabs, shrimps and starfish.

3. Marine heatwaves leads to bleaching, tissue loss and decay in sponges.

4. Unlike corals, sponges do not contain symbiotic organisms for their survival.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

21) Consider the following statements regarding Black corals.

1. Black corals are located in the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea off the coast of Australia.

2. They are filter feeders and eat tiny zooplankton that are abundant in deep waters.

3. They are found only in deep waters and they cannot survive in shallow waters.

4. They act as important habitats where fish and invertebrates feed and hide from predators.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

22) Consider the following statements.

1. The hippopotamus is a large semiaquatic mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa.

2. Hippopotamus is the largest land mammal on Earth.

3. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) has banned international export/import of body parts of Hippopotamus.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

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

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

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

- c) All three
- d) None

3. Geography

1) Consider the following statements regarding Critical minerals.

1. Critical minerals are those that are essential for economic development and national security, and the lack of availability of these minerals could potentially lead to “supply chain vulnerabilities and even disruption of supplies”.

2. Lithium, graphite, cobalt and titanium are considered as Critical minerals.

3. Only metallic minerals are considered as Critical minerals and not non-metallic minerals.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

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

3. During total lunar eclipse, reddish appearance of the lunar surface is caused by rays of sunlight around the outer edge of the eclipse shadow being filtered and refracted as it passes through Earth’s atmosphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements.

1. Glaciers are the largest source of freshwater in the Himalayan ecosystem.

2. A glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) is caused by the failure of a dam containing a glacial lake.

3. There is considerable shrinking of glacial lakes across the Himalayas, in recent decade.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

4) Consider the following statements.

1. Epoch is the broadest category of geological time.

2. The Anthropocene epoch denote the present geological time interval, in which the Earth’s ecosystem has gone through radical changes due to human impact.

3. Global warming, ocean acidification, mass-scale soil erosion and the advent of deadly heat waves are numerous phenomena associated with Anthropocene epoch.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

5) Consider the following statements regarding Beas River.

1. The Beas river originates from the Himalayas and flows to the Sutlej river.

2. The water of the Beas river is allocated to India under the terms of the Indus Waters Treaty.

3. Chambal, Tons and Hindon are the tributaries of Beas River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

6) Consider the following statements.

1. Germanium is used in fibre-optic cables, infrared imaging devices and optical devices.

2. Germanium has the ability to withstand heat and has higher energy conversion efficiency.

3. China accounts for more than 50% of the production of germanium.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

7) Consider the following statements.

1. It is more likely for a river to change course in the alluvial plains of North India.

2. The northward movement of the Indian Tectonic Plate is the reason behind the rising Himalayas.

3. Ganga river is the only river in India which has not changed its course in the last 200 years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

8) Consider the following statements.

1. The Earth's geological time scale is based on events, such as the evolution and extinction of different living beings and processes that have occurred.

2. Anthropocene epoch is a proposed geological epoch that began when the human impact started to radically alter the Earth's ecosystem and geology.

3. Eons, epochs, eras, periods, and ages are the different categories of Earth's geological time scale.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

9) Consider the following statements regarding heat dome.

1. A heat dome occurs when an area of low-pressure traps warm air over a region.

2. Heat domes generally stay for a few days but sometimes they can extend up to weeks, which might cause heat waves.

3. The heat dome's formation is related to the behaviour of the jet stream.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

10) Consider the following statements.

1. Wet-bulb temperature combines heat and humidity to indicate how much evaporation can be absorbed into the air.

2. The wet bulb temperature is usually higher than the dry bulb temperature.

3. At wet-bulb temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius, it becomes difficult to reduce body temperature via sweating.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

11) Consider the following statements.

1. Marine heat waves occurs when the surface temperature of a particular region of the sea rises to 3 or 4 degree Celsius above the average temperature for at least five days.

2. Marine heat waves occur only for short duration and cannot last more than a month.

3. While Marine heat waves are detrimental to corals, they do not affect kelp forests as they are situated at the ocean floor.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

12) Consider the following statements.

1. A fault is a place with a long break in the rock that forms the surface of the earth.

2. When an earthquake occurs on one of the faults, the rock on one side of the fault slips with respect to the other.

3. Indonesia is not located on the fault lines in the Pacific Basin.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

13) Match the following volcanoes and their location.

Volcano	Location
A. Krakatoa	1. USA
B. Mount Vesuvius	2. Japan
C. Mount Fuji	3. Italy
D. Mount St Helens	4. Indonesia

Select the correct answer code:

- A B C D
- a) 3 4 2 1
- b) 3 4 1 2
- c) 4 3 2 1
- d) 4 3 1 2

14) Consider the following statements.

1. Geothermal gradient is the rate of temperature change with respect to increasing depth in Earth's interior.

2. Magma is lighter than solid rock and hence it rises.

3. Usually Magma that is thick and sticky leads to explosive volcanic eruptions, compared to *magma* that has low viscosity.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) All three
- d) None

4. Government Schemes and Programmes

- 1) Recently the Union cabinet decided to set up a National Research Foundation (NRF) which is modelled on the National Science Foundation which is located in
- a) China
 - b) Japan
 - c) United States
 - d) Australia

- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 is the only act which regulates the Telecom service providers in India.
 2. At present the telecom operators and OTT platforms in India must contribute towards Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) that aims to provide for quality and affordable mobile and digital services across the rural and remote areas of the country.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 3) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issues orders and directions on subjects such as
1. Tariffs
 2. Increasing broadband penetration in India
 3. Mobile number portability
 4. Direct to Home (DTH) services

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. The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to create a seamless online platform that will enable interoperability within the digital healthcare ecosystem.
 2. The National Health Authority (NHA) is the implementing agency for the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

3. It will bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of Healthcare ecosystem through digital highways.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013.
1. The law mandates that 75% of the total population must be covered by the PDS.
 2. The NFSA requires that the latest completed Census be used to calculate the total PDS coverage.

3. Some States use their own budgets to top up PDS coverage through the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Section 144 of CrPC.
1. Section 144 of CrPC empowers a district magistrate or any other executive magistrate specially empowered by the state government to issue orders to prevent and address urgent cases of apprehended danger.

2. It can be used to restrict even a single individual from a certain act.

3. No order passed under Section 144 can remain in force for more than one year from the date of the order, unless the state government considers it necessary.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 7) Who among the following are the main beneficiaries of the NAMASTE scheme?
- a) ASHA workers
 - b) Adolescent girls
 - c) Pregnant and lactating women
 - d) Sewer/Septic Tank Workers

- 8) The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (CES) data is released by
- a) Niti Ayog
 - b) Ministry of Finance

- c) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- d) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

- 9) The Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana aims to
- a) Convert cattle dung and other organic waste into compost, biogas, and biofuels
 - b) Promote the use of Compressed BioGas (CBG) as an alternative green transportation fuel
 - c) Provide financial support to integrated bio-ethanol projects
 - d) Set up third generation (3G) ethanol projects

- 10) Consider the following statements regarding Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

1. Public Financial Management System (PFMS) is a web-based online application developed with the objective of tracking funds released under various schemes of Government of India and real time reporting of expenditure at all levels of Programme implementation.
2. It is implemented by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
3. It facilitates transfer of funds directly to the account of beneficiaries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 11) Recently the Government started the MAARG portal, that aims to
- a) Extend financial aid required for the development expenses of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the infrastructure sector.
 - b) Reimburse the expense incurred by the new startup ventures
 - c) Facilitate mentorship for start-ups across diverse sectors
 - d) Promote bioenergy usage and create an investor-friendly ecosystem based on circular economy

- 12) Which of the following are the components of Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED) related to De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes?

1. To provide health insurance facilities.
2. To facilitate livelihoods initiatives at community level.
3. To provide financial assistance for construction of houses.

4. To provide coaching to enable them to appear in competitive examinations.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

5. Science and Technology

- 1) Aspartame, recently seen in news is mainly used as

- a) Bio-fertilizer
- b) Antimicrobial substance
- c) Rare earth element
- d) Artificial sweetener

- 2) Consider the following statements.

1. Dark matter is a hypothetical form of matter thought to account for approximately 85% of the matter in the universe.
2. Dark matter interacts strongly with electromagnetic forces like visible light, X-ray or radio waves.
3. CERN's Large Hadron Collider experiment aims to detect dark matter.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 3) Consider the following statements.

1. Diesel as a fuel contains less carbon per litre than petrol.
2. Diesel engines uses greater 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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Semiconductors.

1. Semiconductors are entirely made of Silicon.

2. It consists of millions or billions of transistors that act like miniature electrical switches that flip on and off to process data.

3. It can process data such as images, radio waves, and sounds.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

5) Consider the following statements regarding Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

1. Guillain-Barré Syndrome is a rare neurological disorder where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own peripheral nerve cells.

2. It often develops shortly after a person gets an infectious disease.

3. A person with this syndrome will have difficulty speaking, walking, or performing other normal functions of the body.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

6) The Chandrayaan-3 mission aims to achieve which of the following?

- 1. Measure the thermal properties of the lunar regolith near the polar region.
- 2. Understand the dynamics of the moon.
- 3. Study the chemical and mineralogical composition of the lunar surface.
- 4. Measure the elemental composition of the lunar soil and rocks around the landing site.
- 5. Study Earth from lunar orbit.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

7) Consider the following statements.

1. The Theory of General Relativity implies that under certain circumstances, space itself would be stretched and compressed resulting in the production of gravitational waves

2. Gravitational waves were first detected by LIGO (Laser Interferometry Gravitational-wave Observatory).

3. The collision of neutron stars does not produce Gravitational waves.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

8) Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

1. Black hydrogen : Produced by use of fossil fuel

2. Grey hydrogen : Produced through electrolysis, but using energy from nuclear power sources.

3. Pink hydrogen : Produced through Natural Gas

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Compressed natural gas (CNG).

1. CNG is comprised mostly of methane gas.

2. CNG engines run more quietly due to very low octane rating of CNG over gasoline.

3. CNG vehicles reduce Harmful emissions such as carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) by more than 90% when compared to gasoline powered vehicles.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

10) Consider the following statements regarding Air-independent propulsion.

1. It is a technology which allows a non-nuclear submarine to operate by using the atmospheric oxygen.

2. It is based on the combustion of oxygen and ethanol to augment battery-powered propulsion.

3. The Non-nuclear submarines running on Air-independent propulsion can be virtually silent.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

11) Consider the following statements regarding Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF).

1. Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) is a viral haemorrhagic fever usually transmitted by ticks.

2. At present the CCHF is endemic only to Africa and Balkan countries.

3. Human to Human transmission of CCHF is not possible.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

12) Consider the following statements regarding Hydrogen.

1. Hydrogen is the lightest and first element on the periodic table.

2. Because of its highly combustible property, Hydrogen as a fuel can be used only in internal combustion engines and not in spacecraft propulsion.

3. Molecular hydrogen is abundantly available on Earth in convenient natural reservoirs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

13) Consider the following statements regarding Stiff person syndrome.

1. Stiff person syndrome is a rare autoimmune neurological condition.

2. It affects the central nervous system and can cause rigidity throughout the body and painful muscle spasms.

3. There is no cure for stiff person syndrome, so the treatment focuses on symptom and pain management.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Microwaves.

1. They fall between the infrared radiation and radio waves in the electromagnetic spectrum.

2. Glass and plastic materials reflect microwaves.

3. Microwaves of certain frequencies are absorbed by water.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

15) Space internet companies prefer low-earth-orbit (LEO) satellites over geostationary-orbit satellites (GOS) because

a) GOS satellites cannot provide internet to remote areas unlike LEO satellites.

b) signal from one GOS does not cover as much area as covered by one LEO satellite.

c) the latency of signal from GOS satellites is much higher than that from LEO satellites.

d) the latency of signal from LEO satellites is much higher than that from GOS satellites.

16) Consider the following statements.

1. Ethanol is basically 99.9% pure alcohol that can be blended with petrol.

2. Molasses is the feedstock used by sugar mills to produce ethanol.

3. The National Biofuel Coordination Committee (NBCC), with the Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change as its head, is the agency to coordinate the ethanol blending in petrol.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

6. International Relations and Organisations

1) Consider the following statements regarding G20 grouping.

1. The permanent secretariat of G20 is located at United States.

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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. International Seabed Authority is the United Nations specialised agency that regulates the world's ocean floor.
 2. Deep sea mining involves mining massive seafloor sulphide deposits and stripping cobalt crusts from rock.
 3. Currently countries manage their own maritime territory and exclusive economic zones, while the high seas and the international ocean floor are governed by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None
- 3) The World conference on cultural policies and sustainable development is the initiative of
- a) Amnesty International
 - b) World Economic Forum
 - c) African Union
 - d) UNESCO
- 4) Samarkand declaration, 2022 is related to which of the following
- a) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
 - b) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
 - c) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
 - d) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- 5) The joint statement — 'Horizon 2047, marks the 25th Anniversary of the Strategic Partnership between
- a) India and US
 - b) India and UAE
 - c) India and Japan
 - d) India and France
- 6) India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have signed a pact to establish framework for the use of local currencies for transactions between India and the UAE. This would provide which of the following benefits?
1. enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domestic currencies
 2. development of an INR-AED foreign exchange market
 3. promote investments and remittances between the two countries

4. optimise transaction costs and settlement time for transactions, including for remittances
- Select the correct answer code:

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

- 7) Consider the following statements.
1. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is an agreement that established rules governing the use of the oceans and their resources.

2. International waters is the area defined as the seabed and subsoil beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

3. The International Seabed Authority (ISA) can grant exploration contracts only in international waters.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 8) Consider the following statements regarding Deep sea mining.

1. Extraction of mineral resources from the ocean below 200 metres is called deep sea mining.

2. Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSSC) is an initiative of International Seabed Authority (ISA) that safeguard deep-sea ecosystems.

3. India has been granted two exploration contracts from the International Seabed Authority (ISA) so far, one for polymetallic nodules and one for polymetallic sulphides.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

- 9) The 'Boao Forum for Asia (BFA)' is China's equivalent of

- a) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- b) International Transport Forum
- c) United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- d) World Economic Forum

7. Polity

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

2) Consider the following statements.

1. The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) is an electoral watchdog established by the Election Commission of India.
2. The Supreme Court of India has made it mandatory for political parties to publish the details of criminal cases pending against their candidates, including on their websites, in a format prescribed by the Election Commission of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements.

1. 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.
2. The Fundamental Rights are legally enforceable in a court of law in India.
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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

4) 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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

5) 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 Parliamentary impeachment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) A Partial Protection against Double Jeopardy is a

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Recusal of Judges.

1. The practice stems from the principle of due process of law.

2. An instance for recusal is when an appeal is filed in the Supreme Court against a judgement of a High Court that may have been delivered by the Supreme Court judge when she was in the High Court.

3. The rules governing recusals are laid down in the Constitution of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

8) Consider the following statements regarding Adjournment motion.

1. Adjournment motion is to take up for discussion a subject of urgent nature.
 2. The adjournment motion has an element of censure.
 3. There is no adjournment motion in Rajya Sabha.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

- 9) Under Section 8(1) of the Representation of the People Act of 1951, which of the following offences can lead to disqualification of an MP.
1. Undue influence or personation at an election
 2. Bribery
 3. Promoting enmity between two groups
 4. Defamation
- How many of the above options are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) Only three
 - d) All four

8. History, Art and Culture

- 1) 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 incorrect?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2) Hul Diwas celebrated on June 30, is mainly associated with which of the following movements?
- a) Bhil Uprising
 - b) Pahariyas' Rebellion
 - c) Chuar Uprising
 - d) Santal rebellion
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Shakyas.
1. The Shakyas ruled Kapilavastu after Buddha's Parinirvana.

2. They fled to different parts of Greater Magadha and to far-flung places like Gandhara and Burma.
 3. They were granted a status comparable to that of the Vajracharya priests.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

- 4) Consider the following statements.
1. International Buddhist Confederation is the biggest religious Buddhist confederation, based in Nepal.
 2. Ashadha Purnima marks Buddha's first teaching after attaining Enlightenment.
 3. It was at Lumbini that Buddha gave his first sermon and set the wheel of dharma in motion.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

- 5) 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 origin in an intricate technique of dyeing, known as 'bandhani'.
 3. It is mainly made in Rajasthan.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Ahom kingdom.
1. The Ahom kings ruled large parts of what is now known as Assam.
 2. It was a multi-ethnic kingdom which spread across the upper and lower reaches of the Brahmaputra valley.
 3. Ahoms had a very friendly relations with the Mughals.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

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 correct?

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

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

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

4) Consider the following statements.

1. The cultivation of paddy, which floods the fields, prevents oxygen from penetrating the soil and creates suitable conditions for methane-emitting bacteria.

2. Whenever a farm animal digests food, methane is released into the atmosphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

1. Happy Seeder
2. Smart Seeder

3. Super seeder

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

6) 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.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

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

8) The procurement of food grains by Food Corporation of India (FCI) provides which of the following benefits?

1. It supports producers by procuring wheat and rice at minimum support prices (MSP).
2. The central government uses the procured food grains to meet the needs of the PDS.
3. The food grains stocks are used for price stabilisation through the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).

Select the correct answer code:

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

9) Consider the following statements.

1. In India, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has declared millets as "Nutri Cereals".

2. Generally Millets are high in proteins compared to carbohydrates and dietary fibre.

3. The year 2022 was the International Year of Millets, adopted by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

10. Defence and Security

1) The Centre has asked e-commerce companies to not use “dark patterns” on their platforms. Which of the following are considered as dark patterns?

- 1. Creating a sense of urgency or scarcity to pressure consumers into making a purchase.
- 2. Adding additional products or services to the shopping cart without the user’s consent.
- 3. Easy to sign up for a service but difficult to quit or cancel.
- 4. Advertising a certain product/ service but delivering another.
- 5. Hiding additional costs until consumers are already committed to making a purchase.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

2) Defence Acquisitions Council, recently seen in news is headed by

- a) Prime Minister of India
- b) Chief of Defence Staff
- c) Union Home Minister
- d) Union Defence Minister

3) Consider the following statements regarding Scorpene submarines.

- 1. The Scorpene submarines are conventional attack submarines, that are designed to target and sink adversary naval vessels.
- 2. They equipped with a range of surveillance and intelligence-gathering mechanisms
- 3. They are not designed to launch torpedoes and missiles.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

4) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Under Project 75-I, nuclear submarines are built domestically.
- 2. Project 75-I is also the first programme to be progressed under the Ministry of Defence’s new Strategic Partnership concept which offers a level-playing field to the private sector.
- 3. India currently has only one nuclear-powered submarine in service.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

5) Which of the following are India’s aircraft carriers?

- 1. INS Vikrant
- 2. INS Viraat
- 3. INS Vagir
- 4. INS Vikramaditya

How many of the above options are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

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11. Maps / Places

1) 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 Erie
- 4. Lake Baikal

How many of the above options are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

2) Consider the following statements.

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

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Yangtse region, recently seen in news is located in

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

4) The Pacific Islands can be divided on the basis of physical and human geography into which of the following parts?

- 1. Micronesia
- 2. Melanesia
- 3. Polynesia

Select the correct answer code:

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Pacific Island Countries (PICs).

- 1. They are located largely in the tropical zone of the Pacific Ocean between Asia, Australia and the Americas.
- 2. Since the islands are very small in land area, most of them do not have any Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs).
- 3. Fiji, Marshall Islands and Solomon Islands are part of Pacific Island Countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

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

- 1. Iraq
- 2. Israel
- 3. Syria
- 4. Lebanon
- 5. Turkey

Select the correct answer code:

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

12. Miscellaneous

1) Consider the following statements regarding Palliative care.

- 1. Palliative care is the branch of medicine focusing on improving the quality of life and preventing suffering among those with life-limiting illnesses.
 - 2. It aims to address the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social domains of the health of people.
 - 3. It also includes bereavement support for the caregivers in case of the death of the patient.
- How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None



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