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1. Economy

- 1) In recent years which of the following are the largest lender in the education loan sector in India?
- Private banks
 - Public sector Banks
 - Regional rural banks
 - Co-operative Banks
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA)-like facility for trading.
- ASBA is an application by an investor that contains an authorisation to a Self-Certified Syndicate Bank (SCSB) to block in the bank account the application money for subscribing to an issue.
 - The facility will be optional for investors and stock brokers.
 - Recently SEBI cancelled the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA)-like facility for trading in the secondary market.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Delisting of securities.
- Delisting means removing the securities of a listed company from a stock exchange.
 - Delisting happens only as a penal measure for the company not complying with requirements set out in the listing agreement.
 - A Delisting company needs to buy back 100% of the total issued shares.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Standing Deposit Facility (SDF).
- It has been introduced by Reserve Bank of India.
 - Like marginal standing facility (MSF), the SDF will be available on all days of the week, throughout the year.
 - It aims to induce liquidity in the system to promote growth.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- 5) Consider the following statements.
- As per the present rules, Global investors are not allowed to participate in initial public offering (IPO) of a company owned by the government.
 - A Red Herring Prospectus is a document filed by a company to SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) when it plans to raise money through initial public offering (IPO).
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Exchange Traded Funds (ETF).
- ETFs are passive funds listed and traded on stock exchanges like shares.
 - In an ETF, one can buy and sell units at prevailing market price on a real time basis during market hours.
 - Usually the fund manager selects stocks based on customers choice.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- 7) Consider the following statements regarding Foreign Exchange Management Act.
- Foreign Exchange Management Act came as a successor to the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, with changing economic conditions in a post-liberalisation India.
 - This act makes offences related to foreign exchange as criminal offenses.
 - Enforcement Directorate (ED) has the power to register a case against an organisation under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) for alleged foreign exchange violation.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

- 8) Consider the following statements.
1. As per the I-T Law, the year in which income is earned is called as assessment year.
 2. Anyone whose maximum income in a year exceeds one lakh must file Income Tax returns (ITR).
 3. By paying penalty the taxpayers can carry forward the losses incurred in the current Assessment Year, if they do not file their ITR before the deadline.

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 company limited by guarantee.

1. A company limited by guarantee is one in which, if the company goes bankrupt, those running it only have to pay a sum they had guaranteed to pay when it was set up.

2. Such a company has no shareholders, but is owned by a group of people called members or guarantors.

3. Usually, this structure is put in place for charitable organisations and non-profits.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 10) 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 correct?

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

- 11) Consider the following statements regarding Base Year.

1. The base year is a representative year which must not experience any abnormal incidents such as droughts, floods, earthquakes etc.

2. It gives an idea about changes in purchasing power and allows calculation of inflation-adjusted growth estimates.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 12) Which of the following is a measure that can be used by the Government to combat inflation?

- a) Providing more subsidies on exports
- b) Reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- c) Increasing the rate of interest on savings and fixed deposits
- d) Increasing the non-planned expenditure on defence, police etc

- 13) Consider the following statements.

1. When RBI books profit by selling dollars, it pays dividend to the Central Government.

2. In the last five years, the RBI was a net seller of dollars in each financial year.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

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SIMPLIFYING 2. Ecology and REPARATION

Environment

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Indian rhinoceros.

1. The Indian rhinoceros is found in the Brahmaputra valley, parts of North Bengal, and parts of southern Nepal.

2. The Indian rhino is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.

3. Assam's Manas National Park has the highest number of Indian rhinos in the wild in India.

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 Ocean acidification.

1. Ocean acidification is caused by uptake of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted by human activities.

2. It brings changes in species dominance, leading to ecosystem shifts in coastal waters.

3. Ocean acidification leads to increase in the pH of the ocean over an extended time.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

3) Which of the following regions of India is the natural habitat of the 'Great Indian Hornbill'?

- Salt marshes of western Gujarat
- Great *Himalayan* Range
- Sand deserts of northwest India
- Western Ghats

4) India launched International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) for conservation of big cats, which include

- Leopard
- Cheetah
- Jaguar
- Snow Leopard
- Lion

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

5) Consider the following statements regarding Bioremediation.

1. Bioremediation employs the use of living organisms, like microbes and bacteria to decontaminate affected areas.

2. Bioremediation is used to clean up oil spills or contaminated groundwater.

3. Bioremediation can be done only "in situ".

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

6) Consider the following statements regarding Mangalajodi area.

1. Mangalajodi is recognised as globally important for the conservation of bird population, where the area is used for roosting and nesting by migratory birds.

2. It is located at the edge of the Kolleru Lake in Andhra Pradesh.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

7) Consider the following pairs:

1. Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary: Madhya Pradesh

2. Parambikulam tiger reserve: Kerala

3. Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve: Maharashtra

4. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve: Rajasthan

5. Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary: West Bengal

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

8) The terms "Absorptive Capacity" and "Carrying capacity" are used in the discourse of

- Evolutionary biology
- Geographical determinism
- Sustainable Development
- Employment elasticity

9) India has committed to certain targets to reduce carbon emissions in view of global climate concerns. These include

1. Reducing total carbon emissions by one billion tonnes between 2021 to 2030

2. Achieving the target of net zero emissions by 2070

3. By 2050, Electric vehicles to constitute more than 50 percent of the total vehicles used.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

10) Consider the following statements regarding Debt-for-nature swaps.

1. Debt-for-nature swaps allow heavily indebted developing countries to seek help from financial institutions in the developed world with paying off their debt if they agree to spend on conservation of natural resources.

2. The world's first and largest debt swap to conserve oceans was signed by India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Blue Bonds for Ocean Conservation, sometimes seen in news is the initiative of

- a) United National Environment Programme
 b) International Union For Conservation Of Nature (IUCN)
 c) Earth System Governance Project (ESGP)
 d) The Nature Conservancy

3. Geography

- 1) Consider the following statements.
1. Warming or cooling of the Earth's surface depends on the balance between how much solar radiation the planet is absorbing and how much it is radiating away.
 2. The closer one is to the poles, the faster the rate of change in daylight is.
 3. For a particular location, rate of change in daylight is slowest at the equinoxes, and fastest at the solstices.
 4. Generally land masses in the Southern Hemisphere tend to have fewer very extreme temperatures than land in the Northern Hemisphere.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. *Mount St. Helens* is an active stratovolcano located in United States.
 2. Mauna Loa is part of Hawaiian archipelago.
 3. Mauna Loa is the largest active volcano in the world.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 3) Consider the following statements.
1. El Niño refers to an abnormal warming of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean waters off the coasts of Ecuador and Peru.
 2. Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) measures the average sea surface temperature deviation from the normal in the east-central equatorial Pacific region.
 3. El Niño usually strengthen and peak during the summer months.

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. Hawaii's volcanoes and Japan's Mount Fuji are examples for shield volcanoes.
 2. The gas in the magma of Hawaii's volcanoes tends to escape, and so lava flows down the side of their mountains when they erupt.
 3. In composite volcanoes, the steep, conical slopes are built by the eruption of viscous lava flows and rock, ash and gas.

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 Zero Shadow Day.

1. During 'Zero Shadow Day', the vertical objects appear to cast no shadow.
2. Every point on Earth experiences Zero Shadow Day on different days in a year.
3. One Zero Shadow Day falls during the Uttarayan when the Sun moves northwards, and the other during Dakshinayan when the Sun moves southwards.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 6) The typical impacts of El Niño include:
1. Severe droughts in parts of southern South America, the Horn of Africa and central Asia.
 2. Increased rainfall over Australia, Indonesia, and parts of southern Asia.
 3. Hurricanes in the central/eastern Pacific Ocean and can hinder hurricane formation in the Atlantic Basin.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding total fertility rate (TFR).

1. The TFR is the average number of births by women aged 15-49 based on surveys for a particular period/year.

2. A TFR of 2.1 is considered as “replacement-level fertility”.
3. Populations cannot grow when TFRs are falling.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 8) Consider the following statements.
- Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia are the major groups of Pacific Islands.
 - Papua New Guinea is located north of Australia.
 - Papua New Guinea is among the least populous Pacific Island nation.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 9) Consider the following statements.
- Seafloor spreading is the result of mantle convection.
 - Convection currents recycle lithospheric materials back to the mantle.
 - Seafloor spreading occurs mainly at convergent plate boundaries.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

4. Government Schemes and Programmes

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Annual Status of Education Report (ASER).
- ASER is a nationwide household survey that covers all districts in India.
 - It estimates for schooling and basic learning for every State in India.
 - Since its inception, ASER has measured foundational skills in reading and arithmetic.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

1. The PMGKAY was introduced in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic to provide free foodgrains to eligible ration card holders.

2. The PMGKAY has been merged with National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 3) Consider the following statements.

1. Aadhaar is a verifiable 12-digit identification number issued by Unique Identification Authority of India on behalf of the Government of India.

2. The masked Aadhaar implies displaying only the first four digits of the Aadhaar number and replacing the last 8 digits of Aadhaar number with some characters.

3. The masked Aadhaar facility has been in place since the launch of Aadhaar facility.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 4) The National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 anchors which of the following

1. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)

2. PM POSHAN scheme

3. Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)

4. PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

Select the correct answer code:

- 1, 2, 4
- 1, 3
- 1, 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3, 4

5) Match the following initiatives by the Government of India.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana | A. focuses on more crops per drop |
| 2. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana: | B. promotes organic farming |
| 3. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana | C. Maintenance of soil fertility |
| 4. Integrated Nutrient Management | D. Improving food access, especially for vulnerable populations |

Select the correct answer code:

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding the provisions of Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017.

1. It allows 26 weeks of paid leave after childbirth, to biological and adoptive mothers.
2. The Act is applicable to all establishments employing 10 or more than 10 persons in Factories, Mines, Plantation, Shops & Establishments and other entities.

3. Establishment having fifty or more employees shall have to provide creche facility, either separately or along with common facilities.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding BharatNet project.

1. BharatNet is the rural telecom project implemented in a phased manner to all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats (GPs) in India for last-mile broadband connectivity.
2. The project is being executed by Bharat Broadband Network (BBNL), an arm of State-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam (BSNL).
3. The project is implemented with the help of village level entrepreneurs.

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. In India, the Radio Club of Bombay was the first to send out the commercial radio transmission.
2. At present, the All India Radio functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
3. At present, All India Radio is available to 100 per cent of India's land area and all of its population.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Bima Sugam.

1. It's an online platform where customers can choose a suitable insurance scheme from multiple options given by various companies.
2. Brokers and agent bodies will be the majority stakeholder.
3. The platform does not deal with settlement of claims, whether it's health coverage or death claims.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

1. ONDC is an interoperable network that seeks to democratise digital commerce in India.

2. The ONDC entity, a not-for-profit company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013, manages and operates the ONDC Network.

3. ONDC eliminates the need for buyers and sellers to use the same application, and promotes the discoverability of local digital stores across industries.

4. ONDC has been endorsed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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 regarding PARAKH initiative.

1. PARAKH has been set up as the organisation under Central Board of Secondary Education.

2. Its mandate is to work on bringing the school examination boards across the States and the Union Territories on a common platform.

3. PARAKH will act as a common platform for interaction of all concerned stakeholders in order to promote equity in performance and equivalence in assessment of students.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. Ganga Praharis are motivated and trained volunteers from among the local communities working for biodiversity conservation and cleanliness of the Ganga River.

2. Ganga Praharis are constituted by the National Mission for Clean Ganga and the Wildlife Institute of India (NMCG-WII) under the Namami Gange programme.

3. The United Nations has recognised the Namami Gange initiative as one of the top 10 World Restoration Flagships involved in reviving the natural world.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Renke commission, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Defence modernisation
- b) Agricultural marketing.
- c) Sub-categorisation of OBC
- d) Denotified tribes (DNTs)

14) Consider the following statements regarding Census exercise in India.

1. The Census of India Act of 1948 provides the legal framework for carrying out the Census.

2. The Constitution of India mentions when the Census has to be carried out, or what the frequency of this exercise should be.

3. All the members of the United Nations follow the 10-year cycle for their Census.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements.

1. The official language committee is a statutory committee, whose duty is to review the progress made in the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union and submit a report to the President.

2. The official languages Act, 1963 provides for the continuance of English indefinitely as official language along with Hindi for the official purposes of the Union and for transaction of business in Parliament.

3. The official language committee is mandated to recommend the medium of instruction in universities and professional institutions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Science and Technology

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Antibiotics work by binding to a specific target protein on a bacteria, then entering to kill it from the inside.

2. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria evolve to evade antibiotics.

3. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics are the biggest drivers of antibiotic resistance.

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How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) In Humans, Conjunctivitis most commonly affects

- a) Respiratory tract
- b) Kidney
- c) Brain
- d) Eyes

3) Ganymede, Callisto and Europa are the moons of

- a) Venus
- b) Mercury
- c) Jupiter
- d) Saturn

4) Consider the following statements regarding Quantum computing.

1. Quantum computer works on the principle of Superposition, which makes it possible for the qubit to exist in both 0 and 1 state simultaneously.

2. As more qubits are added, the processing capability of the quantum computer increases exponentially.

3. Building a quantum computer requires very cold temperatures and extreme isolation.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Migraine is a disease caused by hypersensitive brain. Which of the following factors can trigger migraine?

- 1. Hunger or dehydration
- 2. Hormone fluctuations during periods and pregnancy
- 3. Diets containing ultra-processed foods
- 4. Bright lights
- 5. Strong smells like perfume or smoke

How many of the above options are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements.

1. When compared to Earth, the moon is significantly depleted of volatile elements such as sodium.

2. Sodium is the only element that can be observed through telescopes in the lunar 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

7) Consider the following statements.

1. Neurotoxicity occurs when exposure to natural or man-made toxic substances alters the normal activity of the nervous system.

2. Neurotoxins directly attack the respiratory tract of the body, thereby overpowering the oxygen concentration of the body.

3. Methane, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide are not considered as neurotoxic gases.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements.

1. Aditya L-1 mission was carried into space by Launch Vehicle Mark-3.

2. One of the objectives of the Aditya L-1 mission is to examine coronal mass ejections (CMEs), which are large expulsions of plasma and magnetic fields from the Sun's corona.

3. While the corona is the Sun's outermost layer, the chromosphere is just below it.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Non fungible tokens (NFTs).

1. Anything that can be converted into a digital form can be a Non fungible token.

2. Non fungible tokens are backed by Blockchain technology.

3. Anyone who holds a cryptocurrency wallet can buy an NFT.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Lagrange points.

1. There are more than ten Lagrange points between any two-celestial body system.
2. The points can be used as 'parking spots' for spacecraft in space to remain in a fixed position with minimal fuel consumption.
3. Between the Earth and the Sun, a satellite can occupy any of the Lagrangian points.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding Mixed Reality.

1. Mixed reality involves the blending of real and virtual worlds.
2. It combines aspects of both virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR).
3. Physical and virtual objects cannot co-exist in mixed reality environments.

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. Quantum Technology is based on the principles of quantum theory, which explains the nature of energy and matter on the atomic and subatomic level.
2. National Mission on Quantum Technologies & Applications (NM-QTA) is being implemented by the Department of Science & Technology (DST).
3. In India, the Centre has declared quantum technology as a "mission of national importance".

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) The most common chemicals used for cloud seeding are

1. Silver iodide
2. Potassium iodide
3. Dry ice
4. Sodium Chloride

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Backscatter scanner.

1. Backscatter X-ray detects the radiation that reflects from the target.
2. It can operate only if two side of the target is available for examination.
3. A backscatter scanner cannot detect substances such as plastic.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Millimeter wave scanner.

1. It is one of the common technologies of full body scanner used for body imaging.
2. It uses a form of electromagnetic radiation.
3. It cannot detect objects concealed underneath a person's clothing.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Between the Earth and the Sun, a satellite can occupy any of five Lagrangian points. In this regard, consider the following statements regarding Lagrangian points.

1. L1 gets a continuous and unhindered view of the Sun.
2. L2 is located behind the Earth, and thus obstructs the view of the Sun.
3. L4 and L5 are good and stable locations but are much farther from Earth compared to L1.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements.

1. In India, the National Cancer Awareness Day coincides with the birth anniversary of C.V. Raman.

2. The discovery of radium and polonium, are known as the two most significant contributors to the fight against cancer.

3. Nuclear energy radiotherapy is one of the most widely used therapies for cancer treatment.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements regarding stem cells.

1. They can divide over and over again to produce new cells.
2. As they divide, they can change into the other types of cell that make up the body.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements.

1. Unlike nuclear fission which splits atomic nuclei, the nuclear fusion mimics the sun's energy production by merging two nuclei.
2. Nuclear fission offers a safer and more abundant energy source than nuclear fusion.
3. Recently India has unveiled the world's largest operational experimental nuclear fusion reactor.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. International Relations and Organisations

1) MARPOL Convention, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- b) Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- c) Prevention of Transnational Organized Crime
- d) Sustainable Development

2) Consider the following statements regarding the membership change in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

1. Changing the membership of the Council requires amending the UN Charter.
2. It involves consent of one-third of the total membership of the UN, including the

concurring votes of permanent members of the UN Security Council.

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) Consider the following statements.

1. United Nations Charter provides for collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations.
2. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights provides that a group of people can freely determine their political status.
3. The principle of non-intervention is one of the core principles of the United Nations.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) The UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage can be manifested in which of the following domains?

1. Traditional craftsmanship
2. Social practices
3. Oral traditions and expressions
4. Knowledge and practices concerning nature

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding the roles and functions of UN General Assembly (UNGA).

1. All the decisions including admission of new members and budgetary matters are made through voting and require a two-thirds majority.
2. Each sovereign state gets one vote and the votes are binding on the membership.
3. UNGA has no binding veto powers like the UN Security Council.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Which of the following are recognised as "Three Sisters" by the World Trade Organization's

(WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Agreement?

1. International Plant Protection Convention

(IPPC)

2. Codex Alimentarius Commission
3. Pacific Plant Protection Organization
4. World Organization for Animal Health

(OIE)

Select the correct answer code:

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

1. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is a United Nations body that strengthens the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

2. It is intended to serve a similar role to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

3. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provides secretariat services to IPBES.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding Stapled visa.

1. A 'stapled visa' is an unstamped piece of paper that is attached by a pin or staples to a page of the passport.

2. Like a regular visa, Stapled visa cannot be torn off or detached at will.

3. The Chinese government reportedly issues 'stapled visas' to Indian citizens from Arunachal Pradesh.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

9) Green Grids Initiative (GGI) and One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) were initiated by

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

10) Consider the following statements.

1. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is India's first state-backed wealth fund.

2. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) launched a multi-million-dollar fund to invest in sustainability projects in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Which of the following countries are part of 'Chip 4 Alliance'?

1. India
2. United States
3. Japan
4. Australia
5. Taiwan
6. South Korea

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 3, 5, 6
- c) 2, 3, 5, 6
- d) 1, 4, 5, 6

12) Consider the following statements regarding Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

1. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is a United Nations affiliated watchdog monitoring money laundering, terror financing, and other threats to global financial networks.

2. The FATF grey list signals to international financial and banking systems that there are increased risks in transacting with the country in grey list.

3. To get out of the grey list, the country has to fulfil tasks recommended by the FATF, such as confiscating properties of individuals associated with terrorist groups.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements.

1. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a legally-binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child.

2. India has signed, but has not yet ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

3. Presently, India's Right to Education Act covers children from 6 to 18 years of age.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding the recently inaugurated Southeast Asia's first high-speed railway.

1. It is a key project under India's Act East Policy.

2. The railway connects Jakarta with Bandung.

3. It runs on electrical energy, which is expected to reduce carbon emissions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) The northern provinces of Shanxi, Henan and Inner Mongolia mine were recently in news. They were associated with

- a) Iron
- b) Uranium
- c) Lignite
- d) Coal

16) Which of the following countries resumed commercial flights for the first time in a decade?

- a) Somalia and Egypt
- b) Sudan and South Africa
- c) Italy and Libya
- d) Italy and Egypt

17) Consider the following statements.

1. A first-of-its-kind global summit on Traditional Medicine was held in India and was organised by the World Health Organization (WHO).

2. The "Gujarat declaration, the main outcome the global summit on Traditional Medicine, aims to enhance the appropriate integration of traditional medicine into national health systems.

3. Traditional medicine is important for preventing and treating non-communicable diseases.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

c) All three

d) None

18) Consider the following statements regarding World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

1. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is one of the 15 specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN).

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

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

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

1. The large majority of UNDEF funds go to local civil society organizations.

2. UNDEF subsists entirely on voluntary contributions from Governments.

3. UNDEF falls under the direct authority of the UN Secretary-General.

4. India is among the top ten biggest UNDEF donor countries.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Which of the following countries are members of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)?

- 1. India
- 2. Sri Lanka
- 3. Mauritius
- 4. Bangladesh
- 5. Maldives

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

21) Cape Town Convention (CTC), sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Sustainable Development Goals
- b) Ethical principles regarding human experimentation

- c) Financing and leasing of aircraft, engines, and spare parts
 d) Protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury

7. Polity

- 1) Consider the following statements.
 1. The term 'bail' has been expressly defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and also differentiates between "bailable" and "non-bailable" offenses.
 2. Interim bail is given when an anticipatory bail application is pending before the court.
 Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
 a) 1 only
 b) 2 only
 c) Both 1 and 2
 d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 2) Consider the following statements.
 1. If at any time, except when both Houses of Parliament are in session, the President may promulgate an Ordinance if he is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action.
 2. An Ordinance shall not have the same force and effect as an Act of Parliament.
 3. The government is required to bring an Ordinance before Parliament for ratification, and failure to do so will lead to its lapsing at the expiration of six weeks from the reassembly of Parliament.

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

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Anticipatory bail.
 1. Anticipatory bail can be granted by the High Court or the Court of Session.
 2. It is granted for non-bailable offenses for which one anticipates arrest, even if the actual arrest has not happened or the FIR has not been registered.
 3. Before granting Anticipatory bail, the court can impose the condition that the person shall not leave India without the previous permission of the court.

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

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Bar Council of India (BCI).
 1. The BCI is a statutory body established under the Advocates Act, 1961.
 2. It regulates legal practice and legal education in India.
 3. As per the rules framed by the BCI, foreign lawyers and law firms are not allowed to practice in India.

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

- 5) In legislative parlance, the term "guillotine" is used in the context of

- a) Passage of private member's bill
 b) Passage of financial business
 c) Passage of Motion of Thanks
 d) Passage of no confidence motion

SIMPLIFIED 6) The Supreme Court's ruling in Lily Thomas v

Union of India case is related to

- a) Right to life under Article 21
 b) National Judicial Appointments Commission
 c) Disqualification of Member of Parliament
 d) Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition

- 7) The Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides which of the following?
 1. Qualifications and disqualifications for membership of Legislature of each State
 2. Conduct of election to the Houses of Parliament
 3. The corrupt practices and other offences in connection with elections to State Legislature.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 8) Consider the following statements regarding Solicitor General of India (SGI).
 1. The Solicitor General of India (SGI) is the second-highest law officer of the country.

2. The Solicitor General of India (SGI) is subordinate to the Attorney General for India.
3. The post of Solicitor General of India (SGI) is a constitutional post.

4. The Solicitor General of India (SGI) is appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) The Constitution of India confers which of the following rights to the Attorney General of India?

- 1. He has the right to speak and take part in the proceedings of either House of Parliament.
- 2. He can take part in the joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament.
- 3. He is entitled to vote in both the Houses of Parliament.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary Committees in India.

- 1. Presiding Officers of the House cannot refer a matter to a Parliamentary Committee, without consulting the leaders of parties in the House.
- 2. An invitation to appear before a Parliamentary Committee is equivalent to a summons from a court.
- 3. Reports of Departmentally Related Standing Committees are recommendatory in nature.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Article 340 of the Constitution of India provides for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the conditions for the improvement of

- a) Women and Children
- b) Disabled population
- c) Transgender Persons
- d) Backward Classes

12) Consider the following statements regarding Split verdict delivered by Supreme Court.

- 1. A split verdict is passed when the Supreme Court Bench cannot decide one way or the other in a case, either by a unanimous decision or by a majority verdict.
- 2. Split verdicts can happen even when the Bench has an odd number of judges.
- 3. In case of a split verdict, the case is heard by a larger Bench.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements.

- 1. As per Census 2011, more than three-fourth of India's population was below 35 years of age.
- 2. The average age of MPs in the Lok Sabha has risen from the First Lok Sabha (1952-57) to the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-2023).
- 3. The number of women candidates in the Lok Sabha has dropped from the First Lok Sabha (1952-57) to the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-2023).

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements.

- 1. As per The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, the election of the Deputy Speaker shall be held on such date as the President may fix.
- 2. Usually, the Deputy Speaker is elected soon after the election of the Speaker.
- 3. Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall vacate his office if he ceases to be a Member of the House of the People.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Money Bill.

- 1. Article 110 of the Constitution deals with Money Bills.
- 2. Money Bill deals with the appropriation of public funds from only the Consolidated Fund of India.

3. The union budget cannot be considered as a money bill.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Which of the following provision are included under Money Bill?

1. The regulation of the borrowing of money or the giving of any guarantee by the Government of India.

2. Custody of the consolidated Fund or the Contingency Fund of India

3. Imposition of fines or other pecuniary penalties

4. Regulation of any tax by any local authority

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements.

1. The Governor is the head of the state's executive power, and acts only on the advice of the council of ministers on all matters.

2. While the Governor does not have to seek anyone's advice while appointing the Chief Minister, he can appoint a minister only on the recommendation of the Chief Minister.

3. The Governor can determine the time needed for a party to prove its majority or which party must be called first to do so, in a hung Assembly.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. History, Art and Culture

1) Consider the following statements regarding Tibetan Buddhism.

1. Buddhism in Tibet evolved from the Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions of Buddhism.

2. It incorporated many tantric and shamanic practices of post-Gupta period Buddhism in India.

3. Nyingma, Kagyu, Sakya and Gelug are the major schools of Tibetan Buddhism.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Vaikom Satyagraha, a nonviolent agitation during 1924 was related to

- a) Educated middle-class movement
- b) Peasant agitation
- c) Tribal Uprising
- d) Temple entry movement

3) Consider the following statements regarding Lothal.

1. Lothal was a thriving trade centre in ancient times, with its trade of beads, gems and ornaments reaching West Asia and Africa.

2. Lothal had the world's earliest known dock, connecting the city to an ancient course of the Sabarmati river.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Sammakka Saralamma Jatara – which is considered among the largest gatherings of tribal people in the world, is held in

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Telangana

5) Manamadurai pottery that earned a Geographical Indication (GI) tag belongs to

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala

6) Consider the following pairs:

Literary Work	Author
1. Harshacharita	Bilhana
2. Vikramankadevacharita	Bana
3. Rajatarangini	Kalhana

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

1. At Jallianwala Bagh people gathered for a public meeting against the arrest of Dr Satyapal and Dr Saifuddin Kitchlew for opposing the Ilbert Bill.

2. Hunter Committee was set up to investigate the Jallianwala bagh incident.

3. Rabindranath Tagore gave up his knighthood as a response to the incident.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Agriculture

1) The crop is sub-tropical in nature. Hard-frost is injurious to it and it requires at least 210 frost-free days. Only light-rainfall (50 to 100 centimetres) is preferred. It requires high temperatures and bright sunshine for its growth. These conditions hold good for which of the following crops?

- a) Cotton
- b) Jute
- c) Tea
- d) Sugarcane

2) Consider the following statements.

1. Rice exports from India have been mainly driven by basmati rice exports.

2. India's Basmati rice exports are mainly to the Persian Gulf countries.

3. India is the world's top producer and exporter of Cotton.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements.

1. In the last 5 years, sunflower oil constituted the maximum quantity of India's edible oil imports.

2. The majority of the edible oil consumed in India is produced domestically.

3. More than 50 percent of India's sunflower oil is consumed in south India.

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 term 'Grey Zone Operations' is associated with

- a) Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- b) Strategic intervention to prevent malnutrition
- c) Early warning system of tropical storms
- d) Cyber Warfare

2) Consider the following statements regarding Interpol.

1. Interpol is an inter-governmental organisation, which helps police forces in all the member countries to better coordinate their actions.

2. It is headed by a secretary general, with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

3. It issues Red Notice (RN) that alerts police forces across the world about fugitives who are wanted internationally.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

1. Indo-Tibetan Border Police is one of the Central Armed Police Forces, established in the aftermath of the Sino-Indian War of 1962.

2. Disaster rescue is one of the major roles of the ITBP.

3. ITBP is involved in the security set-up of Parliament.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX).

1. Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) framework aim to foster technology development in

- Defence and Aerospace Sector by engaging MSMEs, start-ups and individual innovators.
2. iDEX offers technical handholding through associated Partner Incubators.
 3. Ministry of Defence accords Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for iDEX products.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

- 5) Operation Shakti and Operation Smiling Buddha are related to
 - a) Fleeing Hindus and Buddhists from Afghanistan
 - b) Capture of Golden Temple
 - c) India's nuclear bomb test
 - d) Combined operation against Naxalites
- 6) The Garuda Shakti Exercise is a bilateral joint special force exercise between India and
 - a) Nepal
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) Japan
 - d) Indonesia

11. Reports and Indices

- 1) Food Price Index (FPI) is a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities. FPI is released by
 - a) World Trade Organisation
 - b) International Food Policy Research Institute
 - c) World Bank
 - d) None of the above
- 2) The Food Price Index published by FAO tracks
 - a) Monthly changes in international prices of a basket of food commodities
 - b) Average price of selected grains in the public stockholding programmes of major agricultural nations
 - c) The prices of grains consumed by the poorest of the poor sections globally
 - d) Ratio of average prices of major agricultural crops in developed and developing countries
- 3) World Air Quality Report, sometimes seen in news is released by

- a) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - b) Lancet
 - c) Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)
 - d) IQAir
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
 1. National Multidimensional Poverty Index is released by NITI Aayog.
 2. The National MPI measures simultaneous deprivations across the three equally weighted dimensions of health, education, and standard of living.
 3. Between 2015-16 and 2019-21, the MPI value has nearly halved and the intensity of poverty has reduced.
 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.
 1. Food Price Index (FPI) is a weighted average of world prices of a basket of food commodities with a base period 2014-16.
 2. Food Price Index (FPI) is released by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
 3. India's agri exports in recent times, have been powered by Marine products, rice and sugar.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
 1. Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is released by World Bank.
 2. The global MPI constructs on indicators spanning health, education and standard of living.
 3. The MPI ranges from 0 to 1, and higher values imply higher poverty.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None

12. Maps / Places

1) Match List 1 with List 2 and select the correct answer code:

List 1 (Lake)

- A. Vembanad
- B. Khajjiar

Nadu

- C. Kaliveli

Pradesh

- D. Khecheopalri

List 2 (State)

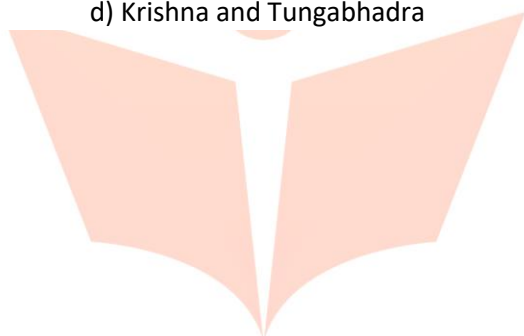
- 1. Sikkim
- 2. Tamil
- 3. Himachal
- 4. Kerala

Select the correct answer code:

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

2) Which two rivers flow in the region between gulbarga and vijayanagara hampi?

- a) Narmada and Godavari
- b) Mahanadi and Godavari
- c) Kaveri and Periyar
- d) Krishna and Tungabhadra



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