

1. Which of the following are among the mechanisms presently available in India to prevent 'fake news'?
  1. Article 324 of the Constitution
  2. Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Which of the following judgments upheld the validity of the death penalty and laid down guidelines for awarding death in 'the rarest of rare' cases?
  - (a) Golaknath v State of Punjab
  - (b) KM Nanavati v State of Maharashtra
  - (c) Bachan Singh v State of Punjab
  - (d) Indira Gandhi v Raj Narain
3. Which of the following recently released the 'new India strategy document', outlining its strategy towards India, after 14 years?
  - (a) World Bank
  - (b) International Monetary Fund
  - (c) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
  - (d) European Union
4. Consider the following statements:
  1. European Union is India's largest trading partner.
  2. European Union is India's biggest foreign investor.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements about the 'Paris climate deal':
  1. It asks countries to take steps to avoid temperatures from rising beyond 2C of pre-industrial levels.
  2. It aims to contain the rise of the temperature to even 1.5 C as far as possible, by the end of the century.
  3. Currently global emissions are poised to warm the world by 3C by the end of the century.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
6. Which of the following missiles have been developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP)?
  1. Prithvi
  2. Agni
  3. Astra

4. Aakash

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (d) All of the above

7. Sriharikota Island, which houses India's satellite launch centre, Satish Dhawan Space Centre, is located in which of the following lakes?

- (a) Chilika Lake
- (b) Pulicat Lake
- (c) Kolleru Lake
- (d) Loktak Lake

8. Consider the following statements about the Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC):

- 1. Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) is the world's largest maritime military exercise that involves forces from many countries.
- 2. RIMPAC is run every year in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- 3. Nations with an interest in the Pacific Rim region send ships, aircraft and troops to take part in the exercise.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

9. Kayakalp Award Scheme aims to improving Cleanliness, Hygiene and waste management practices in:

- (a) Public Health Facilities
- (b) Public Schools
- (c) Tier I and Tier II Towns
- (d) Metropolitan Cities

10. Consider the following statements about the CIBIL (Credit Information Bureau of India Limited):

- 1. CIBIL Score was introduced in 2007 as India's first credit scoring model for banking and financial institutions in the country.
- 2. CIBIL is known for maintaining one of the largest collections of consumer information at global level
- 3. CIBIL is licensed by the Reserve Bank of India and is governed by the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act of 2005.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. PSLV-C43 sent 31 satellites, along with India's advanced earth observation satellite HysIS.
- 2. Except HysIS all other satellites were of foreign countries.
- 3. This was the 43<sup>rd</sup> flight of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

12. Consider the following statements about India's Hyper Spectral Imaging Satellite (HysIS), also dubbed as sharp eye:

- 1. The HysIS is an Earth observation satellite.
- 2. The HysIS could be used for anti-terror operations.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

13. DiEM25, which was recently in news, is:

- (a) It is a group of European countries opposed to the influx of migrants.
- (b) It is a pan-European, cross-border movement of democrats.
- (c) It is a new group of countries that have extended support to Russia against Ukraine.
- (d) It is a group of non-governmental organisations across Europe demanding to make Europe a nuclear-free zone.

14. Donetsk and Luhansk, where separatists have declared independence, belong to:

- (a) Canada
- (b) Spain
- (c) Ireland
- (d) Ukraine

15. Consider the following statements about special purpose vehicle (SPV):

- 1. It is formed for a single, well-defined and narrow purpose.
- 2. SPVs are mostly formed to raise funds from the market.
- 3. The SPV has to adhere to lesser regulations than the normal companies as laid down in the Companies Act.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

16. Which of the following are among the characteristics of the Sun-synchronous orbits?

- 1. These orbits are also referred to as "High Earth Orbit (HEO)".
- 2. They enable the on-board camera to take images of the earth under the same sun-illumination conditions during each of the repeated visits.
- 3. The satellite in this orbit makes over the same area on ground thus making the satellite useful for earth resources monitoring.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

17. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the DISHA Committee?
1. The main purpose of this committee is to coordinate with Central, State and local Panchayat Governments, for successful and timely implementation of the schemes.
  2. The Committee cannot supersede the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee currently mandated by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements:
1. Carbon sequestration is the short-term storage of carbon in plants, soils, geologic formations, and the ocean.
  2. Carbon sequestration is the storage of carbon that has the immediate potential to become carbon dioxide gas.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
19. Which of the following condition(s) need to be satisfied by the communities to get 'Open Defecation Free' status?
1. No visible faeces found in the environment/village.
  2. Every household using a safe technology option for disposal of faeces.
  3. Every public/community institutions using a safe technology option for disposal of faeces.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) All of the above
20. Under the Drug and Cosmetics Act, which of the following are the functions of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization?
1. Approval of New Drugs
  2. Approval of Clinical Trials
  3. Regulation of manufacture, sale and distribution of Drugs
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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11 a   12 c   13 b   14 d   15 a   16 b   17 a   18 b   19 d   20 a