

7. Biochemical oxygen demand of waste water is estimated by measuring the amount of:
- Total organic matter
 - Biodegradable organic matter
 - Oxygen evolution
 - Oxygen consumption
8. 'Strategy 2030' has been designed to eradicate extreme poverty and achieve sustainable growth in Asia and the Pacific region. This is an initiative of:
- International Monetary Fund
 - World Bank
 - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - Asian Development Bank
9. Consider the following statements about the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme:
- The elected Lok Sabha members can recommend works to the tune of Rs.5 Crores per annum to be taken up in his/her constituency.
 - The elected Rajya Sabha members can recommend works to the tune of Rs.5 Crores per annum in one or more districts in the State from where he/she has been elected.
 - The Nominated Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have to select any one or more districts from the State of which they are permanent residents.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All of the above
10. Parliamentary privileges are available to which of the following?
- Members of the Rajya Sabha
 - Members of the Lok Sabha
 - Union Ministers who are not members of either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha
 - President of India
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 2, 3 and 4 only
 - 1, 3 and 4 only
 - All of the above
11. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003 requires the central government to ensure prudential debt management through limits on:
- Borrowings
 - Debt
 - Deficits
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All of the above

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Off-budget financing refers to the government's finances which are not accounted for in the budget documents.
 2. Off-budget methods are outside budgetary control and thus, parliamentary control.
 3. Off-budget methods are used to finance capital investments but not revenue expenditure.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

13. Which of the following Articles of the Constitution provides for the GST Council to make recommendations to the centre and states on any special rate (for a specified period) to raise additional resources during any natural calamity or disaster?

14. Consider the following statements about the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT):

1. The President of the GSTAT should be the judicial member.
 2. Of the two technical members, one will represent the centre, and the other will represent the states.
 3. The judicial member will be appointed by the central government after consultation with the Chief Justice of India or his nominee.

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

15. Consider the following statements about the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2017:

1. The Bill prohibits detention of children till they complete elementary education i.e., class 8.
 2. If a child fails in the examinations, he will be given additional instruction, and will take a re-examination.
 3. If he fails in the re-examination, the relevant central or state government may decide to allow schools to detain the child.

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. Consider the following statements about the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):

1. The NCAP aims to meet the prescribed annual average ambient air quality standards at all locations in the country.
 2. The NCAP envisages setting up an Air Quality Forecasting System which will accurately forecast air pollution on a daily basis and forecast expected air pollution exigencies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Which of the following colour codes signifying the level of caution issued by Indian Meteorological Department are correctly matched with the associated warning?

1. Green: which means no action
2. Yellow: situation to be watched
3. Amber: government agencies be prepared for severe weather
4. Red: action needed by the agencies

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. The Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures is concerned with which of the following organisations?

- (a) World Trade Organisation
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) World Health Organisation
- (d) United Nations

19. For which of the following categories a Geographical Indication (GI) tag can be given?

- (a) Agricultural Product
- (b) Natural Product
- (c) Manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods)
- (d) All of the above

20. Consider the following statements:

1. Pancheswar dam is being jointly carried out by India and Bhutan.
2. It is located in the Kumaon hills on the Indo—Bhutan border.
3. It is proposed on the Mahakali river.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

ANSWER KEYS

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