

1. Consider the following statements:
  1. A cryptocurrency is basically an asset that has been created to function as a medium of exchange, like cash.
  2. Cryptocurrencies exist in both physical and digital form.
 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. Consider the following statements:
  1. Indirect taxes tend to be regressive because they affect the poor disproportionately.
  2. The Goods and Services tax is an indirect tax.
  3. Excise duties on petrol and diesel are indirect taxes.
 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
3. Which of the following are correctly matched?
 

**Places: States**

  1. Manikarnika Ghat: Varanasi
  2. Meenakshi Temple: Odisha
  3. Mahakaleshwar Temple: Ujjain
 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 the above
4. Consider the following statements about 'Gatka':
  1. It is a traditional martial art form that is historically associated with the Sikh gurus.
  2. It is believed to have originated by tenth Sikh Guru Gobind Singh ii.
  3. It is played at the national level.
 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
5. "Nine-dash line" is related to:
 

(a) South China Sea dispute
(b) Boundary line dispute between Pakistan and Afghanistan
(c) Land border claimed by Kurds in Iraq
(d) None of these
6. Consider the following statements:
  1. Arun III hydropower project is the largest hydroelectric project undertaken by the India government in Bhutan.
  2. Arun III hydropower project is a run-of-river project.
  3. Arun III hydropower project is located on the Arun River.
 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

7. Which of the following most appropriately defines the term 'Bad Bank'?
- A bank whose non-performing assets have been more than the national average.
  - A bank which has been placed under RBI's 'Prompt Action Framework'.
  - A professionally run Public Sector Asset Rehabilitation Agency.
  - A bank found accused in money-laundering case.
8. Consider the following statements:
- The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 calls for setting up of a Biodiversity Management Committee in each district level body.
  - The Committee will prepare People's Biodiversity Registers (PRBs), with tribals as members or people living in natural areas not classified legally as forest.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
9. Under the Indian Constitution, the President and the Governors are empowered with the power to pardon under Articles:
- 72 and 161 respectively.
  - 73 and 162 respectively.
  - 74 and 163 respectively.
  - 75 and 164 respectively.
10. Swells are different from Tsunami as:
- A tsunami is caused by a massive disturbance to a large body of water which has to be under the water or in the water, whereas swell waves are formed by wind.
  - Tsunami waves travel through the whole water column down to the sea floor, whereas ocean swells are surface waves.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
11. Consider the following statements about the Quality Council of India (QCI):
- It is an autonomous organization under NITI Aayog.
  - It is the Quality Apex and National Accreditation Body for accreditation and quality promotion in the country.
  - The Council was established to provide a credible, reliable mechanism for third party assessment of products, services and processes which is accepted and recognized globally.
- 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. Which of the following are the Maharatna Central Public Enterprise?
- ONGC Videsh Limited
  - Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited
  - Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
  - Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

13. Which of the following are among the core infrastructure sectors in the context of India?

- 1. Steel
- 2. Cement
- 3. Fertilizers
- 4. Information Technology

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. Consider the following statements about the flaws of the Minimum Support Price in India:

- 1. Its reach is limited, in terms of both the crops and the geographical area it covers.
- 2. Though every year MSPs are announced for 20-plus crops before the sowing season begins, actual procurement at MSP is restricted to a few crops such as paddy and wheat.
- 3. The crops with effective MSPs such as rice, wheat and sugarcane, where support prices are effective now, are also water-intensive.

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:

- 1. Kepler Space Telescope is an observatory in space dedicated to finding planets outside our solar system.
- 2. The telescope has revealed that larger gas giants such as Jupiter are more common than small, rocky planets similar to Earth.

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

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Vande Mataram first came to be known in the form of a poem composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1870's.
- 2. Vande Mataram was included in Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's 1881 novel "Anandamath".
- 3. Several verses of the song Vande Mataram were adopted as the National Song in early 20th 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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Duty credit scrip is one of the most important export promotion incentive provided by the government at present to exporters.
2. The approach of the scheme is to promote exports by giving tax incentives to the exporters.
3. The duty credit scrip is a pass that allows the holder to import commodities by not paying a specified amount in import duties.

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

18. Which of the following are the schemes of Ministry of Women and Child Development under Nirbhaya Fund?

1. One Stop Centre
2. Universalisation of Women Helpline
3. Central Victim Compensation Fund
4. Mahila Police Volunteer

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

19. Making anti-viral drugs is more difficult than making anti-bacterial medicines because:

- (a) Viruses make use of host machinery.
- (b) Viruses are on the border line of living and non-living.
- (c) Viruses have very few biochemical mechanisms of their own.
- (d) Viruses have a protein coat.

20. Consider the following statements:

1. Camera traps and pugmark tracing are some of the most commonly employed methods to count tigers.
2. Unlike the camera traps, which estimates a minimum census, pugmark tracing yields a total population.

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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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