

1. 'NDM-1', which was recently in news, is:
 - (a) A newly found radioactive substance.
 - (b) An important constituent of the dark matter.
 - (c) The antibiotic resistant gene found as far as Arctic.
 - (d) A cancer causing gene particularly active among certain sections of Indian population.
2. Consider the following statements regarding the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status:
 1. It means a special preference for the country given MFN status.
 2. It means the country given MFN status would be treated equally as all others.
 3. It means that if one country is granted a trade concession then all WTO members must be extended the same concessions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

3. Consider the following statements:
 1. India's trade with Pakistan is less than \$3 billion dollars.
 2. Pakistan has never granted the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to India.
 3. Revoking the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan would affect Pakistan more, in terms of trade balance, than India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

4. Langpih, which was recently in news, is a disputed place on the border of:
 - (a) Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
 - (b) Maharashtra and Karnataka
 - (c) Assam and Meghalaya
 - (d) India and Nepal

5. Consider the following statements:
 1. Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) is a multi-disciplinary organization under Ministry of Finance.
 2. Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) has been established for detecting and prosecuting or recommending for prosecution white-collar crimes/frauds.

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 |

6. Which of the following statements is correct:
 - (a) India accounts for 8% of the global biodiversity existing in only 2.4% land area of the world.
 - (b) India accounts for 7% of the global biodiversity existing in only 2.4% land area of the world.
 - (c) India accounts for 2% of the global biodiversity existing in only 2.4% land area of the world.
 - (d) India accounts for 3.4% of the global biodiversity existing in only 2.4% land area of the world.

7. Nagaland shares its border with which of the following States?

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Manipur
3. Mizoram
4. Assam

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

8. In recent years, which of the following have been observed due to global warming and the associated change in the climate?

1. Temperatures crossing 50 degrees Celsius in Asia.
2. Record-breaking hurricanes in rapid succession in the Caribbean and Atlantic.
3. Devastating monsoon flooding.
4. Drought in West Africa.

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

9. Consider the following statements about the International Space Station (ISS):

1. The space station flies at an average altitude of 400 kilometers above Earth.
2. It circles the globe every 600 minutes at a speed of about 28,000 km/h.
3. It can be seen from Earth without the use of a telescope by night sky observers.

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

10. Which of the following are among the core banking activities of a bank?

1. Making and servicing loans
2. Opening new accounts
3. Calculating interest
4. Build public toilets in and around their branches

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Bank is a bank for nations, not people.
2. The International Development Association gives loans to developing countries.

3. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development provides loans to the world's poorest countries.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

12. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank are specialized subgroups of the UN.
2. The UN has groups focused on culture, justice and law, and immigration, among others.
3. The United Nations is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

13. Which of the following tribes recently shot into the limelight for their successful resistance against the Vedanta Group's plan to mine bauxite in the ecologically and mineral-rich Niyamgiri hill range?

- (a) Dongria Kondh (b) Santhals
(c) Khasis (d) Nagas

14. Arrange the following from north to south:

1. Satpura
2. Vindhya
3. Narmada
4. Tapi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1>3>4>2 (b) 2>3>1>4
(c) 3>2>4>1 (d) 2>3>1>4

15. Which of the following Olive Ridley turtles' nesting sites lie inside Odisha?

1. Gahirmatha
2. Rushikuliya
3. Thottappally
4. Devi Nadi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The Kishenganga Project is located on the river Jhelum.
2. The Ratle project is located on the river Chenab.
3. Both India and Pakistan can unilaterally abrogate the Indus Waters Treaty.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

17. 'PCSK9', which was recently in news, is:
- The antibiotic resistant gene found as far as Arctic.
 - A new type of anti-biotic particularly effective against drug resistant bacteria.
 - A gene which particularly protects African-Americans against heart disease.
 - A gene isolated from lizard responsible for regrowing organs.
18. Which of the following are among the objectives of the e-Courts project?
- To help judicial administration in streamlining their day-to-day activities.
 - To assist judicial administration in reducing the pendency of cases.
 - To provide transparency of information to the litigants.
 - To provide judges with easy access to legal and judicial databases.
- 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
19. Consider the following statements about the National Human Rights Commission:
- Its chairman should be a retired Chief Justice of India or a retired Chief Justice of a High Court.
 - The Chairman holds office for a term of five years or until they attain the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.
 - The Chairman is not eligible for further employment under the Central or a state government, after their tenure.
- 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
20. Consider the following statements about the structure of the National Green Tribunal:
- The Chairperson of the NGT is a retired Judge of the Supreme Court.
 - Judicial members of the NGT are retired Judges of High Courts.
 - Each bench of the NGT will comprise of one Judicial Member and one Expert Member.
- 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

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