

1. Consider the following statements:
  1. Contempt of court can be both civil and criminal in India.
  2. Contempt of court in India is governed by the Article 255 of the Constitution.
  3. Only the Supreme Court and High Courts can punish for their contempt.
 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
2. Which of the following are among the advantages of forest fires?
  1. Fire helps revive dormant seeds of many species.
  2. Some young woody trees experience higher growth rates immediately post-fire.
  3. Fires help suppressing invasive species.
 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 National Parks experienced large scale forest fires recently?
  - (a) Bandipur National Park
  - (b) Kanha National Park
  - (c) Gir National Park
  - (d) Jim Corbett National Park
4. Consider the following statements:
  1. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is functioning as the Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency in India.
  2. The Central Government can issue directions to Suo-Moto take over the investigation of a case under the NIA Act, 2008.
 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:
  1. The State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) is the primary fund available with State Governments for responses to notified disasters.
  2. The annual Central contribution is released as per the recommendation of the National Disaster Response Authority.
  3. SDRF shall be used only for meeting the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims.
 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 disaster (s) have been covered under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), constituted under Section 48 (1) (a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005?
  1. Hailstorm
  2. Pest attack
  3. Nuclear accident
  4. Cold waves

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. China has a free trade agreement (FTA) with which of the following nations?

- 1. India
- 2. Nepal
- 3. Maldives
- 4. Pakistan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

8. The Election Commission has launched an Android- based mobile application named “cVigil”.

Consider the following statements in this regard:

- 1. This app helps the citizens to share proof of malpractices by political parties, their candidates and activists at any time before or after the elections.
- 2. The mobile application facilitates sharing of geo-tagged photographic and video evidence without disclosing the identity of the sender.

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

9. Consider the following statements about the Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

- 1. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is a group of non-governmental organisations.
- 2. The objective of the FATF is to help the countries which are suffering from balance of payment crisis.
- 3. The FATF’s decision making body, the FATF Plenary, meets three times per year.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

10. Amensalism is an association between two species where:

- (a) One species is harmed and other is benefitted.
- (b) One species is harmed and other is unaffected.
- (c) One species is benefitted and other is unaffected.
- (d) Both the species are harmed.

11. Which of the following steps have been taken by the Centre for the abolition of the bonded labour system in India?

- 1. It enacted the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, which empowers executive magistrates to exercise powers of judicial magistrate of first or second class for trial of offences.
- 2. Vigilance committees at the district and sub-divisional levels have been prescribed to identify and rehabilitate bonded labourers.

3. A centrally-sponsored plan --- Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour --- is under implementation since 1978 under which the Centre and states contribute Rs 10,000 each for cases of rehabilitation.

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. Which of the following place was in news for being hit by thousands of small earthquakes within a span of 3- 4 months?

- (a) Palghar                              (b) Tehri  
 (c) Latur                                (d) Gangtok

13. Consider the following statements regarding the earthquakes caused by 'hydroseismicity':

1. Such earthquakes typically measure less than 4 moment magnitude (Mw).
2. Such earthquakes subside in the non-rainy season.
3. Such earthquakes are very shallow, typically emerging from within 4-5 km underground.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Addition of hydrogen to compressed natural gas (CNG) can reduce the emission of carbon monoxide and other harmful emissions.
2. The use of hydrogen enriched compressed natural gas (CNG) does not need any modification of the engine or retrofitment.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. South-South and triangular cooperation are bold, innovative, and growing means to strengthen cooperation for the achievement of poverty free world by 2050.
2. As the leading development agency in the UN system, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) plays a key role as a catalyst of South-South cooperation.

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. CriSidEx is India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs).
2. CriSidEx is developed jointly by credit rating body CRISIL and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
3. CriSidEx measures MSE business sentiment on a scale of zero (extremely negative) to 10 (extremely positive).

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 about the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalya (KGBV) scheme:
1. It aims to set up residential schools at upper primary level only.
  2. The scheme is being implemented in Educationally Backward Blocks only.
- 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. Which of the following Intangible Cultural Heritage elements from India have been inscribed on UNESCO's List?
1. Tradition of Vedic chanting
  2. Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre
  3. Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana
  4. Gayatri Mantra
- 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
19. Consider the following statements:
1. Omega-3 fatty acids can be produced in our body but not Omega-6 fatty acids.
  2. Omega-6 fatty acids can be produced in our body but not Omega-3 fatty acids.
  3. Omega-3 fatty acids generally act as an anti-inflammatory and omega-6 fatty acids as a pro-inflammatory in our body.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only                              (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 3 only                                      (d) All of the above
20. Consider the following statements about the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015:
1. It provides for the establishment of exclusive special courts and special public prosecutors to try offences under the Act.
  2. It requires that these courts to complete the trial of the case within six months from the date of filing of the charge-sheet.
  3. The Act does not allow an accused person, who is alleged to have caused injury to and insulted a Dalit, to apply for anticipatory bail.
- 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 d    12 a    13 d    14 c    15 b    16 a    17 c    18 a    19 c    20 c