

1. Industrial growth, as measured by the index of industrial production, has been slowing down considerably in recent months. Which of the following is the biggest drag in this context?
 - (a) Agriculture
 - (b) Manufacturing
 - (c) Services
 - (d) Mining
2. Retail inflation in India is measured by the:
 - (a) Purchasing Managers' Index
 - (b) Wholesale Price Index
 - (c) Index of Industrial Production
 - (d) Consumer Price Index
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. US, Russia and China are the only nations in the world to have an operational Nuclear Triad.
 2. 'Nuclear Triad' means the ability to launch a nuclear counter-strike from land, sea or air.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
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. Nuclear launch platforms in India are operationally handled by the Strategic Forces Command.
 2. The Strategic Forces Command reports to the Nuclear Command Authority chaired by the Defence Minister.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. The Donkuru-Baruva deposits are famous for which of the following?
 - (a) Uranium
 - (b) Diamond
 - (c) Platinum
 - (d) Monazite
6. Consider the following statements:
 1. Prithvi is India's first indigenously-built ballistic missile.
 2. It is one of the five missiles being developed under the country's Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.
 3. Prithvi is nuclear-capable surface-to-air missile.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 articles of the Constitution prohibits the state from providing religious instruction in an educational institution run on public funds?
- (a) Article 28 (I) (b) Article 29
(c) Article 30 (II) (d) Article 31
8. Consider the following statements about the virtual ID, which an Aadhaar holder can use in lieu of his/her Aadhaar number at the time of authentication?
1. A Virtual ID (VID) will be a temporary 12-digit random number mapped with the Aadhaar number.
 2. There can only be one active and valid VID for an Aadhaar number at any given time.
 3. It is possible to derive the Aadhaar number from VID.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 3 only
9. Consider the following statements:
1. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is used to generate thousands to millions of copies of a particular DNA sequence.
 2. Polymerase Chain Reaction is among the methods used to commercially read the unique genetic structures of organisms today.
- 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
10. Consider the following statements:
1. A curative petition is normally allowed only on the limited grounds of violation of principles of natural justice and circumstances suggesting possible bias on the part of judges.
 2. It is the last judicial resort available for redressal of grievances in court which is normally decided by judges in-chamber.
- 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
11. Consider the following with respect to INS Kadmat
1. INS Kadmat is an indigenous stealth anti-submarine warfare corvette.
 2. It is named after one of the large islands amongst the Lakshadweep group of Islands off the west coast of India.
- Choose the correct option
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statement about Green Cracker

1. Green crackers are so named because they do not contain harmful chemicals that would cause air pollution.
2. In green crackers the commonly used polluting chemicals like aluminium, barium, potassium nitrate and carbon have either been removed or reduced to slow emissions
3. It is being developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) labs

Choose the correct option

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| (a) 1 and 2 | (b) 1 and 3 |
| (c) 2 and 3 | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |

13. The World Bank uses which of the following indicators to compute Human Capital Index (HCI)?

1. Quality-adjusted learning
2. Life expectancy
3. Rate of stunting for children under age 5

Select the correct code:

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| (a) 1, 2 | (b) 2, 3 |
| (c) 1, 3 | (d) 1, 2, 3 |

14. With reference to Digi Yatra, which of the following statement is correct?

- (a) A mobile application where user can enter road quality-related information and to report any accident or pothole on highway.
- (b) A mobile application where users can purchase FASTag tag.
- (c) Biometric based digital processing of passengers at airports.
- (d) None of the above

15. Consider the following statements about United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

1. UNMISS is a United Nations peacekeeping mission for South Sudan established by United Nations Security Council Resolution.
2. Its mandate is to support the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in developing its capacity to provide security, to establish rule of law, and to strengthen the security and justice sectors.
3. At present there are no Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
4. South Sudan became independent in 2011.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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| (a) 1, 2 | (b) 1, 3, 4 |
| (c) 2, 3, 4 | (d) 1, 2, 4 |

16. Consider the following statements about Pravasi Bhartiya Divas.

1. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated every year to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India.
2. Selected overseas Indians are also honored with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award.
3. The first chapter of Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was held in 2000.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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| (a) 1, 2 | (b) 1, 3 |
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- (c) 2 only (d) 2, 3
17. Consider the following statements about Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO).
1. It functions under the Department of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
 2. It is a statutory authority, established to look after safety requirements in manufacture, storage, transport and use of explosives and petroleum.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
18. Consider the following statements with regards to Startup Ecosystem Ranking
1. The ranking is carried out on the basis the impact startups have been able to make in the country.
 2. Ranking of India decline in 2018 compared to 2017
- Choose the correct option
- (a) 1 Only (b) 2 Only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
19. Consider the following statements with respect to Indian bullfrog
1. The bullfrog is found widely in mainland India and protected under Schedule IV of the Indian Wildlife Act 1972
 2. The increasing population of bullfrogs in Andaman has threatened biodiversity and livelihoods of locals by preying on their fish and chicken.
- Choose the correct option
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. Consider the following statement about National Registry of Sex Offenders
1. The National Registry of Sex Offenders is maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
 2. The records in the registry are sourced from the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS).
 3. India is the first country that maintains a sex offenders list.
- Choose correct option
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2
(c) 3 only (d) 1 and 3

ANSWER KEYS

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