

1. Consider the following statements regarding e-cigarettes
 1. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recommended 'complete' ban on e-cigarettes.
 2. e-cigarettes do not fall within the ambit of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA)
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
2. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN).
 1. It is a direct income support scheme at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per year to small and marginal farmers.
 2. Institutional land holders are excluded from PM-KISAN.
 3. The responsibility of identifying the eligible beneficiary farmers lies with the Central Governments.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
(c) 1, 3 (d) 2, 3
3. Consider the following statements regarding Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
 1. BRO contributes to the Socio-Economic Development of the Border States.
 2. They successfully completed construction of the Delaram-Zaranj Highway in Afghanistan in 2008.
 3. The BRO works in close association with the Indian Army in cases of natural disasters.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
4. Consider the following statements regarding Arctic Council.
 1. The Arctic Council is the leading intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, Arctic indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues.
 2. The Ottawa Declaration lists the member countries of the Arctic Council.
 3. Recently India was elected as an observer to intergovernmental forum Arctic Council for the first time.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements regarding Consumer Price Index (CPI).
 1. RBI uses CPI-combined as the sole inflation measure for the purpose of monetary policy.
 2. CPI inflation has decreased steadily in the last 5 years.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
6. Serengeti National Park is located in

(a) Tanzania (b) Kenya
(c) South Africa (d) Somalia

7. Consider the following statements regarding 5G Technology.
1. 5G is the next generation cellular technology that will provide faster and more reliable communication with high latency.
 2. The Indian government has launched a three-year programme that started in 2018 to advance innovation and research in 5G.
 3. Once 5G becomes commercial, users will be required to change their current devices in favour of 5G-enabled ones.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
8. Consider the following statements with reference to Asiatic Lion.
1. For the first time, the entire genome of Asiatic lion has been sequenced by scientists from CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology.
 2. At present the only home of Asiatic lion is Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary with over 1000 animals present in the Gir forests.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
9. Consider the following statements.
1. It is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.
 2. It provides the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the open ocean.
 3. Almost 20% of total global oil production passes through the strait.
- The above statements refer to
- (a) Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb
(b) Dardenleez Strait
(c) Strait of Hormuz
(d) Gibraltar Strait
10. Consider the following statements regarding Herbivore Census in Gir forest.
1. The Forest Department of Gujarat conducts an Herbivore Census in Gir forest once-in-five-years.
 2. The Herbivore Census covers ungulates such as spotted deer, blue bulls and sambars.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
11. Which of the following are the factors in the determination of Minimum Support Prices (MSP).
1. Cost of production (CoP)
 2. Price trend in the domestic and international markets
 3. Inter-crop price parity
- Select the correct code:
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
12. Government announces minimum support prices (MSPs) based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for which of the following crops?
1. Raw cotton
 2. Ragi
 3. Copra
 4. Groundnut

5. Paddy
6. Soyabean

Select the correct code:

- (a) All except 1
- (b) All except 3
- (c) All except 6
- (d) All of the above

13. Consider the following statements.

1. Supreme Court has declared Right to decent environment including pollution free water as part of Article 21.
2. Parliament may by law provide for the adjudication of any dispute with respect to the use, distribution and control of waters of any inter-state river and river valley.
3. Development of inter-state rivers, water supplies, irrigation and canals come under the Union List.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements regarding Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

1. NCDs are of short duration and are the result of a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behaviours factors.
2. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) was launched in 2010, in order to prevent and control the major NCDs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None

15. Consider the following statements regarding Acute encephalitis syndrome (AES).

1. Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is the major cause of AES in India.
2. The disease outbreak is usually reported during monsoons.
3. AES affects central nervous system and most commonly affects old age population.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements about Bharat Stage norms.

1. These norms are applicable to all highly polluting four-wheelers and construction equipment vehicles and not to two wheelers and three wheelers as they are less polluting.
2. The Government of India has decided to skip the BS – V norms, and to implement the BS – VI norms with effect from 1st April 2020.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None

17. Reciprocal trade agreements (RTAs) include:

1. Preferential arrangements
2. Free trade agreements
3. Customs unions
4. Common markets

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Cyclones.

1. Cyclones are sustained by very strong low-pressure areas at their core.
2. Very few cyclones originate in the Arabian Sea, but they are relatively strong compared to those emerging in the Bay of Bengal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None

19. Which country recently recognised forests as living entities?

- (a) Honduras
- (b) El Salvador
- (c) Costa Rica
- (d) Nicaragua

20. Consider the following statements about Samadhi Buddha Statue.

1. It is the statue of sitting Buddha in dhyana position located in Amaravathi.
2. The Buddha depicted in the position of the Dhyana Mudra, is the posture of meditation associated with his first Enlightenment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None

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