

1. Consider the following statements.
 1. The average growth rate of India's GDP at current US\$ terms, between 2014 to 2018 was lower than that of China.
 2. India's growth of real GDP has been high with average rate of 7.5% in the last 5 years.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both (d) None
2. Antigua and Barbuda are located between
 - (a) Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean
 - (b) Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean
 - (c) Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean
 - (d) None of the above
3. Consider the following statements regarding Singhey Khababs Sindhu Festival.
 1. It is a festival of India held every year at Leh, in Ladakh District of Jammu & Kashmir.
 2. It is celebrated on the bank of Indus River.
 3. It is celebrated to endorse the Indus River as a symbol of the communal harmony and unity of India.
 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 Arogyapacha, which was in news recently.
 1. Indian Scientists have decoded the genetic make-up of Arogyapacha, which is a highly potent medicinal plant.
 2. The plant is endemic to Mizo hills.
 3. The plant is known for its traditional use by the Kani tribal community to combat fatigue.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
 - (c) 1, 3 (d) 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements regarding National Policy on Biofuels – 2018.
 1. Policy expands the scope of raw material for ethanol production by allowing use of Sugarcane Juice, Sugar Beet, Sweet Sorghum and Starch containing materials like Corn.
 2. The policy bans the use of food grains for production of ethanol, to ensure food security.
 3. The Policy encourages biodiesel production from non-edible oilseeds and Used Cooking Oil.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
 - (c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
6. Consider the following statements regarding Cholera.
 1. Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*.
 2. Cholera transmission is closely linked to inadequate access to clean water and sanitation facilities.
 3. There are no reports of Cholera outbreak in India in the last 5 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Financial Stability Report (FSR), recently in news is released by

- (a) World Bank
 (b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 (c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 (d) None of the Above

8. Consider the following statements regarding EQUIP programme.

1. EQUIP is an acronym for Economic Quality Upgradation and Improvement Programme.
2. It is the initiative of Union Ministry of Human Resource Development to bridge the gap between policy and implementation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements about Ambubachi Mela.

1. Ambubachi Mela is an annual Hindu mela held at Kamakshi Temple in Tamil Nadu.
2. Ambubachi Mela promote awareness on menstrual hygiene.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding STRIDE Scheme.

1. Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy' (STRIDE) will boost research culture in India and provide support to research projects that are socially relevant.
2. Collaborations between universities, government, voluntary organizations and industries is encouraged under this scheme.
3. The scheme is launched by University Grants Commission (UGC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements about Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM).

1. It aims to deliver integrated project-based infrastructure in the rural areas, which will also include development of economic activities and skill development.
2. The preferred mode of delivery is through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) while using various scheme funds for financing.
3. Substantial part of the works identified for development is focused on provision of basic and economic amenities like 24/7 Water Supply to all households, Solid and Liquid Waste Management facilities at the household and Skill development to promote Small and Medium Scale Enterprises.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- (c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
12. Zero Chance Campaign' recently seen in news is launched by which country.
 (a) Japan (b) South Korea
 (c) Russia (d) Australia
13. Consider the following statements regarding UN Security Council.
1. Each year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members out of a total of 10, for a two-year term.
 2. India has been a non-permanent member of the Security Council seven times previously with the most recent being the 2011–12 term.
 3. India's candidature for a non-permanent seat in the Security Council for the 2021-22 term has been supported by Pakistan and China.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
14. Consider the following statements:
1. The four-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI was constituted by the Central Government for the first time in 2016.
 2. The implementation of a flexible inflation targeting framework by the MPC has a statutory basis.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both (d) None
15. From the following statements :
1. SECI is the only Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) dedicated to solar energy sector.
 2. SECI is also a company under Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- Choose the correct option :
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both (d) None
16. From the following statements :
1. Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting is related to OECD
 2. BEPS is related with the issue of Tax Evasion
- Choose the correct option :
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both (d) None
17. From the following option :
1. National Defense Authorisation Act is the act regarding our defence procurement in India
 2. It also recognises defence partners of India
- Choose the correct option :
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both (d) None

18. INSTEX recently in news is related to
- (a) Space tech
 - (b) Tax agreement between India and US
 - (c) Software for logistics clearances application
 - (d) Non dollar trade with Iran
19. Garuda VI is a bilateral air exercise between
- (a) India & US
 - (b) India & Italy
 - (c) India & Myanmar
 - (d) India & France
20. Ascent Abort-2 is a
- (a) Satellite by ESA
 - (b) a launch-abort system by NASA
 - (c) Online campaign against female foeticide
 - (d) None

ANSWER KEYS

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