

1. The Ministry of Finance as part of its strategic commitment to improve global trade, is conducting India's first national Time Release Study (TRS). Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1. TRS is an internationally recognized tool advocated by World Customs Organization to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of international trade flows.
 2. Expected beneficiaries of this initiative will be export oriented industries and MSMEs, who will enjoy greater standardization of Indian processes with comparable international standards.
 3. This initiative will help India maintain the upward trajectory on Ease of Doing Business, particularly on the Trading Across Borders indicator which measures the efficiency of the cross border trade ecosystem.
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
2. Which of the following tiger reserves of India and their corresponding location states are correctly matched ?
 1. Melghat : Maharashtra
 2. Palamau : Jharkhand
 3. Bor : Assam
 4. Amrabad : Telangana
 5. Buxa : Bihar
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 3, 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 1, 2 & 4 only
 - (d) 2, 4 & 5 only
3. Which of the following statements regarding the newly introduced Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019 stands true ?
 1. The bill empowers the Central government to designate individuals as terrorists if the person commits or participates in acts of terrorism, prepares for terrorism, promotes terrorism or is otherwise involved in terrorism.
 2. Earlier, the government could designate organisations and individuals as terrorists only under Prevention of Money Laundering Act.
 3. It also empowers the Director-General, National Investigation Agency (NIA) to grant approval of seizure or attachment of property when the case is investigated by the agency.
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
4. Consider the following statements :
 1. The Indus inscriptions are one of the most enigmatic legacies of the Indus Valley civilisation which have not been deciphered due to the absence of bilingual texts, extreme brevity of the inscriptions, and ignorance about the languages.
 2. Inscribed seals and tablets were used in some administrative operation that controlled the commercial transactions prevalent in the trade-savvy settlements of the ancient Indus Valley civilisation.

3. A common perception among some scholars is that the Indus script is logo-syllabic, where one symbol can be used as a word sign at one time and as a syllable sign at another.
Which of the above statements are true ?
 (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) all of the above
5. A joint venture company namely “Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL)” is to be set up with the participation of three Central Public Sector Enterprises namely HCL, NALCO and MECL for which of the following purposes ?
 (a) To facilitate easy clearance for import of precious metals into the country.
 (b) Single window clearance for facilitating easy exploration of off shore oil reserves using domestic resources.
 (c) To ensure a consistent supply of critical and strategic minerals to Indian domestic market.
 (d) To develop battery charging stations for electric vehicles.
6. Consider the following statements about Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA).
 1. EPCA was constituted with the objective of ‘protecting and improving’ the quality of the environment and ‘controlling environmental pollution’ in the country.
 2. It was notified by Environment Ministry under Environment Protection Act, 1986.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both (d) None
7. Consider the following statements regarding World Food Programme.
 1. World Food Programme (WFP) is the food assistance branch of the World Bank.
 2. World Food Programme (WFP) is the world’s largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security.
 3. WFP also aims to combat disease, including HIV and AIDS.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
 (c) 2 only (d) 2, 3
8. Which of the following statements is correct about SWAYAM PRABHA?
 (a) A tool for comprehensive self-review and analysis for CBSE affiliated schools.
 (b) Provide interactive digital boards to nearly 15 lakh classrooms across the country.
 (c) Utilization of satellite communication technologies for transmission of educational e-contents.
 (d) Imparting ICT Skills in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas to the students of classes III to XII.
9. Consider the following statements regarding AYUSH GRID Project.
 1. The project aims to digitize the entire AYUSH leading to transformation in field of health care delivery at all levels.
 2. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is collaborating with Ministry of AYUSH (MOA) for digitization of AYUSH Sector.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both (d) None
10. Consider the following statements about Paramarsh Scheme.
 1. The scheme is for Mentoring Medical colleges, to promote Quality Assurance in Medical Education.
 2. The Scheme will be operationalized through a “Hub & Spoke” model.
 3. The scheme is launched by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3

- (c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
11. Which of the following are Critically Endangered birds/ animals found in India?
1. Great Indian Bustard
 2. Clouded leopard
 3. Pondicherry shark
 4. lion-tailed macaque
- Select the correct code:
- (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3, 4 (d) 3, 4
12. Consider the following statements about Brow antlered deer.
1. It is found in Keibul Lamjao National Park.
 2. Its conservation status is Endangered on IUCN Red List.
 3. It faces threats of diseases from the livestock, inbreeding depression and poaching.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
13. Consider the following statements about Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).
1. Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) are declared as per the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
 2. Areas with High endemism and presence of keystone species can be declared as Biodiversity Heritage Sites.
 3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will notify areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 3 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3
14. Ecological Succession is generally characterized by
1. Increased productivity
 2. Decreased niche development
 3. Increased complexity of food webs
- Select the correct answer code:
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
15. Recently the Government Launched 'Asiatic Lion Conservation Project'. Consider the following statements.
1. It is 100 percent Central funded scheme.
 2. The project activities include scientific interventions, disease control and veterinary care.
 3. Asiatic Lions are listed as 'Endangered' under the IUCN Red List.
 4. Asiatic Lion population is restricted to the state of Gujarat in India.
- Select the correct code:
- (a) 1, 2, 4 (b) 2, 3, 4
(c) 1, 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4
16. Consider the following statements about Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
1. It converts multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application of any participating bank, merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments into one hood.
 2. It was launched by RBI.
 3. Money can be transferred through mobile devices round the clock 24*7 except on public holidays.
 4. It may also be used for Utility Bill Payments, Over the Counter Payments and Barcode based payments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements about Advance Pricing Agreement (APA).

1. It is an ahead-of-time agreement between a taxpayer and a tax authority on an appropriate transfer pricing methodology.
2. It is only Unilateral in nature, that involves only the taxpayer and the tax authority of the country where the taxpayer is located.
3. In India, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) signs the APA with the tax payer.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI).

1. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) releases Consumer Food Price Indices (CFPI) for three categories -rural, urban and combined.
2. Cereals and products has more than 50% weightage in the Sub-groups within Consumer Food Price Index.
3. The base year presently used is 2012.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19. With reference to Indian economy, consider the following statements:

1. GDP growth rate of India at constant prices is steadily increasing from last decade.
2. Present base year for GDP calculation is 2011-2012.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. Consider the following statements about Inflation Indexed Bond (IIB).

1. It is a bond issued by the Government and the Corporate sector.
2. There are no special tax concessions for these bonds.
3. They are eligible to be kept as part of Statutory Liquidity Ratio requirements of banks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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