

1. Consider the following statements regarding Spodoptera frugiperda, recently seen in news :
 1. It is known as fall armyworm, which is an invasive and polyphagous pest.
 2. In India, it has suitable environmental conditions and appropriate host plants to accelerate its spread.
 3. It only feeds on maize.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2
 - (b) 1, 3
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 2, 3
2. Consider the following statements regarding Australian Hay Fever, recently seen in news :
 1. Australian Hay Fever is an allergic disorder caused when a person comes in contact with pollens, dust mite, moulds and animal hair.
 2. Australian Hay Fever is one of the most common allergic disorder affecting one in every five people in Australia and New Zealand.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
3. Kihoto Hollohan case, recently seen in news is related to
 - (a) Formation of States and Union Territories
 - (b) Delimitation of Assembly seats
 - (c) Constitutional challenge to the Tenth Schedule
 - (d) Judicial scrutiny on the ground of violation of Fundamental Rights
4. The applications of Indian Regional Navigation Spacecraft System (IRNSS) include :
 1. Vehicle tracking and fleet management.
 2. Mapping and Geodetic data capture.
 3. Visual and voice navigation for drivers.
 4. Disaster Management.
 5. Precise Timing.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - (b) 1, 3, 4, 5
 - (c) 1, 2, 3, 5
 - (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
5. Miyako strait is located between :
 - (a) Scarborough Shoal and Spratly Islands
 - (b) Paracel Islands and Okinawa Island
 - (c) Miyako Island and Paracel Islands,
 - (d) Miyako Island and Okinawa Island
6. With respect to the recently held study conducted by UNICEF and TATA trusts regarding children leaving shelter homes after 18 years, which of the following statements stands true?
 1. The survey highlights the poor implementation of after-care provisions prescribed under the Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act), 2015, for those who leave child care institutions on turning 18.

2. The study found that 27% of children did not receive any form of after care support such as housing, medical facilities, legal awareness, or emotional support after they left their shelter home.
3. While majority of those leaving child care facilities had insurance facilities they also had completed schooling even though they could not find a job.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

7. President of Zambia Edgar Chagwa Lungu came on a three-day visit to India. Zambia shares land boundary with which of the following countries of Africa ?

1. Angola
2. Namibia
3. South Sudan
4. Ethiopia
5. Malawi

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
- (b) 2, 4 & 5 only
- (c) 1, 2 & 5 only
- (d) All of the above

8. Consider the following statements regarding SEBI :

1. The SEBI board has decided to do away with the requirement that every FPI should have at least 20 investors known as broad-based in regulatory parlance while simplifying the KYC document requirement for overseas investors.
2. SEBI has mandated that central banks of countries that are not members of Bank for International Settlement (BIS) to register as FPIs in India.
3. The regulator has amended the Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations to include a clause to reward whistle-blowers up to Rs. 1 crore.

Which of the above statements are the decisions taken by the regulator to reduce the flow of FPI's from the market ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

9. The Government is set to form a high level committee to examine the aspects of corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). Which of the following statements regarding OFB stands true?

1. The Indian Ordnance Factories have played an important role in building India with not only supporting India through the wars, but with the advancement of technology and have ushered the Industrial Revolution in India starting with the first modern steel plant of India.

2. OFB is the world's largest government-operated production organisation, and the oldest organisation run by the Government of India.
3. Ordnance factory board is headquartered in Kolkata.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

10. In the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) radiation sterilised male mosquitoes are released in areas with dengue causing female *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes turning them infertile. Which of the following countries have recently introduced this technique to control dengue outbreak ?

- (a) India (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Bangladesh (d) Philippines

11. Okjokull glacier is located in

- (a) Alps (b) Antarctica
- (c) Arctic (d) Iceland

12. From the following statements :

1. The Union Home Ministry has fixed the retirement age of all Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel at 60 years .
2. Earlier personnel of some ranks in armed police forces retired at age of 57 .

Choose the correct option :

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

13. From the following statements :

1. Mangde Chhu river is the principal river in Bhutan .
2. It joins Brahmaputra River at Jogighopa

Choose the correct option :

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

14. From the following statements :

1. To strengthen enforcement of the ban on production and sale of electronic cigarettes, the State government of Karnataka has amended the Karnataka Poisons (Possession and Sale) Rules 2015, notifying nicotine as Class A poison under the rules.
2. Nicotine is not present in e-cigarettes so only these will be allowed to be sold now

Choose the correct option :

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

15. Southern railway headquarters are in

- (a) Kozikode
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Sikunderabad

- (d) Bengaluru
16. From the following statements :
1. The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in India has declined to 36.9% in 2017-18 from 39.5% in 2011-12 (NSSO) as per usual status.
 2. PLFS Survey is released by Ministry of labour annually .
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None
17. Recently Bangkok Declaration by ASEAN was regarding
- (a) Plastic waste
(b) Whales conservation
(c) RCEP future
(d) Marine debris
18. Which of these does not belong to J&K
- (a) Bhand Pather
(b) Kheerbhawani
(c) Ambubachi
(d) All belong to J&K
19. From the following statements :
1. 'Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana' (MGSSBY) is launched by Punjab govt. and has become 1st state to offer medical insurance for such a large proportion of its population.
 2. It will reject the centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme and will cover 31 lakh families.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None
20. NASA's robotic space MMS mission is related to
- (a) Exploring life on Saturn moon
(b) To achieve speed of light for aircrafts
(c) To study Earth's magnetosphere
(d) To explore communication limits in solar system

ANSWER KEYS

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11 d 12 c 13 c 14 a 15 b 16 a 17 d 18 c 19 a 20 c