

1. Consider the following statements regarding clouded leopards :
  1. Named after the cloud-shaped patterns on its skin, these medium-sized cats are typical rain-forest dwellers but can also be found in the drier forests of Southeast Asia.
  2. Clouded leopard presence is positively associated with forest cover and rain, therefore deforestation and reduction in rainfall patterns as a result of climate change may negatively influence clouded leopard distributions.
  3. Jim Corbett national park is the most important habitat for clouded leopard in India.Which of the above statements are true ?
  - (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
2. Consider the following pairs of international publications and their corresponding publishing organisations :
  1. Global gender Gap report : World Bank
  2. Human capital Report : World economic forum
  3. Global hunger index report :IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute)Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?
  - (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
3. Which of the following statements regarding the current state of economy and the remedies proposed by RBI to overcome the crisis are true ?
  1. In India, the household savings are the principle liveable resources in the economy and of the total household savings of 17.2% of GDP in 2017-18, only 6.6% were in the form of net financial savings.
  2. Greater financialising of the savings can increase the pool of domestic resources and it can substantially ease financial pressure on the balance of payment of the country.
  3. The fresh infusion of ₹ 70,000 crores by the government would raise the ability of the public sector banks to expanding lending, especially to the MSME sector.Choose the correct option :
  - (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
4. Which of the following statements regarding the administration of Union territories in India stands true ?
  1. As per the provisions of the constitution, supreme power is accorded to the President in regulating the affairs of the all the union territories except Chandigarh, NCT and Puducherry, except the laws made by Parliament.
  2. Legislative assembly of Union Territory of Puducherry may make laws with respect to matters enumerated in List II or List III in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.
  3. As per 69th amendment act In the case of difference of opinion between the Lieutenant Governor and his Ministers in the national capital territory (NCT) on any matter, the Lieutenant Governor shall refer it to the President for decision.Choose the correct option :
  - (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only

- (d) All of the above
5. Which of the following countries has recently launched a rocket carrying a life sized robot to the International Space Station (ISS)?  
(a) U.S.A (b) Japan  
(c) Russia (d) France
6. Consider the following statements about Telecom Disputes Settlement & Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).  
1. It was created by an executive order.  
2. The decision of TDSAT is final and no further appeal is allowed to any court.  
3. The jurisdiction of TDSAT stands extended to matters that lay before the Cyber Appellate Tribunal and also the Airport Economic Regulatory Authority Appellate Tribunal.  
Which of the above statements are correct?  
(a) 1, 2 (b) 3 only  
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
7. Consider the following statements regarding Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha Campaign.  
1. 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha' Drive has been launched by 'Jal Shakti' ministry to create awareness about water conservation among all school students in the country.  
2. One of the major objectives is to help every Student to save at least one litre of water per day.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both (d) None
8. Consider the following statements regarding Oussudu lake, recently seen in news  
1. Oussudu lake spreads in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu territories.  
2. Oussudu is a mix of reed beds, wetlands and huge stretches of water.  
3. The Oussudu lake is identified as a wetland of national importance under the National Wetland Conservation Programme.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3  
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements regarding Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).  
1. It is a sub-mission under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.  
2. The scheme aims to develop certified organic production.  
3. It links growers with consumers and support the development of entire value chain.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3  
(c) 2, 3 (d) 2 only
10. Consider the following statements regarding SAGAR MAITRI Mission :  
1. SAGAR MAITRI is an initiative of Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS).  
2. The prime objectives of the SAGAR MAITRI Mission are data collection from the entire North Indian Ocean, and establishing long-term collaboration with Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) countries in the field of ocean research and development.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both (d) None
11. Prime Minister of Britain Mr. Boris Johnson announced to revoke Indian Independence Act 1947 this decision was taken after Indian parliament revoked article 370.

1. The Indian independence act created two separate dominions-India and Pakistan on the sidelines of England and Ireland.
2. The Bengal and Punjab provinces were partitioned between the two new countries.
3. The Act repealed the use of 'Emperor of India' as a title for the British Crown and ended all existing treaties with the princely states.

Choose the correct option :

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

12. Consider the following pairs of bird sanctuaries with their respective location states :

1. Sutanpur : Uttar Pradesh
2. Kumarakom : Kerala
3. Samaspur : Haryana
4. Salimali : Goa
5. Mayani : Maharashtra

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
- (b) 3, 4 & 5 only
- (c) 1, 3 & 5 only
- (d) 2, 4 & 5 only

13. The Government is currently in the process of finalizing the New Education Policy. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. Its vision is to provide "an India-centred education system that contributes directly to transforming our nation into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society, by providing high quality education to all".
2. The draft Policy encourages philanthropic institutions in the field of school education. It says "Private philanthropic schools must be encouraged and freed of regulatory overload".
3. To make education really inclusive and universal, it is proposed in the draft policy that the medium of instruction, at least upto Class V, would be the globally accepted English language.

Choose the correct option :

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

14. Consider the following statements :

1. Fly ash varies in size from 100 nanometres to a few microns and can thus provide surfaces with different roughness based on the size of the particles chosen.
2. When stearic acid is coated over fly ash surface, it can be made to behave like one of the two naturally occurring water-repelling materials — rose petals or lotus leaves by the varying the surface roughness.
3. Researchers have found out that applying stearic acid increases the mechanical and chemical durability of the fly ash waterproofing material.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

15. Which of the following countries have been backlisted recently by the Asia Pacific group of FATF for its failure to comply with terror funding standards ?

- (a) Israel (b) Iran  
(c) Pakistan (d) Saudi Arabia
16. Consider the following statements about National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF):
1. It is also called as National Investment Fund.
  2. It aims at infrastructure development in commercially viable projects, both Greenfield and brownfield, including stalled projects.
  3. The NIIF is established as Alternate Investment Funds (AIF) under the SEBI Regulations.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3  
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
17. Consider the following statements regarding IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.
1. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species is the world's most comprehensive inventory of the global conservation status of plant and animal species.
  2. The rate of population decline and geographic range are considered to assess the extinction risk of a given species.
  3. The latest update to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species shows that more and more species assessed are being threatened with extinction.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) None of the above
18. Arrange the following states in the descending order in terms of tree plus forest cover as a percentage of geographical area.
1. Mizoram
  2. Manipur
  3. Gujarat
  4. Uttar Pradesh
- Select the correct answer code :
- (a) 1-2-3-4 (b) 2-1-3-4  
(c) 1-2-4-3 (d) 2-1-4-3
19. Shillong Declaration, recently seen in news is related to
- (a) Renewable Energy
  - (b) Antimicrobial Resistance
  - (c) Artificial Intelligence
  - (d) e-Governance
20. Consider the following statements.
1. India is one of the world's largest producers of mica, with Jharkhand and Bihar being the main producing states.
  2. Mica is used in various sectors including buildings and electronics.
  3. Mica is also used in the production of cosmetics and paint.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3  
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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