

1. Consider the following statements :

1. India and U.S are stepping up cooperation in the space sector with U.S extending help in 4-5 critical areas of India's ambitious manned mission to space, Gaganyaan.
2. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has outlined a road map to put a three-man crew in a low earth orbit for 5-7 days by December 2021 by an indigenous GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle.
3. The Gaganyaan programme is expected to cost under ₹ 10,000crore and there will be two unmanned missions prior to the manned mission to validate the technologies.

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. Arrange the following seas of the northern hemisphere from west to east direction (from prime meridian to the international date line):

- (a) Barents sea , Karasea , Norwegian sea , Luptev sea
- (b) Norwegian sea , Barents sea , Kara sea , Luptev sea
- (c) Luptev sea , Barents sea , Norwegian sea , Kara sea
- (d) Kara sea , Barents sea , Luptev sea , Norwegian sea

3. Which of the following statements regarding the 14th Conference of Parties, COP14 to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification which began at Greater Noida stands true ?

1. The objective of the COP14 is to discuss various issues of land such as sustainable land management, reversing land degradation, mitigating drought, halting desertification, addressing sand and dust storms, linkages with gender.
2. Out of the 17 SDGs, SDG 15 is very ambitious which encompasses all types of land-based ecosystems and biodiversity. India emphasised that healthy ecosystems play a critical role in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development imperative of 'leave no one behind'.
3. China will take over the presidency of COP from India for 2 years from now.

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 India's forex reserves is definitely true ?

1. The Reserve Bank is mandated to maintain orderly conditions in the foreign exchange market. Its intervention in the forex market is solely directed at curbing sudden turbulences not backed by economic fundamentals
2. The exchange rate dynamics in India is driven by capital flows rather than current account balances.
3. India's forex reserves comprise Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), gold reserves, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund.

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 states of India has developed a special tiger force as a second layer of protection for the tigers in its reserves ?
(a) Assam
(b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Uttarakhand
(d) Tamil Nadu
6. Global Linker is a
(a) Military satellite by USA
(b) A Solar powered Aircraft
(c) A network for Wildlife Protection
(d) A dedicated portal for SMEs to network with peer and clients
7. Cholera is a
(a) Bacterial disease
(b) Viral
(c) Protozoa
(d) Bodily fluids imbalance
8. Strait of Malacca is present between
(a) Indonesia & Cambodia
(b) Malaysia & Singapore
(c) Cambodia & Thailand
(d) Malaysia & Sumatra island
9. From the following statements :
1. A hurricane is a Extra-tropical cyclone that occurs in the Atlantic Ocean and north eastern Pacific Ocean
2. A typhoon occurs in the north western Pacific Ocean; in the south Pacific or Indian Ocean
Choose the correct option :
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None
10. From the following statements :
1. Narasimhan committee (1991 and 1998) suggested merger of strong banks both in public sector and even with the developmental financial institutions and NBFCs.
2. Khan committee in 1997 stressed the need for harmonization of roles of commercial banks and the financial institutions.
3. Verma committee pointed out that consolidation will lead to pooling of strengths and lead to overall reduction in cost of operations.
Choose the correct option :
(a) 1 & 2

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

11. From the following statements :

1. The IPCC does not conduct its own original research. It produces comprehensive assessments , reports on special topics and methodologies.
2. It is a specialized body created by UNFCCC

Choose the correct option :

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

12. From the following statements :

1. CAPF is the umbrella term for 7 security forces under the 'Ministry of Home Affairs'.
2. Special Protection Group (SPG) protects PM of India and former PMs of India and members of their immediate families .

Choose the correct option :

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

13. From the following statements :

1. Fedor is the humanoid robot the first from Russia sent into orbit , reached the International Space Station (ISS).
2. Russia has become the first country to do so .

Choose the correct option :

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

14. From the following statements :

1. Indian star tortoise is only found in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
2. It is critically endangered in IUCN red list.

Choose the correct option :

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

15. Pratt & Whitney is the aerospace manufacturer with global service operations from which country ?

- (a) Russian (b) French
- (c) American (d) Korean

16. I4C scheme recently launched by Home ministry is related to :

- (a) Equipments for police Dept.
- (b) Internal security
- (c) Cyber crimes
- (d) Security of Govt offices

17. Strait of Gibraltar connects

- (a) Portugal & Algeria
- (b) Portugal & Morocco

- (c) Italy & Tunisia
(d) Spain & Morocco
18. Consider the following statements with respect to Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)
1. Election Commission of India (ECI) is the Executive Board Member of A-WEB, since its inception.
 2. The permanent secretariat of A-WEB is located at London, United Kingdom.
 3. India is the A-WEB's Chair for the 2019-21 term.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
19. Consider the following reports by the World Resources Institute (WRI) regarding food wastage
1. Roots and tubers face the maximum wastage
 2. Uneaten food emits greenhouse gases into the atmosphere
 3. Most of the food loss happens "near the farm" predominantly in higher-income countries.
- Which of the above statements is/are true?
- (a) 2 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
20. Consider the following statements with respect The G7's Deadly Sins Report :
1. It is published by Oxfam International.
 2. All G7 countries have adopted neoliberal policies of deregulation and privatization.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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