

1. Consider the following statements regarding Bharat Ratna :
 1. It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour.
 2. Bharat Ratna is awarded to Indian citizens only.
 3. In terms of Article 18 (1) of the Constitution, the award cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the recipient's name and he/she may not use the expression in their biodata/letterhead/visiting card.
 Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
 (c) 2 only (d) 2, 3
2. Consider the following statements regarding Khadi & Village Industries Commission :
 1. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body which seeks to – plan, promote, facilitate, organise and assist in the establishment and development of khadi and village industries in the rural areas.
 2. Its objective is to provide employment in rural areas and create self-reliance amongst people and building up a strong rural community spirit.
 3. It functions under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
3. Consider the following statements regarding Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) :
 1. Generalized System of Preferences is an exclusive European Union's trade programme designed to promote economic growth in the developing world by providing preferential duty-free entry for various products.
 2. The concept of GSP is very different from the concept of WTO's Most Favoured Nation (MFN) clause.
 3. Generalized System of Preferences does not come under the purview of WTO.
 Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
4. Consider the following statements about National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) :
 1. The Authority's main function is to ensure that traders are not realizing unfair profit by charging high price from consumers in the name of GST.
 2. NAA is headed by the Ministry of Finance.
 3. The GST law also provides for the creation of a Consumer Welfare Fund wherein undue benefits made by businesses under the GST law have to be deposited, in case it cannot be passed on to the identified recipient.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements :
 1. It is located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra River.
 2. It is the only stronghold of rhinoceros on the north bank of the Brahmaputra river.
 3. It is also known as 'Mini Kaziranga National Park'.
 The above statements refers to :

- (a) Manas National Park
 (b) Nameri National Park
 (c) Orang National Park
 (d) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
6. Consider the following statements :
1. The India Cooling Action plan seeks to reduce cooling demand across sectors by 20% to 25% by 2037-38 & reduce refrigerant demand by 25% to 30% by 2037-38 .
 2. India is the first country in world to develop such a document.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
7. Consider the following statements :
1. Rub' al Khali is the largest contiguous sand desert (erg) in the world, encompassing most of the southern third of the Arabian Peninsula.
 2. The desert covers some 650,000 km² including parts of Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
8. WHO's REPLACE campaign is related to :
- (a) Replace all petrol and diesel vehicles to Electric Vehicles by 2030.
 - (b) Replace all cooling systems in government buildings with energy efficient cooling system.
 - (c) Provide protein rich food to children in the government schools.
 - (d) Eliminate industrially produced trans-fatty acids from the global food supply.
9. The recently launched scheme SHREYAS is related to :
- (a) Scale up an ecosystem of entrepreneurship for youngsters.
 - (b) Portal for effective implementation of the National Child Labour Project (NCLP)
 - (c) Equipping all teachers across the nation with advanced digital technology.
 - (d) Providing industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates
10. Consider the following events :
1. Munda Rebellion
 2. Bodo Movement
 3. Santhal rebellion
 4. Kuki Uprising
- Arrange the above in the chronological order and select the correct answer codes:
- (a) 2-4-1-3 (b) 4-2-1-3
 (c) 3-1-4-2 (d) 3-1-2-4
11. Consider the following statements with reference to E-2020 initiative :
1. E-2020 is the initiative supported by WHO where countries were identified by WHO in 2016 as having the potential to become malaria-free by 2020.
 2. The Global technical strategy for malaria 2016-2030, calls for the elimination of malaria in at least 10 countries by the year 2020.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only

- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
12. Windrush Scheme, recently seen in news is related to which country
 (a) Australia (b) Japan
 (c) Germany (d) United Kingdom
13. Recently the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) has achieved a significant milestone by crossing one crore beneficiaries. Which of the following statements regarding the scheme are true?
1. The PMMVY is a direct benefit transfer scheme under which cash benefits are provided to pregnant women in their bank account directly to meet enhanced nutritional needs and partially compensate for wage loss.
 2. Under the scheme, beneficiaries receive a cash benefit of five thousand rupees in a single instalment and will also receive cash incentive under Shishu Suraksha Yojana.
 3. Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Rajasthan are the top five States and Union Territories in the country in implementation of the scheme.
- Choose the correct answer from the following :
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
14. Consider the following pairs of festivals in India and their corresponding states :
1. Brahmotsavam : Karnataka
 2. Yaoshang : Manipur
 3. Losar : Mizoram
 4. Onam : Kerala
 5. Baisakhi : Haryana
- Which of the above pairs are incorrect?
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) 2 & 4 only
15. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy awarded Grants to the awardees of the second round of PACE setter fund programme recently. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
1. The PACE setter fund was constituted by India and the USA in 2015 as a joint fund to provide early-stage grant funding to accelerate the commercialization of innovative off-grid clean energy products, systems, and business models.
 2. The mission of the Fund is to accelerate the commercialization of innovative off-grid clean energy access solutions by providing early-stage grant funding that would allow businesses to develop and test innovative products, business models and systems.
 3. The Fund's main purpose is to improve the viability of off-grid renewable energy businesses that sell small scale clean energy systems to individuals and communities without access to grid connected power or with limited/intermittent access.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All of the above
16. Consider the following statements :

1. For Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) universal accessibility is critical for enabling them to gain access for equal opportunity and live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life in an inclusive society.
2. The Accessible India Campaign aims at providing equal opportunity to persons with disabilities to participate in all the aspects of life and live independently.
3. Under the campaign, atleast 70% of all the government buildings of National Capital and all the State capitals will be made fully accessible for persons with disabilities by July 2018 which has been achieved.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
17. Which of the following organisations have recently released the report titled “Reducing food loss and waste “ which quantifies the global food wastages ?
- (a) World Bank
 - (b) World Resources Institute
 - (c) Global economic forum
 - (d) WHO
18. What is a teaser loan
- (a) A loan that is paid without interest
 - (b) Loan given without a collateral
 - (c) A loan whose instalments are not paid for 60 days
 - (d) A special loan that is offered for a fixed duration and could then be withdrawn
19. Who are Anchor investors
- (a) Who invest in shipping business
 - (b) Who invest with the highest interest rate gain
 - (c) Who invest the maximum in any venture
 - (d) Are institutional investors who are offered shares in an IPO a day before the offer opens.
20. Consider the following statements :
1. The main objective behind linking loans to an external benchmark was for management of NPA crisis .
 2. Banks have the marginal cost of fund based lending rate (MCLR) —the anchor rate — and all the loans are linked to such a rate.

Choose the correct option :

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

ANSWER KEYS

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