

1. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released IPCC report on climate change stands true ?
 1. As per the report, over the 21st century, the ocean is projected to transition to unprecedented conditions with increased temperatures, further ocean acidification, marine heat waves and more frequent extreme El Niño and La Niña events.
 2. Since 1993, the rate of ocean warming has more than doubled. While marine heat waves have very likely decreased in frequency since 1982 and are reducing their intensity.
 3. Floods will become more frequent and severe in the mountainous and downstream areas of the Indus, Ganges and Brahmaputra river basins, because of an increase in extreme precipitation events.

Choose the correct option from the following :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
2. India had announced a USD 14 million grant for community development projects in the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) recently. Which of the following countries include the CARICOM?
 1. Nauru
 2. Bahamas
 3. Mexico
 4. Jamaica
 5. Guyana

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 2, 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 1, 3 & 5 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements regarding call money :
 1. Call money is money loaned by a bank that must be repaid on demand. Unlike a term loan, which has a set maturity and payment schedule, call money does not have to follow a fixed schedule.
 2. The recently submitted RBI report recommends that the current liquidity management framework should largely continue in its present form with the call money rate as the target rate.
 3. Margin rates or the interest charged on the loans used to purchase securities, vary based on the call money rate set by the central government.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
4. Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) on behalf of its members has agreed to observe the "Voluntary Code of Ethics" during all future elections including the ongoing General Elections. Which of the following provision include the above mentioned 'code of ethics'?
 1. Social Media platforms will voluntarily undertake information, education and communication campaigns to build awareness including electoral laws and other related instructions.
 2. Social Media platforms have created a high priority dedicated grievance redressal channel for taking expeditions action on the cases reported by the ECI.
 3. Participating platforms are committed to facilitate transparency in paid political advertisements, including utilising their pre-existing labels/disclosure technology for such advertisements.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All of the above
5. The “Shondol” dance which was recently in news for being included in the Guinness book of records as the largest dance performed by traditional dancers belongs to which of the following places of India ?
 (a) Jaipur (b) Brahmeshwar
 (c) Ladakh (d) Aizwal
6. Consider the following statements regarding Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) :
1. India became the first country in the world to issue Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID), capturing the bio-metric data of seafarers.
 2. Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) is based on finger and iris-based bio-metric data.
 3. BSID will give a foolproof identification to Indian seafarers which will facilitate their movement and help in identifying them from any location in the world.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
7. Consider the following statements regarding “no first use nuclear doctrine” :
1. It refers to a pledge or a policy by a nuclear power not to use nuclear weapons as a means of warfare unless first attacked by an adversary using nuclear weapons.
 2. Now the concept is also applied to chemical and biological warfare.
 3. India became the first nation to propose and pledge no first use nuclear policy when it conducted nuclear tests under Pokhran-II in 1998.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
 (a) 2 only (b) 1, 2
 (c) 2, 3 (d) 3 only
8. Consider the following statements regarding Indian star tortoise :
1. Recently Indian star tortoise has been moved from Appendix II to Appendix I of CITES.
 2. Appendix I of CITES lists species that are the most endangered among CITES-listed animals and plants.
 3. There is complete prohibition of the species listed on Appendix I of CITES.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements regarding National Essential Diagnostics List (NEDL).
1. India has got its first National Essential Diagnostics List (NEDL) finalised by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) . NEDL aims to bridge the current regulatory system’s gap that does not cover all the medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic device (IVD).
 2. India has become the first country to compile such a list that would provide guidance to the government for deciding the kind of diagnostic tests that different healthcare facilities in villages and remote areas require.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
10. Consider the following statements about West Nile Virus :
1. Mosquitoes are the natural hosts of West Nile virus.
 2. West Nile virus is mainly transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes.
 3. Human infections occur through organ transplant, blood transfusions and breast milk.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Health and Family Welfare Minister has launched 'TB HAREGA DESH JEETEGA' campaign in New Delhi today. Consider the following statements regarding the same:

1. One-third of the people in the world have TB bacteria, and 10 per cent of them can become a victim of TB at any time.
2. Recently Malawi became the first African country to develop vaccine against Tb.
3. India's new TB campaign aims to improve and expand the reach of TB care services across the country, by 2022.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

12. Consider the following pairs of space missions and their respective countries :

1. Apollo : Russia
2. Mercury Redstone : United states
3. Sputnik : China
4. Ariel 1 : U.K
5. Alouette : France

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

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

13. Recently a commemorative stamp was issued by the UN on the occasion of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. Along with that a Gandhi solar park was inaugurated at the headquarters of which of the following organisations ?

- (a) WTO (b) WHO
 (c) United Nations (d) UNEP

14. Amid the hammering of share prices due to loan defaults and subsequent actions by lenders against borrower companies, which of the following includes the measures taken by market regulators to deal with defaults and stressed assets?

1. All listed companies have been asked to promptly disclose to the exchanges all "material developments" relating to the defaults, including about inter-creditor agreements.
2. The RBI had issued certain directions to lenders, including banks and systematically important NBFCs, as part of its Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets Directions, 2019.
3. SEBI has also come out with new norms that make it mandatory for companies to provide details on delayed loan repayments and possible defaults to credit rating agencies.

Choose the correct option :

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

15. Indian doctors have advised patients to avoid over-the-counter (OTC) use of popular antacid ranitidine. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. The drug ranitidine is approved for multiple indications in the country and available in various formulations including tablets, injections, etc.
2. Common side effects include headaches and pain or burning if given by injection. Serious side effects may include liver problems, a slow heart rate, pneumonia, and the potential of masking stomach cancer.
3. DPCO released by the central government is the only way to act against over use of pharmaceutical drugs in India.

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. All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2018-19 was done by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) .
2. A higher overall share of male students in enrolment is a trend also in most of the states. The report is based on voluntary uploading of data by institutions of Higher Education listed in government portal.

Choose the correct option :

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

17. Consider the following statements :

1. United in Science Report is compiled by WMO under the umbrella of the Science Advisory
2. Group of the UN Climate Summit.
3. The current levels of CO₂, methane and Nitrous oxide represent 146%, 257 % and 122% respectively of preindustrial levels.

Choose the correct option :

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

18. Consider the following statements :

1. Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was opened for signature in 1968 and it entered into force in 1970.
2. India is a nuclear weapon state under NPT .

Choose the correct option :

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

19. Consider the following statements :

1. The NSG was founded in response to the Indian nuclear test in May 1974 and first met in November 1975.
2. All nations except Pakistan and India are the members of NSG group.

Choose the correct option :

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

20. Arrange north to south on Map

1. Dubai
2. Muscat
3. Pune
4. Delhi

Choose the correct combination :

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

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