

1. With respect to the creation and administration of union territories, which of the following statements are true ?
 1. During the discussion on reorganisation of states in 1956, the States Reorganisation Commission recommended creation of a different category for these territories since they neither fit the model of a state, nor do they follow a uniform pattern when it comes to governance.
 2. According to Article 240, the Governors of parent states has the power to make regulations for certain UTs. The regulations could be for peace, progress and good government of the UT.
 3. In case a UT has a Legislature in place, the President shall not have the authority to make any regulation with effect from the first day of the meeting of the Legislature.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only (d) all the above
2. Consider the following pairs of languages and their corresponding states were they are declared as official languages :
 1. Khasi : Meghalaya
 2. Konkani : Goa
 3. Urdu : Gujarat
 4. English : Nagaland
 5. Dogri : Bihar

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1 , 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 1 , 3 & 4 only
 - (c) 2 , 4 & 5 only
 - (d) 2 , 3 & 5 only
3. The Nirbhaya Fund was announced by the Centre in 2013 to support the initiatives of the government and the NGOs working towards the safety of women. Which of the following statements regarding the fund stands true ?
 1. The Nirbhaya Fund Framework provides for a non-lapsable corpus fund for safety and security of women to be administered by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Government of India.
 2. As per procedures established in the CrPC central governments/ UTs are responsible for registration and investigation of crimes as well as grant of financial assistance/ compensation to victims.
 3. The top five States ranked in terms of utilisation of money across various schemes under the Nirbhaya Fund were Chandigarh , Mizoram, Uttarakhand , Andhra Pradesh and Nagaland.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All the above
4. Consider the following statements :
 1. A genome is a person's complete set of deoxyribonucleic acids or DNA, including all genes with more than 3 billion DNA base pairs.
 2. By sequencing the genome, researchers can discover the functions of genes and identify mutations responsible for cancer and rare genetic diseases.

3. Genome sequencing will also lead to precision medication, instead of clinicians giving drugs based on collective knowledge.
Which of the above statements stands true ?
(a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All the above
5. "Lingdum monastery" recently seen in news is located in which of the following Indian states?
(a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Sikkim (d) Assam
6. Consider the following statements :
1. The Mekedatu Reservoir project envisages building a balancing reservoir in Krishna River
2. It would also supply drinking water to Bengaluru and Ramanagaram districts, besides generating power.
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. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy hosted 2nd assembly of International Solar Alliance at New Delhi.
2. PM of India is the President of ISA Assembly
Choose the correct option :
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
8. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and the North Eastern Council (NEC) have announced setting up of Bamboo Technology Park in
(a) Assam (b) Manipur
(c) Meghalaya (d) Ladakh
9. Consider the following statements :
1. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development(OECD) conducts PISA every year
2. It assesses the learning levels of 15-year-old students in reading, mathematics, science, collaborative problem solving and money literacy.
Choose the correct option :
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
10. Consider the following statements :
1. Copernicus is the most ambitious Earth observation programme to date.
2. It is launched by NASA
Choose the correct option :
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
11. What is Uluru?
(a) An asteroid (b) A space telescope
(c) A tribe in Nagaland (d) A rock

12. Which of the following are called Cotton Four Countries?

1. Benin
2. India
3. Chad
4. Pakistan
5. Mali
6. Burkina Faso

Select the correct answer code:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 1, 3, 5, 6
 (c) 2, 3, 4, 6 (d) 2, 4, 5, 6

13. Consider the following statements :

1. He served as the first Indian member of the British parliament.
2. He helped found the London Indian Society and the East India Association.
3. He was Congress president in 1886 and 1906.

The above statements refer to

- (a) W.C Banerjee
 (b) Badruddin Tyabji
 (c) Surendranath Banerjee
 (d) Dadabhai Naoroji

14. Consider the following statements regarding Gold reserves, according to the latest release by the World Gold Council :

1. IMF is ranked first in the total gold reserves followed by US.
2. India is in the list of top ten countries in terms of total gold reserves.
3. India has more than 20% of the share held in gold in total foreign reserves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements about Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) :

1. It is an ahead-of-time agreement between a taxpayer and a tax authority on an appropriate transfer pricing methodology.
2. It is only Unilateral in nature, that involves only the taxpayer and the tax authority of the country where the taxpayer is located.
3. In India, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) signs the APA with the tax payer.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements regarding e-Assessment Scheme :

1. It aims to facilitate faceless assessment of income tax returns through completely electronic communication.
2. National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) headed by Finance Minister has been set up to look after the work of the e-Assessment Scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

17. Centre inaugurated Mission Innovation (MI) Face-to-Face Meeting of Innovation Challenges recently. Which of the following statements regarding the mission stands true ?
1. Mission Innovation is the name coined by India and it was launched by 20 countries during COP 21 in November, 2015.
 2. Mission Innovation currently comprises of 24-member countries and the European Commission.
 3. These countries have committed to double Government funding on clean energy research and development over 5 years and enhance international engagement in programmes on clean energy R&D.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
18. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) joint exercise on “Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue 2019” was inaugurated by India’s Home minister in which of the following places recently ?
- (a) Jakarta (b) New Delhi
 (c) Bangkok (d) Kathmandu
19. Which of the following statements regarding the recently launched IT initiatives “ICEDASH” and “ATITHI” stands true ?
1. ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard of the Indian customs helping public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.
 2. With ATITHI, CBIC has introduced an easy to use mobile app for international travellers to file the Customs declaration in advance. Passengers can use this app to file declaration of dutiable items and currency with the Indian Customs even before boarding the flight to India.
 3. Ministry of science & technology is the nodal agency for the implementation of both the schemes.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
20. Consider the following statements :
1. Section 126A of the Representation of People. Act 1951, prohibits conduct of Exit poll and dissemination of its results during the period like the hour fixed for commencement of poll in first phase and half an hour after close of poll in last phase in a State.
 2. No person shall display to the public any election matter in the polling area except via cinematographic or television medium.
 3. During elections all Internet websites and Social Media platforms must comply with the provisions of the Information Technology Act 2000 and ECI guidelines for all political content on their platform mandatorily.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above

ANSWER KEYS

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