

1. Consider the following statements :
 1. India accounts for 18% of the world population, whereas we have only 4% of the world water resources that too with large temporal and spatial variability.
 2. The National Hydrology project is an important scheme ensuring sustainable usage of water resources .It has a coverage on Pan India basis and intends to set up of a system for timely and reliable water resources data acquisition, storage, collation, management and dissemination.
 3. The project also seeks to build capacity of the State and Central sector organisations in water resources management through the use of Information Systems and adoption of State-of-the-art 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. Which of the following can be regarded a examples of Non-tariff Barriers in world trade economics ?
 1. Customs duty
 2. State trading
 3. Subsidies
 4. Preferential arrangement
 5. Quantity restrictions and Quotas

Choose the correct option :

 - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 3, 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 2, 4 & 5 only
 - (d) 1, 3 & 4 only
3. Recently, ministry of rural development has come out with the fifth edition of Wasteland Atlas -2019. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1. According to the ministry, unprecedented pressure on the land beyond its carrying capacity is resulting into degradation of lands in the country.
 2. As per the report, majority of croplands have been converted into wastelands over a period of 5 years.
 3. However a reduction in wasteland area was observed in the categories of land with dense scrub, waterlogged and marshy land, sandy areas, degraded pastures / grazing land and gullied and / or ravinous land.

Choose the correct option :

 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
4. With respect to the first ever 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave' to be held in Vishakhapatnam. Which of the following statements stands true ?
 1. The Ports of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional organization comprising of seven Member states lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of Bay of Bengal constituting a contiguous regional unity.
 2. The objective of BIMSTEC alliance was to harness trade and accelerated growth with mutual cooperation in different areas of common interest by utilising the regional resources and geographical advantage.
 3. The diverse historical and cultural heritage of the BIMSTEC nations makes it an ideal destination for tourism, in which the ports plays a vital role for encouraging cruise tourism.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All of the above
5. India has signed Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with majority of the proposed RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) countries. Which of the following countries is not amongst them ?
 (a) New Zealand (b) Japan
 (c) Sri Lanka (d) Thailand
6. Consider the following statements regarding Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) Initiative.
1. It aims to provide dignified and quality health care at low cost to every woman and newborn visiting public and private health facility in order to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
 2. All pregnant women, newborns and mothers up to 6 months of delivery will be able to avail several free health care services.
 3. The government will also provide free transport to pregnant women from home to the health facility and drop back after discharge.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
 (c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
7. Promotion of Digital Transactions including Digital Payments, is the responsibility of
 (a) RBI
 (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 (d) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)
8. Consider the following statements regarding Measles and Rubella :
1. Measles is a viral infection of the respiratory system that can spread through contact with infected mucus and saliva.
 2. Rubella is a contagious disease that mostly affects children.
 3. Rubella is usually mild in kids, but it can be more serious in pregnant women.
- 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 :
1. Eat Right Movement was launched by World Health Organisation (WHO) which aims to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years.
 2. Eat Right Movement is aligned with the India's flagship public health programmes such as POSHAN Abhiyaan and Swachh Bharat Mission.
 3. FSSAI has prescribed a limit for Total Polar Compounds (TPC) at 25% in cooking oil to avoid the harmful effects of reused cooking oil.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
10. Consider the following statements regarding WHO India Country Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023.
1. It is a strategic roadmap for the WHO to work with the Indian government towards achieving its health sector goals.
 2. The India Country Cooperation Strategy is one of the first that fully aligns itself with the newly adopted WHO 13th General Programme of Work and its 'triple billion' targets.
 3. WHO 'Triple Billion' targets aim for One billion more people to be benefitted from Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements :

1. Dumbur lake is located in Raima valley of Himachal Pradesh
2. Indigenous people of Bru community were displaced in the Dumbur dam project

Choose the correct option :

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

12. Consider the following statements :

1. South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) was established by India in 1982
2. It also acts as the Secretariat for the South Asian Seas Programme, which comes under the purview of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme.

Choose the correct option :

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

13. Consider the following statements :

1. The 6th Parliamentary Speakers' Summit of G 20 Countries was recently held in Tokyo, Japan.
2. Osaka Declaration welcomed the UNSC Resolution 2462, which calls upon countries to prevent and counter the financing of terrorism, especially in its new forms.

Choose the correct option :

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

14. Consider the following statements :

1. Aadi Mahotsav is a 15-day National Tribal Festival organized in New Delhi.
2. It is organised by Ministry of commerce & industry

Choose correct option :

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

15. Consider the following statements :

1. Wasteland Atlas, The 5th edition wasteland atlas of India is released by Dept of space
2. The spatial extent of wasteland is 55.76Mha (16.96 % of geographical area of the Country) for the year 2015-16 as compared to 56.60 Mha in the year 2008-09

Choose the correct option:

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

16. "Bru" tribes also known as "Reangs", recently seen in news is the major tribal community found in which one of the following states of India ?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Manipur
 (c) Tripura (d) Jharkhand

17. Which of the following statements regarding the air (prevention and control of pollution) act 1981 is not true ?

1. The Central Pollution Control Board shall exercise the powers and perform the functions for the prevention and control of air pollution under this Act.
2. The act specifically prioritises/mentions on reducing the health impact of rising pollutions in the country.
3. The Act specifically empowers State Government to designate air pollution areas and to prescribe the type of fuel to be used in these designated areas.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 only

- (c) 3 only (d) 2 & 3 only
18. The 15th meeting of the Governing Council of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) will be held in Bangladesh. Which of the following statements regarding the organisation stands true ?
1. The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme, also known as SACEP, is an inter-governmental organisation established in 1982 by the South Asian governments to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.
 2. The Governing Council is the principal review and deliberative body of SACEP and is responsible for determining its policy and programmes. It consists of one representative from each member state.
 3. Pakistan is the only country from the region which is out of the purview of the SACEP organisation.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
19. Which of the following are the possible by-products of ethanol fuel combustion ?
1. Carbon monoxide
 2. Sulphur dioxide
 3. Particulate matter
 4. Aldehydes
 5. Water
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 1, 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 2, 3 & 5 only
 - (d) 1, 2 & 4 only
20. Consider the following statements regarding recently published report named 'Truth Behind the Climate Pledges', published by the Universal Ecological Fund :
1. Carbon emissions from the top four emitters account for 56 percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions with leading in third position.
 2. Besides the forest cover goal, for the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, India had also pledged to unconditionally reduce the emission intensity of its Gross Domestic Product by 30-35 percent from 2005 level by 2030 and achieve 40 percent of its installed power capacity from renewables.
 3. India's GHG emissions have increased by about 76 percent between 2005 and 2017, and are expected to continue to increase due to economic growth.
- Which of the above statements stands true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above

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