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1. The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has conducted the survey on Household Social Consumption related to Health during the period July 2017 to June 2018 as a part of 75th round of National Sample Survey (NSS).

Which of the following statements regarding the findings stands true?

- 1. In rural areas about 90% childbirths were institutional (in Government/private hospitals) and in urban areas it was about 96%.
- 2. Among institutional childbirths in rural areas, majority were in private hospitals than government hospitals.
- 3. About 97% of both boys and girls aged below 5 years had received vaccination in rural India.

Choose the correct option:

(a) 1 & 2 only

(b) 2 & 3 only

(c) 1 & 3 only

- (d) All the above
- 2. The United Nations Security Council reaffirmed its opposition to chemical weapons yesterday, in the face of high-profile instances of their use worldwide. Which of the following countries have ratified the convention?
 - 1. Pakistan
 - 2. South Sudan
 - 3. Egypt
 - 4. India
 - 5. China

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
- (b) 1, 4 & 5 only
- (c) 2, 3 & 5 only
- (d) 2, 4 & 5 only
- 3. Which of the following includes the Various Initiatives undertaken by Government for mitigation of Air Pollution ?
 - 1. Centre is promoting peoples participation and awareness building among citizens for environmental conservation that focus on promotion of cycling, saving water and electricity, growing trees, proper maintenance of vehicles, following of lane discipline and reducing congestion on roads by car pooling etc.
 - 2. Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was notified on January 12, 2017, for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution in Delhi and NCR. It identifies graded measures and implementing agencies for response to four AQI categories, namely, Moderate to Poor, Very Poor, Severe and Severe + or Emergency.
 - 3. Umang app has been launched wherein air quality information is available to public along with provision for registering complaints against air polluting activities.

Choose the correct option:

(a) 1 & 2 only

(b) 2 & 3 only

(c) 1 & 3 only

- (d) All the above
- 4. With respect to the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana , which of the following statements stands true ?
 - 1. Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) skilling is being imparted through Short Term Training (STT) courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

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- 2. Under PMKVY, there are certain incentives to encourage participation of Persons with Disabilities, (PwD) in the skill training namely; post placement support, monthly conveyance allowance, boarding and lodging etc.
- 3. Under RPL, individuals with prior learning experience or skills are being assessed and certified. It aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the country to the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF).

Choose the correct option:

(a) 1 & 2 only

(b) 2 & 3 only

(c) 1 & 3 only

- (d) All the above
- 5. The recently launched Green Channel policy is the policy that provides eligibility criteria for firms to obtain Green Channel Status. Under the policy, when a firm gains the "Green Channel status" it can self-certify its products for their quality. It was launched by which of the following ministry's?
 - (a) Ministry of Commerce
 - (b) Ministry of MSME's
 - (c) Ministry of Defence
 - (d) Ministry of Agriculture and farmer's welfare
- 6. Consider the following statements regarding Thotlakonda site:
 - 1. Thotlakonda site, is the sacred place of Buddhists.
 - 2. Recently it was in news as Maha Stupa at Thotlakonda collapsed due to heavy rains.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

- (d) None of the above
- 7. Consider the following statements regarding Pneumonia:
 - 1. Pneumonia is a form of acute respiratory infection that affects the lungs.
 - 2. Pneumonia is the single largest infectious cause of death in children worldwide.
 - 3. Pneumonia is caused by viruses, bacteria and fungi.
 - 4. Pneumonia is only preventable and not treatable.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 3, 4

(b) 2, 3, 4

(c) 1, 2, 3

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4

- 8. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. The National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) is a federal anti-terror agency created in India, modelled on the National Counterterrorism Center of the USA.
 - 2. NATGRID is an intelligence sharing network that collates data from the standalone databases of the various agencies and ministries of the Indian government.
 - 3. NATGRID is a post Mumbai 26/11 attack measure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 3

(b) 1, 2

(c) 2, 3

- (d) 1, 2, 3
- 9. Consider the following statements about eSamvad portal, sometimes seen in news:
 - (a) A platform for NGOs and Civil Societies to interact with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - (b) India's first Government-to-Business (G2B) portal which aims at transforming and developing a conducive business environment in the country.

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- (c) It is a government services portal to inform the citizens about various government services under various ministries and government entities.
- (d) A platform for NGOs and Civil Societies to interact with the Ministry of Women & Child Development.
- 10. Consider the following statements regarding Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).
 - 1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum for Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
 - 2. APEC is recognized as one of the highest-level multilateral blocs and oldest forums in the Asia-Pacific region
 - 3. China, Russia and India are the members of APEC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 3

(b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 2

- (d) 1, 2, 3
- 11. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Lumpy skin disease is an infectious disease in cattle that reduces milk production, causes infertility, poor growth and chronic debility
 - 2. Its caused by Neethling bacteria

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None of the above
- 12. Dallol Geothermal Field is located in
 - (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Antarctica
- (c) Australia
- (d) Ethiopia
- 13. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. The GoI has set a target to make the biotechnology sector as a 1000 billion USD industry.
 - 2. Global Bio-India Summit: India's first largest biotechnology conference was organized by the Department of Bio Technology

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None
- 14. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC) bacteria are primary cause of diarrhea
 - 2. An oral ETEC vaccine candidate, named 'ETVAX is developed by CSIR

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None of the above
- 15. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Bharat Net Project aims to provide affordable broadband connectivity at a speed of 100 Mbps for all
 - 2. The entire project is being funded by Universal service Obligation Fund (USOF)

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None of the above
- 16. Green Channel Policy by the Ministry of Defence is related to
 - (a) Weapons procurements
 - (b) Indigenous manufacturing
 - (c) Quality certification of products
 - (d) Environment friendly weapons

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- 17. Consider the following statements regarding Air-independent propulsion (AIP):
 - 1. Air-independent propulsion (AIP) is a marine propulsion technology that allows a non-nuclear submarine to operate without access to atmospheric oxygen.
 - 2. Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) has a force multiplier effect on the lethality of a diesel-electric submarine as it enhances the submerged endurance of the boat, several folds.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None
- 18. Consider the following statements regarding Green Climate Fund:
 - 1. Green Climate Fund was set up under the Kyoto Protocol to channel funding from developed countries to developing countries to allow them to mitigate climate change.
 - 2. The Fund's investments can be in the form of grants, loans, equity or guarantees.
 - 3. When the Paris Agreement was reached in 2015, the Green Climate Fund was given an important role in serving the agreement and supporting the goal of keeping climate change well below 2 degrees Celsius.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2
- (b) 2, 3
- (c) 1, 3
- (d) 1, 2, 3
- 19. Consider the following statements regarding South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP):
 - 1. South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) is an arm of Asian Development Bank to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.
 - 2. SACEP supports national government's efforts for environmental protection and sustainable development.
 - 3. Afghanistan, India and Pakistan are the member countries of SACEP.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2
- (b) 1, 3
- (c) 2, 3
- (d) 1, 2, 3
- 20. Consider the following statements regarding Strategic Disinvestment Process:
 - 1. Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) under the Ministry of Finance is the nodal department for the strategic stake sale.
 - 2. DIPAM and NITI Aayog will jointly identify PSUs for strategic disinvestment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

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

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