

1. Which country topped in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)'s "Human Development Report 2019 – Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st century" ?
 (a) Scotland (b) Ireland
 (c) Norway (d) Switzerland
2. Consider the following statements regarding Emperor Penguin.
 1. Emperor penguin is the shortest of all living penguin species and is endemic to Antarctica.
 2. It is the only penguin species that breeds during the Antarctic winter.
 3. Disappearing sea ice impacts Emperor Penguins directly, as the animals use it as a home base for their breeding season.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Which country was banned to participate in the Olympics and World Championships for 4 years by WADA's (World Anti-Doping Agency) Executive Committee ?
 (a) Russia (b) Thailand
 (c) China (d) France
4. Which of the following statements regarding the newly proposed Seeds bill introduced in Parliament stands true ?
 1. Seeds Bill is necessary to enhance seed replacement rates in Indian agriculture, specify standards for registration of seed varieties and enforce registration from seed producers to seed retailers.
 2. The Seeds Bill insists on compulsory registration of seeds.
 3. India is a signatory Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) but has not joined the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) Convention.
 (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) all of the above
5. Who will become the world's youngest serving prime minister?
 (a) Katri Kulmuni (b) Li Anderson
 (c) Maria Ohisalo (d) Sanna Marin
6. The "Inclusive development index" recently seen in news is published by which of the following global organisations ?
 (a) IMF
 (b) World Bank
 (c) World economic forum
 (d) WTO
7. What is the rank of India in Global Climate Risk Index?
 (a) 4th (b) 3rd
 (c) 5th (d) 2nd
8. Which statement is correct?
 1. The Forward Bloc of the Indian National Congress was formed on May 3, 1939 by Jai Prakash Narayan
 2. The All India Forward Bloc (AIFB) is a left-wing nationalist political party in India today.

- (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) None of these
9. What is the rank of India in UN index assessing e-commerce readiness?
 (a) 73rd (b) 80th
 (c) 75th (d) 77th
10. Consider the following statements regarding Sumatran rhinoceros.
 1. Sumatran rhinoceros are the largest of the living rhinoceroses.
 2. The Sumatran rhinoceros is now extinct in Malaysia.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 Only
 (b) 2 Only
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
11. Which Coast Guard ship built in India has been gifted to the Maldives recently?
 (a) Karanj (b) Kaamyaab
 (c) Rakshak (d) Deepan
12. Choose the correct statement
 1. Prithvi II is an indigenously developed surface-to-air nuclear-capable missile.
 2. It's a short-range cruise missile (SRBM) developed by DRDO of India under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP)
 Choose correct
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both (d) None
13. Which state government launched the 'Madhu App' for school students?
 (a) Haryana (b) Odisha
 (c) Maharashtra (d) Telangana
14. Which of the following categories of society are the eligible beneficiaries of the PMAY Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) scheme?
 1. Medium Income Group
 2. Economically weaker sections
 3. SC/ST/OBC's
 4. People with pucca houses without sanitary facilities
 5. All Gram Sabha members
 (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 (b) 2, 3 & 5 only
 (c) 1, 3 & 5 only
 (d) 2, 4 & 5 only
15. According to Henley Passport Index, what is the rank of the Indian passport in 2019?
 (a) 76th (b) 86th
 (c) 96th (d) 56th

16. Consider the following statements regarding Central Asian Flyway (CAF).
1. Central Asian Flyway (CAF) is a flyway covering a large continental area of Eurasia between the Arctic Ocean and the Indian Ocean and the associated island chains.
 2. CAF migration routes include the steppes and cold deserts of Central Eurasia.
 3. National action plan for conservation of migratory birds along the Central Asian Flyway emphasizes on coordinated efforts by all relevant stakeholders in conservation of the winged species.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
17. Jing kieng jri or living root bridges are predominantly found in
- (a) Assam (b) Nagaland
(c) Manipur (d) Meghalaya
18. Consider the following statements about Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).
1. It comprises of eight Member States lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal.
 2. It came into being through the Bangkok Declaration.
 3. It is headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal
 4. In 2018, the 4th BIMSTEC Summit concluded in Kathmandu
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 2 and 4 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4
19. UN Climate Change Conference 2019 took place under the presidency of which of the following governments at Madrid recently?
- (a) Spain (b) Chile
(c) Argentina (d) France
20. Consider the following statements regarding Sowa -Rigpa.
1. It is a traditional system of medicine practised in the Western-coastal belt of India.
 2. The majority of theory and practice of Sowa-Rigpa is similar to Ayurveda.
 3. It is formally recognized and promoted as traditional medical system by the Government of India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER KEYS

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