

1. Consider the following statements :
 - 1) Family planning is considered universally as the smartest development investment. For India to realize its sustainable development goals and economic aspirations, it is important to ensure that people have informed access to contraception and quality family planning services.
 - 2) Nearly 30 million currently married women in the age group of 15-49 years within this critical cohort of young people have unmet needs in family planning, which limit their ability to delay or avoid pregnancy by not having access or the agency to use contraception.
 - 3) India, with a current population size of 1.37 billion, has the second largest population in the world. We are also at a stage where birth rates are rising and the population continues to grow due to the fact that more than 60 per cent of the population is young and in the reproductive age group.
 Which of the following statements stands true ?
 Choose the correct option :
 - a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
2. Arrange the following Ramsar wetland sites in India from south to North :
 - A) Ropar
 - B) Ashtamudi
 - C) Kolleru
 - D) Tsomoriri
 - E) Deepor Beel
 Choose the correct option :
 - a) B-C-D-E-A b) B-C-E-A-D c) C-D-E-A-B d) D-A-E-C-B
3. Which of the following statements describing relationship between crops and the weather patterns are correct ?
 - 1) Cold weather is necessary in the rabi season to maintain soil moisture.
 - 2) The warmer it is, the higher will be the evaporation of water from the soil, which will compound water scarcity.
 - 3) However Kharif crops are not affected by deficient rainfall due to their higher moisture retention capacities.
 Choose the correct option :
 - a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
4. Which of the following statements are regarding comparison of impeachment procedures of presidents of India and America stands true ?
 - 1) The US constitution defines impeachment as "the method for removing the president, vice president, federal judges, and other federal officials from office".
 - 2) President of India can be impeached for violation of constitution, the features of which are clearly defined in the constitution.
 - 3) In India either house can initiate impeachment proceedings against the president and with the concurrence of the other house can impeach the President. In US the power to impeach solely lies with the Senate (upper house).
 Choose the correct option :
 - a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. Which of the following global organisations releases the "State of World's Children" report ?
 - a) UNESCO b) WHO c) UNICEF d) World Bank
6. Consider the following statements with respect to FIFP (foreign investment facilitation portal) :
 - 1) The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIFP) is the new online single point interface of the Government of India for investors to facilitate Foreign Direct Investment.
 - 2) This portal will continue to facilitate the single window clearance of applications which are through approval route.
 - 3) It will be working under the supervision of the FIPB (Foreign investment promotion board).
 Which of the above statements are true ?
 - a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
7. Which of the following statements regarding the consumer protection bill recently passed by Lok Sabha are true ?
 - 1) The Bill enforces consumer rights and provides a mechanism for redressal of complaints regarding deficiencies in goods and services.
 - 2) It seeks to establish Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions at District, State and National levels.
 - 3) The Bill empowers the state government to appoint, remove and prescribe conditions of service for members of the District, State and National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions.
 Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3only d) All of these
8. Which of the following statements with respect to food wastages & food processing industry are true :
- 1) Food processing industry can help build the food value chain by being a bridge between the farmer and diverse and distant markets and can enter into long-term contracts with farmers for specific commodities and items.
 - 2) The differential between what the farmers get for their crops and prices that food consumers pay, both within the country and internationally, is substantial.
 - 3) Wastage of food in India poses not just economic questions but also moral ones.
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3only d) All of these
9. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has launched the “Asiatic Lion Conservation Project” with an aim to protect and conserve the world’s last ranging free population of Asiatic Lion and its associated ecosystem.
- Which of the following statements regarding Asiatic lions are true ?
- 1) Asiatic lions that once ranged from Persia (Iran) to Palamau in Eastern India were almost driven to extinction by indiscriminate hunting and habitat loss.
 - 2) With timely and stringent protection offered by the State Government and the Centre Government, Asiatic lions have increased to the current population of over 500 numbers.
 - 3) Gir Sanctuary, Pania Sanctuary and Mitiyala Sanctuary are the main areas inhabiting the Asiatic lions in India.
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3only d) All of these
10. Prime Minister to release the commemorative coin and postage stamp in memory of Paika Rebellion . The Rebellion, also called the Paika Bidroha, was an armed rebellion against the British East India Company's rule in Odisha in 1817. Which of the following national leaders were the most prominent ones in the rebellion ?
- a) SardarValabhbhaipatel
 - b) Radhkant deb
 - c) Bakshi Jagabandhu
 - d) C R Das
11. Consider the following statements with respect to SAM (sever acute malnutrition) :
- 1) Children with severe acute malnutrition have very low weight for their height and severe muscle wasting.
 - 2) Severe acute malnutrition is a major cause of death in children under 5, and its prevention and treatment are critical to child survival and development.
 - 3) The use of RUTF (Ready-to-use therapeutic food has transformed the treatment of severe acute malnutrition, in part, because it allows those children without medical complications to be cured right in their own homes and communities.
- Which of the above statements are true?
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
12. Which of the following states In India are arranged with respect to their decreasing order of sex ratios :
- a) Rajasthan,Maharashtra,Gujarat
 - b) Chattisgarh,Assam,West Bengal
 - c) Bihar ,Gujarat,Punjab
 - d) Madhya pradesh, Gujarat,Nagaland
13. The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), India’s national accreditation body, has secured equivalence for its accreditation programme for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS) Certification Bodies in Asia- Pacific region. Which of the following are its possible impacts :
- 1) Any industry carrying ISO 45001 certificate with NABCB logo will be recognized in the Asia Pacific region.
 - 2) All products with NABCB accreditation will get GI tag automatically under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection)Act.
 - 3) NABCB can facilitate export of Indian goods into the world market by attesting that these are certified as per international standards by competent certifying bodies.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
14. Which of the following statements regarding NITI Aayog’s recently released SGD India index are true ?
- 1) The Index supplements NITI Aayog’s continuous efforts towards encouraging evidence-based policy making by supporting States/UTs to benchmark their progress, identifying priority areas and share best practices.

- 2) The SDG India Index is available via an interactive dashboard which has cross-sectoral relevance across policy, civil society, business and academia
- 3) As per the SDG India index score Maharashtra, Gujarat & Goa are the best performing states based on the criterias.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
15. The Great Sunda islands lies between which of the following seas in the Indian ocean :
- a) Java Sea and Banda sea b) Timor sea and Banda sea
 c) Java sea and Timor sea d) Banda sea and celebes sea
16. Which of the following statements regarding the recently published Global Diseases Burden report stands true?
- 1) Around 9 million fire incidents and 1.2 lakh deaths were recorded across the globe that year.
 2) India, along with seven countries, including Pakistan, accounted for over half the deaths due to fires.
 3) The study identified gender violence as a cause for the high death rate in India; it also cited a study from Karnataka that showed synthetic saris worn by women was a cause.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
17. Which of the following statements regarding the liquidity adjustment measures taken by RBI stands true?
- 1) The RBI uses the repo rate for short-term liquidity management and to smoothen interest rates in the call/money market.
 2) LAF helps in managing a short term liquidity situation resulting from the large and volatile capital flows.
 3) An increase in the CRR results in an increase in the amount of money that banks have to maintain with the RBI as a percentage of their deposits.
 4) In times of excess visible liquidity, the call rates hover around the reverse repo rate, whereas in times of tight liquidity, the call rate will hover around the repo rate.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1,2 & 3 only b) 2,3 & 4 only c) 1,3 & 4 only d) 1,2 & 4 only
18. Which of the following statements regarding the WEF (World Economic Forum's) annual meeting stands true?
- 1) The WEF has said the 2020 meeting aims to give a concrete meaning to "stakeholder capitalism", assist governments and international institutions in tracking progress towards the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals, and facilitate discussions on technology and trade governance.
 2) WEF has selected 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World' as the theme for its 2020 annual meeting, which will bring together 3,000 global leaders.
 3) WEF meeting is to be held at its headquarters in Hague, Netherlands.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
19. With respect to India's foreign policy in Central Asia, which of the following statements stands true?
- 1) India is committed to building rail route, from Chabahar to Zahedan on the Iran-Afghan border, and Uzbekistan is keen to join the transit trade agreement signed by India, Afghanistan and Iran.
 2) India also wants to connect Central Asia via INSTC and through Ashgabat agreement that excludes Oman.
 3) The rail route to Herat, if extended to Kabul, would also link to India's "air corridor", allowing trade, especially dry fruits and agricultural produce to travel along the routes from India to Central Asia and back in much shorter time.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
20. The Galapagos Islands recently in news, considered one of the world's foremost destinations for wildlife-viewing. It is located in the Pacific islands and is an archipelago of which of the following countries?
- a) Columbia b) Ecuador c) Peru d) Mexico

ANSWER KEYS

- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|
| 01 | a | 02 | c | 03 | a | 04 | c | 05 | c | 06 | a | 07 | a | 08 | d | 09 | d | 10 | c |
| 11 | d | 12 | b | 13 | c | 14 | a | 15 | c | 16 | d | 17 | b | 18 | a | 19 | c | 20 | b |