

1. Consider the following statements with respect to law making procedure in India :
 - 1) The President can assent or withhold his assent to a Bill or he can return a Bill, other than a Money Bill, for reconsideration. If the Bill is again passed by the Houses, with or without amendment made by the President, he shall not withhold assent there from.
 - 2) All Bills, except a 'Money Bill' or financial Bills, may originate in any of the Houses.
 - 3) After the dissolution of Lok Sabha all Bills except the Bills introduced in the Rajya Sabha and pending therein, lapse.
 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
2. Which of the following lakes in India are fresh water lakes?
 - 1) Wular lake 2) Chilika lake 3) Pulicat lake
 - 4) Dal lake 5) Vembanad lake
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 3, 4 & 5 only c) 1, 4 & 5 only d) All of these
3. Consider the following statements regarding State human rights commission (SHRC) :
 - 1) The SHRC shall inquire into violation of human rights in respect of matters specified in state list and concurrent list only.
 - 2) A sitting judge of HC or sitting district judge cannot be appointed as the chairman of the SHRC.
 - 3) It submits special or annual reports to state legislatures along with action taken on their recommendations and reasons for non acceptance of advice.
 Which of the above statements are true?
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) All of these d) 1 & 3 only
4. Which of the following statements with respect to Agri Export Zone are true?
 - 1) The concept of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) was introduced to take a comprehensive look at a particular produce/product located in a contiguous area for the purpose of developing and sourcing the raw materials, their processing/packaging, leading to final exports.
 - 2) The concept hinged primarily on convergence of existing Central and State Government schemes to take care of financial interventions required at various stages of value chain.
 - 3) Gujarat has the largest number of Agri export zones in the country.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. Consider the following Global/Regional organisations :
 - 1) ASEAN
 - 2) Asia Pacific Economic co-operation (APEC)
 - 3) International Monetary Fund
 - 4) Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)
 - 5) BIMSTEC
 India is not a member of which of the above organisations/groupings?
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 3 & 4 only c) 2 & 4 only d) 3 & 5 only
6. Which of the following statements regarding the recent WHO report on malnutrition and obesity across the globe stands true?
 - 1) The world is now "facing a new nutrition reality" where individuals across countries are facing both undernutrition and obesity at different points in their life.
 - 2) The world is now "facing a new nutrition reality" where individuals across countries are facing both undernutrition and obesity (double burden) at different points in their life as per the report.
 - 3) The report identifies India as the largest country with a severe double burden, along with many other Asian and sub-Saharan African countries, in particular.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
7. The country Guinea-Bissau recently in news, shares boundary with which of the following countries of Africa?
 - 1) Sierra Leone 2) Senegal 3) Guinea 4) Mali

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) 2 & 4 only

8. Recently Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati Researchers have developed materials that can produce energy from water, on a small scale.

Which of the followings statements regarding the same stands true?

- 1) When fluids stream through tiny channels that are charged, they can generate an electrical voltage, which may be harnessed through miniaturized generators. The concept is also known as electrokinetic energy.
- 2) In order to extract power from stagnant water, devices were fabricated by employing doped Graphene flakes.
- 3) Graphene is the sheet produced by oxidation followed by reduction of natural graphite flakes.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these

9. India, for the first time, ranks among the top 10 in this year's Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI). Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?

- 1) According to report, The current levels of per capita emissions and energy use in India, ranked 9th in the "high category", are still comparatively low and, along with ambitious 2030 targets, result in high ratings for the green house gas (GHG) emissions and energy use categories
- 2) The new Climate Change Performance Index shows signs of a global turnaround in emissions, including increased coal consumption.
- 3) While some EU countries such as Sweden (4th) and Denmark (5th), one of the best climbers, achieve overall high or very high ratings, the performance of EU countries varies largely.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these

10. Which of the following personalities/offices is authorised to supervise the election work in the State/Union Territory subject to the overall superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission?

- a) Chief secretary b) Speaker of assembly
- c) Chief electoral officer d) Returning officer

11. Which of the following statements regarding anti defection law in India stands true?

- 1) The anti-defection law allows the formation of a new party or "merger" with other political party if not less than two-thirds of the party's members commit to it.
- 2) The 91st Constitutional Amendment introduced in 2003 deleted the provision allowing split, which occurs within a party if at least one-third of the members of the legislative party defect.
- 3) The 91st Amendment also barred the appointment of defected legislators from contesting elections for a period of 6 years.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these

12. Arrange the following Indian states in the decreasing area of their forest cover as per the latest State of Forest Report 2019 :

- A) Maharashtra B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Odisha D) Madhya Pradesh

Choose the correct option:

- a) BCDA b) DBCA c) BDCA d) DACB

13. A basket of bonds issued by public-sector companies or any government organisation, Bharat Bond ETF will be tradable on the stock exchange soon. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?

- 1) The move will help public-sector companies raise funds through debt instruments and further develop domestic capital markets, boosting alternative sources of funding for firms.
- 2) Only investors holding demat account can invest in Bharat Bond ETF. Investors who do not hold a demat account have an alternative option to invest via Bharat Bond Fund of Funds having similar maturity in line with the underlying ETF.
- 3) This will be India's first corporate bond issued by state-run companies to be traded on bourses.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these

14. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is to conduct Asiatic Lion Census in May 2020. Which of the following statements regarding the species stands true?

- 1) The lion is one among the 5 Pantherine Cats inhabiting in India. The other 4 pantherine cats in India are Bengal Tiger, Snow Leopard, Indian Leopard and clouded leopard.
 - 2) Initially the lions were spread from the east of Indus river to West Bengal and also to Narmada river in Central India. However, today they are restricted to Gujarat alone.
 - 3) They are listed as critically endangered under the IUCN red list data.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
15. "Askot wildlife sanctuary" recently in news, belongs to which of the following Indian states?
 a) Himachal Pradesh b) Sikkim c) Uttarakhand d) Tamilnadu
 16. Which of the following statements regarding motions & resolutions in a parliamentary house/assembly stands true?
 1) By a motion, the House discusses a matter, by a resolution the House declares its own opinion. Motions and resolutions can be moved by private members as well as Ministers.
 2) A resolution can be moved by a member or Minister on a matter of general public interest. While there is no fixed day allotted for moving a resolution by a Minister, a private member can move a resolution only on an allotted day.
 3) The privileges committee is empowered to allot time for the consideration of a resolution. The maximum time limit for discussion on a private member's resolution is 3 hours.
- 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 pairs of Indian peninsular rivers and their tributaries are correctly matched?
 1) Narmada :Tawa 2) Godavari :Sabari 3) Krishna : Kali
 4) Kaveri :Bhavani 5) Tapi :Koyna
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 3 & 4 only c) 1, 2 & 4 only d) 2, 3 & 5 only
18. Ministry of Tourism has launched 'Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification' (IITFC) programme recently. Which of the followings statements regarding the same stands true?
 1) The certification programme is an Online Learning Management System which aims at creating skilled manpower to work as tourist facilitators.
 2) The programme helps local citizens in harnessing the local experience and traditional knowledge for assisting tourists and to be a potential bread earner for their households.
 3) The programme is open to both Indian as well as foreign citizens.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
19. For the first time in the past three years, the number of tiger deaths in India have been less than 100, according to recently released data from MoEFCC. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 1) Use of technologies like M-STriPES to maintain surveillance has led to this decline in tiger deaths.
 2) Maharashtra recorded the highest number of tiger deaths in 2019 due to increased man-animal conflicts.
 3) According to experts, tigers are most vulnerable when they are outside reserves as they are not under surveillance and it reported that almost 70% of poaching occurred outside reserves.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
20. "Nankana sahib gurudwara" recently seen in news is located in which of the following countries of the Indian subcontinent?
 a) India b) Pakistan c) Nepal d) Bhutan

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