

1. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released report by WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) on climate change and ocean heat stands true?
 - 1) One the current path of carbon dioxide emissions, we are heading towards a temperature increase of 3-5degree Celsius by the end of the century.
 - 2) The past five years, and the past decade were the warmest on record in terms of ocean heat content.
 - 3) More than 90% of the excess heat is stored in world's oceans; their heat content is a good way to quantify the rate of global warming.
 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 products in India are GI (Geographical Indication) tagged?
 - 1) Kangra Paintings 2) Marayoor jiggery 3) Kadaknath chicken
 - 4) Kancheepuram silk 5) Handloom sarees
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 1, 3 & 5 only c) All of these d) 2, 3 & 5 only
3. Foreign investors have highlighted the enforcement of contracts as one of their biggest concerns in doing business in India. Investors previously had an option to take India to international arbitration courts under bilateral investment treaties (BITs) the government had agreed with dozens of nations. Which of the following statements regarding the same stand true?
 - 1) BITs are agreements between two countries that give foreign investors protections, and among other things, legal recourse via international arbitration in disputes with a government.
 - 2) A domestic law can be a substitute for a BIT as its scope allows investors to take their case to international arbitration upon request.
 - 3) Though India's overall ranking in the World Bank's ease of doing business report has improved to 63 from 142 in 2014, it still ranks poorly at 163 out of 190 when it comes to enforcement of contracts.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
4. Consider the following statements :
 - 1) Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is an autonomous and statutory body of Ministry of Women and Child Development.
 - 2) It functions as the nodal body for the adoption of Indian children and is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions.
 - 3) CARA is designated as the Central Authority to deal with inter-country adoptions in accordance with the provisions of the 1993 Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption, which India signed in 2001 but has not yet ratified.
 Which of the above statements stands true?
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. The "Global Risk Perception Index" under the global risk report was released recently by which of the following organisations?
 - a) World Bank b) World Economic Forum
 - c) International Monetary Fund d) World Trade Organisation
6. Which of the following includes the guidelines given by Supreme Court to centre to prevent mob lynching in the country?
 - 1) The states shall designate a senior police officer not below the rank of police inspector as nodal officer in each district.
 - 2) The state governments shall immediately identify districts, sub-divisions and villages where instances of lynching and mob violence have been reported in the recent past.
 - 3) The Union home department must work in co-ordination with the state governments to sensitise law-enforcement agencies and by involving all stakeholders to identify the measures for the prevention of mob violence and lynching.

- 4) The Centre shall punish the states on the gravity of the situation and if the said measures are not taken. Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) 2 & 4 only
7. Which of the following countries shares an international boundary with Myanmar?
 1) India 2) Bangladesh 3) Bhutan 4) Laos 5) Cambodia
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 3 & 5 only c) 1, 2 & 4 only d) All of these
8. Which of the following statements regarding Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) and the agreements between government and telecom companies stands true?
 1) As per TDSAT (Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal) definition, AGR includes all receipts except capital receipts and revenue from non-core sources such as rent, profit on the sale of fixed assets, dividend, interest and miscellaneous income.
 2) The revenue shared by telcos with the government goes into the public account of India.
 3) The telecommunication sector is already facing heavy taxes and levies in the range of 29% to 32%, which are globally the highest.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
9. Consider the following statements :
 1) India allows e-commerce companies to work on the marketplace model where buyers and sellers are free to buy and sell and follow the rules of the marketplace and laws of the country which clearly say that FDI in multi-brand retail will only be allowed up to 49%.
 2) India has been at the receiving end of unfair trade practices for a very long time and therefore believes in the creation of a far more reformed rules based trading system with the WTO.
 3) Right classification of the so called 'other imports' under HSN code will only lead to greater transparency and establish fair trading practices and make India a fair place to do business and trade and also provide equal opportunity to all.
 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
10. 'IndARC' is the first underwater observatory of India in the Arctic Region. The observatory aims to study Arctic climate and how it influences the monsoon. It is located between the North Pole and which of the following countries?
 a) Russia b) Norway c) Greenland d) Belgium
11. Which statements regarding the National Investigation Agency Act are true?
 1. NIA act was introduced by then home minister LK Advani in 2003
 2. It was brought after a spate of terror attacks in the nation during 2001 -03
 3. It gives special powers regarding investigation of terror attacks to centre.
 4. NIA needs permission from the respective state's Crime branch before investigating cases.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 and 2 b) 2 and 3 c) Only 3 d) Only 4
12. Read the following statements and mark the ones which may not be true.
 1. Lingayat community is part of a Vaishnavite tradition in Southern India dating back to 5th century AD
 2. It was started by a saint named Basava
 3. Lingayats have demanded a separate religion status (different from Hinduism) in the past.
 4. The Government has agreed to the above mentioned demands.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) Only 1 b) All c) 2 and 3 d) 1 and 4
13. Consider the following statements regarding Monsoons in India
 1. June 1 is the onset date for monsoon over Kerala and it is likely to remain the same but the IMD will change the reference dates for some states and cities
 2. The four-month monsoon season is from June 1 to September 30.
 3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) issues its first long range forecast for the south-west monsoon in APRIL every year

Select the correct statements:

- a) 1 and 2 b) 1, 2, 3 c) Only 3 d) None
14. Army day is celebrated on 15 January every year to
a) Commemorate the martyrs of Indo Pak war of 1947-48
b) Establishment of the Royal Indian army in 1901
c) Lt.Gen. K M Cariappa's taking over as the first Indian Commander in-Chief of the Indian Army in 1948
d) Setting up of Amar jawan Jyoti on 15 -01-1965
15. Which of the following statements is untrue?
1. The Henley Passport Index is the ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.
2. India has achieved its highest ever ranking of 84 in 2020
3. Japan has secured the top spot on the index
Choose the correct option:
a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 2 Only d) 3 Only
16. Regarding the recent upheaval in Russian political set-up which is the best statement?
a) The Russian President has resigned for Dmitry Medvedev to gain more power
b) The Russian Prime minister has resigned for new political changes to take place
c) Russian Prime minister has been sacked by the president for unconstitutional behaviour
d) Russia is bringing in a new constitution to replace the 1993 one.
17. Which of the following statement/s is/are true?
1. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is an intergovernmental organization with a membership of 193 Member States and Territories.
2. WMO has confirmed 2019 as the hottest year on record since records are available.
Choose the correct option:
a) Only 1 b) Only 2 c) Both 1 and 2 d) None
18. A recent breakthrough against Malaria using 'Lyse-Reseal' method has been achieved in?
a) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
b) Indian Veterinary Research Institute
c) Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)
d) The National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR)
19. Select the correct statement :
a) Competition Commission of India is a constitutional body.
b) A fair competition in market is essential to achieve reduced costs and wider choice to consumers.
c) CCI consists of a Chairperson and 2 members appointed by the Central Government.
d) CCI was setup in 1991 after passing a statute in parliament.
20. Arrange the following Indian cities from east to west :-
1. Kolkata 2. Ranchi 3. Varanasi 4. Nagpur
Choose the correct option:
a) 1, 2, 3, 4 b) 2, 3, 4, 1 c) 4, 3, 2, 1 d) 1, 4, 3, 2

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