

1. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released World Economic Situation and Prospects 2020 (WESP) report stands true?
 - 1) As the global economic balance is shifting from the EU, the US and other developed countries towards China, India and other developing countries, global economic decision-making power is shifting as well.
 - 2) According to the UN study, one in five countries will see per capita income stagnate or decline this year, but listed India among few countries where the per capita GDP growth rate could exceed 4 per cent level in 2020.
 - 3) The report has increased GDP growth estimate for India while expressing hope that combination of fiscal stimulus and financial sector reforms will help boost consumption further.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
2. Consider the following pairs of Indian tribes and their inhabiting states :
 - 1) Toto : west Bengal 2) Nyishi : Arunachal Pradesh 3) Barda : Gujarat
 - 4) Chenchu : Assam 5) Siddis : Kerala
 Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 3, 4 & 5 only c) 2, 3 & 5 only d) All of these
3. In view of the outbreak of Novel Corona virus in China, Union Health Ministry today reviewed the public health preparedness at a meeting in New Delhi and issues a travel advisory to passengers travelling to and fro from China. Which of the following statements regarding the virus stands true?
 - 1) Corona viruses are a large family of viruses, which cause illnesses to people and also circulate in animals including camels, cats and bats.
 - 2) They are non-zoonotic that is not transmitted from animals to people.
 - 3) Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, and cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.
 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 regarding the newly launched GSAT-30 communication satellite :
 - 1) The 3, 357-kg GSAT-30 derives its heritage from ISRO's earlier INSAT/GSAT satellite series, and is equipped with 12 C and 12 Ku band transponders.
 - 2) GSAT-30 will serve as replacement to the aging INSAT-4A spacecraft services with enhanced coverage.
 - 3) The spacecraft will be extensively used for supporting VSAT network, television up linking and teleport services, digital satellite news gathering (DSNG), DTH television services, cellular backhaul connectivity and many such applications.
 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 threat of "Taal" volcano (recently in news) unleashing a potentially catastrophic eruption remains high in the country. The authorities have warned today that it was showing dangerous signs. The above said volcano is in which of the following countries?
 - a) Indonesia b) Philippines c) Mexico d) Argentina
6. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released Nature Risk Rising Report by World Economic Report stands true?
 - 1) World Economic Forum said about 25 per cent of earth's assessed plant and animal species are threatened by human actions, with a million species facing extinction.
 - 2) The report said, over half the world's total GDP is moderately or highly dependent on nature and its services and, as a result, exposed to risks from nature loss.
 - 3) The report said that China, the European Union and the US have the highest absolute economic value in nature-dependent industries.

Choose the correct option:

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

7. Consider the following pairs of national parks in India and their corresponding location states :

- 1) Gorumara : West bengal
- 2) Marine national park : Gulf Of Khambat
- 3) Balphakram : Meghalaya
- 4) Palamu :Chattisgarh

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

8. President Ram Nath Kovind launched the Pulse Polio Programme for this year by administering Polio drops to children below five years at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Which of the following statements regarding polio virus stands true?

- 1) The Pulse Polio was started with the global initiative of eradication of polio in 1988 following World Health Assembly resolution in 1988.
- 2) Polio is a very infectious disease, also known as poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis caused by the poliovirus which leads to muscle weakness and inability to move among people.
- 3) However, it does not spread from person to person and does not lead to permanent disabilities or death.

Choose the correct option:

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

9. The Centre is preparing an advisory to states and Union Territories to guard against "suspected illegal cultivation of Genetically Modified Crops. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?

- 1) The advisory will detail steps taken to sanitise the site of cultivation to ensure that there are no bio safety implications of the illegal cultivation. It will also clearly specify on how to dispose such GM seeds and produce.
- 2) The advisory/protocol will be in line with the provisions under the "Rules for the Manufacture/Use/Import/Export and Storage of Hazardous Microorganisms, Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989" under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- 3) Currently, the only GM crop the government permits for cultivation is Bt Brinjal.

Choose the correct option:

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

10. "World Gold Outlook 2020" was recently released by which of the following global organisations?

- a) World Trade Organisation b) World Gold Council
- c) World Bank d) International Monetary Fund

11. Central government is set to create a National database of workers in informal sector, consider the following statements regarding the same :

- 1) Nearly 90% of the country's workforce is in the informal sector with no minimum wages or any kind of social security.
- 2) It will help in the identification of beneficiaries for minimum wages proposed under wage code.
- 3) As part of this survey, informal sector workers would be asked about their occupation, monthly incomes and days of employment, and their profiles would be seeded with Aadhaar to deliver the benefits.

Which of the above statements are true?

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

12. Which of the following countries possess submarine-launched ballistic missile technology with around 3500km range?

- 1) Unite States 2) Russia 3) India 4) China

Choose the correct option:

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

13. The government is likely to fix nutrient-based subsidy (NBS) rate for urea before rolling out the direct cash transfer (DCT) of urea subsidy to farmers' accounts. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) In 2010, the government had launched the NBS under which a fixed amount of subsidy is provided on each grade of subsidised phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers.
 - 2) The subsidy will be universal for farmers across the country and will be based on soil health and size of the landholding.
 - 3) Government spends around Rs.55,000 crore on urea subsidy. By capping the urea consumption as per land size, we will be able to save 10-15% of the subsidy amount.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
14. The Supreme Court has set up a panel to firm up a draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) There is already a provision in the Lok Adalat Act where a settlement before a Lok Adalat is enforceable as a court decree. This agreement between the two parties arrived at the stage of pre-mediation litigation could have the force of a decree
 - 2) Enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency are two parameters used for calculating the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business Rank.
 - 3) India already has provisions for the use of conciliation in legislation like the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, and the Real Estate Regulatory Authority Act, 2016, but discrepancies such as the confusion between mediation and conciliation impede these provisions from being successful.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
15. The Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) deep seaport project will link the land locked Yunnan province of China directly to the Indian Ocean allowing China to bypass the strait of Malacca through which it imports a sizeable amount of oil and gas. China signed an agreement with which of the following countries to take forward the project?
- a) Bangladesh b) Myanmar c) India d) Pakistan
16. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released UNCTAD monitoring report on FDI stands true?
- 1) The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report said that India was among the top 10 recipients of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2019.
 - 2) It said that GDP growth, gross fixed capital formation and trade are projected to rise, both at the global level and, especially, in several large developed markets.
 - 3) South Asia recorded a 10% increase in FDI to \$60 billion. The growth was driven by India, with a 16% increase in inflows to an estimated \$49 billion. The majority went into services industries, including information technology.
- 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 countries have never been a party to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT)?
- 1) United States 2) South Sudan 3) India 4) North Korea 5) Iran
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 2, 4 & 5 only d) 1, 4 & 5 only
18. Consider the following statements regarding recently released inequality report by Oxfam study :
- 1) The study says India's richest 1 per cent hold more than four-times the wealth held by 953 million people who make up for the bottom 70 per cent of the country's population .
 - 2) The report flagged that global inequality is shockingly entrenched and vast and the number of billionaires has doubled in the last decade, despite their combined wealth having declined in the last year.

- 3) The Oxfam report further said "sexist" economies are fuelling the inequality crisis by enabling a wealthy elite to accumulate vast fortunes at the expense of ordinary people and particularly poor women and girls.

Which of the above statements stands true?

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

19. Consider the following statements :

- 1) Indian companies have reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the challenge of climate change by taking bold emission reduction targets and promoting renewable energy which has put India on the path to achieving its commitments under the Paris Agreement.
- 2) The Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) India annual report, which examines carbon reduction activities of companies, shows a whopping 58 Indian companies, 98 per cent of the firms surveyed between 2018 and 2019, have board-level oversight of climate-related issues.
- 3) China is first developing countries with maximum number of companies committing towards science based targets.

Which of the above statements are true?

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

20. Which of the following countries recently launched a "Seismic Hazard Microzonation" technique to minimise earthquake disasters?

- a) Japan b) India c) Indonesia d) Bali

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