

1. Which of the following statements regarding the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) programme stands true?
 - 1) NIP will enable a forward outlook on infrastructure projects which will create jobs, improve ease of living, and provide equitable access to infrastructure for all, thereby making growth more inclusive.
 - 2) It will exclude social and economic infrastructure projects though.
 - 3) It has outlined plans to invest more than ₹ 102 lakh crore on infrastructure projects by 2024-25, with the Centre, States and the private sector to share the capital expenditure in a 39:39:22 formulas.
 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 are the classical languages of India were added to the eighth schedule after the enactment of the constitution?
 - 1) Manipuri 2) Santhali 3) Punjabi 4) Bodo 5) Oriya
 Choose the correct option:
 - a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 1, 2 & 4 only c) 2, 3 & 5 only d) 2 & 4 only
3. Consider the following statements :
 - 1) Use of advanced technological tools such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data analytics, natural language processing etc., that enable collection, filtering and analysis of such unstructured data will greatly augment surveillance capabilities.
 - 2) SEBI has planned a 'data lake' project using tools like machine learning, artificial intelligence and big data analysis among other things to fix market manipulation especially via social medias.
 - 3) Data lake refers to a repository of data that is stored in a very raw or unstructured manner.
 Which of the above statements stands true?
 - a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
4. India has been ranked at the 80th position among 180 countries and territories in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI). Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) According to the report, even in democracies, such as Australia and India, unfair and opaque political financing and undue influence in decision-making and lobbying by powerful corporate interest groups, result in stagnation or decline in control of corruption.
 - 2) Denmark and China have cornered the top spot, followed by Finland, Singapore, Sweden and Switzerland in the top ten.
 - 3) This year's analysis shows corruption is more pervasive in countries where big money can flow freely into electoral campaigns and where governments listen only to the voices of wealthy or well-connected individuals.
 Choose the correct option:
 - a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. "Ophichthuskailashchandrai" recently in news refers to a newly discovered snake eel species residing at the Bay of Bengal. It was found near the Gopalpur Sea belonging to which of the following Indian states?
 - a) West Bengal b) Odisha c) Andhra Pradesh d) Chattisgarh
6. Consider the following statements regarding Interactive voice response (IVR) system.
 1. Interactive voice response (IVR) is a technology that allows a computer to interact with humans by accepting a combination of voice telephone input and touch-tone keypad selection.
 2. IVR systems can be used for mobile purchases, banking payments and services, retail orders, utilities, travel information and weather conditions.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. Consider the following statements :
 1. The right to protest, to publicly question and force the government to answer, is a fundamental political right of the people that flows directly from a democratic reading of Article 19.
 2. Access to the internet is a fundamental right under Article 19.
 Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
 - a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements regarding National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) :
1. The Union Government unveiled a ₹ 102 lakh crore national infrastructure pipeline that will be implemented in 5 years as part of Government's spending push in the infrastructure sector.
 2. The central government and state governments would have an equal share of 50% each in the NIP.
 3. During the fiscals 2020 to 2025, sectors such as Energy, Roads, Urban, and Railways amount to around 70% of the projected capital expenditure in infrastructure in India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 2, 3 b) 1, 3 c) 1 only d) 1, 2
9. Consider the following statements regarding Dengue :
1. Hot weather and intermittent rainfall favour the sustenance of Aedes aegypti — the vector transmitting the dengue virus.
 2. Dengue is mostly an asymptomatic infection, and only a very few develop severe disease.
 3. WHO highly recommends usage of complementary medicines like Nilavembukudineer (a Siddha medicine) and papaya leaf extract for treating Dengue.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 3 b) 1 only c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2
10. Consider the following statements regarding the recently notified Wetland Conservation Rules :
1. Wetland Conservation Rules prohibit setting up or expansion of industries, and disposal of construction and demolition waste within the wetlands.
 2. Each state and Union Territory will have to set up an authority that will define strategies for conservation and wise use of wetlands within their jurisdiction.
 3. The wetlands are land areas covered by water, either temporarily/seasonally or permanently.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
11. More than 110 countries including India have made a strong pitch to put in place effective special provisions for developing countries to check harmful fishing. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) WTO sees harmful fishing as having negative effect on fishing people's livelihood, food security and developing capacities of nations.
 - 2) However, several developed countries led by the US are supportive of horizontal S&DT (special and differential treatment) for fishing in exclusive economic zones (EEZs) and high seas.
 - 3) EEZ is a boundary of sea zone extending up to 200 nautical miles from the shore where coastal countries have sovereign jurisdiction to explore and regulate marine resources.
- 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 tribes are classified as Particular Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVT) 'gs in India?
- 1) Kamars 2) Savar 3) Kadar 4) Gutob
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 3 & 4 only c) All of these d) None of these
13. Centre has recently announced that India has achieved the complete phase out of ozone depleting Hydro Chloro Fluoro Carbons (HCFC). Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) Around 50% of ozone depleting chemicals being used in the country attribute to HCFC-14b.
 - 2) The use of HCFC-141b by foam manufacturing industries have been come to an end with the stoppage of import of HCFC-141b as the chemical is not domestically produced in India.
 - 3) The Stockholm convention deals with phasing out of ozone depleting substances.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these

14. With respect to the Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia, which of the following statement stands true?
- 1) The International Conference is being organized with the purpose of sharing the experience of different Election Management Bodies, International Institutions and Experts.
 - 2) The forum was established at the 3rd Conference of Heads of Election Management Bodies of SAARC Countries held at New Delhi in 2012.
 - 3) The theme for this year's conference in 'Strengthening Institutional Capacity' and it is being organised under the election commission of India.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
15. India and which of the following countries have signed an agreement to upgrade the agreement to upgrade Ashuganj-Akhaura road recently?
- a) Nepal b) Bangladesh c) Myanmar d) Thailand
16. Consider the following statements regarding Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in India :
1. Primary Health Centre (PHCs) also referred to as public health centres, are state-owned rural health care facilities.
 2. PHCs focus only on regular medical treatments and not on Infant immunization and Pregnancy related care which is dealt by District hospitals.
 3. Bhore Committee had recommended for the development of Primary Health Centres in India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
17. Naf River, sometimes seen in news is bordered between
- a) China and Myanmar b) India and Myanmar
c) Myanmar and Bangladesh d) China and Bhutan
18. Consider the following statements with respect to Indian economy :
1. GDP covers all productive activity for producing goods and services, without duplication.
 2. The System of National Accounting (SNA) is designed to measure production, consumption, and accumulation of income and wealth for assessing the performance of the economy.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
19. Nature Risk Rising Report was recently released by
- a) World Economic Forum
b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
c) World Bank
d) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
20. Consider the following statements regarding Antarctic Treaty :
1. Antarctic Treaty regulates international relations with respect to Antarctica.
 2. For the purposes of the treaty system, Antarctica is defined as all of the land and ice shelves south of 60°S latitude.
 3. The treaty establishes freedom of scientific investigation, and bans military activity on the continent.
 4. Antarctica is earth's only continent without a native human population.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2, 3 b) 2, 3, 4 c) 1, 3, 4 d) 1, 2, 3, 4

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