

1. The Union Cabinet recently approved the Pesticides Management Bill, 2020, which, the government claims will regulate the business of pesticides and compensate farmers in case of losses from the use of spurious agro chemicals. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) The current state of regulation of pesticides in India, using the extant law called Insecticides Act 1968, has not caught up with post-modern pest management science nor has taken cognizance of a huge body of scientific evidence on the ill effects of synthetic pesticides.
 - 2) India is the largest producer of pesticides in the world, with the market segmentation tilted mainly towards insecticides, with herbicides on the increase in the recent past.
 - 3) It is not just human beings but wildlife and livestock that are poisoned routinely by toxic pesticides as numerous reports indicate.

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 types of traditional water storage systems in India and their corresponding states are correctly matched?
- 1) Oorani : Kerala 2) Dong : Assam 3) Khatri : Himachal Pradesh
 - 4) Katas : Punjab 5) JalMandir : Gujarat

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 3 & 5 only c) 1, 2 & 4 only d) All of these
3. Which of the following statements regarding population control strategies in the country stands true?
- 1) Clinical Outreach Teams (COT) Scheme has been launched in 146 Mission Parivar Vikas districts for providing family planning services through mobile teams from accredited organizations in far-flung, underserved and geographically difficult areas.
 - 2) National Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (NFPIS) under which clients are insured in the eventualities of death, complication and failure following sterilization. The scheme was introduced in 2005 and implemented through an insurance company.
 - 3) Under the provision of compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors, Pregnancy Testing Kits in the drug kits of ASHAs for use in communities is being carried out.

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) The Blue Revolution scheme, with its multi-dimensional activities, focuses mainly on increasing fisheries production and productivity from both aquaculture and fisheries resources in marine sectors only.
 - 2) The Government of India has also extended the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers to help them meet their working capital needs.
 - 3) The fish production in the country is growing at an annual average rate of 7% during the last few years.

Which of the above statements are true?

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. The field training exercise of BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise on flood rescue was carried out recently in which of the following coastal states?
- a) Telangana b) Karnataka c) Odisha d) Gujarat
6. Yuelu Proclamation is related to
- a) Protection of linguistic diversity b) Protection of indigenous people
 - c) Protection of intellectual property d) Protection of LGBT community
7. Which of the following are the Ozone depleting substances.
1. Hydrobromofluoro carbons (HBFCs) 2. Halons 3. Methyl bromide
 4. Carbon tetrachloride 5. Methyl chloroform

Select the correct answer code:

- a) All except 3 b) All except 4 c) All except 5 d) All of these
8. Consider the following statements.
1. He was sentenced to death for the Kakori conspiracy of 1925.
 2. He was associated with Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA).
 3. He was disillusioned with the Gandhiji's withdrawal of non-cooperation movement.

The above statements refer to

- a) PottiSreeramulu b) Ashfaqullah Khan
- c) Khudiram Bose d) BalGangadharTilak

9. Consider the following statements.
- Article 256 of the Constitution obligates the State government to ensure implementation of the laws made by Parliament.
 - The refusal to enforce the laws made by Parliament even after the Centre issues directions would empower the President to impose President's Rule in those States under Articles 356 and 365.
 - S.R. Bommai v. Union of India is a significant case on Indian federalism.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
10. Consider the following statements.
- He was given the title Lion of Punjab.
 - He was known for his just and secular rule.
 - He turned Harimandir Sahib at Amritsar into the Golden Temple by covering it with gold.
- The above statements are related to which personality?
- a) Banda Singh Bahadur b) Amarinder Singh
 c) Maharaja Kharak Singh d) Ranjit Singh
11. Ministry of MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) launched "Apiary on Wheels" scheme recently. It is a unique concept framed by KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries) Apiary on wheels is an approach to make beekeeping simpler.
- Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- Bee keeping involves laborious and mental challenges such as placing the bee boxes in strategic positions, migrating the bee boxes and fulfil the nourishment needs of the bees. The Apiary on Wheels addresses all the above issues.
 - The unorganised and the traditional methods of beekeeping were suspended with the establishment of the Khadi Village and Industry Committee (KVIC). It strengthened the beekeeping activity with the formation of 25 lakh bee colonies.
 - The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmer's Welfare established the National Bee Board (NBB) in the year 2000. The main motto of the board is to improve pollination and crop productivity through beekeeping.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
12. The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals is to be held in India soon.
- Which of the following species of animals/birds/fishes are categorised as migratory species?
- 1) Dugong 2) Humpbacked whale 3) Snow leopard
 - 4) Amur falcons 5) Marine turtles
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 3 & 5 only c) All of these d) 1, 3 & 4 only
13. Which of the following statements regarding the central administrative tribunal (CAT) stand true?
- CAT has jurisdiction to deal with service matters pertaining to the Central Government employees or of any Union Territory, or local or other government under the control of the Government of India, or of a corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government.
 - The Members are drawn, both from judicial as well as administrative streams so as to give the Tribunal the benefit of expertise both in legal and administrative spheres.
 - Appeals against the orders of administrative tribunals can be laid before the Supreme Court only.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
14. Recently the United States Trade Representative (USTR) took India off developing country list, which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- India, along with Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam were taken off the list since they each have at least a 0.5% share of the global trade, despite having less than \$12, 375 GNI (the World Bank threshold separating high income countries from others).
 - Countries not given special consideration have higher levels of protection against a Countervailing duty investigation.
 - India was the only country amongst the G20 group which was having the developing nation status under USTR categorisation.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
15. "Ciara", "Sabine" & "Elsa" recently seen in news refers to which of the following?
 a) Satellites launched by Libya for the first time.
 b) Names of the storm which battered many parts of north Western Europe recently.
 c) Endangered species of fishes which were recently declared as extinct in amazon.
 d) Names of research stations in arctic region held by Russia.
16. Consider the following statements regarding Vyommitra.
 1. Vyommitra is a half-humanoid robot developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
 2. Vyommitra will be sent to space as a trial before Gaganyaan mission.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
17. Consider the following statements regarding National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self-Employed Persons Yojana.
 1. National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self-Employed Persons Yojana is a pension scheme for shopkeeper's/ retail traders and self-employed persons for providing monthly minimum assured pension.
 2. Laghu Vyaparis whose annual turnover does not exceed Rs 1.5 crore, based on self-declaration are eligible.
 3. The person should be an income-tax assessee to be eligible to join the Scheme.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
18. Consider the following statements regarding National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).
 1. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been formulated for enhancing agricultural productivity especially in rainfed areas.
 2. It promotes location specific Integrated/Composite Farming Systems.
 3. Use of land use survey, soil profile study and soil analysis.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
19. Consider the following statements regarding World Trade Organization's Appellate Body.
 1. World Trade Organization's Appellate Body, acts as a supreme court for international trade.
 2. It is a standing body of seven persons that hears appeals from reports issued by panels in disputes brought by WTO Members.
 3. Appellate Body can uphold, modify or reverse the legal findings and conclusions of a panel.
 4. Sanctions cannot be imposed on a member in case of its failure to comply with the Appellate Body's rulings.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 3, 4 b) 2, 3, 4 c) 1, 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3, 4
20. Consider the following statements about One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme.
 1. One Stop Centres are being established across the country to provide integrated support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces.
 2. The OSC will support only women above 18 years of age affected by violence, whereas those below 18 years are supported by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
 3. The Scheme is funded through Nirbhaya Fund.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 1 only c) 2, 3 d) 1, 3

ANSWER KEYS

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