

1. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)?
  1. It is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
  2. CITES is legally binding on state parties to the convention.
  3. Trade in Species of Appendix 1 of the CITES is completely prohibited.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - a) 3 only
  - b) 1 and 2 only**
  - c) 2 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
2. Which of the following publishes the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?
  - a) Germanwatch and the New Climate Institute**
  - b) European Environment Agency (EEA)
  - c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
  - d) World Economic Forum
3. Consider the following statements:
  1. In the colonial era, the procedure for settlement of rights was provided under the Indian Forest Act, 1927.
  2. The Forest Rights Act, 2006 deals with the rights of the communities that dwell in the forests.
  3. The Forest Rights Act, 2006 fails to address the individual rights of the tribal and marginal communities.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 1 and 2 only**
  - c) 2 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
4. Consider the following statements regarding the Cartagena Protocol:
  1. The Protocol seeks to protect biological diversity from the potential risks posed by living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology.
  2. The Cartagena Protocol is the supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
 Which of the statements given above is/are NOT CORRECT?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only**
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
5. Consider the following statement with respect to Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS):
  1. AOSIS is a coalition of 44 Small Island and low-lying coastal developing states.
  2. The main aim is to consolidate the voice of Small Island Developing States to address their status of recognition in Multilateral Forums such as IMF, WTO.
  3. To achieve its goals, AOSIS draws partnerships with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Commission.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 3 only
  - b) 1 and 2 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only**
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
6. Which of the following is NOT CORRECT regarding various criteria for selecting a Ramsar Site?
  - a) If the site is representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland type found within the appropriate biogeographic region.
  - b) If it supports vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological communities.
  - c) If it supports plant and/or animal species at a critical stage in their life cycles, or provides refuge during adverse conditions.

- d) If it regularly supports 2,00,000 or more water-birds.**
7. Convention on Biological Diversity entered into force in December 1993. Which of the following were the objectives of CBD?
1. Conservation of Biological Diversity
  2. Sustainable use of the components of Biological Diversity
  3. The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- a) 1 and 2
  - b) 2 and 3
  - c) 1 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3**
8. Consider the following statements:
1. World heritage Convention is under the aegis of UNESCO
  2. Wild Life wing of the Ministry of Environment and Forests is associated with the conservation of the Natural World Heritage sites.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2**
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Biosphere reserves are demarcated into 3 inter-related zones called Core zones, Buffer Zones and Transition Zone. A core zone being National Park or Sanctuary is regulated under which of the following acts?
- a) Environmental Protection Act, 1986
  - b) Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**
  - c) Biodiversity Act, 2002
  - d) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
10. With reference to biodiversity conservation, Forest PLUS is:
- a) a bilateral program between India and Nepal to enhance conservation efforts for the forests in the Himalayas.
  - b) a bilateral program between India and the U.S. to develop solutions for sustainable forest land use in India.**
  - c) a program of UNFCCC to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.
  - d) None of the above.
11. Which of the following statement is/are correct about Budget?
1. It is a statement of financial position for a future period, setting out proposed expenditure and means of financing it.
  2. Article 112 of the Constitution requires the government to present to Parliament a statement of estimated receipts and expenditure in respect of every financial year.
- Select the correct answer using codes given below
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2**
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. Which of the following is the correct definition of Capital payments?
- (a) It refers to capital expenditures on construction of capital projects and acquisition of assets like land, buildings machinery and equipment.**
  - (b) It refers to capital revenue collected from the construction of capital projects and acquisition of assets like land, buildings machinery and equipment.
  - (c) It is the expenditure incurred on the day-to-day running of the Government and its various departments, and for services that it provides.
  - (d) None of the above
13. Which of the following is/are the most likely to cause current account deficit in India?
1. Reduced excise duties on Sports Utility Vehicles

2. Reduced duties on Gold
  3. Ban on export of Onions
- Select the correct answer using codes given below
- (a) 1 and 2
  - (b) 1 and 3
  - (c) 2 and 3
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3**
14. Which of the following proposals have been made to stabilize investment in India?
1. Liberalization of FDI in Aviation, Media and Insurance Sectors.
  2. Proposal to reduce Statutory limits for foreign investment in some companies.
  3. Insurance Intermediaries to get 100% FDI.
  4. A Credit Guarantee Enhancement Corporation to be set up.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 4
  - (b) 1, 2 and 4
  - (c) 1, 3 and 4**
  - (d) 2 and 3
15. Which of the following are the components of the 10-point vision for the decade proposed in the Budget?
1. Launch of Gaganyaan
  2. Launch of Chandryan
  3. Blue Economy
  4. Extension of Ayushman Bharat
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 3 and 4
  - (b) 1, 2 and 4
  - (c) 2 and 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
16. The difference between a nuclear reactor and an atomic bomb is that
- (a) no chain reaction takes place in nuclear reactor while in the atomic bomb there is a chain reaction
  - (b) the chain reaction in nuclear reactor is controlled**
  - (c) the chain reaction in nuclear reactor is not controlled
  - (d) no-chain reaction takes place in atomic bomb while it takes place in nuclear reactor
17. Which one of the following organisms can serve as a biofertilizer for rice crop?
- (a) Blue-green algae**
  - (b) Rhizobium sp.
  - (c) Mycorrhizal fungi
  - (d) Azotobacter sp.
18. "Athlete's Foot" is a disease' caused by
- (a) Bacteria
  - (b) Fungus**
  - (c) Protozoan
  - (d) Nematode
19. With reference to soil conservation, consider the following practices:
1. Crop rotation
  2. Sand fences
  3. Terracing
  4. Wind breaks
- Which of the above are considered appropriate methods for soil conservation in India.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (b) 2 and 4 only
  - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
20. Oxygen transportation in a human body takes place through
1. Blood 2. Lungs

3. Tissue  
The correct sequence of transportation is  
(a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 3, 1, 2  
(c) **2, 1, 3** (d) 1, 3, 2
21. "Green Muffler" is related to:  
(a) Soil Pollution  
(b) Air Pollution  
(c) **Noise pollution**  
(d) Water Pollution
22. Which of the following Union Territories have its/their own legislative assembly and a high court?  
1. Delhi  
2. Puduchery  
3. Jammu and Kashmir  
Select the correct answer using codes given below  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) **1 and 3**  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
23. Consider the following statements w.r.t the 15th Finance Commission?  
1. It's a Quasi-Judicial body  
2. Its recommendations will cover a period of five years from 2020 to 2025.  
Select the correct answer using codes given below  
(a) 1 only  
(b) **2 only**  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
24. Recently introduced by Govt of India, the mobile application "Meghdoot" is related to which sector?  
(a) **Agriculture**  
(b) Aviation  
(c) Space  
(d) Information and Technology
25. The 'Hope Probe', sometimes mentioned in the news is a  
(a) **Emirates Mars Mission**  
(b) First Indian mission to study the Sun  
(c) NASA's Mercury Mission  
(d) Japan mission to clean the space-debris