

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. Consider the following statements
1. Final judgements and orders of criminal courts in any part of India are capable of execution anywhere within India.
2. A bill for the purpose of imposing restrictions on freedom of trade within a State shall be introduced in the State Legislature only with the previous sanction of Governor.
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**
12. Consider the following statements:
1. The term National Emergency is mentioned in Article 352 of the Constitution.
2. The proclamation of Emergency must be approved by both the Houses of Parliament within one month from the date of its issue.
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
13. Consider the following statements
1. The proclamation of emergency can be extended to indefinite period with the periodic approval of Parliament.
2. A resolution seeking to revoke the proclamation of emergency must be passed by either House of Parliament by special majority.
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
14. Consider the following statements:
1. According to Constitution, a person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court unless he attains an age of 35.
2. A retired Judge of the Supreme Court shall sit and act as a Judge of Supreme Court, if an order to that effect is given by Chief justice of India.
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

15. Consider the following statements:
1. No person who has held office as a Judge of the High Court shall plead or act in any court or before any authority within the territory of India.
 2. No person appointed as an additional or acting Judge of a High Court shall hold office after attaining the age of 65.
- 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
16. Consider the following statements:
1. Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme allows exporters to import capital goods for production at zero customs duty.
 2. Deemed Exports refers to those transactions in which the goods supplied do not leave the country.
- 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
17. Consider the following statements:
1. An increase in net remittances improves the BoP position.
 2. India is the top remittance recipient country in 2018.
- 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
18. Consider the following statements
1. Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) is often referred to as hot money.
 2. Net International Investment Position (NIIP) measures the gap between a nation's stock of foreign assets and foreigner's stock of that nation's assets at a specific point in time.
- 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
19. Consider the following statements:
1. To facilitate faster clearances at the ports for imports Direct Port Entry (DPE) scheme is introduced.
 2. Generally, an increase in net External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) improves the BoP position.
- 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
20. Consider the following statements:
1. An inverted duty structure will reduce the cost of intermediate inputs imported for manufacturing of exports thereby making the country's exports more competitive.
 2. An increase in imports of raw materials and intermediate goods leads to an increase in exports of finished goods from India.
- 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
21. Consider the following statements with reference to the Current Account Deficit.
1. It is a measurement of a country's trade in which the value of goods and services it imports exceeds the value of goods and services it exports.
 2. If a current account deficit is financed through borrowing it is said to be more unsustainable.
 3. A current account deficit may imply that you are relying on consumer spending, and are becoming uncompetitive.
- Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only b) 3 only
c) 1 and 3 only **d) 1, 2 and 3**

22. Which of the following constitutes the FOREX reserve of India?

1. Foreign currency assets
2. Gold
3. SDRs
4. RBI's Reserve position with IMF.

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

- a) 1, 2 and 3
- b) 1 and 3
- c) 1, 3 and 4
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**

23. Consider the following statements regarding FOREX reserves in India?

1. FOREX reserves in India are managed by SEBI.
2. Inflow of foreign currency and Gold in economy decreases the money supply.
3. Many countries in world, which are smaller economies, don't have any foreign exchange reserves.

Which of the above statements are NOT CORRECT?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3**

24. Consider the below statements with regard to Depreciation and Devaluation:

1. Devaluation refers to a change in value of money that has its value set by the country's government.
2. Depreciation refers to a change in value of money that has its value determined by market forces generated in the open money market.

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

25. Consider the following statements about J-curve.

1. A theory stating that a country's trade deficit will worsen initially after the depreciation of its currency because higher prices on foreign imports will be greater than the reduced volume of imports.
2. In private equity funds, the J-curve effect occurs when funds experience negative returns for the first several years.

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