

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. "Green Muffler" is related to:
 - (a) Soil Pollution
 - (b) Air Pollution
 - (c) Noise pollution**
 - (d) Water Pollution
7. 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
8. 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
9. 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
10. 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
11. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?
- | Waterfalls | Location |
|---------------------|------------|
| 1. Jog Falls | Karnataka |
| 2. Barehipani Falls | Meghalaya |
| 3. Thalaiyar Falls | Tamil Nadu |
| 4. Nohkalikai Falls | Odisha |
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 1, 3**
b) 1, 2, 3
c) 1, 3, 4
d) 1, 2, 3, 4
12. In terms of longitudinal position, which of the following is located far away from the Indian Standard Meridian
- a) Lucknow
b) Kanpur
c) Nagpur
d) Bengaluru
13. Consider the following statements regarding Aurora or Northern lights.
1. Auroras are the glowing lights at high latitude.
 2. Auroras can be normally observed in stratosphere.
 3. Change in the atmospheric temperature cause Auroras.
- Which of the above statement is/are correct?
- a) 1, 3
b) 1 only
c) 2, 3
d) 1, 2, 3
14. Why the Southern Hemisphere does not experience cold and harsh climate like the Siberia?
1. Relative absence of land in the Southern Hemisphere in the higher latitudes
 2. Strong oceanic influence on the climate reduces the severity of winter

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2**
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

15. Mineral extraction from several Himalayan regions is commercially unviable because of the

- 1. Complex rock structure of Himalayas
- 2. Rugged terrain and adverse climatic 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

16. Features of the youth stage of a river usually include

- 1. Stream divides are broad with marshes and swamps
- 2. Waterfalls and rapids may exist where hard rocks are found
- 3. Streams meander freely forming natural levees and ox-bow lakes

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17. Equatorial counter-currents are major surface flows that carry water eastward in the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans. The factors that contribute to their flow includes:

- 1. Presence of Coriolis force
- 2. Tropical surface wind flow leading to piling of water near the equator

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2**
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

18. Consider the following statements regarding Cyclones.

- 1. Cyclones are sustained by very strong low-pressure areas at their core.
- 2. Very few cyclones originate in the Arabian Sea, but they are relatively strong compared to those emerging in the Bay of Bengal.

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. Which of the following are the main reasons contributing to the decline of Leatherback turtles?

- 1. Invasive species
- 2. Use of fishing gear
- 3. Plastic pollution
- 4. Coastal development

Select the correct answer codes below:

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

20. With reference to the "Aboriginal tribes" consider the following statements:

- 1. They are direct descendants of early humans.
- 2. Sentinelese tribes are the largest tribal community in India.
- 3. Onges and Jarawas are aboriginal tribes.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) **1 and 3 only**
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
21. Which of the following is correct about maritime zones according to UNCLOS convention (1982)?
1. The territorial sea extends seaward up to 12 nautical miles from its baselines.
 2. The contiguous is an intermediary zone between the territorial sea and the high seas.
- 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
22. 'Putrajaya Vision 2040' has been in the news. Which of the following groupings has adopted this vision?
- a) **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)**
 - b) Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
 - c) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
 - d) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
23. Consider the following statements about the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP):
1. It is an economic agreement between the ASEAN and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) member partners.
 2. India is involved in the RCEP as a member nation of the ASEAN.
- 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
24. Consider the following statements:
1. It is characterized by the violent defence of a racial, ethnic or pseudo-national identity.
 2. The defence, by violent means, of a religious identity perceived to be under attack.
 3. An individual's transformation from a moderate, law-abiding citizen into an active, anti-state, violent extremist.
- The above statements represent which of the following phenomena?
- a) **Radicalisation**
 - b) Maoism
 - c) Terrorism
 - d) Nationalism
25. With reference to the Payments Banks, consider the following statements:
1. The Payment Banks cannot set up subsidiaries to undertake non-banking financial services activities.
 2. Payment banks cannot advance loans or issue credit cards.
 3. These banks do not maintain a Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) **1 and 2 only**
 - b) 2 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3



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Indian Economy	7
Current Affairs	10

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