

1. Block Soils are Black in color and also known as Regur Soils. Consider the following statements regarding black soils
 1. As these soils are best for Cotton Cultivation, they are also known as Black Cotton Soil
 2. They are well-known for their capacity to hold moisture
 3. They are rich in soil nutrients, such as calcium carbonate, magnesium, potash and lime
 4. These soils are sticky when wet and difficult to work on unless tilled immediately after the first shower or during the pre-monsoon period

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding Alluvial Soils

1. In the coastal regions, the Alluvial soils are formed due to the wave action
2. They are immature and have weak profiles due to their recent origin.
3. The proportion of Potash, phosphoric acid and alkaline are adequate.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements

1. Mangroves occur worldwide in the tropics and subtropics, mainly between latitudes 25° N and 25° S
2. The area of mangroves has greater species diversity as it is the junction of terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding Khadar and Bhangar soils

1. Both the Khadar and Bhangar soils contain calcareous concretions (Kankars)
2. The Bhangar is the older alluvium and the Khadar is composed of newer alluvium

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

5. Which of the following methods helps in Soil Conservation

1. Contour farming
2. Crop rotation
3. Mulching

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Terai is swampy lowland with silty soils.
2. The terai soils are rich in nitrogen and organic matter but are deficient in phosphate.
3. These soils are generally covered by tall grasses and forests but are suitable for a number of crops such as wheat, rice, sugarcane, jute.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements with respect to Aluminium:

1. Aluminium production starts with the raw material bauxite.
2. Three different raw materials are needed to make aluminium – aluminium oxide, electricity and carbon.
3. Aluminium is known for its ductile nature and can be recycled over and over again with 100 percent efficiency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 and 3 only

- b) 1 and 3 only
c) 1 and 2 only
d) 1, 2 and 3
8. Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalayas are best suitable for tea plantations due to –
1. Moderate slope
2. Thick soil cover with high organic content
3. Well distributed rainfall throughout the year
4. Harsh winters.
Choose the correct answer using the code given below:
a) 1, 2 and 3 only
b) 2 and 3 only
c) 2, 3 and 4 only
d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
9. Which of the following soils found in India are poor in nitrogen, phosphorous and humus?
1. Red and Yellow Soil
2. Black Soil
3. Laterite Soil
4. Peaty Soil
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
a) 1, 2 and 3 only
b) 2, 3 and 4 only
c) 1, 3 and 4 only
d) All the above
10. Consider the following about Laterite Soils and select the INCORRECT statement:
a) They are formed under conditions of high temperature and heavy rainfall with alternate wet and dry periods.
b) They are rich in bauxite or ferric oxides.
c) They are fertile and suitable for growing plantation crops like tea, coffee, rubber.
d) They are found on the summits of Western Ghats and Eastern Ghats.
11. Consider the following statements:
1. The Non-debt Capital receipts include recovery of loans and disinvestment receipts.
2. Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) is the first corporate Bond ETF in 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
12. Consider the following statements regarding Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Settlement) Scheme 2019:
1. The Scheme is a one-time measure for liquidation of disputes in current GST regime.
2. Any person who wants to make a voluntary disclosure can file a declaration under the scheme.
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. GST is exempted upto 2050 on imports of specified defence goods not being manufactured indigenously.
2. GST is exempted on supply of goods and services to FIFA and other specified persons for organizing the Under-17 Women's Football World Cup in 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

14. Consider the following statements:
1. In the case of every individual, being a resident in India, who is of the age of 60 years or more but less than 80 years need not pay income tax if annual income is less than 5,00,00 Rupees.
 2. In the case of every individual, being a resident in India, who is of the age of eighty years or more need not pay income tax if annual income is less than 7,50,000 Rupees.
- 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 regarding Budget 2020-21
1. Borrowings and other liabilities constitutes the highest percentage of Central Government's income.
 2. States Share of Taxes and Duties constitutes the highest percentage of Central Government's expenditure.
- 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. Krishi Udaan scheme is launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 2. Nikshay Poshan Yojana is a scheme related to providing nutrition for school children.
- 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**
17. Consider the following statements with reference to Fiscal Deficit
1. Fiscal Deficit = Total Expenditure – Total Receipts including borrowings.
 2. Fiscal deficit indicates the total borrowing requirements of the government.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only**
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements about revenue receipts and capital receipts.
1. Interest receipts, dividends and profits are parts of revenue receipts.
 2. Article 112 of the constitution mandates expenditure is shown in revenue and other categories.
 3. Disinvestment proceeds are part of capital receipts.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 1, and 3 only
 - c) 2 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3**
19. Which of the following comes under capital account?
1. Purchase of stocks in the USA.
 2. Reserve Account with the Central Bank
 3. External Borrowings such as ECB.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3**
20. Consider the following statements:
1. Current Account reflects the nation's net income.
 2. The grants are a component of capital account.

3. There are only three components of Current Account such as Goods, Services and Investment income.

Which of the above statements are INCORRECT?

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

21. Consider the following statements about the Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights:

- 1. The rights are provided under the National Forest Policy, 1988.
- 2. These rights can be claimed only over those forests that do not come under any protected areas.
- 3. The Gram Sabha is responsible for determining the forest rights to be given to forest dwelling scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. With reference to Buddhism, consider the following statements:

- 1. In Varad Mudra the gesture of hand shows dispensing of boons.
- 2. The Vajrayana phase is also known as tantric Buddhism.

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

23. Consider the following statements about the empire of Vijayanagara:

- 1. The empire was established by Harihara and Bukka of the Tuluva dynasty.
- 2. The capital of Vijayanagar is a UNESCO world heritage site.
- 3. The empire was stretched along river Krishna.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

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

24. With reference to the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- 2. It is located in Hyderabad.

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:

- 1. The President's Rule is imposed on the advice of the Union Council of Ministers.
- 2. A proclamation imposing President's Rule must be approved by both the Houses of Parliament within six months 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