

1. Which of the following is true about the local wind Loo
  - a) **It is a Hot, dry and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna**
  - b) It is a Cold, dry and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna
  - c) It is a Hot, wet and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna
  - d) It is a Cold, wet and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna
2. Consider the following statements regarding the relation between Indian subcontinent's climate and Western Cyclonic Disturbances
  1. The western cyclonic disturbances enter the Indian subcontinent from the west and the northwest during the winter months
  2. These Western Cyclonic Disturbances originate over the Mediterranean Sea
  3. The western cyclonic disturbances enter the Indian subcontinent from the west and the northwest during the Summer months
  4. These Western Cyclonic Disturbances brought into India by the westerly jet stream
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - c) 2, 3 and 4 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 4 only**
3. Consider the following statements regarding Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)
  1. It is a low pressure zone located at the equator
  2. The trade winds converge at ITCZ, and so, it is a zone where air tends to ascend
  3. In July, the ITCZ is located around 20°N-25°N latitudes (over the Gangetic plain)
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 1, 2 and 3**
  - c) 2 and 3 only
  - d) 1 and 3 only
4. Consider the following statements regarding South-West Monsoons and their entry into Indian main Land
  1. The southwest monsoon sets in over the Kerala coast by 1st May.
  2. By mid-June, southwest monsoon engulfs the entire subcontinent
 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. Consider the following statements regarding Nor Westers
  1. These are dreaded evening thunderstorms in Bengal and Assam
  2. They are also called 'Kalbaisakhi'
  3. These showers are useful for tea, jute and rice cultivation
  4. In Assam, these storms are known as "Bardoli Chheerha"
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only**
6. Which type of Drainage Pattern the Ganga River system forms?
  - a) Trellis pattern
  - b) Dendritic pattern**
  - c) Rectangular pattern
  - d) Radial pattern
7. With respect to River Regime, Consider the following statements:
  1. It represents the pattern of flow of water in a river channel over a year.

2. The river regime of Peninsular Rivers witnesses greater fluctuations than Himalayan Rivers. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2**
  - Neither 1 nor 2
8. The rivers originating from the Amarkantak range present a good example of
- Dendritic Drainage pattern
  - Radial Drainage pattern**
  - Trellis Drainage pattern
  - Centripetal Drainage pattern
9. Consider the below statements with regard to River Chenab:
- Chenab is the largest tributary of the Indus.
  - It is formed by two streams, the Chandra and the Bhaga.
  - It runs parallel to the Pir Panjal range.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3**
10. Arrange the following rivers according to their drainage basin in India from highest to lowest:
- Indus
  - Godavari
  - Krishna
  - Brahmaputra
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1-2-3-4**
  - 4-2-3-1
  - 2-4-3-1
  - 4-3-2-1
11. Consider the following statements:
- In terms of short-term credit delivery to the agriculture sector, District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) deliver more credit in comparison to Scheduled Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks.
  - One of the most important functions of DCCBs is to provide funds to the Primary Agriculture Credit Societies.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only**
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
12. With reference to the Indian economy after the 1991 economic liberalization, consider the following statements:
- Worker productivity (per worker at 2004 — 05 prices) increased in urban areas while it decreased in rural areas.
  - The percentage share of rural areas in the workforce steadily increased.
  - In rural areas, the growth in the non-farm economy increased.
  - The growth rate in rural employment decreased.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 3 and 4 only**
  - 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 4
13. If the RBI decides to adopt an expansionist monetary policy, which of the following would it not do?
- Cut and optimize the Statutory Liquidity Ratio
  - Increase the Marginal Standing Facility Rate
  - Cut the Bank Rate and Repo Rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. With reference to Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMS), which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Quantitative restrictions on imports by foreign investors are prohibited.
- 2. They apply to investment measures related to trade in both goods and services.
- 3. They are not concerned with the regulation of foreign investment.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

15. In India, why are some nuclear reactors kept under “IAEA Safeguards” while others are not?

- a) Some use uranium and others use thorium
- b) Some use imported uranium and others use domestic supplies**
- c) Some are operated by foreign enterprises and others are operated by domestic enterprises
- d) Some are State-owned and others are privately-owned

16. With reference to Swadesh Darshan Scheme, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country.
- 2. The Ministry of Culture provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory for development of circuits.

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 about NISAR:

- 1. It is a collaborative effort of ISRO and JAXA.
- 2. NISAR will be launched in the geosynchronous orbit.
- 3. The ISRO has provided the S-band radar and launch vehicle in this mission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Khajuraho temples belong to the Vesara style of architecture.
- 2. Khajuraho temples were built by the Chalukyas of Badami.

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. Which of the following are a bilateral exercise between the defence forces of India and Japan?

- 1. JIMEX
- 2. SHINYUU
- 3. Dharma Guardian
- 4. Malabar Exercise

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Consider the following statements:

1. The Cape Agulhas is the southern tip of Africa.
  2. The Agulhas current is the cold-water current of Indian ocean.
- 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 pairs:

Exercise Country

1. Vajra Prahar India-USA
2. Shakti Exercise India-UK
3. Yudh Abhyas India-USA
4. Nomadic Elephant India- Korea

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

22. Consider the following statements:

- a) The Companies Act, 2013 regulates incorporation, responsibilities and dissolution of a company.
- b) The rights of the minority shareholders of a private company are protected under the Companies Act, 2013.

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

23. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Millet:

1. It is a drought-resistant crop referred to as Superfood.
2. India does not grow any indigenous variety of millet crop.
3. Millet crops contain high calcium and protein content.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

24. Consider the following statements:

1. Trojans are the asteroid found in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
2. The Near-Earth Asteroids (NEA) shares the orbit with Earth.

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. With reference to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), consider the following statements:

1. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
2. IFAD works with poor rural populations in developing countries to eliminate poverty, hunger, and malnutrition.

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