

1. Consider the following statements which describe one of the prominent Himalayan River systems
 1. It is the westernmost of the Himalayan rivers in India
 2. It flows in the northwest direction between the Ladakh and Zaskar ranges
 3. It originates from a glacier near Bokhar Chu in the Tibetan region in the Kailash Mountain range
 Which of the following River fulfils the above statements?
 - a) The Sutlej River
 - b) The Jhelum River
 - c) The Indus River**
 - d) None of the above
2. Consider the following statements regarding the Brahmaputra river
 1. It has its origin in the Chemayungdung glacier of the Kailash range near the Mansarovar lake
 2. The Rango Tsangpo is the major left bank tributary of this river in Tibet
 3. It enters India west of Sadiya town in Arunachal Pradesh
 4. its main Right bank tributaries are Dibang or Sikang and Lohit
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - c) 3 and 4 only
 - d) 1 and 3 only**
3. Three major geological events in the distant past have shaped the present drainage systems of Peninsular India. These include
 1. Subsidence of the western flank of the Peninsula leading to its submergence below the sea
 2. Upheaval of the Himalayas when the northern flank of the Peninsular block was subjected to subsidence and the consequent trough faulting
 3. Slight tilting of the Peninsular block from northwest to the southeastern direction
 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
 1. The River Kosi flows by the Jim Corbett National Park
 2. The Kosi River is known as the "Sorrow of Bihar"
 3. The Narmada and the Tapi are the only long rivers, which flow west and make estuaries
 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
5. Consider the following statements
 1. It is the largest lagoon in India.
 2. It was designated as the 1st "Ramsar Site" of India
 3. The Nalabana island is part of it
 Which of the following best describes the above features?
 - a) The Pulikat lake
 - b) The Chilika lake**
 - c) The Kolleru lake
 - d) None of the above
6. Which of the following is/are the implications of the shift of monsoon trough closer to Himalayas?
 1. There are longer dry spells in the plains.
 2. The situation of drought establishes in the plains.
 3. Widespread rain occurs in the mountainous catchment areas of the Himalayan Rivers.
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
 - a) 1 and 3 only**
 - b) 1 and 2 only
 - c) 1 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to monsoons?
 1. Southwest monsoon brings rain during summer whereas Northeast monsoon brings rain during winter.
 2. During Southwest monsoon, Indian Subcontinent has high pressure and the direction of air movement is from Australia to Indian subcontinent.
 3. Direction of Northeast monsoon is land to sea so it doesn't contains moisture and brings dryness and coldness after blowing through Bay of Bengal and brings rainfall only in Eastern part of Tamil Nadu.
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
 - a) 1 only**
 - b) 2 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1 and 2 only

8. Consider the following statements.
1. Jet streams help in maintenance of latitudinal heat balance by mass exchange of air.
 2. Jet streams can also cause a bumpy flight.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2**
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Consider the following statements about Brahmaputra River:
1. It flows eastwards parallel to the Himalayas.
 2. On reaching the Nanga Parbat, it takes a 'U' turn and enters India in Arunachal Pradesh through a gorge.
 3. Teesta River is its right bank tributary.
- Select the correct answers using the codes given below.
- a) 2 and 3 only
 - b) 1 and 2 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only**
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
10. Consider the following statements about Mahadayi/Mandovi river:
1. Kalasa and Banduri are its tributaries.
 2. It is the west flowing river.
 3. Mahadayi river water dispute is between Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.
- Select the correct answers using the codes given below.
- a) 2 and 3 only
 - b) 1 and 2 only**
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
11. Consider the following statements:
1. 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.
 2. 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?
- a) 1 only**
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. With reference to the Indian economy after the 1991 economic liberalization, consider the following statements:
1. Worker productivity (per worker at 2004 — 05 prices) increased in urban areas while it decreased in rural areas.
 2. The percentage share of rural areas in the workforce steadily increased.
 3. In rural areas, the growth in the non-farm economy increased.
 4. The growth rate in rural employment decreased.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 3 and 4 only**
 - c) 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 4
13. If the RBI decides to adopt an expansionist monetary policy, which of the following would it not do?
1. Cut and optimize the Statutory Liquidity Ratio
 2. Increase the Marginal Standing Facility Rate
 3. 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 the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), consider the following statements:
1. It provides refinance support for building rural infrastructure.
 2. It supervises Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).
- 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:
1. The Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) is a publicly listed company with National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
 2. IEX is regulated by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
 3. CERC is a statutory body functioning with quasi-judicial status.
- 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**
18. Consider the following statements:
1. The Russian Far East stretches from the Siberian Sea to the Arctic Ocean.
 2. Both India and Russia are the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
 3. The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) is being built in India with Russian cooperation.
- 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
19. Consider the following statements regarding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):
1. It was established by the Washington Treaty to provide security against the Soviet Union.
 2. NATO's protection does not extend to members' civil wars or internal coups.
 3. It is headquartered in Washington, USA.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- a) **1 and 2 only**
b) 2 and 3 only
c) 1 and 2 only
d) 1, 2 and 3
20. ‘Anamaya’ was recently in the news, it is an initiative -
- a) Health care initiative for religious minorities in India.
b) Provision of quality education to SC/STs

- c) **To end all preventable deaths among the tribals.**
d) Bringing financial inclusion among the vulnerables
21. Consider the following statements:
1. The E9 Partnership was established to achieve the goal of UNESCO's Education for All (EFA).
 2. India is a member of the E9 partnership.
 3. The EFA initiative was first launched at the World Conference on Education for All in 1990.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
b) 2 only
c) 1 and 3 only
d) **1, 2 and 3**
22. Consider the following statements:
1. Both India and Seychelles are the members of the Indian Ocean Commission.
 2. India and Seychelles are the founding members of the International Solar Alliance.
- 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. With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, consider the following statements:
1. It is signed and ratified by all the members of the United Nations (UN).
 2. The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) extends 200 nautical miles from the shore of the coastal state.
 3. The coastal state has the responsibility to conserve and manage, both living and non-living resources of EEZ.
- 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
24. Consider the following statements:
1. The Golan Heights is a strategic plateau that Israel captured from Jordan.
 2. The West Bank is sandwiched between Israel and Jordan.
 3. The Gaza Strip is located between Israel and Egypt.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) **2 and 3 only**
d) 1, 2 and 3
25. With reference to the Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), consider the following statements:
1. The SDG-4 aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
 2. The SDGs are legally binding on the member states of the United nations.
- 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