

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. Brahmos is a ballistic missile.
 2. Brahmos can be launched from land, air and sea.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Which among the following were the observations of the Supreme Court in the Indra Sawhney case?
 1. Backward Classes of the Citizens of in Article 16(4) can be identified on the basis of caste and not only on the economic basis.
 2. Creamy layer can be and must be eliminated from the Backward Classes.
 3. There should be NO reservation in the Promotions.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. Chilika Lake is Asia's largest brackish water lagoon.
 2. The Nalabana Bird Sanctuary which is visited by the migratory birds is located inside the Chilika Lake.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Odisha government has announced a bird festival for the first time showcasing the diversity of migratory birds and their numbers.
 2. The Odisha government's initiative would be the first state-sponsored bird festival in India.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. It is mandatory to register clinical trials conducted in India in the Clinical Trials Registry- India (CTRI).
 2. Companies and organisations that have registered for clinical trials in India have to disclose the outcomes of their tests within a year of completing them.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about the standing committees in India:
1. The system of standing committees was instituted by Parliament in 1993.
 2. Such committees are organised on the lines of departments and ministries.
 3. They may examine the working of the departments and various schemes of the government.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
7. Recently, which of the following countries has unveiled plans for a 'Syrian peace congress' in a bid to end the six-year civil war?
- (a) Russia
 - (b) France
 - (c) Turkey
 - (d) U.S.
8. The 15th Finance Commission will decide the devolution formula for revenue sharing between the Centre and States from the year:
- (a) 2020 till 2025
 - (b) 2019 till 2024
 - (c) 2018 till 2023
 - (d) None of these
9. Consider the following statements:
1. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) was established to help build a new, post-Cold War era in Central and Eastern Europe.
 2. Only the countries of Europe can become the members of the Bank.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. Consider the following statements about the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD):
1. The EBRD assists only those countries which are committed to and applying the principles of multi-party democracy and pluralism.
 2. Safeguarding the environment and a commitment to sustainable energy are central to the EBRD's activity.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER KEYS

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