

1. Consider the following statements about the New National Medical Commission Bill, 2017:
 1. The government can dictate guidelines for fees up to 40% of seats in private medical colleges.
 2. The bill not only has a provision for a common entrance exam but also a licentiate (exit) exam that medical graduates have to pass before practising or pursuing Post Graduate courses.
 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 can act as biomarkers?
 1. Genes
 2. Proteins
 3. Hormones
 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. Which of the following animals can regenerate their body parts?
 1. Snail Fur (Hydractinia)
 2. Starfish
 3. Salamanders
 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
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. A salamander can grow back a tail, but not its other body parts.
 2. Snail Fur (Hydractinia) can regrow its own head.
 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. Gigantopithecus or the "giant ape" once roamed the plains of Asia, including India.
 2. Gigantopithecus went extinct due to a lack of food and its giant size.
 3. Elephants are its closest living relatives.
 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
6. Which of the following is the first extinct species which was resurrected in the recent past?
 - (a) Mammoth
 - (b) Pyrenean ibex

- (c) Indian Cheeta
(d) Thylacine
7. Consider the following statements:
1. The Narcondam hornbill species are non-migratory birds.
 2. The Narcondam hornbill species are found only on the Narcondam Island.
 3. The Narcondam hornbill species are critically endangered.
- 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
8. In the year 2017, which of the following countries was affected by two major earthquakes within a gap of 12 days?
- (a) Mexico
(b) Iran
(c) Iraq
(d) Afghanistan
9. Arrange the following hurricanes in the order of their occurrence in the year 2017:
1. Harvey
 2. Maria
 3. Irma
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2, 3
(b) 2, 3, 1
(c) 1, 3, 2
(d) 2, 1, 3
10. Which of the following are the littoral states of the Malacca Strait?
1. Indonesia
 2. Malaysia
 3. Singapore
 4. China
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2 and 4 only

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