

1. Consider the following statements about 'India State- Level Disease Burden' report:
 1. The inequalities in the disease burden in different States in India are severe.
 2. Life expectancy at birth in India hasn't improved much in the last 25 years.
 3. India has a higher burden from non communicable diseases and injuries than from infectious diseases.
 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
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. Life expectancy of females in India is more than that of males.
 2. In the last 25 years life expectancy of females in India has increased more than that of males.
 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
3. Which among the following states are referred to as the Empowered Action Group (EAG) states?
 1. Bihar
 2. Odisha
 3. Telangana
 4. Nagaland
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 4 only
 - (d) 2 and 4 only
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. Andhra Pradesh's Chilika Lake is the largest brackish water lagoon in India.
 2. Migratory birds from different countries reach Chilika Lake every year during winter months.
 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. Qatar shares land border with which of the following countries?
 - (a) Saudi Arabia
 - (b) Bahrain
 - (c) Egypt
 - (d) United Arab Emirates
6. Consider the following statements:
 1. Recently Bahrain, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates broke off relations with Qatar.
 2. Bahrain, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.
 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
7. Consider the following statements:
1. Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a political and economic alliance of seven Middle Eastern countries.
 2. The GCC also has a defense planning council that coordinates military cooperation between member countries.
- 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
8. Consider the following statements about the UDAN scheme:
1. The UDAN Scheme aims at providing connectivity to un-served and under- served airports of the country through revival of existing airstrips and airports.
 2. It aims to develop the regional aviation market and make flying affordable.
 3. It is applicable on flights which cover between 200 km and 800 km.
- 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
9. Consider the following statements:
1. India and Canada have a bilateral foreign investment promotion and protection agreement.
 2. India and Canada have a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.
- 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. Which of the following countries has announced her intention to pitch for a global deal to eliminate gender barriers to trade at the upcoming World Trade Organisations' Ministerial Conference?
- (a) Canada
(b) U.S.
(c) India
(d) China
11. 'Bharat Stage' norms which are frequently in news are related to:
- (a) Checking vehicular pollution
(b) Financial sector reforms
(c) Internal security measure
(d) None of these
12. Which among the following is not an objective behind the establishment of the National Green Tribunal?
- (a) To provide a specialized forum for effective and speedy disposal of cases pertaining to environment protection.
(b) Conservation of forests.

- (c) For seeking compensation for damages caused to people or property due to violation of environmental laws.
(d) None of these
13. The National Green Tribunal has the power to hear all civil cases relating to environmental issues and questions that are linked to the implementation of which of the following laws?
1. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
 2. The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
 3. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) All of the above
14. Which among the following are the salient features of the Bio-medical Waste Management (BMW) Rules, 2016?
1. Phase-out the use of chlorinated plastic bags, gloves and blood bags within two years
 2. Establish a Bar-Code System for bags or containers containing bio-medical waste for disposal
 3. Inclusion of emissions limits for Dioxin and furans
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) All of the above
15. Consider the following statements about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) 2012:
1. The Act defines a child as any person below eighteen years of age.
 2. It provides for special courts that conduct the trial in-camera and without revealing the identity of the child.
 3. The Act stipulates that a case of child sexual abuse must be disposed of within two years from the date the offence is reported.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) All of the above

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