

1. What is/are the contributions of Amartya Sen to India?
  1. He was the Chairman of Nalanda mentor group.
  2. He serves as the Director in charge of all Indian Statistical Institutes (ISI).
  3. He was awarded Bharat Ratna for his work in welfare economics.
  4. He has established Johan Skytte Centre for Political Research in India that receives endowments directly from Harvard University.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 1 and 3 only
  - (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - (c) 2 and 4 only
  - (d) 1 and 2 only
2. Geographically speaking, which of these countries is most likely to have at least three to four time zones?
    - (a) Countries that stretch extensively from east to west.
    - (b) Countries located near the sea.
    - (c) Countries that have a large latitudinal stretch.
    - (d) Countries that are located farthest from Greenwich.
  3. With reference to agricultural statistics in India, Consider the following statements.
    1. The production of foodgrains in India has steadily increased post green revolution since the 1960s.
    2. India has presently turned out to host the largest land area certified as organic wildculture in the world.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) None
4. E-GRAINS is an initiative of the
    - (a) Food Policy Foundation (FPF)
    - (b) Down to Earth
    - (c) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
    - (d) Akshay Patra
  5. Assist Focus export promotion programmes have been launched in specific regions abroad by the Government. It includes
    1. Africa
    2. ASEAN
    3. Latin American countries
    4. Commonwealth of Independent States

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (b) 2 and 4 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
6. From the point of view of commerce, the Atlantic Ocean is the busiest Ocean in the world. This is because
    1. It is the largest ocean in the world.
    2. It connects major continents.

3. Its coastline is indented that favours formation of natural harbours and ports.  
Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- 1 and 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
7. What are the functions and objectives of the National Employment Service (NES)?
1. Compile and disseminate information on vacancies notified on employment in various industries
  2. Assessment of demand and supply of labour in the Labour Market and adjust them
  3. Provide Career Counselling and Vocational Guidance
  4. Generate internal revenue to finance young entrepreneurs in their ventures
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 2 and 4 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
8. Which of these authorities approves the sale of government stake in the Public Sector Units (PSUs)?
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)
  - Governor, Reserve Bank of India
  - Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance
  - Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)
9. For his contribution to Indian space technology, he was awarded Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. He is the first Indian space scientist to be inducted into the prestigious 'Satellite Hall of Fame' and also first in 'International Astronautics Federation (IAF) Hall of Fame'. He is
- APJ Abdul Kalam
  - Satish Dhawan
  - G. Madhavan Nair
  - Udupi Ramachandra Rao
10. USS Gerald R Ford, recently seen in news, is
- World's largest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
  - Stealth defence drone that runs entirely on solar power
  - A triad of ballistic, continental and nuclear missiles
  - The smallest submarine in the world that is being used for intelligence operations
11. Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) is the world's largest conference on cyber space and related issues. What is special about the 2017 edition of GCCS?
1. The conference is being hosted by India.
  2. This is the first time a GCCS conference is hosted outside OECD nations.
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - None
12. Consider the following about the efforts of Ministry of AYUSH to promote Yoga in India and abroad.
1. It has constituted a National Board for Promotion and Development of Yoga & Naturopathy (NBPDPYN).
  2. It has developed a scheme for voluntary certification of Yoga professionals in association with Quality Council of India (QCI).

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None

13. Which of the following best defines the Biosphere?

- (a) It is the upper region of lithosphere.
- (b) It is the narrow zone where land, water and air come together to contain life forms.
- (c) It is the lower atmospheric region near the hydrosphere.
- (d) It is the abiotic component of all forms on earth.

14. Consider the following matches of mountains or mountain ranges with the region they are found in.

- 1. Mount Kosciuszko: Europe
- 2. Appalachian Mountains: North America
- 3. Atlas Mountains: Asia
- 4. Ural Mountains: Russia

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

15. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) which is a pension scheme exclusively for senior citizens aged 60 years and above, consider the following statements.

- 1. Senior citizens will get a market dependent rate of interest.
- 2. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has been given the sole privilege to operate the scheme.
- 3. It is exempted from goods and services (GST) tax.
- 4. The scheme offers loan to senior citizens.
- 5. It does not allow for premature exit.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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