

**PRELIMS SPECIAL - 3 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)**

1. With reference to wildlife conservation, Project MIKE is related to
  - (a) Promoting the captive breeding of Great Indian Bustard.
  - (b) Tracking the illegal killing of elephants.
  - (c) prevention of illegal trading of Red panda.
  - (d) conservation of snow leopard in Himalayas
2. With reference to the Global Tiger Forum (GTE), consider the following statements:
  1. It is an inter-governmental international body to protect the Tiger.
  2. It aims to provide financial and infrastructural capabilities for Tiger Conservation.
  3. The Secretariat of GTF is located in India.
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
3. With reference to Great Indian Bustard, consider the following statements:
  1. It is classified as critically endangered by IUCN.
  2. It is the state bird of Rajasthan.
  3. Their numbers are decreasing due to poaching and loss of habitat.
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
4. Which of the following are correct with reference to the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN)?
  1. It is a joint initiative of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).
  2. It aims to develop new approach and methodology to fill the financing gap for biodiversity.
  3. BIOFIN in India is led by the Ministry of Environment1 Forest and Climate Change.
 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) 1, 2 and 3
5. Which of the following is/are criteria for a region to be recognized as a biodiversity hotspot?
  1. It must have at least 1,500 vascular plants as endemics.
  2. It must have lost at least 70 percent of its original natural vegetation.
 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. Talanoa Dialogue, recently seen in the news, is associated with which of the following?
  - (a) Climate change negotiations
  - (b) WTO dispute settlement mechanism
  - (c) Counter terrorism cooperation
  - (d) Disarmament talks
7. With reference to Sacred Groves in India, consider the following statements:
  1. It is an in-situ method of biodiversity conservation.
  2. They are notified by the state government under Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
  3. Animal hunting in Sacred Groves is completely prohibited under Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

8. With reference to Climate Action Network, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a worldwide network of Non- Governmental Organizations.
2. It aims to promote both government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change.

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

9. With reference to Energy Dense Nutritious Food (EDNF), consider the following statements:

1. It is a medical intervention to improve the nutrition intake of children suffering from Malnutrition.
2. Recently Government gave approval for its sale in India.
3. It is given to children aged between 6 months and 6 years.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

10. Consider the following pairs:

**Types of biodiversity**

**Measurement**

1. Alpha diversity : Species richness in a particular ecosystem
2. Beta diversity : Total biodiversity within an entire region
3. Gamma diversity : Change in amount of species between the ecosystems.

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

11. With reference to Pet coke, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a solid carbon rich material derived from oil refining.
2. It is a cleaner alternative to coal and emits 30% less greenhouse gases than coal.

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

12. Which among the following is/are the part of Harmonized list of Infrastructure subsectors?

1. Electricity Generation
2. Logistics
3. Solid Waste management

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

13. With reference to Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and electric vehicles (FAME)- India scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched as part of the National Mission for Electric Mobility to boost eco-friendly vehicles sales in the country
2. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is the nodal agency for the scheme

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

14. With reference to Bioprospecting, consider the following statements:

1. It entails the search for economically valuable genetic and biochemical resources from nature.
2. It is used for developing new products in pharmaceutical industries only.

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

15. Recently, Geographical Indication (GI) registry of India granted GI tag to:

1. Stone sculptures of Mamallapuram
2. Etikoppaka toys
3. Banglarrosogulla

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) 1, 2 and 3

16. Recently in news over water sharing dispute, this river rises in the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in the Western Ghats, flows in a general westerly direction. It passes through Mollem National Park before emptying itself into the Arabian Sea at Panaji.

The above passage refers to which of the following rivers?

- (a) Mandovi River  
(b) Narmada River  
(c) Malprabha River  
(d) Sharavati River

17. With reference to the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a regional arm of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
2. It aims to promote regional co-operation in South Asia in the field of environment.
3. The SACEP Secretariat is located in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. With reference to Islamic Military Alliance to Fight Terrorism, consider the following statements:

1. It has been established under the aegis of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.
2. It will serve as an inter-governmental counter-terrorism alliance against spread of ISIS in the region.
3. All the west Asian countries are part of the group.

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

19. Consider the following statements about Great Indian Hornbill:

1. It has been listed as "critically endangered" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
2. It is a long distance migratory birds.
3. It is the State bird of Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. With regard to 'Hope Spots', consider the following statements:

1. These are special places that are critical to the health of the ocean.
2. They are declared by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
3. The Indian Ocean region has no hope spots till now.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

### ANSWER KEYS

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