- 1. Which of the following are the examples of Biomes?
- 1. Grasslands
- 2. Desert
- 3. Estuaries
- 4. Coral reefs
- 5. Tropical Rain Forest
- 6. Mangroves

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 5 only

- (b) 1, 4 and 6 only
- (c) 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
- 2. The term Bioprospecting means:
- (a) using living microorganisms to degrade the environmental contaminants.
- (b) exploring molecular, genetic and species- level diversity for products of economic importance.
- (c) the modification of the environment to stimulate existing bacteria capable of bioremediation.
- (d) In-situ remediation technology
- 2. Which of the following organisms help in converting dead organic matter into simple soluble minerals and gases?
- 1. Bacteria
- 2. Protozoa
- 3. Fungi

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- 3. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Ground Level Ozone or kBad Ozone?

 1. It is a primary pollutant directly emitted into the air.
- 2. It forms just above the earth's surface.
- 3. It is formed by the reaction of Nitrogen Oxides and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Select the correct answer using the codes given below: Exclusi

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 4. Which of the following invasive alien species are found in India?
- 1. Water Hyacinth
- 2. Thorn Apple
- 3. Viper grass

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 5. Consider the following statements
- 1. Alpha diversity refers to diversity within a particular area or ecosystem.
- 2. Beta diversity is a comparison of diversity between ecosystems.

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
- 6. Which of the following services is/are provided by the ecosystem?
- 1. Regulation of climate
- 2. Building of knowledge and the spreading of ideas
- 3. Erosion and fl ood control
- 4. Biomass production
- 5. Soil formation and retention

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 4 and 5 only
- (b) 3, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- (d) 1, 2 and 3 only
- 7. Which of the following comes under the category of Ex-situ Conservation?
- 1. Zoological Parks
- 2. Botanical Garden
- 3. Wildlife Sanctuary

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
- 8. Methane (CH4) is one of the six Green House Gases under the Kyoto protocol. Which of the following are the sources of methane?
- 1. Gas drilling
- 2. Paddy fields
- 3. Bio fuels

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
- 9. "Ecotone is a transitional area between two different ecosystems", consider the following statements with respect to the Ecotone:
- 1. An Ecotonal area has a higher density organism of one species and a greater number of species than are found in either flanking community.

- (d) 1, 2 and 3

 10. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Ecosystem?

 1. An ecosystem is a functional unit where living organisms interact among the surrounding physical environment.

 2. Vertical distribution of different species occur.

 Select the correct option from the (a) 1 only

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2
- 11. International economic transactions which are made independently of the state of BALANCE OF PAYMENT (called above the line items of the BOP). Which of the following represents the above transactions?
- (a) Accommodating Transactions
- (b) Autonomous transactions
- (c) Errors and omissions
- (d) None of the above
- 12. Consider the following statements with respect to Disinvestment:
- 1. When a private company/unit and not a public company/unit buys a public sector undertakings, it is known as
- 2. The purpose of disinvestment is mainly to improve fi nancial discipline and facilitate modernisation.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 13. We need investment in human capital to produce more human capital out of human resources. Which of the following are the sources of human capital?
- 1. Investment in education

- 2. Investment in health
- 3. Expenditure incurred for acquiring information relating to the labour market

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

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

(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 14. An agricultural price support programme, the government imposes a lower limit on the purchase price for some of the agricultural goods and the price is normally set at a level higher than the market determined price for these goods. What this concept of economic is known as?
- (a) Issue price
- (b) Price ceiling
- (c) Price floor
- (d) Maximum price
- 15. When the RBI by way of sale/ purchase of G-Secs to/ from the market with an objective to adjust the rupee, liquidity conditions in the market on a durable basis. When the RBI feels that there is excess liquidity in the market, it resorts to sale of securities thereby sucking out the rupee liquidity and vice- versa. Which monetary policy does RBI is using in the above scenario?
- (a) Liquidity adjustment facility
- (b) Open market operations
- (c) Floating of State development loan
- (d) Competitive bidding
- 16. 'Churning poor' is a category of poor defined as:
- (a) People who are always or usually poor but may sometimes have a little more money
- (b) People who regularly move in and out of poverty
- (c) People who are rich most of the times but may sometimes have a patch of bad luck
- (d) None of the above
- for UPSC/OPSC 17. The concept of which of the following type of inflation contradicts the Phillips Curve relation?
- (a) Disinflation
- (b) Deflation
- (c) Stagflation
- (d) Skewflation
- 18. Which of the following statement regarding tax structure in India is correct?
- (a) Direct taxes have more share than indirect taxes in total Tax Revenue.
- (b) Income tax is biggest contributor in Direct Taxes.
- (c) Share of capital expenditure in total expenditure is much higher than revenue expenditure.
- (d) Tax-GDP ratio in India is one of the highest globally.
- 19. Which of the following comprise(s) the Stressed Assets?
- 1. NPAs
- 2. Written off assets
- 3. Restructured loans

Which of the following are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 20. The Indian currency system was converted into decimal system by which of the following act:
- (a) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- (b) Indian Coinage act, 1955
- (c) Coinage Act, 1956
- (d) None of the above
- 21. Which of the following sectors are included in the different categories of the priority sector lending?
- 1. Export Credit
- 2. Fertilizer
- 3. Social Infrastructure
- 4. Renewable Energy

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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



- 22. With reference to World Wetlands Day consider the following
- 1. It celebrated annually on 2 February, aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet.
- This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar.
- The theme for year 2023 World Wetlands Day is 'It's Time for Wetlands Restoration,'

Choose the correct statement/s using the codes given below/

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1,2 and 3
- 23. With reference to Paris Club, consider the following statements:
- 1. It promotes itself as a forum where official creditors meet to solve payment difficulties faced by debtor
- All 22 are members of the group called Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 24. KAVACH-2023 often mentioned in news is related to which of the following?
- a) Cyber security
- b) Medical Insurance
- c) Road accident
- d) Military Exhibition
- 25. Chajnantor plateau is often mentioned in news for its importance in the highest major observatory site in the world located in which of the following country?
- a) Chile
- Argentina b)
- c) Brazil
- Venezuela d)

