

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 15 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. The Arabian Sea branch of the South West Monsoon is much powerful than the Bay of Bengal branch, because
 1. The Arabian Sea is larger than the Bay of Bengal.
 2. The entire Arabian Sea current advances towards India.
 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
2. With reference to National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP), which of the following statements is/are correct?
 1. It designates the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) as the Central Coordinating Agency (CCA) for marine oil spill response activities.
 2. It aims to develop appropriate and effective systems for the detection and reporting of spillage of oil.
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. With reference to the Higher Education Finance Agency (HEFA), consider the following statements:
 1. It was set up in the year of 2016.
 2. It is a not-for-profit organization.
 3. It is responsible for providing primary funding to the higher educational institutions.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
4. With reference to The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), consider the following statements:
 1. It can conduct testing of all food items except milk and imported food items.
 2. It is a nodal statutory agency responsible for protecting and promoting public health through regulation and supervision of food safety.
 3. It has been mandated to provide training programmes for persons who are involved or intend to get involved in food businesses.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 1 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
5. "Incheon Strategy", often seen in the news, is
 - (a) an agenda for women's empowerment an outcome of a World Conference convened by the United Nations
 - (b) a strategy to combat wildlife trafficking, a declaration of the East Asia Summit
 - (c) a strategy on International Emissions Trading framed under the Kyoto Protocol
 - (d) a strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific
6. "SAUBHAGYA" scheme launched by the Government of India pertains to
 - (a) New education policy
 - (b) Financial assistance to Self-Help Groups
 - (c) Distribution of free medicines

- (d) Energy access to all
7. Consider the following statements:
The Global Entrepreneurship Summit
1. held in 2017 was the eighth such Summit
 2. was first time held in South Asia
- 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
8. Which of the following statement is/are correct about the Asian Development Bank?
1. It is a regional arm the World Bank.
 2. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- 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
9. India is a member of which among the following?
1. The Group of Twenty (G20)
 2. The East Asia Summit
 3. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) India is a member of none of them
10. With reference to Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), consider the following statements:
1. It is chaired by the Union Finance Minister.
 2. It addresses intra regulatory coordination issues.
 3. It focuses on financial literacy and financial inclusion.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
11. The Union Cabinet has approved India's Membership for European Bank for Reconstruction Development (EBRD). Which of the following is/are correct about European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)?
1. It is an international financial institution founded in 1991.
 2. It invests exclusively in public enterprises.
 3. Its biggest shareholder is the The United Kingdom.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
12. Deltas of eastern India are shrinking due to
1. huge amount of sediments being deposited.
 2. groundwater mining.
 3. construction of large dams.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

13. With reference to laterite soil, consider the following statements:
1. They are the result of intense leaching.
 2. They are poor in organic matter.
- 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 the selection process of judges at International Court of Justice, consider the following statements:
1. Candidates need to be first nominated by the national groups in the Permanent Court of Arbitration.
 2. Judges are elected candidates by an absolute majority in both the General Assembly and Security Council.
 3. More than one judge of a country can be elected to the International Court of Justice.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
15. "UMANG App, an initiative of the Government of India is aims to provide
- (a) Daily weather forecast
 - (b) Uniform user friendly interface across government services
 - (c) Daily updates on prices of agricultural commodities
 - (d) Information dissemination during natural disasters
16. Which of the following is/are component(s) of the Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme (PMMSK)?
1. Skill development
 2. Digital literacy
 3. Improve declining child sex ratio (CSR)
 4. Health and nutrition
- 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, 3 and 4
17. The Sangai Festival is celebrated in which of the following Indian states?
- (a) Assam (b) Sikkim
(c) Manipur (d) Odisha
18. Which of the following is/are correct about the term "Peace Clause", recently in news related to the affairs of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)?
1. It is a permanent measure which allows countries to procure food grains directly from farmers at Minimum Support Prices to carry on Food Security Programme.
 2. It says that no country would be legally barred from food security programmes even if the subsidy breached the limits specified in the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.
- 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
19. Which of the following statement is/are correct about "senior citizen" stars, recently in the news?
1. They are older than the Sun.
 2. They are also known as "cool subdwarfs".

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

20. In the Indian subcontinent, the first coins to bear the names and images of rulers were issued by the
(a) Indo – Greeks (b) Mauryas
(c) Parthians (d) Yaudheyas

ANSWER KEYS

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11 b 12 c 13 c 14 a 15 b 16 d 17 c 18 b 19 c 20 a