

POLITY

1. Which of the following parts of the Constitution was amended by the 86th Amendment Act, 2002?

1. Part III
2. Part IV
3. Part IVA

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

(d) 1, 2 and 3

2. The justiciability of Fundamental Rights and the moral obligation of State to implement Directive Principles have led to a conflict between the two since the commencement of the Constitution. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. The Parliament can amend the Fundamental Rights for implementing any of the Directive Principles.

2. Articles 39 (b) and 39 (c) have been given priority over the all the Fundamental Rights. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Which of the following pairs regarding the elements of the Basic Structure and the Supreme Court cases are correctly matched?

1. Supremacy of the Constitution: Kesavananda Bharati case
2. Democracy: Indira Gandhi Election case
3. Limited amending power of Parliament: Minerva Mills case
4. Judicial review to all the amendments made after 24 April 1973: Waman Rao case

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

4. Which of the following basic structures was re-affirmed during the Kihoto Hollohon Case?

- (a) Judicial Review
- (b) Independent adjudicatory machinery for resolving disputes relating Members of Parliament**
- (c) Secularism
- (d) Supremacy of the constitution

5. Which of the following statements regarding Autonomous District Councils is/are incorrect?

1. Each Autonomous district has a district council consisting of 30 members.
2. The President is empowered to organize and re-organize the autonomous districts.
3. The acts of state legislature always apply to autonomous districts.

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. The Strength of council of ministers of National capital Territory of Delhi is 10 per cent of total strength of assembly.

2. The opinion of the Lieutenant Governor is mandatory before taking any executive action on any matters by the Council of Ministers of the Delhi government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2**
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

7. Which of the following statements regarding 'Tribal Sub-Plan' (TSP) scheme is/are correct?

1. It is a central sector scheme that is applicable to states where tribal represent more than 60% of the population.

2. The monitoring of TSP plan was being done by erstwhile Planning Commission, now being done by NITI AAYOG.

3. TSP was initiated during Fifth Five Year Plan for socio-economic amelioration of the tribal communities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. Which of the following initiatives of Ministry of Panchayati Raj can help in promoting women participation in PRIs?

1. Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA)
2. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)
3. National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)
4. Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only**

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

9. Consider the following statements regarding the State Finance Commission (SFC):

1. SFC is a constitutional body tasked with rectifying vertical and horizontal imbalances at State/sub-State-level institutions.
 2. It recommends the measures needed to augment the consolidated fund of state to supplement the resources of Panchayats and Municipalities.
 3. The commission submits its report before the Governor who lays it before the state legislature.
- Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

10. "This type of urban local body is established by the large public enterprises to provide civic amenities to its staff and workers who live in the housing colonies built near the plant. A town administrator looks after the administration with the assistance of technical and non-technical staff."

Which of the following is described above?

(a) Notified Area Committee

(b) Special Purpose Agency

(c) Township

(d) Town Area Committee

GEOGRAPHY

11. With respect to the "Pangong Tso", consider the following statements:

1. It is an exorheic lake spanning eastern Ladakh and west Tibet.
2. It is identified under the Ramsar Convention as a wetland of international importance.
3. It is not a part of the Indus river basin area.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 3 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

12. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the Indian Coastal Plains?

1. The Western Coastal Plains are an example of an emergent coastal plain.
2. The Eastern Coastal Plains are an example of a submerged coastal plain.

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

13. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Tropical Thorn Forests?

1. These occur in the areas which receive rainfall less than 50 cm.
 2. In these forests, the plants remain leafless for most part of the year and give an expression of scrub vegetation.
 3. Species found in these forests include mahogany, aini, ebony, neem, khejri, palas etc.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3

(d) 1 and 3 only

14. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the monsoon winds of the Bay of Bengal?

1. The monsoon enters West Bengal and Bangladesh from the south-westerly direction.
2. This branch splits into two under the influence of the Himalayas and the thermal low in north-west India.

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

15. Consider the following pairs:

S.N.	River	District
1.	Vaitarna	Nasik
2.	Kalinadi	Belgaum
3.	Sharavati	Shimoga
4.	Shetrunji	Amreli

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 3 and 4 only

(c) 1, 2 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

16. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Indian Peninsular Block?

1. The Karbi Anglong and the Meghalaya Plateau in the north-east and Rajasthan in the west are the extensions of the Peninsular Block.
2. The Malda Fault in West Bengal separates the north-eastern part of the Peninsula from the Chotanagpur Plateau.
3. Most of the west flowing rivers form deltas before entering the Arabian Sea.

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

17. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve?

1. It embraces the sanctuary complex of Wayanad, Nagarhole, Bandipur and Mudumalai, Neyyar and Shendurney.

2. It has endangered animal species, namely the Nilgiri Tahr and the Lion- tailed Macaque.

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

18. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the red and yellow soils of India?

1. Red soil develops on crystalline igneous rocks in the areas of low rainfall in the eastern and the southern parts of the Deccan Plateau.

2. These soils are generally rich in nitrogen, phosphorous and humus.

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 statements is/are correct regarding the spatio-temporal distribution of tropical cyclone in India?

1. Cyclones in the Bay of Bengal mostly develop during the months of October and November.

2. Most of the cyclones develop during the monsoon season in India.

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. Which of the following factors is/are responsible for high seismic vulnerability of Northern India?

1. Continuous movement of the Indian Plate towards Eurasia.

2. High population density in the northern states of India.

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

CURRENT AFFAIRS

21. Consider the following statements about National Medical Devices Policy, 2023:

1. The policy aims to create a single-window approval process for medical device

manufacturers to ensure quick approvals and an accountable system.

2. It will increase the domestic manufacturing of high-end medical devices.

3. It aims to increase India's share in the global market from the current 1.5 per cent to 12 per cent over the next 25 years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

22. Which of the following states has received the G.I tag for Idu Mishmi Textiles?

(a) Arunachal Pradesh

(b) Sikkim

(c) Assam

(d) Meghalaya

23. Consider the following statements about appropriation bills:

1. They meet the grants so made by the House of the People.

2. No amendment shall be proposed to any such Bill in either House of Parliament which will have the effect of varying the amount or altering the destination of any grant.

3. No money shall be withdrawn from the consolidated fund of India except under appropriation made by law passed in accordance with articles 115 and 116.

How many of the above statements are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

24. Consider the following statements about 'First Loss Default Guarantee':

1. It is an arrangement whereby a third party such as a financial technology (fintech) player (LSP) compensates lenders if the borrower defaults.

2. The Reserve Bank of India has allowed default loss guarantees in digital lending.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

25. With reference to Indian Economy, consider the following statements:

1. A Goldilocks scenario for an economy refers to a point where it is running too cold (referring to faltering GDP growth).

2. The repo rate is nothing but the interest rate that RBI levies when it lends money to banks.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are not correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2