

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 27 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. Consider the following statements about the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015:
 1. It provides for the establishment of exclusive special courts and special public prosecutors to try offences under the Act.
 2. It requires that these courts to complete the trial of the case within six months from the date of filing of the charge-sheet.
 3. The Act does not allow an accused person, who is alleged to have caused injury to and insulted a Dalit, to apply for anticipatory bail.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) All of the above
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Aadhaar Virtual ID (VID) allows to authenticate transactions and e-know-your-customer (KYC) services instead of providing Aadhaar number.
 2. The VID is a temporary, revocable 12-digit random number mapped with the Aadhaar number.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
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. Pancheshwar multi-purpose project is located on Mahakali river.
 2. Pancheshwar multi-purpose project is being jointly implemented by India and Bhutan.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
4. The superintendence of Central Bureau of Investigation related to investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 lies with the?
 - (a) Central Vigilance Commission
 - (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - (c) Department of Personnel & Training
 - (d) National Investigation Agency
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Reserve Bank has recently switched back to the gross domestic product (GDP) based measure to offer its growth estimates from the gross value added (GVA) methodology.
 2. While GDP gives a picture of the state of economic activity from the producers' side or supply side, the GVA model gives the picture from the consumers' side or demand perspective.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. Globally, the performance of most economies is gauged in terms of gross domestic product (GDP) because:
1. It facilitates easy cross-country comparisons.
 2. It helps in the supply side measure of economic activity.
- 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
7. Which of the sports have made their Commonwealth Games debuts in 2018?
1. Beach Volleyball
 2. Para Triathlon
 3. Women's Rugby Sevens
- 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) All of the above
8. Consider the following statements:
1. Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville were among the cities where events associated to the Commonwealth Games 2018 will be hosted.
 2. For the first time at a Commonwealth Games, an equal number of men's and women's medal events will be contested during this year.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. K Sanjita Chanu has won the Gold Medal in the Women's 53 kg weightlifting event.
 2. K Sanjita Chanu delivered India its first gold medal of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast City, Australia.
- 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
10. Consider the following statements:
1. Women Transforming India Awards has been launched by NITI Aayog, in partnership with the UN in India and MyGov.
 2. The Young Women Achievers Awards is being organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- 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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The purpose of the National Legislators Conference is to provide a platform to Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assemblies and Members of Legislative Councils across the country to share their experiences.
2. The theme of the 2018 National Legislators Conference was — “We For Development”.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Millions of tons of dust is transported from the Bodele depression to the Amazon basin each year, supplying the rain forest with essential minerals and nutrients.
2. The Bodele Depression is a natural dry lake bed that was once a large freshwater lake in northern Chad.

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 is Assam’s easternmost wildlife reserve?

- (a) Kaziranga National Park
- (b) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- (c) Nameri National Park
- (d) Manas National Park

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) is India’s first dedicated environmental court.
2. NGT has a wide jurisdiction to deal with violations of environmental laws, but it cannot provide for compensation, relief and restoration of the ecology.
3. India is the first country to have such a system.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) All of the above

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Oxytocin is a hormone secreted by the pituitary gland.
2. It is used to check aggression in farm animals.
3. It is used both for humans and animals.

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) All of the above

16. U.S. has pulled out from which of the following organisations/agreements in the recent past?

1. Trans-Pacific Partnership
2. North America Free Trade Area (NAFTA)
3. Paris Agreement to combat climate change

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) All of the above

17. Consider the following statements about the QS World Universities Ranking 2018:
1. This is for the first time that three prestigious Indian institutions have featured in the list of the top 100 universities as per the QS Rankings.
 2. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay, IIT-Delhi and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, have made it to the top 100 global universities.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The speaker of the Lok Sabha can suspend its members without seeking prior nod of the House.
 2. To suspend a member, the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha have to move a motion and that motion has to be passed by the House.
 3. The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha cannot suspend a member of the House.
- 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) All of the above
19. India has improved her ranking in the recent edition of the Global Innovation Index:
- (a) From 66 to 60.
 - (b) From 60 to 66.
 - (c) From 166 to 160.
 - (d) From 160 to 166.
20. Consider the following statements about the functions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India:
1. Promoting insider trading in securities.
 2. Regulating substantial acquisition of shares and take over of companies.
 3. Promoting and regulating self-regulatory organisations.
- 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) All of the above

ANSWER KEYS

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