

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 28 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. Chilika Lake is Asia's largest brackish water lagoon.
 2. Chilika Lake houses endangered Irrawaddy dolphins.
 3. Chilika Lake is a famous wintering ground of lakhs of migratory birds.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. Which of the following are among the major reasons presently threatening the population of Irrawaddy dolphins?
 1. Entanglement in fishing gear
 2. Habitat loss
 3. Declining or altered freshwater flows
 4. Hunting or tradeSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Which of the following factors negatively affect the quality and taste of mango crop?
 1. Low day temperature
 2. Long spells of Monsoon
 3. Hail and cloudy weather
 4. Late floweringSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana aims to provide all-weather access to eligible unconnected rural habitations.
 2. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
 3. 50% of the Cess on High Speed Diesel (HSD) is earmarked for this Programme.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
5. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana:
 1. It aims to connect all unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in rural areas.
 2. The unit for this Programme can be either a revenue village or a Panchayat.

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. Nagaland shares its border with which of the following States?

- 1. Arunachal Pradesh
- 2. Manipur
- 3. Mizoram
- 4. Assam

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (d) All of the above

7. The Supreme Court has ordered to trans-locate the Asiatic Lions from Gujarat to which of the following States?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

8. Which of the following was the theme of the World Health Day 2018?

- (a) Depression, Let's Talk
- (b) Beat diabetes
- (c) From farm to plate, make food safe
- (d) Universal health coverage: everyone, everywhere

9. Which of the following technological giant has developed a programme called 99DOTS to help TB patients to complete their course of medicines?

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Qualcomm
- (d) Apple

10. Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana aims at:

- (a) Skill-development training to 1 lakh SC/ST youths.
- (b) Give scholarships to 1,000 girls each from 115 backward districts.
- (c) Enable the poor families to get gas connection.
- (d) Provide solar lantern to all the rural households not having a metered electricity connection.

11. Consider the following statements about the Interpol:

- 1. It is the world's largest international police organization.
- 2. It facilitates international police cooperation only where diplomatic relations exist between particular countries.

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. The Dutch East India Company was the world's first international corporation.
 2. It was established in 1602 in the Netherlands.
 3. It could wage war, establish colonies, create (coin) money, and negotiate treaties.
- 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
13. Which of the following notices are issued by the Interpol?
1. Red Notice
 2. Yellow Notice
 3. Black Notice
 4. White Notice
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 2, 3 and 4 only
14. Recently, which of the following countries have placed/cosponsored a motion to place Pakistan on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) terrorist-financing watch-list?
1. U.S.
 2. U.K.
 3. India
 4. Germany
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
15. Which of the following could result in if a country is placed on the watch-list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?
1. Enhanced scrutiny level of the financial transactions that the country's banking sector would undertake with the rest of the world.
 2. Increased cost of opening letter of credits (LC) for trade purposes.
 3. Decreased score of the international credit ratings.
 4. Increase cost of borrowings for the government.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
16. Which of the following States was in news for planning to grant autonomy to its Water Resources Regulatory Authority (WRRRA), on the lines of the Comptroller and Auditor General?
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| (a) Gujarat | (b) Maharashtra |
| (c) Telangana | (d) Punjab |

17. Consider the following statements about the Silent Valley National Park:
1. The park is one of the last undisturbed tracts of montane rain forests and tropical moist evergreen forests in India.
 2. The Park is located in the Nilgiri Bio-reserve.
- 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 black and red ware culture (BRW) is seen in Bronze Age and Iron Age in the northern and central parts of Indian subcontinent.
 2. The black and red ware culture (BRW) was succeeded by the Painted Grey Ware culture.
 3. The black and red ware culture (BRW) sites were characterized by subsistence agriculture.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. India Gate was built by the British to pay tribute to Indian soldiers who died in World War II and the Afghan war.
 2. The Amar Jawan Jyoti (Eternal Flame of the Soldier) was added after the Indo-Pak war of 1965.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Carbon sequestration is the short-term storage of carbon in plants, soils, geologic formations, and the ocean.
 2. Carbon sequestration is the storage of carbon that has the immediate potential to become carbon dioxide gas.
- 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

ANSWER KEYS

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