

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 37 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. Under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amended Act, 2016, which of the following is considered a 'benami transaction':
 1. The property is held by or transferred to a person, but has been provided for or paid by another person.
 2. The transaction is made in a fictitious name.
 3. The owner is not aware or denies knowledge of the ownership of the property.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. The Fifth Schedule of the Constitution deals with which of the following?
 - (a) Control and administration of the Schedule Areas.
 - (b) States and territories of India.
 - (c) Provisions for the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
 - (d) Accession of Sikkim with India.
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. Anthrax is a disease caused by a virus.
 2. It can occur naturally in both animals and humans.
 3. Anthrax causing pathogen can survive in the environment by forming spores.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
4. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan involves which of the following Ministries?
 - (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development
 - (b) Ministry of Rural Development
 - (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
 - (d) All of the above
5. The Cambridge Analytica data breach scandal involved which of the following social media giants?
 - (a) Facebook
 - (b) Twitter
 - (c) WhatsApp
 - (d) Snapchat
6. Which of the following tech giants was in news due to its association with a U.S. Department of Defence's artificial intelligence (AI) project that aims to improve drone strikes in the battlefield?
 - (a) Google
 - (b) Microsoft
 - (c) Apple
 - (d) Qualcomm
7. In which of the following cases you would expect a decline in the value of 'rupee' vis-a-vis U.S. dollar?
 1. Surging global oil prices
 2. Widening of trade deficit

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
8. With the help of which of the following, a 3-D map of more than a billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy has been produced recently?
- (a) Envisat
 - (b) Hubble Space Telescope
 - (c) Skylab
 - (d) Gaia
9. Which of the following two countries are technically still at war with each other?
- (a) India and Pakistan
 - (b) East and West Germany
 - (c) North Korea and South Korea
 - (d) None of these
10. Consider the following statements:
1. China has more trade surplus with U.S. than what it has with India.
 2. U.S. has more trade deficit with China than what it has with India.
 3. U.S. has a trade surplus with India but a trade Deficit with China.
- 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
11. The 'citrus greening disease', which was recently in news, is:
- (a) Spread by an insect and caused by a bacterium.
 - (b) Spread by an insect and caused by a virus.
 - (c) Spread by a bird and caused by a virus.
 - (d) Spread by bees and caused by a bacterium.
12. Which of the following safeguards have been put in place in the e-way bills system to save the transporters from harassment by tax-collecting authorities?
1. E-way bill rules specify that goods will be inspected only once during the journey except in cases where specific information on tax evasion is received.
 2. In case a vehicle is detained for more than 30 minutes, the transporter can report it on the portal.
- 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. Consider the following statements about the Employees Provident Fund Scheme (EPF):
1. It provides for accumulation plus interest upon retirement, resignation or death.
 2. Partial withdrawals are allowed for specific expenses.
 3. It is mandatory for employers and employees of companies with 10 or more workers to contribute to the EPF.

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

14. Consider the following statements about the extension of Legislative Acts Of States and Union to Schedule V areas:

- 1. Indian Criminal Procedure Code extends automatically to Scheduled Areas.
- 2. Panchayati Raj and Municipalities Act extend automatically to Scheduled Areas.

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. The Central Government has declared 10 varieties of millets as "Nutri Cereals". These include:

- 1. Sorghum
- 2. Pearl Millet
- 3. Foxtail Millet

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. India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast that the monsoon this year will be normal. Normal monsoon in India is defined as:

- (a) When the rainfall in four Monsoon months (June — September) is 90% to 96% of the long period average.
- (b) When the rainfall in four Monsoon months (June — September) is 96% to 104 % of the long period average.
- (c) When the rainfall in four Monsoon months (June — September) is 104% to 110% of the long period average.
- (d) When rainfall is enough in the sowing time so that above 90% of the sowing area is covered.

17. The Electric Vehicle Policy of which of the following States envisages a complete switch of the state transport system to electric vehicles by 2030?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Maharashtra

18. Consider the following statements about the National Air Quality Index (AQI):

- 1. National Air Quality Index (AQI) is an initiative under 'Swachh Bharat'.
- 2. There are six AQI categories, namely Very Good, Good, Satisfactory, Poor, Very Poor, and Severe.
- 3. Under this Index the associated likely health impacts for different AQI categories and pollutants have been also been suggested.

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. Arrange the following in increasing order of their radius:
1. Earth
 2. Mars
 3. Venus
 4. Mercury
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) Earth < Mars < Venus < Mercury
 - (b) Mars < Venus < Mercury < Earth
 - (c) Venus < Mercury < Earth < Mars
 - (d) None of these
20. Which one of the following is not related to the formation or modification of the present atmosphere?
- (a) Solar winds
 - (b) Degassing
 - (c) Differentiation
 - (d) Photosynthesis

ANSWER KEYS

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