

**PRELIMS SPECIAL – 49 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)**

1. Which of the following schemes of India have been challenged by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the World Trade Organisation (WTO)?
1. Electronics hardware technology parks scheme
  2. Merchandise exports from India scheme
  3. Export promotion capital goods scheme
  4. Special economic zones

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 2, 3 and 4 only
  - 1, 3 and 4 only
  - All of the above
2. Which of the following schemes has been introduced to promote exports by offsetting the infrastructural inefficiencies faced by exports of specified goods and to provide a level playing field?
1. Electronics hardware technology parks scheme
  2. Merchandise exports from India scheme
  3. Export promotion capital goods scheme
  4. Special economic zones
3. The Union Government is planning to revamp which of the following into 'health and wellness centres' by 2022?
1. Sub Centres
  2. Primary Health Centres
  3. Community Health Centres
  4. District Hospitals
4. The India-based Neutrino Observatory is to come up at which of the following places?
1. Magnetic Hill
  2. Bodi West Hills
  3. Roopkund Lake
  4. Lepakshi
5. The establishment of the India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) was challenged by the National Green Tribunal on which of the following grounds?
1. Radioactive waste disposal produced by it.
  2. Pollution of surrounding areas due release of harmful chemical.
  3. Diversion of prime agriculture land for non-agriculture purposes.
  4. Proximity to the Mathikettan Shola National Park.
6. Consider the following statements:
1. India was the largest arms importer in the last five years (2013-2017).
  2. India roughly accounts for 12% of global arms imports.
  3. The Indian defence budget has now the largest in the world.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - All of the above

7. According to a recent Supreme Court judgment, the main reason for non-implementation of welfare schemes for building and construction workers is:
- Lack of identity cards for construction workers.
  - Lack of provision of maternity benefits and minimum wages.
  - They are not covered under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
  - Money meant for their welfare lies unused.
8. The poverty-stricken KBK (Kalahandi Balangir and Koraput) region is located in which of the following States?
- Chhattisgarh
  - Bihar
  - Jharkhand
  - Odisha
9. The Prime Minister's Shram Awards, instituted in 1985, can be given to:
- Departmental Undertakings of the Central and State Governments
  - Central and State Public Sector Undertakings
  - Private Sector having minimum of 250 employees.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - All of the above
10. An Informal WTO Ministerial Meeting to discuss various aspects related to multilateral trade took place at:
- Davos
  - New York
  - New Delhi
  - Bali
11. Consider the following statements about the Parliamentary Privileges:
- Parliamentary privileges are enjoyed by each house collectively and not by the members individually.
  - No member of Parliament shall be liable to any proceeding in any court in respect of anything said or any vote given by him in Parliament or any committee thereof.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
12. Consider the following statements about the guideline to protect public servants and private employees from arbitrary arrests under the Atrocities Act by the Supreme Court of India:
- Public servants can only be arrested with the written permission of their appointing authority.
  - In the case of private employees, the Director of the concerned company should allow it.
  - A preliminary inquiry should be conducted before the FIR is registered to check whether the case falls within the parameters of the Atrocities Act.

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. Consider the following statements about the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) score:

- 1. Institutions having a NAAC score of 3.5 and above, out of 4, are in category-1.
- 2. The Jawaharlal Nehru University has the highest NAAC score of 3.77 among Central universities.
- 3. There is no private university in the Category-1.

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 new scheme of 'higher autonomy for quality institutions':

- 1. Quality institutions will get the freedom to start their own courses and departments provided they generate their own funds.
- 2. These institutions will be permitted to hire faculty at packages higher than the UGC scale if they are able to raise resources for the extra payment.
- 3. They have also been given the freedom to hire foreign faculty members of their own choice.

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

15. At which of the following places in India we have an International Internet Gateway?

- 1. Mumbai
- 2. Chennai
- 3. Tripura
- 4. Kolkata

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

16. Which of the following States had allocated the largest amount of their State budget spending for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the year 2017-18:

- (a) Andhra Pradesh                      (b) Telangana
- (c) Maharashtra                          (d) Karnataka

17. Consider the following statements about the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016:

1. The Act has given the legal sanction to the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
2. The Act describes enrolment with the UIDAI as mandatory.
3. The Act authorises both the Central and State governments to make Aadhaar mandatory for anyone wishing to receive a subsidy, benefit or service, for which expenses are borne from the Consolidated Fund of India.

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

18. As per United Nations estimates, by 2050, the maximum contribution to the world's population growth would come from:

- (a) Africa                              (b) Asia  
(c) Europe                              (d) North America

19. Which of the following can be considered as environmentally-friendly agricultural systems?

1. Conservation tillage
2. Crop diversification
3. Legume intensification
4. Biological pest control

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Who among the following cannot accept Foreign Contribution under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010?

1. Election candidate
2. MP and MLAs
3. Public Servants

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

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