

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 52 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Base Erosion and Profit Shifting has been initiated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
2. The 2016 Union Budget announced an 'equalisation levy' of 6 per cent on payments exceeding over Rs 1 lakh to online ad services from non-resident entities.
3. India is the first country to impose such a levy, post the OECD action plan.

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 10th meeting of India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science and Technology took place in New Delhi.
2. This joint group between India and China is the oldest dialogue mechanism between the two 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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. China is India's largest trading partner.
2. India's imports from China are much higher than its exports to China.
3. The Chinese exports to India account for around two percent of its overall exports.

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. 'Golden Crescent' and 'Golden Triangle' when used in the international context refer to:

- (a) Areas highly prone to cyclones.
- (b) World's two most unexplored gold-producing regions.
- (c) Two largest Opium producing regions of the world.
- (d) Areas full of plastic and other debris in two different oceans.

5. The Union Government is conducting National Drug Abuse Survey to measure extent, pattern and trends of drug abuse in India through which of the following Ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Women & Child Development
- (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

6. Which of the following are among the initiatives taken by the Government to deal with drug trafficking problem in India?
1. Constitution of Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD).
 2. Revival of the scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Narcotics Control.
 3. Bilateral Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding with other countries.

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

7. The main objective of the re-launch of the Swajal initiative is:
- (a) To meet water related needs of arsenic affected regions through technological interventions.
 - (b) To initiate research and development to use saline water on large scale after desalinization.
 - (c) To deliver tapped water to every household in the country.
 - (d) To construct a network of canals to store rain-water.
8. The Government of India has decided to focus on development of 115 backward districts. Consider the following statements in this regard:
1. These districts also include left-wing extremism-affected region.
 2. The 115 districts have been divided among the Ministry of Home Affairs, Health Ministry and the Panchayati Raj Ministry.
 3. Presence or absence of individual toilets is also an indicator to select these districts.

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

9. Consider the following statements about the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI):
1. IDF-OI was set up as an autonomous not-for-profit Trust, to facilitate Overseas Indian philanthropy into social and development projects in India.
 2. It has recently been closed to enhance synergies in channelizing Diaspora's contributions to Government of India's flagship programmes such as National Mission for clean Ganga and Swachh Bharat Mission.

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 about the Ayushman Bharat -National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM);
1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
 2. Benefits of the scheme are portable across the country.
 3. AB-NHPM will be an entitlement based scheme.

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. Which of the following States/parts of States who produce basmati rice have been protected by Geographical Indication (GI) tag?
1. Punjab
 2. Delhi
 3. Parts of Jammu & Kashmir
 4. Madhya Pradesh
- 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
12. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board currently exercises jurisdiction over which of the following?
1. Trademarks
 2. Patents
 3. Geographical Indications
 4. Copyright Cases
- 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
13. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been established by the Government of India under which of the following Ministries?
- (a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 - (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 - (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - (d) Ministry of Finance
14. Consider the following statements about the functions of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority:
1. Development of industries relating to the scheduled products for export by participation in equity capital through joint ventures.
 2. Promotion of export oriented production and development of the Scheduled products.
 3. Carrying out inspection of meat and meat products in slaughter houses.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The Houthi rebels are active in the southern parts of Yemen.
 2. The Houthi rebels are Shia Muslims and are supported by Saudi Arabia.
- 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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Yemen borders both Saudi Arabia and Oman.
2. Yemen borders both Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

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

17. Which of the following countries have pledged varying levels of support to Saudi Arabia led efforts against the Houthi rebels in Yemen?

1. Morocco
2. Egypt
3. Sudan
4. Senegal

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

18. Consider the following statements about the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA):

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.
3. The central funding is in the ratio of 90:10 for union territories.

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. The Department of Higher Education has a scheme called Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme on education loan for students belonging to:

- (a) Economically Weaker Sections.
- (b) Scheduled Castes.
- (c) Scheduled Tribes.
- (d) Other backward Classes.

20. India aims to achieve Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education of how much percentage by the year 2019-20?

- (a) 30% (b) 40%
(c) 50% (d) 60%

ANSWER KEYS

01 d 02 b 03 d 04 c 05 d 06 d 07 c 08 c 09 c 10 d
11 a 12 d 13 c 14 d 15 d 16 c 17 d 18 a 19 a 20 a