

1. Consider the following statements regarding the appointment of judges of the Supreme Court:
  1. The judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the Prime Minister after consultation with the Chief Justice of India and such other judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts as he may deems necessary.
  2. The consultation with the Chief Justice of India is mandatory in the case of appointment of a judge other than the Chief Justice.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Majuli is the largest river island in the world.
2. Majuli is famous for Bao Dhan- a variety of rice that grows high with the increase of water levels during the monsoons.
3. Majuli is famous for its centuries-old neo-Shivaite monasteries.

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

3. Recently, U.S. has withdrawn from the Iran Nuclear Deal because?

- (a) The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had consistently maintained that Iran has not complied with the strictures of the Deal.
- (b) Iran had not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which prohibits it from developing nuclear weapons.
- (c) Iran had not agreed to ratify the IAEA's Additional Protocol five years from now which would have granted IAEA inspectors wide-ranging access to monitor nuclear-related activities in Iran.
- (d) U.S. was of the view that the Deal would become less strict over the years enabling Iran to move towards nuclear-weapon capability.

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Rabindranath Tagore was awarded a Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913.
2. Rabindranath Tagore returned his Nobel Prize to show his strong protest against the massacre the British committed at the Jallianwala Bagh in Punjab in 1919.

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

5. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

**Famous Place : State**

1. Nandigram: Bihar
2. Bhadrachalam: Telangana
3. Mahendragiri: Odisha

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

6. Foreign Direct Investment proposals in which of the following areas require security clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs:
1. Broadcasting
  2. Private Security Agencies
  3. Mineral separation of titanium bearing minerals and ores
- 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. Which of the following capital instruments are permitted for receiving foreign investment in an Indian company:
1. Equity shares
  2. Debentures
  3. Preference shares
- 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. If U.S. puts economic sanctions on Iran again, then which of the following could be the implications on India?
1. The Reserve Bank of India might have to increase interest rates.
  2. The Reserve Bank of India might have to decrease the rupee's value against the U.S. dollar.
  3. Inflation in India may go up.
- 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:
1. Nuclear winter is the cooling and darkening of the globe that is expected to happen as a result of a severe nuclear explosion.
  2. Nuclear explosion results in a significant decrease in greenhouse gases which absorbs the Sun's radiation.
- 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. Which among the following are the features of the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2018?
1. The Bill brings down the specified value of a commercial dispute to 30 Lakhs from the present one Crore.
  2. It introduces Pre-Institution Mediation (PIM) process in cases where no urgent or interim relief is contemplated.
- 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. Arrange the following greenhouse gases in decreasing order of their atmospheric lifetime:

1. Sulfur Hexafluoride
2. Methane
3. Nitrous Oxide

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1-2-3 | (b) 2-3-1 |
| (c) 1-3-2 | (d) 2-1-3 |

12. While taking the decision on putting a bank under 'Prompt Corrective Action' (PCA) plan, the RBI can assess its standing on which of the following counts?

1. Capital Adequacy Ratio
2. Net Non Performing Assets
3. Return on Assets

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

13. A complaint has been lodged by the U.S. at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) against India's farm subsidies alleging that

- (a) India is putting trade barriers against U.S. agricultural imports.
- (b) India is putting non-trade barriers against U.S. agricultural imports.
- (c) India has substantially under-reported its market price support for wheat and rice.
- (d) India is using protectionist policies against U.S. agricultural imports.

14. Consider the following statements regarding the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013:

1. The Act covers all the women in the public sector only.
2. The Act covers all the women in the organised sector only.
3. The Act covers all the workplaces employing 10 or more than 10 workers only.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only     | (b) 2 and 3 only  |
| (c) All of the above | (d) None of these |

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Names of the judges for appointment as Supreme Court judges is recommended by a collegium consisting of the Chief Justice of India and four seniormost judges of the Supreme Court.
2. The government may send such names back to the collegium for reconsideration but if the collegium sends the names back again, the government will have to accept the recommendation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 only       | (b) 2 only          |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

16. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

1. Meteor: A piece of interplanetary matter that is smaller than a kilometer.
2. Meteorite: A part of the space debris that lands on Earth.

3. Meteoroid: The flash of light caused by the debris from space.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All of the above (d) None of these

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Pancheshwar dam is being jointly carried out by India and Bhutan.
2. It is located in the Kumaon hills.
3. It is proposed on the Mahakali river.

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

18. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 seeks to make illegal migrants from which of the following countries eligible for citizenship?

1. Myanmar
2. Afghanistan
3. Pakistan
4. Bangladesh

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

19. In respect of Foreign Direct Investment proposals where the Competent Authority proposes to reject the proposals concurrence of which of the following shall compulsorily be sought by the Competent Authority?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs  
(b) Ministry of Finance  
(c) NITI Aayog  
(d) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion

20. Consider the following statements:

1. Only the Supreme Court has the power to punish for contempt of court.
2. The contempt of court is always civil.
3. The contempt of court can be punished by fine only.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All of the above (d) None of these

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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