

1. Consider the following statements regarding Zika virus.
 1. Zika virus usually causes mild illness. Symptoms most commonly include a slight fever or rash.
 2. Zika virus can't be transmitted through sex.
 3. Zika virus is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct:
 - (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only (d) 1, 2 & 3 only
2. Consider the following with regard to Model Agricultural Land Leasing Act, 2016
 1. The Model Act provides for recognition of farmers cultivating on leased land to enable them to access loans through institutional credit.
 2. An Expert Committee on Land Leasing was constituted under the aegis of NITI Aayog in this context.
 Select the correct answer using code given below:
 - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 & 2 (d) None of the above
3. Consider the following statements with regard to Tundra Biome:
 1. In Tundra biome, dead organic material functions as nutrient pool.
 2. Alpine, a subtype of Tundra biome is found only at higher latitudes beyond Arctic Circle.
 3. Tundra is the coldest of all the biomes.
 Select the correct answer using code given below:
 - (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only (d) 1, 2 & 3 only
4. With reference to Bharat QR code often seen in news, consider the following statements:
 1. It is the world's first interoperable payment acceptance system.
 2. It has been jointly developed by the National Payment Corporation of India, Mastercard and Visa.
 3. If customer and merchant are on different platforms, Bharat QR will disable its payment mechanism.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct:
 - (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) 2 & 3 only (d) All of the above
5. Consider the following statements with regard to Supreme Court's order on charging of Green Cess from manufacturers of big diesel vehicles
 1. The charges are levied on Delhi-NCR region which covers the territorial jurisdictions of Delhi and its neighbouring districts in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
 2. The amount will be used to strengthen public transport.
 3. The amount so collected will be deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India.
 Select the correct answer using code given below:
 - (a) 1 only (b) 1 & 2 only
 - (c) 2 & 3 only (d) 3 only
6. With reference to the UNESCO Global Geoparks, consider the following statements:
 1. Currently, there are more than 100 UNESCO Global Geoparks across the world.
 2. Global Geoparks are unified geographical areas where sites of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.
 3. No economic activity is permitted in any Global Geoparks designated by UNESCO.

4. UNESCO Global Geopark is not a legislative designation.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct:
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 1, 2 & 4 only
(c) 3 & 4 only (d) 2 & 4 only
7. Consider the following statements about Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets (S4A).
- 1) It is not applied to projects under construction.
 - 2) It does not requires banks to oust the existing promoters
 - 3) The total loans to the entity should be 500 crore or more.
- Select the correct answer using code given below
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
8. Consider the following statements given below:
1. The cool breeze from the land to sea is called sea breeze.
 2. The Papagayo wind shrieks over the lakes of Nicaragua.
 3. The wind flow over central America is composed of two air streams.
 4. Papagayo wind is a cold wind.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 2, 3 & 4 only (d) 1 & 3 only
9. Consider the following statements about Oyashio current.
1. It is a warm pacific current.
 2. It originates in the Bering Sea.
 3. The Oyashio current meets the Kuroshio Current in East of Northern of Japan.
 4. North of Japan, the Oyashio Current meets the warm water of the Kuroshio Current and divides into two currents.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 2, 3 & 4 only (d) 1, 2 & 3 only
10. Consider the following statements about POLAVARAM project.
1. Polavaram project aims to interlink Godavari river with Krishna.
 2. It's a multi-purpose irrigation project status accorded by the union government.
 3. It was formerly Rama Pada Sagar irrigation project, but now renamed as Polavaram project.
 4. Polavaram project is along the Krishna river.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 & 2 only
(b) 2, 3 & 4 only
(c) 1, 2 & 3 only
(d) 3 & 4 only
11. According to article 324 of the Constitution
- (1) Election Commission shall consist of one chief election commissioner and two election commissioners.
 - (2) The appointment of election commissioners shall be made by the President.
 - (3) The conditions of service and tenure of office of the election commissioners and the regional commissioners shall be determined by the president.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

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

12. Consider the following statements about different zones of a biosphere reserve and choose the correct one/ones

- (1) Core zone contains suitable habitat for numerous plant and animal species.
- (2) Transition zone lies in between core and buffer zone.
- (3) Buffer zone helps in protection of core zone in its natural condition.

Codes:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 & 2 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

13. Coral reefs in India are found in:

- 1) Gulf of Mannar
- 2) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 3) Lakshadweep Islands
- 4) Gulf of Kutch

Codes:

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

14. The government has amended the metrology rules which would allow to:

- 1) Fix the retail prices of essential commodities.
- 2) Fix the wholesale prices of essential commodities.
- 3) Fix the prices of Fast moving consumer goods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

15. Which among the following is/are correct regarding Armed Forces Tribunals:

- 1) The administrative members of tribunal are retired members of armed forces.
- 2) The judicial members of armed forces tribunal are retired army personnels.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

16. 'Swachh Swasth Sarvatra' is:

- (1) It is an inter-ministerial joint initiative between the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (2) It is an inter-ministerial joint initiative between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (3) It is an inter-ministerial joint initiative between the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 & 3 only

17. In the Northern Hemisphere during summer
- 1) The thermal equator is located to the north of the geographical equator.
 - 2) The pressure belts shift southwards of their annual average location.
 - 3) Summer season begins on the Autumnal equinox i.e September 22.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
18. Which of the following forms of taxes/duties are levied by the Union but Collected and Appropriated by the States:
- 1) Stamp duties on bills of exchange.
 - 2) Excise duties on Medicinal and toilet preparations containing alcohol.
 - 3) Taxes on sales of and advertisements in newspapers.
 - 4) Taxes on entry of goods into local areas.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 2, 3 & 4 only (d) 3 & 4 only
19. Consider the following statements:
- 1) This National Park is situated in the Vindhyan Ranges.
 - 2) Fragile though dynamic dry deciduous forest.
 - 3) It is situated at a point where the continuity of the forest belt, starting from Cape Comorin in the south, is broken and beyond this the great Gangetic plains begin.
 - 4) River Ken flows through this National Park.
- Which National Park is being referred to?
- (a) Kanha Kisli
(b) Pench National Park
(c) Bandhavgarh National Park
(d) Panna National Park
20. Which of the Climatic Groups According to Koeppen is matched correctly?
1. Tropical climates -Average temperature of the coldest month is 18 degree C or higher
 2. Dry Climates-Potential evaporation exceeds precipitation
 3. Cold Climates-Average temperature for all months is below 15 degree C
 4. Continental climates- Average temperature for one month is below 0 degree C and one month above 10 degree C
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2, 3 & 4 only
(c) 1, 2 & 4 only (d) 3 & 4 only

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