

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The central platform for international follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).
 2. The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) meets annually under the auspices of the United Nations Development Programme.

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. The 2017 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) for international review of progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held in July at Doha.
 2. The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) serve as a basis for international review of progress of SDGs.

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. Petroleum coke ("pet coke") has increasingly become one of the major alternative fuel replacing coal because?

1. it is produced in significant quantities by Indian refineries.
2. it is relatively cheaper than coal.
3. it has a very high calorific value.
4. it is easy to handle as a fuel.

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

4. The use of pet coke is being increasingly objected in India because:

1. Pet coke releases oxides of Sulphur and Nitrogen in high quantities.
2. Pet coke releases particulate matter of sizes less than 10 and 2.5 micrometers.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 370 of the Constitution protects the rights of the people with respect to employment, property and aids by the state government of Jammu and Kashmir.
2. Article 35 A of the Constitution protects and grants special status to the sovereignty of the state of Jammu and Kashmir giving power to make a separate set of laws to be applied for its governance.

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

6. The Ministry of Home Affairs has liberalised the Arms Rules in the field of manufacturing of arms and ammunition.

The salient features of the liberalised rules are:

1. The requirement of renewal of the license after every 5 years has been done away with. The licence granted for manufacturing shall now be valid for 15 years.
2. Enhancement of capacity up to 15% of the quantity approved under licence will not require any further approval by the Government.
3. Single manufacturing licence will be allowed for a multi-unit facility within the same State or in different States within the country.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Comparison Programme (ICP) is a worldwide statistical initiative led by the International Monetary Fund under the auspices of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
2. One of its objective is to estimate purchasing power parities (PPPs) of the world's economies.

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. Purchasing power parity (PPP) is used in which of the following cases for international comparison:

1. Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations).
2. Human Development Index (United Nations Development Programme).
3. Poverty rates at international poverty line (World Bank).

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 new campaign titled 'Darwaza Band':

1. The campaign has been launched by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission.
2. The campaign has been supported by the Asian Development Bank.
3. It is designed to encourage behaviour change in men who have toilets but are not using them.

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The main piece of legislation relating to gambling in India is the Public Gaming Act of 1867.
2. Betting on horse racing has been legalized at state level.

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. Target "90-90-90" in the context of health at international level is:
- an ambitious treatment target to help end the AIDS epidemic.
 - an ambitious treatment target to help end the malnutrition epidemic.
 - an ambitious treatment target to help end the tropical diseases epidemic.
 - an ambitious treatment target to help end the malaria epidemic.
12. Consider the following statements:
- Antiretroviral therapy (ART) consists of the combination of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs to maximally suppress the HIV virus.
 - ART does not prevent onward transmission of HIV.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
13. Consider the following statements:
- The Rome Statute is the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court.
 - The UN Security Council cannot refer complaints against non-member nations to the International Criminal Court.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
14. Consider the following statements:
- The collegium system is the system of appointment and transfer of judges and has been a provision of the Constitution.
 - The Supreme Court collegium is headed by the Chief Justice of India and comprises four other seniormost judges of the court.
 - A High Court collegium is led by its Chief Justice and four other seniormost judges of that court.
- 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
15. Which among the following are correctly matched?
- First Judges Case: a) a specific procedure called 'Collegium System' for the appointment and transfer of judges in the higher judiciary.
 - Second Judges Case: b) recommendation should be made by the CJI and his four seniormost colleagues, instead of two.
 - Third Judges Case: c) primacy of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) was not really to be found in the Constitution.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - None of these

16. Which of the following are among the key reasons why India galloped in Doing Business index:
1. Resolving insolvency
 2. Protecting minority investors
 3. Getting Credit
- 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
17. Consider the following statements:
1. Economies are ranked on their ease of doing business, from 1—190.
 2. A high ease of doing business ranking means the regulatory environment is more conducive to the starting and not necessarily operation of a local firm.
 3. The rankings are based on 10 topics, each having equal weight.
- 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. Which of the following is not the core sector industry in India?
- (a) Coal
 - (b) Electricity
 - (c) Refinery Products
 - (d) Automobiles
19. Which among the following correctly defines 'terms of trade'?
- (a) The ratio of an index of a country's export prices to an index of its import prices.
 - (b) The ratio of an index of a country's import prices to an index of its export prices.
 - (c) The ratio of a country's balance in the current account to the country's balance in the capital account.
 - (d) The ratio of a country's balance in the capital account to the country's balance in the current account.
20. Which among the following are used while calculating the 'Ease of Doing Business Report'?
1. Protecting Minority Investors
 2. Trading across Borders
 3. Getting Electricity
- 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

ANSWER KEYS

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