

1. In order to raise awareness, UN General Assembly proclaimed 19 June of each year as the 'International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict'. Consider the following statements in this regards:

- 1) The day was designated to honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world.
- 2) The day was designated in order to raise awareness to put an end to conflict related sexual violence.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

2. Consider the following facts about Public Affairs Index 2017:

- 1) Tamil Nadu is topped in 'maintaining law & order and delivery of justice' category.
- 2) Telangana is the best performer in the category of economic freedom.
- 3) The Public Affairs Centre (PAC) is a not-for-profit think-tank.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

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

3. Consider the following statements about Indian Ocean:

- 1) Indian Ocean is located between Africa and Austral-Asia and the Southern Ocean.
- 2) Seychelles and Madagascar are islands in Indian Oceans.
- 3) Indian Ocean provides home to many endangered sea species such as turtles and dugongs (sea cows).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. With respect to Kalighat paintings, consider the following statements:

- 1) Kalighat paintings portray a wide range of contemporary social events.
- 2) The British Colonial rule in India has an impact on these paintings.
- 3) These paintings are traditionally practiced in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below.

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

5. Consider the following statement about Lord Rippon:

- 1) He was against freedom of press Code.
- 2) He gave high priority to primary education.
- 3) He is called as the "father of local self Government".
- 4) He set up a committee, called Indian Education Commission in 1882.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

6. Recently there was a conflict between Censorship and Right to Information based on a petition demanding for strict adherence by search engines to Section 22 of 'Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994'.

Section 22 of PCPNDT Act is association with:

- 1) Prohibition of advertisement relating to pre-natal determination of sex.

- 2) Prohibition on determination of foetus sex.
Choose the statements from the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 & 2 (d) Neither 1 & 2
7. Consider the following statements regarding UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC):
1) The term of each seat is four year.
2) The Council is made up of 47 UN Member States.
3) UNHRC is an international body outside the ambit of United Nations.
Choose the correct answer using codes given below:
(a) 1 & 3 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 2 only (d) All of the above
8. Consider the following statements about Ecological Succession:
1) Primary succession occurs when new land is formed or bare rock is exposed.
2) Primary succession helping in weathering and soil formation.
3) In Primary succession, old rocks is colonized by previously occupied living things.
Choose the correct options from the codes given below:
(a) 1 & 3 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 & 2 only (d) 2 & 3 only
9. Through which of the following ways formation of Acid Rain can be minimized.
1) By reducing emission of both Sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide in the atmosphere.
2) By spreading awareness among masses.
3) By adding Potash in acidic soil.
4) By avoiding use of Catalytic converters in cars.
Which of the above sentences are correct:
(a) 3 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
10. Which of the given statement/statements is/are correct:
1) The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.
2) Desertification is the persistent degradation of dryland ecosystems by human activities and by climate change.
3) Desertification can include the encroachment of sand dunes on land.
Select the correct answer using code given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1, 2 & 3 only (d) None of the above
11. How will be United Nations International Convention on Road Transport (TIR Convention) benefited to India:
1) It will help India to integrate with Thailand and Nepal.
2) It will help India to access Afghanistan through Chabahar port.
3) TIR allows customs-sealed vehicles to undergo border without checking.
Select the correct answer using code given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 3 only (d) All of the above

12. With respect to Sardar Sarovar Project, consider the following statements:

- 1) Narmada Main Canal would be the largest irrigation canal in the World.
- 2) It will be benefiting for wild life sanctuaries.
- 3) Khosla committee is related to Narmada waters dispute.
- 4) The Inter State River Water Disputes act was constituted under Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

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

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1) For Presidential Elections, electoral college comprises of the elected members of both houses of parliament and elected members of the legislative assemblies of all states.
- 2) The political parties cannot issue whip to their MPs and MLAs in context with Presidential Elections.
- 3) For Presidential Elections, Nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha have voting rights.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements about Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) 2017:

- 1) Adoption of ECBC could lead to 30% -50% energy savings by commercial buildings by 2030.
- 2) The ECBC promotes low-carbon growth.
- 3) ECBC sets parameters to integrate renewable energy sources.
- 4) ECBC 2017 was developed by Ministry of Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below.

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

15. Which of the following statements is/are correct in regard with Kochi Metro:

- 1) It is the first public transport system in India that has reserved jobs for transgenders.
- 2) It is the first metro in the world to use Communication based Train Control System.
- 3) It is the first metro in the country to use solar power.
- 4) It is India's first integrated multi-mode transport system that provide boat rides.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

16. Consider the following statements about Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF):

- 1) It is a part of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- 2) It is a move to address the perennial irrigation water crisis affecting rural India.
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture and NABARD have been trusted with the responsibility to operationalize this.

Choose the statements from the codes given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements.

- 1) Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Manipur and Himachal Pradesh fall in the list of 'special category' States.

- 2) The concept of a 'Special Category' state was first introduced in 1969.
- 3) The constitution has a provision for categorisation of any state in India as a special Category Status state.

Choose the correct answer using codes given below:

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

18. With respect to Asian Infrastructure Investment bank (AIIB), consider the following statements:

- 1) AIIB is a multilateral development bank.
- 2) The bank started its functioning in January 2015.
- 3) The bank has its headquarter in Shanghai.
- 4) India is the largest shareholder with 18% voting shares.

Choose the correct options from the codes given below:

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

19. China recently launched its first X-ray space telescope to study black holes, pulsars and gamma-ray bursts. Consider the following statements about 'Pulsar':

- 1) Pulsars are highly magnetized and rotating neutron stars.
- 2) Pulsars are remains of a supergiant star that has collapsed into itself.

Which of the above sentences are correct:

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

20. With reference to Hague Code of Conduct (HCoC) recently in news, consider the following statements:

- 1) It is a voluntary, legally binding international confidence building and transparency measure which aims to prevent the proliferation of ballistic missiles capable of delivering Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).
- 2) India is a member of HCoC.
- 3) The Code is meant to supplement the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) but its membership is not restricted.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

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