

1. Which of the following are correctly matched?

Places:

States

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| 1. Manikarnika Ghat | : | Varanasi |
| 2. Meenakshi Temple | : | Odisha |
| 3. Mahakaleshwar Temple: | | Ujjain |

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 the above

2. Which of the following are among the reasons of declining value of rupee against the dollar?

- 1. Rising crude oil prices
- 2. U.S. Federal Reserve raising interest rates
- 3. Political uncertainty

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 the above

3. Which of the following States is demanding to designate the song Bande Utkala Janani as the State anthem?

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| (a) West Bengal | (b) Odisha |
| (c) Assam | (d) Tripura |

4. Consider the following statements about the Minimum Support Price (MSP):

- 1. Under this provision, government agencies purchase the entire quantity offered by the farmers at the announced minimum price.
- 2. It is decided by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

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 |

5. Which of the following organisations are members of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

- 1. International Monetary Fund
- 2. World Bank
- 3. European Commission
- 4. Gulf Co-operation Council

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Britain's Home Office has recently invoked a controversial anti-terror rule against highly skilled workers — many from India— who were denied the right to settle in Britain because of:
- Changes made by them to their tax submissions.
 - Being entered into Britain illegally.
 - Their linkages to terrorist organisations.
 - The pressure generated by the right-wing organisations against the migrants.
7. Consider the following statements:
- Engineering exports account for more than 25% of India's total merchandise export.
 - The U.S. is among the biggest markets for Indian engineering exports.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
8. The James Webb Space Telescope is an international collaboration between:
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - European Space Agency
 - Indian Space Research Organisation
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All the above
9. Consider the following statements:
- NASA's Cassini spacecraft studied Saturn and its moons.
 - Saturn is the furthest planet visible from Earth with the naked eye.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
10. Arrange the following planets in the decreasing order of the number of moons they have:
- Jupiter
 - Saturn
 - Uranus
 - Neptune
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
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| (a) 1-2-3-4 | (b) 2-1-4-3 |
| (c) 1-2-4-3 | (d) 2-1-3-4 |

11. The government of which of the following States/Union Territory has recently introduced 'happiness curriculum' in the government schools?
- (a) Delhi (b) Kerala
(c) Gujarat (d) Telangana
12. Which of the following statements are true regarding Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)?
1. It is used to launch earth-observation" or "remote-sensing" satellites.
 2. It is used to launch the satellites of lower lift-off mass of up to about 1750 Kg to the Sun-Synchronous Circular Polar Orbit.
 3. It is used to launch the satellites of lower lift-off mass of up to about 1400 Kg to the elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.
- 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
13. There has been increase in demand of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) by the foreign countries to launch their small satellites because?
1. A neat launch record has made the booster a trusted and affordable space vehicle for small satellites.
 2. Big rocket players are focussed on taking heavy, multi-tonne satellites to space.
- 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
14. Consider the following statements about the DISHA Committee:
1. It has been established by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
 2. The main purpose of this committee is to coordinate with Central, State and local Panchayat Governments, for successful and timely implementation of the schemes.
- 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
15. Which of the following countries is estimated to have half the tidal energy resources of Europe?
- (a) Britain (b) Spain
(c) Italy (d) France
16. The Three Gorges Dam is located on which of the following rivers?
- (a) Yellow River (b) Yangtze River
(c) Pearl River (d) Songhuajiang River

17. Consider the following statements:

1. New Horizons is the first mission to the Pluto System and the Kuiper Belt.
2. Charon is the largest moon of Pluto.

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

18. For which of the categories a Geographical Indication (GI) tag can be given?

- (a) Agricultural Product
- (b) Natural Product
- (c) Manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods)
- (d) All of the above

19. Which among the following disciplines have been covered in the National Institutional Ranking Framework?

1. Engineering
2. Management
3. Pharmacy
4. Universities

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) All of the above

20. Which of the following is not a norm used to recognise classical languages?

- (a) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.
- (b) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.
- (c) The literary tradition should be original and not borrowed from another speech community.
- (d) There should not be any discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or offshoots.

ANSWER KEYS

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