

1. Recently, the union government has increased the Minimum Support Price so that farmers will get 50% more on their 'production cost'. The 'production cost' here means:
  - (a) Actual paid out cost on seeds, irrigation, etc.
  - (b) Actual paid out cost on seeds, irrigation, etc. and unpaid family labour.
  - (c) Actual paid out cost on seeds, irrigation, etc. and unpaid family labour and rentals/interest forgone on owned land and fixed capital.
  - (d) None of these.
2. Which of the following statements is/are true regarding 'dope test'?
  1. A test to determine whether an athlete is taking performance-enhancing drugs.
  2. A test to determine whether a person is taking illegal drugs.

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. Consider the following statements:
  1. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is responsible formulation of standards of airworthiness for civil aircraft registered in India and grant of certificates of airworthiness to such aircraft.
  2. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) controls and manages the Indian airspace extending beyond the territorial limits of the country.

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
4. Which of the following steps have been taken by the Election Commission of India for Persons with Disabilities?
  1. Printing of photo-identity cards with Braille
  2. Accessible communication awareness materials
  3. A mobile phone application to motivate and educate the voters
  4. Appointment of Disability Coordinators at the Assembly constituency, district and State level.

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
5. According to a recent report, sectors which were hit the most by data theft in 2017 was?
  - (a) Healthcare
  - (b) Financial services
  - (c) Education
  - (d) Government
6. The tightening of monetary policy by the U.S. Federal Reserve would most likely lead to:
  1. The yield of U.S. bonds will increase.
  2. The price of debt in U.S. will fall.
  3. RBI would increase the interest rate.

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 Institutions of Eminence (IoE) project involves recognition of 20 universities, 10 public and 10 private.
2. The project also involves provision of significant government funds to the selected public and private institutions, and giving enhanced autonomy for them.

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. Consider the following statements about the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA):

1. The HEFA is a not-for-profit organisation that will leverage funds from the market.
2. RBI has granted a license under the RBI Act for HEFA to operate as Non-Banking Financial Company.

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

9. Consider the following statements in the context of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP): 2015-2020.

1. The FTP aims at \$900 billion for India's exports of goods and services by 2019-20.
2. The FTP aims at reducing the export obligations of India by 25% by 2019-20.

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. Consider the following statements about 'None of the Above' (NOTA):

1. Votes caste as NOTA are counted, but are considered 'invalid votes'.
2. The option has been in the electronic voting machines since September 2013.

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. Which of the following had collaborated with Railtel to deploy free public Wi-Fi at around 400 railway stations in India?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Google
- (c) Facebook
- (d) Apple

12. Consider the following statements about the 'Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA)':

1. It is a not-for-profit organisation.
2. It has been established as a Special Purpose Vehicle.
3. It is registered as a Section — 8 Company under the Companies Act.

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. Which of the following are among the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers, chaired by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan?

1. Agriculture be inserted in the Concurrent List of the Constitution.
2. ‘Million Wells Recharge’ programme, specifically targeted at private wells should be launched.
3. Issue Kisan Credit Cards to women farmers, with joint pattas as collateral.

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 |

14. Consider the following statements about the ‘Study in India initiative’:

1. It seeks to attract international students mainly from a group of North American and European countries.
2. It is aimed at doubling India’s tiny share of global student mobility from 1% to 2%.
3. Recently a government-to-government MOU was signed between India and France to mutually recognise academic qualifications.

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 |

15. Consider the following statements about the Graded Autonomy programme:

1. The Graded Autonomy programme provides considerable freedom for academic, financial and administrative innovation to the colleges and universities participating.
2. The Graded Autonomy programme makes it easier to hire international faculty, traditionally very difficult to do.

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 could be the effects of weakening rupee?

1. The yield of Indian bonds will increase.
2. The equity market in India will lose value.
3. The RBI will raise interest rates.
4. The RBI will sell the dollars from its foreign exchange reserves.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. When bond prices increase, bond yields decrease.
2. When bond prices decrease, bond yields decrease.
3. When bond prices increase, bond yields increase.
4. When bond prices decrease, bond yields increase.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. Which of the following is/are characteristics of biofuels?

1. Renewable
2. Carbon neutral
3. Higher energy output

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

19. According to the urban air quality database for 2016 released by the WHO, of the 20 most polluted cities in the world, the top 14 are in India. Which of the following are in those 14 cities?

1. Delhi
2. Bengaluru
3. Hyderabad
4. Chennai

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Wikipedia went down in at least three countries to protest against the

- (a) Arrest of his founder.
- (b) Murder of its employees by the Islamic State.
- (c) Highly controversial European Union copyright law.
- (d) None of these.

## ANSWER KEYS

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