

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund was proposed in Union Budget 2015.
 2. The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund has been established as a quasisovereign wealth fund.
 3. The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund is registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only	(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only	(d) All of the above
2. Which of the following are objectives behind the establishment of 'Cell for IPR Promotion and Management':
 1. To take forward the implementation of the National IPR Policy.
 2. To create public awareness about IPRs in the country.
 3. To provide inventors with a platform to commercialize their IP assets.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only	(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 3 only	(d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements about 'Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat' Programme:
 1. It is an initiative of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.
 2. Encouraging 60 minutes of play each day is an objective of the programme.
 3. The programme intends to imbibe values of Olympics and Paralympics amongst students.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only	(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only	(d) All of the above
4. Asset Reconstruction Companies have been set up to provide a focused approach to Non — Performing Loans' resolution issue by:
 1. Isolating Non — Performing Loans from the financial system.
 2. Facilitating development of market for distressed assets.
 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. Which of the following elements are usually present in the Poly-metallic Nodules found on the seabed?
 1. Nickel
 2. Copper
 3. Cobalt
 4. Manganese
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. U-DISE (Unified District Information System for Education) is a database of information about schools in India.
2. The database was developed at the National University for Educational Planning and Administration.

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 |

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana is a sub-scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana — National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
2. The Self Help Groups under Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana will operate road transport service in backward areas.

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 |

8. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards' is a set of criteria which allows tiger sites to check if their management will lead to successful tiger conservation.
2. CA |TS has been developed by World Wildlife Fund, working with protected area agencies in tiger range countries.

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 |

9. Consider the following statements about 'Swachh Survekshan-2018':

1. Its purpose is to rank cities and towns of the country based on infrastructure development for improved sanitation services.
2. Total weightage for Citizen feedback and Independent Observation of Sanitation have been increased by 10% over that of 2017 Survey.
3. To encourage cities take up innovative sanitation practices and solutions, a new element of 'Innovation' has been introduced this year with a weightage of 5%.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

10. Consider the following statements about 'Aapda Mitra or Friends-in-Disaster':

1. It has been launched by the National Disaster Management Authority.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme focussed on training 6000 community volunteers in disaster response in 30 most flood prone districts.
3. The volunteers would be drawn from Civil Defence, Home Guards, Red Cross, Youth from community, or students from Colleges and Universities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

11. Which of the following Vice-Presidents of India were elected unopposed?

1. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
2. Mohammad Hidayatullah
3. Shankar Dayal Sharma
4. Ham Id Ansari

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

12. How silver iodide helps to induce rain?

- (a) It slows down the movement of clouds.
- (b) It attracts rain-bearing winds from the surrounding areas.
- (c) It promotes rainfall by inducing nucleation.
- (d) None of these

13. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Article 35A' which was recently in news:

1. Article 35A is an article in the State Constitution of J&K that empowers the J&K state's legislature to define "permanent residents" of the state.
2. Article 370 of the Indian constitution is an article that grants special status to the state of J&K.

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 1951 Refugee Convention:

1. It defines the term 'refugee'.
2. It outlines the rights of the displaced, as well as the legal obligations of States to protect them.
3. India is not a signatory of this Convention.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Maitri is India's first permanent research station in Antarctica as part of the Indian Antarctic Programme.
2. India has acceded to the Antarctica Treaty.
3. India does not have a specific law on Antarctica.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

16. Which of the following is characterised by the highest wind velocity?

- (a) Tropical Depression
- (b) Tropical Storm

- (c) Hurricane
 (d) All of the above have same wind velocity but different diameters.
17. Phased Manufacturing Programme aims at:
- to make India a mobile manufacturing hub of the world.
 - to make India a car manufacturing hub of the world.
 - to make India a steel manufacturing hub of the world.
 - to make India a satellite manufacturing hub of the world.
18. Consider the following statements:
- A commercial paper (CP) is an unsecured loan raised by firms in money markets.
 - CPs can be issued for maturities between a minimum of 7 days and a maximum of up to one year from the date of issue.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
19. Which among the following reports are published by the World Bank?
- Ease of Doing Business
 - World Development Report
 - Global Competitiveness Report
- 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
20. Consider the following statements about the International Criminal Court (ICC):
- The ICC has jurisdiction over the gravest instances of atrocity crimes and targets only the highest priority perpetrators of these crimes.
 - The ICC prosecutes individuals, organizations and governments.
 - The ICC is not part of the United Nations.
- 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

ANSWER KEYS

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