

1. Which of the following is the Central Authority in India for Mutual Legal Assistance Requests in Civil and Criminal Matters?
 - (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - (b) Ministry of Law & Justice
 - (c) Ministry of External Affairs
 - (d) None of these
2. Which of the following are among the purposes of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)?
 1. Improve on-farm water use efficiency
 2. Enhance the adoption of precision-irrigation
 3. Reusing treated municipal waste water for pen-urban agricultureSelect 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
3. Which of the following goods have been exempted from the Goods and Services Tax?
 1. Stone deities
 2. Sanitary napkins
 3. Sabai rope
 4. Unprocessed green tea leavesSelect 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. Consider the following statements:
 1. The GDP deflator, also called implicit price deflator, is a measure of money supply.
 2. It is the ratio of the value of goods and services an economy produces in a particular year at current prices to that of prices that prevailed during the base year.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 among the following can be recognised as Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation)?
 1. Monuments and collections of objects
 2. Oral traditions
 3. Performing artsSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only

11. The chairman and members of Lokpal shall be appointed by a selection committee consisting of:

1. Prime Minister
2. Speaker of Lok Sabha
3. Leaders of Opposition in both Houses
4. An eminent jurist to be nominated by the President

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India does not define the term 'Scheduled Tribes'.
2. Listing of scheduled tribes in India is done on an all India basis and not on State/Union Territory wise.

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

13. Consider the following statements about salicornia:

1. It has a geographical distribution spanning 4 continents such as North America, Asia, Africa and Europe.
2. This plant has spongy stems with scale-like leaves, inconspicuous flowers and fruits.
3. Salicornia has historically been used for both non-edible and edible purposes.

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

14. 'Golan Heights' is a de facto border between which of the following two countries?

- (a) Israel and Syria
- (b) Syria and Jordan
- (c) Syria and Palestine
- (d) Jordan and Syria

15. 'Forward defence' doctrine is a military strategy of which of the following countries?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Iran
- (c) Syria
- (d) Israel

16. Consider the following statements:

1. States with higher per capita 'net State domestic product' consume higher electricity.
2. Goa in India has the highest per capita power consumption among the States.

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

17. Recently, a state of emergency was declared in the tourist-friendly Attica region because of:
- Terrorist attack
 - Meltdown of nuclear power plant
 - Wildfires
 - Strike of a meteorite
18. Which of the following countries does not has diplomatic relations with China?
- Maldives
 - Bhutan
 - Nepal
 - None of these
19. Consider the following statements:
- Inter State Council is a statutory body.
 - Inter State Council was established on the recommendation of Sarkaria Commission.
 - Inter State Council provides an institutional mechanism to facilitate coordination of policies and their implementation between the Union and the State Governments.
- 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:
- Amnesty International is a London-based non-governmental organization focused on human rights.
 - Amnesty considers capital punishment to be “the ultimate, irreversible denial of human rights”.
 - The organization was awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize for its “campaign against torture”, and the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights in 1978.
- 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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