

1. Which of the following could be the advantages of increasing the age of retirement for Supreme Court and High Court judges?
 1. It will strengthen the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary.
 2. It will address the problem of mounting arrears.
 3. It will ensure the continued presence of a strong talent pool of experienced judges.
 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
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. The retirement age of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts is 62 and 65 years respectively.
 2. Retired High Court and Supreme Court judges can man tribunals till the age of 70.
 3. The Constitution (114th Amendment) Bill aims to raise the retirement age of High Court judges to 65 from 62 years and that of Supreme Court judges from 65 to 70 years.
 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
3. Which of the following statements regarding the goals of BRICS (the grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) are correct?
 1. Reform of global financial governance
 2. Democratisation of the United Nations
 3. Expansion of the Security Council
 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
4. Which of the following countries had introduced the concept of 'BRICS Plus'?

(a) Brazil	(b) China
(c) India	(d) Russia
5. In which of the following judgments, the Supreme Court has held that the right to privacy is a fundamental right?

(a) Shreya Singhal v. Union of India
(b) K.S Puttaswamy v. Union of India
(c) National Legal Services Authority v. Union of India
(d) Lily Thomas v. Union Of India
6. Recently, a hormone drug named 'oxytocin' was banned by the Union government because:

(a) It was used in many cases of female infanticide.
(b) It was used in cattle to increase the production of milk.
(c) It was used by farmers to increase mass of the broilers.
(d) It was being used as a substitute of cocaine in certain parts of India.

7. The Economic Survey 2017-18 recommended which of the following steps to acknowledge the “feminisation” of Indian agriculture?
1. Earmarking at least 10% of the budget allocation for women beneficiaries in all ongoing schemes/programmes.
 2. Focussing on women self-help groups to connect them to micro-credit through capacity-building activities.

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. ‘Against All Odds’ which was recently in news is?
- (a) The online game of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
 - (b) The online campaign to bring discrimination against women to the forefront.
 - (c) The online fund to help disability affected sportspersons.
 - (d) None of these.
9. Consider the following statements:
1. The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.
 2. The Ramsar Convention is the only global environmental treaty that deals with a particular ecosystem.

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:
1. The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organisation.
 2. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) prepares the ‘State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World’ report.

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 are among the key sectors that have been identified by NITI Aayog to use ‘Artificial Intelligence’ solutions for India?
1. Education
 2. Agriculture
 3. Crime investigation
 4. Smart cities and infrastructure

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. The Election Commission of India administers elections to which of the following?

1. Zila Parishad
2. Rajya Sabha
3. State legislatures
4. Vice President in India

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

13. Dr. Kalam played a major role in the development and operationalisation of which of the following missiles?

1. Agni
2. BrahMos
3. Prithvi
4. Astra

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. Consider the following statements about the Thanjavur Paintings:

1. This school of paintings originated in Thanjavur during the reign of the Cholas.
2. A typical Thanjavur painting would consist of one main figure, a deity, with a well-rounded body & almond shaped eyes.
3. Thanjavur paintings have Geographical Indication tags.

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

15. The Election Commission has launched a mobile app, called 'Cvigil'. Consider the following statements about it:

1. The app requires an Android smartphone equipped with a camera, good internet connection and GPS access.
2. To prevent any misuse, the app will not allow uploading of the pre-recorded or old images and videos.
3. The automated location mapping can be done by the app using the Geographical Information System.

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

16. Which among the following diseases are covered under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP)?

1. Malaria
2. Dengue
3. Kala-azar

4. Rabies

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

17. Which among the following are offences under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972?

1. Stealing power from overhead.
2. Animal deaths that result from the erection of illegal electric fences

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. Which among the following are the characteristics of Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)?

1. Most POPs generated in one country can and do affect people and wildlife far from where they are used and released.
2. They persist for very short periods of time in the environment.
3. They can accumulate and pass from one species to the next through the food chain.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. It is mandatory to register clinical trials conducted in India in the Clinical Trials Registry- India (CTRI).
2. Companies and organisations that have registered for clinical trials in India have to disclose the outcomes of their tests within a year of completing 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

20. Consider the following statements about the standing committees in India:

1. The system of standing committees was instituted by Parliament in 1993.
2. Such committees are organised on the lines of departments and ministries.
3. They may examine the working of the departments and various schemes of the government.

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

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