

1. Consider the following statements about the Indian star tortoises:
  1. Indian Star Tortoises is categorised as 'Vulnerable' in the red list of endangered species of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
  2. The species are listed in the Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
  3. The species are prohibited from export under the Foreign Trade Policy.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 about the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP):
  1. National Biogas and Manure Management Programme is a Central Sponsored Scheme.
  2. It provides for setting up of Family Type Biogas Plants mainly for rural and semi-urban households.
  3. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) in all the States and UTs of the country.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 States in India have seen Nipah outbreaks?
  - (a) West Bengal and Kerala
  - (b) Kerala
  - (c) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
  - (d) Kerala and Karnataka
4. Consider the following statements:
  1. Rights issue is an issue of shares offered at a special price by a company to its existing shareholders in proportion to their holding of old shares.
  2. In India, companies making a rights issue have to submit a draft document only if the issue size is more than Rs. 10 crore.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 have been correctly defined?
  1. Reflation: Inflation deliberately undertaken to relieve a depression.
  2. Stagflation: Inflation when economic growth is stagnant but there still is price inflation.
  3. Core inflation: It measures rising prices in everything except food and energy.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
6. Consider the following statements:
1. India is the first country to have a Green Tribunal.
  2. The Tribunal is India's first dedicated environmental court.
  3. It functions with an objective of disposing off the case within six months of filing.
- 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 about the Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs):
1. NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
  2. NBFCs form part of the payment and settlement system.
  3. NBFCs cannot issue cheques drawn on itself.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only                      (d) All of the above
8. Which of the following creative fields are covered by the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)?
1. Media Arts
  2. Film
  3. Gastronomy
  4. Music
- 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
9. Consider the following statements about the scheme 'Saubhagya':
1. It aims to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country.
  2. It promises to provide a free electricity connection to all willing households in 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
10. The aim of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) is:
- (a) To electrify all un-electrified villages by May 2018.  
(b) To electrify all un-electrified willing households by May 2018.  
(c) To electrify all un-electrified below—poverty line households by May 2018.  
(d) None of these

11. Consider the following statements about the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) being used by the Election Commission of India:
1. EVMs run on an ordinary 6 volt alkaline battery.
  2. An EVM can record a maximum of 2000 votes.
  3. EVMs can cater to unlimited number of candidates.
- 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
12. Consider the following statements:
1. India is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention.
  2. India has no domestic asylum law.
  3. India is not a signatory to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.
  4. The Asylum Bill, 2015 has been introduced as a private member's bill.
- 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. Which of the following are among the measures which indicate increase in private investment in the economy:
1. Growth in commercial bank credit
  2. Initial public offerings from private sector are increasing
  3. More corporate bonds are issued
- 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. The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) was instituted in 1971 under the aegis of?
- (a) World Bank
  - (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
  - (c) International Monetary Fund
  - (d) World Trade Organisation
15. Consider the following statements about the National Tiger Conservation Authority:
1. Fostering accountability of Center-State in management of Tiger Reserves.
  2. Providing for an oversight by Parliament.
  3. Addressing livelihood interests of local people in areas surrounding Tiger Reserves.
- 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. 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
17. The first translations of Kautilya's Arthashastra in a regional language were in?  
(a) Malayalam (b) Tamil  
(c) Kannada (d) Telugu
18. Consider the following statements:  
1. A tropical cyclone is a rotating low-pressure weather system.  
2. Tropical cyclones that originate in the Atlantic basin are called hurricanes.  
3. Hurricanes are a type of tropical storm which are characterised by fronts.  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above
19. Consider the following statements:  
1. The interest subvention scheme aims at providing short term credit to farmers at subsidised interest rate.  
2. The interest subvention scheme is jointly implemented by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Reserve Bank of India.  
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. Which among the following is the focus of the NASA-funded CHESSE sounding rocket mission?  
(a) To clear space debris.  
(b) To launch a record number of satellites on a single rocket.  
(c) To study vast interstellar clouds and know about the earliest stages of star formation.  
(d) None of these

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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