

1. Which among the following had recommended the creation of a Lokpal at the centre?
  - (a) First Administrative Reforms Commission
  - (b) Second administrative Reforms Commission
  - (c) Constitution Review Commission
  - (d) All of the above
2. No community has been specified as Scheduled Tribe in relation to which of the following States/Union Territories?
  1. Haryana
  2. Punjab
  3. Delhi
  4. Puducherry
  5. Daman and DiuSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
  - (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
  - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
  - (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
  - (d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements about the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018:
  1. It punishes the bribe-taker and not the bribe-giver.
  2. According to the Act, the trial in cases pertaining to the exchange of bribe and corruption should be completed within two years.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. Consider the following statements:
  1. Tax to GDP ratio in India is about 16%, including State taxes, whereas in many developed countries it is about 35%-40%.
  2. It is imperative that India's tax-GDP ratio also climbs substantially so that our public social investments can rise to the levels that are required.
  3. It is the higher rates of taxes which would enhance the Tax-GDP ratio, rather than the expansion of tax base.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
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. No-confidence motion needs the support of 50 members to be admitted.
  2. If no-confidence motion is passed in the Lok Sabha, the council of ministers must resign from office.
  3. Article 75 (c) of the Constitution says that the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the Parliament.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. India has institutionalised the two-plus-two dialogue mechanism with which of the following countries?

1. Canada
2. Australia
3. Russia
4. Japan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Real rate of interest is better indicator of returns on savings than nominal rate of interest.
2. Real rate of interest is estimated after removing the effect of the expected rate of inflation.

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. Which of the following countries are the members of the Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) on Afgan Peace?

1. Pakistan
2. India
3. U.S.
4. Russia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9. Which among the following correctly defines the term 'phytoremediation'?

- (a) The use of any plant to mitigate pollution in air, soil or water.
- (b) The use of sunlight to produce solar energy to counter the harmful effects of burning of fossil fuels.
- (c) The development of new varieties of plants which are resistant to diseases using natural selection.
- (d) None of these

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The 8th World Water Forum took place in the Brazilian capital Brasilia in March 2018.
2. The World Water Forum takes place every year.

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 |

11. Consider the following statements about the Scheduled Tribes:

1. The Scheduled Tribes are notified in all the States/UTs.
2. The decadal population growth of the tribes from Census 2001 to 2011 has been more than that of the entire population.
3. The sex ratio for Scheduled Tribes is better than the average of the entire population.

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 |

12. Consider the following statements about FASTag:

1. It is a program for Electronic Toll Collection on Toll Plazas on National Highways.
2. The tag employs Radio-frequency Identification (RFID) technology.
3. It is less expensive to use than the bar code stickers.

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. Consider the following statements about the monetary policy and fiscal policy:

1. While monetary policy is administered by RBI, fiscal policy is administered by the central government.
2. While monetary policy focuses on economic stability, fiscal policy focuses on economic growth.

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 |

14. Consider the following statements about wholesale price index (WPI):

1. WPI index reflects average price changes of goods and services that are bought and sold in the wholesale market.
2. WPI in India is published by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Program.
3. The base year for the WPI index has been revised for the seventh time from the earlier 2004-2005 to 2017-18 to better capture changes in the economy.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only     | (b) 2 and 3 only  |
| (c) All of the above | (d) None of these |

15. The equatorial climate is characterised by:

1. Hot summer and cold winter.
2. Rainfall with thunder in the afternoon.
3. Small diurnal range of temperature.

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 |

16. Which among the following are the reasons for the increase in 'Non-Communicable Diseases' in India?

1. Genetic predisposition
2. Rapidly increasing prosperity
3. High tobacco and alcohol consumption
4. Poor quality diet

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. The Parliament in our system has immense power because?

- (a) It has more seats than the state legislature.
- (b) The members of Parliament represent the larger constituency than other elected representatives.
- (c) It is the representative of the people.

- (d) It also includes President of India.
18. Which among the following elements are found in the ash and dust released by the coal based power plants?
1. Arsenic
  2. Cadmium
  3. Mercury
  4. Lead
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (b) 1, 2 and 4 only  
 (c) 2, 3 and 4 only                      (d) All of the above
19. What is a countervailing duty?
- (a) A lower import duty on raw material by the importing country to enhance the competitiveness of final product exports.
  - (b) A duty to raise more revenue by the government for subsidising exports.
  - (c) An import duty or tariff imposed by an importing country to raise the price of a subsidized export product to offset its lower price.
  - (d) A lower tariff on imported commodity produced by a monopoly industry in the exporting country.
20. Consider the following statements:
1. Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVY) is a Pension Scheme exclusively for the senior citizens aged 60 years and above.
  2. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has been given the sole privilege to operate this Scheme.
  3. The scheme is subjected to Service Tax/ GST.
- 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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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