

1. Consider the following statements:
1. 2015, 2016 and 2017 are the warmest years on record.
 2. El Nino event, along with global warming that is taking place, played an important role in making all the years the warmest years on record.
- 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
2. In recent years, which of the following have been observed due to global warming and the associated change in the climate?
1. Temperatures crossing 50 degrees Celsius in Asia.
 2. Record-breaking hurricanes in rapid succession in the Caribbean and Atlantic.
 3. Devastating monsoon flooding.
 4. Drought in West Africa.
- 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
3. Consider the following statements:
1. The United Nations climate change conference in 2017 took place at Bonn.
 2. The United Nations climate change conference in 2017 was presided over by the Government of Germany.
- 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. The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) is a United Nations organisation with focus on cross-border crime, corruption, and the accountability of power.
 2. In February 2017, ICIJ became a fully independent news organization.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Grey Pelicans migrate to India from Central and South East Asian countries in winters.
 2. Grey Pelicans travel in flocks but hunt individually.
- 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

6. Which among the following birds migrate to India during winters?

1. Grey Pelicans
2. Night Herons
3. Open Billed Storks
4. Eurasian Golden Oriole

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, the White Backed Plant Hopper (WBPH) had destroyed lakhs of hectares of rice crop in Odisha.
2. High population of plant hoppers cause leaves to initially turn orange-yellow before becoming brown and dry that kills the plant.

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. Arrange the following financial documents from older to the recent ones:

1. Wikileaks
2. Luxembourg Tax Files
3. Panama Papers
4. Paradise Papers

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Women Transforming India Awards were launched by Ministry of Women's and Child Development, in partnership with the UN in India and MyGov.
2. Women Transforming India Awards aim to recognize the transformational impact of work undertaken by women across India's villages only.

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. Which among the following are stopovers of the Indian Navy Sailing Vessel 'Tarini' which is on a global circumnavigation expedition with an all-woman crew of six?

1. Fremantle (Australia)
2. Lyttelton (New Zealand)
3. Port Stanley (Falklands)
4. Cape Town (South Africa)

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

11. 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

12. Which among the following has been the first nation to reach every planet from Mercury to Neptune with a space probe?

- (a) U.S.
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) None of these

13. Which of the following are correctly matched:

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| 1. Virtual reality | a) a technology that superimposes a computer-generated image on a user's view of the real world, thus providing a composite view. |
| 2. Augmented reality | b) uses a computer to create a simulated three-dimensional world. |
| 3. Artificial Intelligence | c) emphasizes the creation of intelligent machines that work and react like humans. |

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. Consider the following statements about the Nirbhay Missile:

- 1. 'Nirbhay' is a single-stage missile.
- 2. 'Nirbhay' is an indigenously designed and developed long-range super-sonic cruise missile.
- 3. The missile is guided by a highly-advanced navigation system which is also indigenously designed and developed.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

15. For which of the categories a Geographical Indication (GI) tag can be given?

- (a) Agricultural Product
- (b) Natural Product
- (c) Manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods)
- (d) All of the above

16. Which among the following States have increased the reservation of seats in the local bodies to 50 % for women?

- 1. Andhra Pradesh 2. Telangana
- 3. Tamil Nadu 4. Kerala

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

17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Monounsaturated fats are relatively stable, but they're not quite as stable as saturated fats.
- 2. Polyunsaturated fats are the most stable fats.

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore are the littoral states of the Malacca Strait, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.
- 2. Singapore controls the largest area of the strait, and the city-state enjoys the biggest economic benefit from shipping 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

19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The fathers of the Constitution conferred a special status to Sanskrit in Article 350A.
- 2. Sanskrit is the primary source language for many languages including Hindi.

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. The land area between which of the following was known in ancient days as Tamilakam, or Dakshina patha in Sanskrit.

- (a) Madurai and Kanyakumari
- (b) Tirupati and Kanyakumari
- (c) Tirumala and Tirupati
- (d) Madurai and Tirupati

ANSWER KEYS

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