

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. Chilika Lake is Asia's largest brackish water lagoon.
 2. The Nalabana Bird Sanctuary which is visited by the migratory birds is located inside the Chilika Lake.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. 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
3. Which among the following classes is not covered by the National Achievement Survey?
(a) Class 3 (b) Class 5
(c) Class 8 (d) Class 10
4. Consider the following statements about 'India State-Level Disease Burden' report:
 1. The inequalities in the disease burden in different States in India are severe.
 2. Life expectancy at birth in India hasn't improved much in the last 25 years.
 3. India has a higher burden from non communicable diseases and injuries than from infectious diseases.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. India and Canada have a bilateral foreign investment promotion and protection agreement.
 2. India and Canada have a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.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. Consider the following statements about the Geographical Indication (GI) tag:
 1. GI tag indicates that product comes from a particular place/region.
 2. GI tag is enjoyed by a community and not by a company.
 3. GI tag is given for both goods and services.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:

1. Diesel Particulate Filter removes particulate matter from vehicle exhaust but it needs more space under the bonnet.
2. Selective Catalytic Reduction Technology cuts down nitrogen oxides in the exhaust of vehicles using ammonia.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. World Economic Outlook report is released annually by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
2. World Economic Outlook report ranks countries in terms of per capita GDP based on purchasing power parity (PPP).

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

9. Which among the following is the principal goal of NASA's Juno spacecraft?

- (a) To understand the origin and evolution of Jupiter.
- (b) To understand the formation of black holes.
- (c) To find the earth-like planets in the solar system.
- (d) None of these

10. The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 requires the consent of:

- (a) 80 per cent of land owners to be obtained for private projects and that of 70 per cent of land owners for PPP projects.
- (b) 90 per cent of land owners to be obtained for private projects and that of 70 per cent of land owners for PPP projects.
- (c) 90 per cent of land owners to be obtained for private projects and that of 80 per cent of land owners for PPP projects.
- (d) 80 per cent of land owners to be obtained for private projects and that of 75 per cent of land owners for PPP projects.

11. The insect identified as Geoldichironomus (Chironomus calligraphus) was recently in news because:

- (a) Damaging rice crops in eastern India.
- (b) Carrier of bacteria responsible for causing brain fever.
- (c) Causing greenish-black patches on the White marble of Taj Mahal.
- (d) None of these.

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Oxytocin is a hormone drug.
2. Oxytocin is used by dairy owners to boost milk production.
3. Oxytocin is used by farmers to make vegetables look bigger and fresher.

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

13. Consider the following statements:

1. There is no provision, executive or legal, to declare a natural calamity as a national calamity.
2. The existing guidelines of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), do not contemplate declaring a disaster as a 'National Calamity'.
3. The government had treated the 2001 Gujarat earthquake and the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha as "a calamity of unprecedented severity".

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. Who among the following heads the National Crisis Management Committee which deals with major crises that have serious or national ramifications?

- (a) Cabinet Secretary
- (b) Prime Ministry
- (c) Home Minister
- (d) Defence Minister

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) is a preferential tariff system extended by developed countries (donor countries) to developing countries (beneficiary countries).
2. It involves reduced Most Favoured Nation Tariffs or duty-free entry of eligible products exported by beneficiary countries to the markets of donor countries.
3. The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) was instituted in 1971 under the aegis of World Trade Organisation.

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 about 'Joint Parliamentary Committee':

1. A Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is an ad-hoc body.
2. It is set up for a specific object and duration.
3. Joint committees are set up by a motion passed in one house of Parliament and agreed to by the other.

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
17. Consider the following statements about Kaziranga National Park:
1. It has around 57% of the world's wild water buffalo population.
 2. It has one of the largest groups of Asian elephants.
 3. It has arguably the highest tigers density in India.
- 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
18. Consider the following statements:
1. When carbon dioxide dissolves in the ocean, carbonic acid is formed.
 2. Higher acidity has been proven to inhibit shell growth in marine animals.
 3. Over the past 300 million years, ocean pH has been neutral (pH=7).
- 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
19. Which of the following are among the features of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana':
1. Mandatory assured placement to 90% of the trained candidates.
 2. Focus on rural youth from poor families in the age group of 15 to 35 years.
 3. Social inclusion of candidates through mandatory coverage of socially disadvantaged groups.
- 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
20. Which kind of change is to made in (1) cash reserve ratio, and (2) bank rate, to control inflation?
- (a) 1 should increase but 2 should decrease
 - (b) 2 should increase but 1 should decrease
 - (c) Both should increase
 - (d) Both should decrease

ANSWER KEYS

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