

1. With reference to the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP), consider the following statements.
  1. The programme aims to train scholars with green skills who have considerable experience in the field of sustainable development.
  2. The programme is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) with the help of ENVIS portal.
  3. The GSDP guarantees an acclaimed job with public agencies in the environmental sector.Select the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 1 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
2. Consider the following statements about the coasts of India.
  1. The East coast of our country is a high rocky retreating coast.
  2. Erosional forms dominate in the West coast instead of depositional forms.Which of the above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) None
3. The terms of reference of the Expenditure Management Commission (EMC) includes
  1. Recommend a comprehensive Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) categorization and convertibility scheme for sustainable deficit financing
  2. Review the government financial institutional arrangement, including budgeting process and FRBM rules, for enforcing aggregate fiscal discipline
  3. Suggest measures to improve allocative efficiencies in the existing expenditure classification system, including focus on capital expenditureSelect the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 2 and 3 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 2 only
  - (d) 2 only
4. GravityRAT, recently in news, is a
  - (a) Bio-molecular cloning system
  - (b) Program capable of being controlled remotely
  - (c) Vegetative reproduction technique
  - (d) Nano-capsule that can deliver drugs in human beings
5. Which of these environmental/survey related organizations was established after India's Independence?
  - (a) Forest Survey of India (FSI)
  - (b) Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
  - (c) Botanical Survey of India (BSI)
  - (d) Geological Survey of India (GSI)

6. The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, is mainly responsible for which of the following functions?
1. All matters relating to levy and collection of Direct and Indirect Taxes
  2. Investigation into economic offences and enforcement of economic laws.
  3. Prevention and combating abuse of Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and illicit traffic therein
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 2 only
7. 'INDIA CODE' is a
- (a) Database of all the Central Legislations
  - (b) Patenting standard developed by DIPP
  - (c) New and more secure QR code system indigenously developed in India
  - (d) Research guidelines provided by MoEFCC in related institutions
8. The oldest Indian-owned English daily, started during British India, was
- (a) The Hindu
  - (b) Amrit Bazaar Patrika
  - (c) Swadesh Mitra
  - (d) Young India
9. Under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various Central Sector Schemes in the food processing sector. The PMKSY has the following schemes?
1. Mega Food Parks
  2. Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters
  3. Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure
  4. Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 3 and 4 only
  - (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
10. Ahmadabad Mill Strike 1918 led by Gandhiji was based on the issue of
- (a) Plague Bonus of the previous year to workers
  - (b) Inhuman treatment of mill workers by the management
  - (c) Objection of management on participation of workers in the freedom struggle
  - (d) Large-scale layoffs of mill workers
11. What is/are the benefits of Udyog Aadhar Registration for MSMEs?
1. The applicant will receive financial support for participating in foreign expos to showcase their products.

2. After registering their MSME, the applicant will receive the benefits of government schemes such as an loan without guarantee or with subsidized rates of interest.
3. Registration would facilitate hassle-free opening of current bank accounts in the name of the business.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- (a) 2 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
12. Which of the following festivals is the largest congregation of women for a festival in the world?
    - (a) Gudi Padwa
    - (b) Attukal Pongala
    - (c) Rath Yatra
    - (d) Karthikai Deepam
  13. RITES, recently seen in Indian news, is a/an
    - (a) Association of consumer rights organization advocating a stronger consumer law
    - (b) Export arm of the railways undertaking various projects worldwide
    - (c) Festivals Abroad Initiative (FAI) of the Ministry of External Affairs
    - (d) A Hindu organization pushing for de-brahmanization of major Vedic rituals
  14. Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) is a multilateral mechanism to assist in the implementation of pledges made by which of the following organizations?
    - (a) G20
    - (b) World Economic Forum
    - (c) Conference of Parties (COP), UNFCCC
    - (d) Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
  15. A long-term decline in the value of the Rupee reflects
    1. A relative decline in global competitiveness of India's goods and services
    2. Sustained low inflation and low demand for goods in the Indian economy
 Which of the above is/are correct?
    - (a) 1 only
    - (b) 2 only
    - (c) Both 1 and 2
    - (d) None
  16. Paralleling the Arctic Seed Vault, the ICAR and DRDO have established an Indian seed vault to protect important genetic material in case of a major man-made or natural disaster in
    - (a) Ladakh
    - (b) Nanda Devi
    - (c) Kanchendzonga
    - (d) Karakoram Pass
  17. The Union Government signed the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Grant Agreement of the World Bank for Ecosystem Service Improvement Project. It has which of the following objectives?
    1. Improve the livelihoods of forest dependent communities

2. Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Community Organisations and Departments of Forestry to enhance forest ecosystem services  
Which of the above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) None
18. Tamil Nadu Govt. in collaboration with IIT Madras has been restoring Vaan Island in Gulf of Mannar by deploying  
(a) Kelp forests  
(b) Dune barriers  
(c) Artificial reefs  
(d) Coarse seabed raisins
19. Sinai Peninsula lies between  
(a) Gulf of Suez and Gulf of Aqaba  
(b) Gulf of Aden and Gulf of Aqaba  
(c) Gulf of Suez and Gulf of Aden  
(d) Gulf of Masirah and Gulf of Aqaba
20. The term "Sub Urbanisation" refers to  
(a) A pattern of urbanization where commercial and residential places are completely separated  
(b) Movement of people from congested urban areas to nearby satellite communities  
(c) Reduction of population in lower tier cities  
(d) Movement of population from urban areas to rural areas

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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