

1. Consider the following statements. Osmosis helps the plants to
  1. Perform photosynthesis
  2. Absorb water from the soil by roots
 Which of the above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) None
2. Consider the following statements.
  1. The governor can reserve certain types of bills passed by the state legislature for the consideration of the President.
  2. Bills on certain matters enumerated in the State List can be introduced in the state legislature only with the previous sanction of the president.
  3. The President can direct the states to reserve money bills and other financial bills passed by the state legislature for his consideration during a financial emergency.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Public goods provide which of the following advantages to the general population?
  1. A number of public goods are affordable which when privately provided are expensive.
  2. Public goods create a social security net for the downtrodden and poor, especially in times of economic recession.
 Which of the above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) None
4. Consider the following about Tattwabodini Sabha.
  1. It was a splinter group of the Brahmo Samaj.
  2. It was founded by Debendranath Tagore.
  3. It was opposed to the Vedantic views of Hinduism.
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 3 only
  - (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
5. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for the Umbrella Scheme, "Green Revolution – Krishonnati Yojana" in agriculture sector beyond 12th Five Year Plan for the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The Schemes that are part of the Umbrella Schemes are?
  1. Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Marketing (ISAM)
  2. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
  3. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
 Select the correct answer using the codes below.
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3

6. In the Modern History of India, Aruna Asif Ali was associated with which of the following?
1. Quit India Movement
  2. Salt Satyagraha
  3. National Federation of Indian Women
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
7. The Wavell Plan arrived at the Simla Conference 1945 provided for which of the following?
1. Partition of India
  2. Removing any caste and religion based quota in the Executive Council
  3. Indianization of the Viceroy's Executive Council
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 3 only                              (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 1 and 2 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
8. Consider the following about Financial Intelligence Unit– India (FIU-IN).
1. It is an independent body reporting directly to the Economic Intelligence Council (EIC) headed by the Prime Minister.
  2. FIU-India gathers its intelligence via seeking information directly from individuals, companies and trusts involved in financial operations.
  3. It is responsible for coordinating and strengthening efforts of national and international intelligence agencies in pursuing the global efforts against money laundering and related crimes.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 and 3 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 3 only                              (d) 1 and 2 only
9. The Indigo rebellion in 1859 was caused due to
- (a) Indigo cultivators not receiving any loan and support from British planters
  - (b) Acquisition of cultivable Indigo land by British industrial projects
  - (c) Harsh agri-economic conditions under which Indigo cultivators were put by the British planters
  - (d) Collapse of international prices of Indigo which resulted in large scale farmer suicides
10. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO), which has frequently been in news for its stellar work in the socio-economic upliftment of the most inaccessible regions of the country as well as India's neighbourhood, functions under
- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - (b) Ministry of Defence
  - (c) Ministry of Planning
  - (d) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
11. The "Basic Needs Approach" to human development was initially proposed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The approach advocates
- (a) Higher the level of income, the higher is the level of human development
  - (b) People should be made participants in development not only its passive recipients.
  - (c) Building human capabilities in terms of knowledge and basic capabilities

- (d) Ignoring human choices and fulfilling basic needs of defined sections
12. Consider the following statements. Stem Cells are
1. A completely differentiated cell of a multi-cellular organism
  2. Found in mammals
  3. Capable of giving rise to indefinitely more cells of the same type
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
13. The Objective of the SANKALP project supported by the World Bank is to
- (a) Enhance institutional mechanisms for skills development
  - (b) Provide drinking water and sanitation to remote habitations in India
  - (c) Increase penetration of primary health care in tribal societies
  - (d) Push up the literacy rate of girl children in India by social and economic empowerment
14. What is/are the contribution(s) of Coral Reefs to an ecosystem?
1. These support fish production by providing them with food and shelter.
  2. They control the concentration of carbon dioxide in the lower atmosphere and in the sea water.
  3. They check sea waves against going towards sea coasts.
  4. They have the highest primary productivity amongst all ecosystems.
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 4 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
15. Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a 'Destination-Based' Consumption Tax. This implies that
- (a) All State GST (SGST) collected will ordinarily accrue to the State where the consumer of the goods or services sold resides.
  - (b) The burden of GST collected within a state will be borne by the consumer of the goods or services within the state.
  - (c) The burden of GST collected within the state will be borne by the producer of the goods or services within the state.
  - (d) All State GST (SGST) collected within the state will accrue to the State where the goods or services are produced.
16. The New World Information and Communication Order (NWICO), of the Mac Bridge Commission, is associated with
- (a) Making global media representation more equitable
  - (b) Net Neutrality in Internet Governance
  - (c) Censorship in Vernacular media
  - (d) Regulation of space-based communication satellites

17. Arrange the following Gulfs of South Asia from North to South.

1. Gulf of Martaban
2. Gulf of Khambat
3. Gulf of Mannar
4. Gulf of Kutch

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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| (a) 1243 | (b) 4213 |
| (c) 2143 | (d) 1324 |

18. Consider the following statements.

1. BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes (ISFL) promotes reducing GHG emissions from the land sector by helping tackle forest degradation.
2. The Carbon Initiative for Development (Ci-Dev), managed by WWF, helps the world's poorest countries access carbon finance, mainly in the area of energy access.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only       | (b) 2 only |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) None   |

19. From north towards south, which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given rivers in India?

- (a) Zaskar-Satluj-Shyok-Spiti
- (b) Shyok-Zaskar-Spiti-Satluj
- (c) Zaskar-Shyok-Satluj-Spiti
- (d) Shyok-Spiti-Zaskar-Satluj

20. He founded the Swatantra Party, was one of the first recipients of India's highest civilian award - Bharat Ratna - and lead the Salt Satyagraha in south India. He was?

- (a) C. Rajagopalachari
- (b) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- (c) Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad
- (d) E.V. Ramaswamy

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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