1. Rotterdam Convention concerns with the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for
   (a) Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
   (b) Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
   (c) Transboundary movement of shipping goods and related services
   (d) Conservation of Marine Living Resources

2. Consider the following committees in news and their terms of reference.
   1. Malegam Committee: Bank Frauds
   2. Madhukar Gupta Committee: Sustainable Housing
   3. Subramanian Committee: National Policy on Education
   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. "Korea Plus" a strategic initiative between the Governments of India and South Korea to promote
   (a) Chabahar Port in Iran
   (b) Sea lane infrastructure development in South China Sea
   (c) Korean investments in India
   (d) Biodiversity conservation in both countries

4. Consider the following sites in news and the country they are located in.
   1. Djibouti: Indonesia
   2. Hebor: Iran
   3. Gaza Strip: Egypt
   Select the correct answer using the codes below.
   (a) 1 and 2 only
   (b) 2 and 3 only
   (c) 2 only
   (d) None of the above

5. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has which of the following responsibilities?
   1. To lay down policies on disaster management
   2. Approve the National Plan on Disaster management
   3. Lay down guidelines to be followed by the State Authorities in drawing up the State Plan on Disaster management
   4. Recommend provision of funds for the purpose of mitigation
   Select the correct answer using the codes below.
   (a) 1 and 3 only
   (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
   (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
   (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

6. India's Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) is beneficial as it would help to
   (a) Reduce future launch costs

(b) Make satellites solely with the help of Green technology

(c) Place satellites higher in the ionosphere

(d) All of the above

7. If the Governor wishes to understand and evaluate performance of government schemes in his state, he should resort to which of these constitutional provisions?

(a) He should directly seek clarification from the District Commissioners and Secretaries of various departments.

(b) He should send a memo to the Chief Secretary of the State directing him to furnish relevant details.

(c) He should consult the Chief Minister who is constitutionally obliged to furnish such details to the Governor.

(d) He should conduct meetings with general public to understand their grievances directly.

8. The Poona Pact 1932 was signed to

(a) Grant separate electorates to depressed classes

(b) Implement the recommendations of the Second Round Table Conference

(c) Take back the Civil Disobedience movement

(d) None of the above

9. The only time when the Indian Parliament convened for a session at midnight to pass a major government policy decision was concerned with

(a) FDI in Multi-Brand Retail

(b) Goods and services tax (GST)

(c) Capital Account Convertibility (CAC)

(d) Minority Immigration Policy from Bangladesh

10. With reference to the Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements.

1. Under Article 370, the Indian Parliament has no authority to increase or reduce the borders of the state.

2. The Union of India has no power to declare Financial Emergency under Article 360 in the state

3. The Supreme Court recently said that Article 370 of the Constitution is a temporary provision.

4. Part IV (Directive Principles of the State Policy) and Part IVA (Fundamental Duties) of the Constitution are not applicable to J&K.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 4 only

11. What is the procedure for a language to be recognised as an official language of the United Nations (UN)?

(a) It needs to be accepted and ratified by the UNSC.

(b) It has to be approved by more than half of the members of the UNGA where every member-State has a vote.

(c) It should be accepted by the UN Trusteeship Council.

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(d) It must be acceded unanimously in the UNGA, UNSC and UNECOSOC.

12. Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2017 was awarded to
    (a) UNESCO
    (b) Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh
    (c) Angela Merkel, Chancellor, Germany
    (d) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

13. With reference to recently established NATGRID, consider the following statements.
    1. It is headed by the Prime Minister of India.
    2. It is an agency that essentially deals with providing and analysing real time information to counter terrorist attacks.
    3. It is an umbrella body that will head all the other intelligence operations or departments functioning in India.
    Select the correct answer using the codes below.
    (a) 1 and 2 only
    (b) 2 and 3 only
    (c) 2 only
    (d) 1 and 3 only

14. Survey of India, the National Survey and Mapping Organization of the country, which is one the oldest scientific departments of the Government of India, is under the
    (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
    (b) Department of Science & Technology
    (c) Ministry of Earth Sciences
    (d) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

15. Consider the following about the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP).
    1. The policy will apply to all non-sensitive data and information created, generated, collected and achieved using public funds provided by Government of India directly or through authorized agencies
    2. Objective of the policy is to facilitate access to Government of India owned shareable data and information in both human readable and machine readable forms
    Which of the above is/are correct?
    (a) 1 only   (b) 2 only
    (c) Both 1 and 2   (d) None

16. Consider the following about SUNREF Housing India programme.
    1. It is an initiative of the National Housing Bank (NHB).
    2. Under the programme, NHB is funding national and international agencies in developing green buildings with last mile support.
    3. It has recently launched a scheme to develop a 'Green Index' to augment the GRIHA system currently in place.
    Select the correct answer using the codes below.
    (a) 1 only   (b) 1 and 2 only
    (c) 2 and 3 only   (d) 1 and 3 only

17. The World Happiness Report is an annual publication of the
    (a) William J. Clinton Foundation
    (b) United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC)
    (c) World Bank
    (d) United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN)

18. India's ambitious Zero Hunger Programme launched on occasion of World Food Day (October 16). Consider the following about it.
    1. This is a dedicated farm-based programme in sync with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end hunger by 2030.
    2. The programme consists of organisations of farming system for nutrition and setting up genetic gardens for bio-fortified plants.
    3. The Programme is initiated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).
    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

19. As per the Gandhian notion of non-violence
    1. Non-violence does not mean just refraining from causing physical harm, mental harm or loss of livelihood
    2. Helping someone in harming someone else or benefitting from a harmful act of violence is also considered as violence
    3. The practice of non-violence requires an element of conscious compassion
    Select the correct answer using the codes below.
    (a) 1 only   (b) 1 and 3 only
    (c) 2 only   (d) 1, 2 and 3

20. CRISPER, TALENS and RNAi, frequently in news, are technologies associated with
    (a) Genome Manipulation
    (b) Space Exploration
    (c) Disaster Management
    (d) Nano-technology

ANSWER KEYS

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