

1. Under the Indian Constitution, the President and the Governors are empowered with the power to pardon under Articles:
 - (a) 72 and 161 respectively.
 - (b) 73 and 162 respectively.
 - (c) 74 and 163 respectively.
 - (d) 75 and 164 respectively.
2. If Council of Ministers gives an advice to the Governor, the Governor:
 1. May accepts it immediately.
 2. Can take as much time as he thinks so.
 3. Can take the Centre's opinion on the matter.
 4. Can seek reconsideration of the decision.
 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. Arrange the following in terms of threats to a particular species to its existence on earth:
 1. Vulnerable
 2. Endangered
 3. Near Threatened
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1-2-3
 - (b) 2-1-3
 - (c) 1-3-2
 - (d) 2-3-1
4. Plaster of Paris (PoP) has increasingly replaced clay to make idols in the recent past because:
 1. Clay can crack when drying and breaks easily.
 2. PoP dries quickly and cleanly in a mould, so artisans can easily make lots of idols.
 3. PoP is light and therefore easier to transport large-sized idols.
 4. PoP is cheaper than quality clay and easier to get.
 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
5. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has barred which of the following from managing foreign funds?
 1. Resident Indians (RIs)
 2. Non Resident Indians (NRIs)
 3. Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)
 4. Overseas Citizens of India (OICs)
 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

6. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a floating trash pile twice the size of France, is roughly located halfway between:
 - (a) California and Hawaii.
 - (b) California and Iceland.
 - (c) Hawaii and Iceland.
 - (d) California and St. Jones Island.
7. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Guitar fish found in coastal waters of Kerala and Tamil Nadu and the Ganges Shark found in Arabian Sea are classified as Critically Endangered.
 2. India is the second largest exporter of shark fins after China.
 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. Dwarf planets are different from the regular planets because:
 1. Dwarf planets don't have enough mass and gravity to be nearly round.
 2. Dwarf planets don't travel through space in a path around the sun.
 3. A dwarf planets path around the sun is full of other objects like asteroids and comets.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
9. Consider the following statements about the newly launched scheme — 'SAMPADA':
 1. It is a Central Sponsored Scheme.
 2. The objective of SAMPADA is to supplement agriculture, modernize processing and decrease agro-waste.
 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. Capital adequacy ratio for Commercial Banks is the ratio of:
 - (a) Capital to risk-weighted assets.
 - (b) Capital to long-term deposits.
 - (c) Capital to non-performing assets.
 - (d) Capital to stressed assets.
11. Consider the following statements about 'Gatka':
 1. It is a traditional martial art form that is historically associated with the Sikh gurus.
 2. It is believed to have originated by sixth Sikh Guru Hargobind Ji.
 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. 'Gotmar', an annual stone-pelting festival, is popular in which of the following States of India?
- Gujarat
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Rajasthan
 - Uttar Pradesh
13. Consider the following statements:
- Malignant Catarrhal Fever is an infectious viral disease that affects cattle.
 - The disease originally belongs to South Africa.
 - The disease causing pathogen spreads from sheep to cattle.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All of the above
14. Consider the following statements about the 'Food Safety and Standards Authority of India':
- It has been established under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.
 - It has been created for laying down science based standards for articles of food.
 - It also contributes to the development of international technical standards for food, sanitary and phyto-sanitary standards.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All of the above
15. Which of the following are among the causes of stress in the value of 'rupee' in the international market?
- Rising international crude prices.
 - The risk of inter-country trade wars.
 - Soft monetary policy by the U.S. Federal Reserve.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All of the above
16. Which of the following could be among the steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India to check the declining value of rupee in the international market?
- Hike interest rates.
 - Decrease interest rates.
 - Sell dollars in the spot market.
 - Buy dollars in the spot market.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 4 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 3 and 4 only

17. Which of the following animals are banned from being exhibited under Section 22 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act?

1. Tigers
2. Monkeys
3. Lions
4. Panthers

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

18. Afghanistan has established 'air cargo corridors' with which of the following countries?

1. Kazakhstan
2. Indonesia
3. China
4. India

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

19. The most important reason for the occurrence of earthquakes along the Himalayas and the foothills is:

- (a) Divergence of plates.
- (b) Relatively young age of the Himalayas.
- (c) Rock formations that are fragile and unconsolidated.
- (d) Convergence of plates.

20. Which among the following are the instruments of the monetary policy?

1. Tariffs
2. Moral suasion
3. Open market operations

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

ANSWER KEYS

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