

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. A candidate belonging to a particular political party fights on the party's symbol.
 2. An independent candidate fights on the symbol allotted to him by the Election Commission of India.
 3. 'None of the Above (NOTA)' option does not has any symbol.
 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
2. 'None Of The Above (NOTA)' option is available to which of the following elections?
 1. Lok Sabha
 2. Rajya Sabha
 3. State Legislative Assembly
 4. State Legislative Council
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 4 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 3 and 4 only
3. Doctors Without Borders, French Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), is an international humanitarian group dedicated to providing medical care to:
 1. People in distress
 2. Victims of political violence
 3. Victims of natural disasters
 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
4. Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDI) is working on which of the following diseases?
 1. Leishmaniasis
 2. Hepatitis C
 3. Paediatric HIV
 4. Dengue
 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
5. Match the following colour codes to the level of caution issued by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD):
 1. Green – a) Situation to be watched
 2. Yellow – b) No action
 3. Amber – c) Government agencies be prepared for severe weather
 4. Red – d) Action needed by the agencies
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d
 (b) 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
 (c) 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
 (d) 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c
6. Consider the following statements:
1. A Tropical Depression becomes a tropical storm when maximum sustained winds gust consistently at or above 39 mph.
 2. Tropical storm status is when the naming of the storm takes place.
- 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
7. Hurricane 'Florence' affected which of the following parts of the USA?
- (a) South-eastern coast
 (b) South-western coast
 (c) North-eastern coast
 (d) North-western coast
8. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has made it mandatory for corporates to meet how much percentage of their financing needs from the bond market?
- (a) 5% (b) 10%
 (c) 25% (d) 33%
9. Consider the following statements:
1. Basavanna was a 16th-century philosopher, statesman, Kannada poet and a social reformer.
 2. Basavanna spread social awareness through his poetry, popularly known as Vachanaas.
 3. Basavanna introduced a new public institution called the Anubhava Mantapa.
 4. Basavanna developed and inspired a new devotional movement named Virashaivas.
- 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) 1, 2 and 4 only
10. Consider the following statements:
1. NASA's Dawn spacecraft has been orbiting Ceres.
 2. Ceres is a dwarf planet.
- 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
11. Consider the following statements:
1. The members of the Election Commission of India cannot be removed from their office except in the same manner and on the same grounds as a judge of the Supreme Court.
 2. The chief election commissioner and the two other election commissioners have equal powers.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The desert soils of India are infertile as they lack mineral nutrients.
2. Deficiency of rainfall and humus do not allow good soil formation.
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
13. Consider the following statements:
1. The World Development Report is published by the World Bank.
2. The World Development Report 2018 is the first ever devoted entirely to education.
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
14. Consider the following statements:
1. Red soils are obtained from the weathering of granite and gneisses.
2. Red soils are poor in nitrogen but rich in potash and phosphorus.
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
15. Consider the following statements:
1. Lord Krishna's courtship with the gopis and his companion Radha is a common theme in Thumri.
2. The Thumri lyrics are usually in Hindi dialects.
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
16. Which among the following correctly defines the term 'Urban Heat Island'?
(a) Warmer urban regions during the day and cooler during the night in comparison to the surrounding rural areas.
(b) Warmer urban regions during the day as well as during the night in comparison to the surrounding rural areas.
(c) Warming of urban areas due to stubble burning in the rural areas.
(d) None of these
17. Exports related to information technology are included in which of the following?
1. Transfer Payments
2. Merchandise Exports
3. Invisible
4. Current Account

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 3 and 4 only

18. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is a financial mechanism for which of the following international environmental conventions?

- 1. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- 2. The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)
- 3. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
- 4. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Creating and Sustaining Markets for Energy Efficiency aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through energy efficiency through scaling up and new technology applications.
- 2. Currently around two-thirds of total power generation capacity in India is based on fossil fuels.
- 3. By 2030, India is committed to achieve 40% of the installed capacity based on clean energy sources.

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

20. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Committee with a continued existence, formed to do its assigned work on an ongoing basis is called a standing committee.
- 2. Budget and finance committees generally are standing committees.

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

ANSWER KEYS

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