

1. Which of the following South Asian countries ranked below India in the recently released 'human capital' score?
 1. Pakistan
 2. Bangladesh
 3. Afghanistan
 4. MaldivesSelect 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
2. The volume of Indian steel and aluminium exports may not be much affected by the recent increase in import tariffs by the U.S. because:
 - (a) Indian steel and aluminium exports to the U.S. is comparatively smaller.
 - (b) India has got exemption under a bilateral agreement with the U.S.
 - (c) World Trade Organisation does not permit such unilateral sanctions.
 - (d) India does not export steel and aluminium to the U.S.
3. Consider the following statements about the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT):
 1. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is a quasi-judiciary body.
 2. It was set up to govern both the companies registered in India and the Indian companies registered abroad.
 3. The Company Law Board which was set up under the Companies Act, 1956 stands dissolved with the establishment of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).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. Who among the following are the members of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) constituted for overall guidance of the defence procurement planning process?
 1. Prime Minister
 2. Defence Minister
 3. Chief of Army Staff
 4. Minister of State for DefenceSelect 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. 'Parakram Parv' is to be celebrated to commemorate:
 - (a) India's success in the Kargil War.
 - (b) The surgical strikes against terror camps across the Line of Control.
 - (c) Induction of indigenously developed nuclear submarine INS Arihant into the navy.
 - (d) The nuclear tests conducted by India at Pokhran.
6. Consider the following statements:
 1. Crispr stands for Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats.

2. Crispr harnesses the natural defence mechanisms of viruses to alter an organism's genetic code.

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Maldives has fully endorsed China's ambitious Maritime Silk Road initiative.
- 2. Maldives is the second country in South Asia, after Pakistan, to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with 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. Currently, the ratio of GDP growth to employment growth for India is:

- (a) Less than 0.1.
- (b) Between 1 to 2.
- (c) Between 2 to 5.
- (d) Between 5 to 10.

9. Which of the following can be found on the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)?

- 1. Name of the candidate
- 2. Election symbol
- 3. None of the above (NOTA) option
- 4. Name of the Constituency

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

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Article 102 of the Indian Constitution deals with the disqualifications of the members of the Parliament and the State Legislatures.
- 2. Article 103 states that the President shall obtain the Election Commission's opinion to decide certain disqualifications of the members of the Parliament and the State Legislatures.

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. According to the recent Supreme Court judgment, the seeding of Aadhaar is compulsory for:

- 1. Mobile phone connections
- 2. Bank accounts
- 3. School admissions
- 4. Private companies

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) None of these

12. Recently, which of the following State governments has launched a 'micro strategic plan' in collaboration with the World Health Organization to eliminate malaria from the State by 2020?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Gujarat

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Swell waves are massive ripples that form on the sea due to local winds.
- 2. Swell waves are experienced along the eastern as well as western coast of India.

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. Under the 'Draft Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018', which of the following could be the grounds for processing sensitive personal data?

- 1. If necessary for any function of Parliament or state legislature.
- 2. If required by the state for providing benefits to the individual.
- 3. If required under law or for the compliance of any court judgement.
- 4. To respond to a medical emergency, threat to public health or breakdown of public order.

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

15. Which of the following is the reason for the delayed exit of the monsoon this year from India that normally begins from the first week of September?

- (a) Cyclone Daye originated in the Bay of Bengal.
- (b) Global warming going on around the world.
- (c) Stubble burning in the northern States of India.
- (d) An unusual position of an upper-atmospheric jet stream.

16. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the successful test-fired missile 'Astra'?

- 1. It has been indigenously developed.
- 2. It is an air-to-air missile.
- 3. It is a beyond visual range missile.

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. The Champions of the Earth award is the United Nations highest environmental honour,
2. The award is open to both the visionary people and organisations.
3. The award exemplify leadership and advocate action on sustainable development, climate change and a life of dignity for all.

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

18. Consider the following statements about the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018:

1. It envisions attracting \$100 billion investments into the country's digital communication sector.
2. It also aims at creating at least 40 lakh new jobs in the next five years.
3. It aims to provide broadband access to every citizen at 50 Mbps speed by the year 2022.

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

19. The purpose of the recently launched 'MSME Sambandh' portal is?

- (a) To monitor the availability of funds to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- (b) To monitor the implementation of the Public Procurement from MSEs by Central Public Sector Enterprises.
- (c) To monitor the availability of power supply to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- (d) To monitor the availability of raw materials to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

20. Which among the following are the features of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana?

1. In-situ slum rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers.
2. Promotion of affordable housing for weaker section through credit-linked subsidy.
3. Affordable housing in partnership with Public & Private sectors.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

ANSWER KEYS

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