

1. Which of the following sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) have been struck off by the Supreme Court recently?
 1. Section 377: Unnatural Offences
 2. Section 124-A: Sedition
 3. Section 497: Adultery
 4. Section 153-A & 295-B: Hate Speech
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 4 only
 - (c) 1 and 4 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
2. In case of premature dissolution of Legislative Assembly, the model code of conduct comes into force:
 - (a) Immediately after early dissolution of the Legislative Assembly.
 - (b) After the announcement of the election schedule by the Election Commission.
 - (c) 48 hours before the polling date.
 - (d) It is decided by the Election Commission on case to case basis.
3. Which of the following municipal corporations has launched the country's first flood forecasting and early-warning system?
 - (a) Kolkata Municipal Corporation
 - (b) Mumbai Municipal Corporation
 - (c) Chennai Municipal Corporation
 - (d) Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation
4. India has launched smart trains with which of the following features?
 1. Black Box
 2. Artificial Intelligence-powered CCTVs
 3. Internet of Things' based system for wheels, coach and track monitoring
 4. Emergency talk-back system
 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. The lower longevity of rails in Kerala (approximately 15 years), compared with 40 years in the railway networks of other States, is mainly due to:
 1. Two monsoons in the State
 2. Fluctuations in temperature
 3. Water-logging
 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
6. Recently, which of the following countries has asked creditors to renegotiate the country's sovereign debt, estimated at over \$100 billion?

(a) Turkey	(b) Syria
(c) Iran	(d) Venezuela

7. Consider the following statements regarding the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance of 2018:
1. It makes the declaration of talaq-e-biddat a crime.
 2. It entitles a married Muslim woman upon whom talaq is pronounced to receive a "subsistence allowance".
 3. It allows a married Muslim woman to retain the custody of her minor children in the event of pronouncement of instant triple talaq.
- 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
8. Consider the following statements:
1. One in every four tuberculosis cases registered in 2017 was in India.
 2. Among the 30 countries with the highest TB burden, India's incidence and mortality rates were above the average.
- 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
9. The Election Commission has drawn on legal backing from which of the following Supreme Court's observation that the caretaker government should merely carry on day-to-day work and desist from taking any major policy decision?
- (a) S.R. Bommai and Others Vs. Union of India and Others
 - (b) Sarla Mudgal and Others Vs. Union of India
 - (c) State of Madras Vs. Champakam Dorairajan
 - (d) Shreya Singhal Vs. Union of India
10. The selection committee under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, which envisages establishment of anti-graft body Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in States, comprises of:
1. Leader of the House in the Lok Sabha
 2. Chief Justice of India
 3. Lok Sabha Speaker
 4. Leader of the largest opposition party in the Lok Sabha
- 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
11. Consider the following statements about the Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs):
1. ARCs have to maintain a capital adequacy ratio more than the scheduled commercial banks.
 2. ARCs have to achieve the minimum capital requirement (net owned funds) of 100 crore - to be achieved by March 31, 2019.
 3. ARCs have to register with the Security and Exchange Board of India which has got the power to regulate them.
- 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
12. Which of the following are among the directions given by the Supreme Court towards decriminalising the politics?
1. Each contesting candidate, in the form provided by the Election Commission, will declare criminal cases pending against him/her in bold.
 2. A candidate is required to inform his/her party about the criminal cases pending against him/her.
 3. A political party shall be obliged to put up on its website the information pertaining to candidates having criminal antecedents.
- 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
13. India is involved in implementing which of the following rail/road projects in Afghanistan?
1. Mazaar-e-Sharif to Herat
 2. Zaranj to Delaram
 3. Chabahar to Zahedan
- 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
14. Which of the following are among the objectives of the Organic Farming Policy of 2005?
1. Adoption of biological methods for pest and disease control.
 2. Setting up of model organic farms for getting seed material for organic cultivation.
 3. Improvement in condition of livestock that allow them to perform all aspects of their innate behaviour.
- 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
15. Consider the following statements about the Organisation for the prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW):
1. It provides a credible and transparent regime for verifying the destruction of chemical weapons and to prevent their re-emergence.
 2. It provides protection and assistance against chemical weapons.
 3. The OPCW was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013 for "its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons."
- 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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The Periyar river is the longest river of Kerala.
2. The Periyar river flows into the Bay of Bengal.

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Headline inflation considers the price of all the goods and services but Core inflation considers the prices of all goods and services except commodity prices and oil prices.
2. Headline inflation is more Consumer Price Index based as it measures the difference in inflation by calculating the prices of a basket of goods.

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. The programme 'Creating and Sustaining Markets for Energy Efficiency' is jointly implemented by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
2. The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

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

19. The Government of India has launched "Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)" on 2nd October, 2014 with which of the following objectives?

1. Strengthening of urban local bodies to design, execute and operate systems.
2. Eradication of manual scavenging.
3. 100% collection and scientific processing/disposal/reuse/recycle of Municipal Solid Waste.
4. To bring about a behavioural change in people regarding healthy sanitation practices,

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 1 and 4 only
 (d) All of the above

20. Which of the following reports is not published by World Economic Forum?

- (a) Global Information Technology Report
 (b) Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report
 (c) Global Competitiveness Report
 (d) World Investment Report

ANSWER KEYS

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