

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. A Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is set up for a specific object and duration.
 2. Joint Parliamentary Committees are set up by a motion passed in one house of Parliament and agreed to by the other.
 3. The mandate of a JPC is limited to the scrutiny of government finances.
 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. Consider the following statements about the United Nations Human Rights Council:
 1. The Council is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly.
 2. Its members are elected by absolute majority through a secret ballot.
 3. Recently, India has been elected to the Council in the South-Asian Category.
 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
3. India needs to change the way its GDP is measured because?
 1. It does not take into account the depletion of natural resources.
 2. It does not take into account the economic contribution of women in running households.
 3. It does not take into account the impact of artificial intelligence in employment.
 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. Which of the following are among the aims of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC)?
 1. To prepare India to have a Space force in next 10 years.
 2. To formulate and coordinate major inter-ministerial S&T missions.
 3. To driving innovation and technology delivery towards solving socio-economic challenges for sustainable growth.
 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
5. Consider the following statements about the GenomeAsia project:
 1. It is lead by the Beijing University in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science.
 2. The project involves sequencing the whole genome of 100,000 Asians, including 50,000 Indians.
 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
6. "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy" is the brain-child of which of the following countries?

(a) U.S.	(b) Japan
(c) India	(d) Vietnam

7. Banks become 'prompt corrective action (PCA) framework' candidates of RBI when?
1. Minimum requirements of capital adequacy ratio (CAR) rises above 9 per cent.
 2. Net Non Performing Assets (NPAs) rises above 6 per cent.
 3. Return on assets (RoA) becomes negative for two years.
- 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 about the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013:
1. It prohibits the employment of manual scavengers.
 2. It prohibits the manual cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.
 3. It prohibits the construction of insanitary latrines.
- 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
9. The International Criminal Court can investigate and prosecute which of the following crimes?
1. Genocide
 2. Crimes against humanity
 3. Aggression and war crimes
- 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
10. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) can be offered via:
1. State Bank of India
 2. Payments Banks
 3. Small Finance Banks
- 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
11. Consider the following statements:
1. Blue crabs are native to the Gulf of Gabes off Tunisia's coast.
 2. Tunisians did not consume blue crabs.
- 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. In which of the following exercises, U.S. is a participating country with India?

1. Yudh Abhyaas
2. Cope India
3. Malabar
4. Chakravyuh

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

13. Consider the following statements:

1. October 15 is observed as the International Day of Rural Women by the United Nations.
2. October 15 is observed as the National Women Farmer's Day by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare.

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 about the 'Bharat QR code':

1. Merchants accepting the payment through Bharat QR code, receives the amount directly in their Bank accounts.
2. Bharat QR code supports dynamic QR codes, which may be printed on utility bills to make payments to the respective vendors.
3. Bharat QR code does not require any upfront expenditure.

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 'Rhesus (Rh) factor':

1. Rh positive is the most common blood factor.
2. A pregnant woman needs special care if she is Rh negative
3. A baby can inherit the Rh factor from mother only.

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 about the Easterly Jet Stream (TEJS):

1. During the active periods of monsoon, the axis of the Tropical Easterly Jet Stream (TEJS) is located near 25 degree north latitude.

2. The interannual variability of TEJS is mostly controlled by Walker and Hadley Circulation variations.

3. Intensity of TEJS is weak during El Nino events.

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 First Stage cyclone warning is issued 72 hours in advance by the Director General of Meteorology himself and is addressed to the Cabinet Secretary.
2. The Fourth Stage of warning gives likely direction of movement of the cyclone after its landfall and adverse weather likely to be experienced in the interior areas.

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. Recently, which of the following countries has allowed the Indian Navy to use its naval base as part of a logistic support agreement?

- (a) Vietnam (b) Thailand
 (c) Japan (d) Singapore

19. Consider the following statements:

1. Theyyam or Kaliyattam is a famous ritual art form that originated in North Tamil Nadu.
2. The Theyyam dance is performed as ancestor worship.
3. Man assumes the form of God in this dance form.

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 about the 'e-Tourist Visa Scheme':

1. The e-Tourist Visa enables the prospective visitor to apply for an Indian Visa from his/her home country online without visiting the Indian Mission.
2. This facility is available to Foreigners whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation and sight-seeing.
3. The e-Tourist Visa cannot be availed more than twice in a calendar year.

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

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