

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Human Capital Index has been created by the International Monetary Fund.
2. The Index ranks countries on the basis of their commitment to increase their citizen's skills, health, knowledge and resilience.
3. In the first Human Capital Index report, India is ahead of Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) 2 and 3 only | (d) 3 only |

2. Consider the following statements about the Right to Information Act, 2005:

1. The Act does not give significant powers to the Information Commissions to enforce their decisions.
2. The Act does not allow the Information Commissions to award compensation to the applicants for the loss suffered by them due to lack/delay of information sought.
3. The Act bars the disclosure of personal information if it has no relationship to any public activity.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

3. Consider the following statements about the proposed amendments to the Right to Information Act, 2005:

1. The amendment proposes to do away with the equivalence of the Central Information Commissioners with the Election Commissioners.
2. The amendment proposes to replace the existing fixed five-year tenure of the Information Commissioners with a tenure as may be prescribed by it.
3. The amendment proposes to further restricts the disclosure of personal information.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

4. The term "Charter Cities" is used in the context of:

- (a) New eco-friendly cities where no fossil fuels would be used.
- (b) New cities which would not impose any tax on the investment or withdrawal of foreign capital.
- (c) New cities with distinct rules that foster innovation and economic growth.
- (d) New cities where visa-free entry would be allowed to the rich businessmen.

5. Consider the following statements about the 'Human Chromosomes':

1. Human chromosomes are found in the nucleus of each of their body cells.
2. Humans have 23 chromosomes.
3. The first 22 chromosomes are the same in men and women.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 only       | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 3 only       |

6. Arrange the following in decreasing order of the chromosome pairs that they have:
1. Onion
  2. Mosquito
  3. Dog
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1>2>3                      (b) 2>3>1  
(c) 2>1>3                      (d) 3>1>2
7. Consider the following statements:
1. Article 102 of the Constitution deals with the disqualification of the Members of Parliament.
  2. There are only Constitutional disqualifications for a Member of Parliament.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. 'IPRism' is an Intellectual Property (IP) Competition for college and university students launched by the Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM).
  2. Creating IPR Awareness through outreach and promotional activities is the first and foremost objective of the National IPR Policy.
- 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. Which of the following banks/institutions were involved in the establishment of 'National Commodities And Derivatives Exchange - NCDEX'?
1. ICICI Bank Limited
  2. National Stock Exchange of India
  3. National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The Khelo India Games are opened only to select students in the under-18 age group.
  2. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme and National Sports Talent Search Programme have been merged under the Khelo India Scheme.
- 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. Which of the following are the key characteristics of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process:
1. Informality
  2. Multi-dimensionality
  3. Emphasis on equal partnership
  4. Exclusive focus on high-level meetings

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

12. The government of India has selected 'Champion Sectors for promoting their development and achieving their potential. Which of the following have been included among them?

- 1. Environmental Services
- 2. Audio Visual Services
- 3. Legal Services
- 4. Communication Services

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

13. Consider the following statements about the 'Government e-Marketplace' (GeM):

- 1. This platform has been developed for procurement of both products & services.
- 2. This platform covers not only Central and State Government Ministries/ Departments but also autonomous institutions and local bodies.
- 3. The purchases through GeM by Government users have been authorized and made mandatory by Ministry of Finance.

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. Recently, which of the following locations have been selected to create strategic petroleum reserve which can provide additional supply for 12 more days?

- (a) Hutti and Raichur
- (b) Chandikhol and Padur
- (c) Bellary and Hospet
- (d) Bagalkot and Tumkur

15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The international Energy Agency (IEA) mandates the storage of strategic reserves of 90 days for member countries.
- 2. India is a member of the international Energy Agency.

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. Consider the following statements the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC):

- 1. It is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission.
- 2. It assess and accredit schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan.

3. It is an outcome of the recommendations of the National Policy in Education (1986).

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. Shola forests are tropical Montane forests found in the valleys separated by rolling grasslands only in the higher elevations.
2. They are found only in South India in the Southern Western Ghats.
3. Shola forests thrive in areas having abundant of fog and mist.

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. Which of the following came into existence by transferring the agricultural credit functions of RBI and refinance functions of the then Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation (ARDC).

- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development  
 (b) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj  
 (c) Indian Institute for Rural Development  
 (d) Institute of Rural Management

19. Which of the following stores the maximum amount of carbon dioxide in it?

- (a) Sedimentary rocks  
 (b) Oceans  
 (c) Atmosphere  
 (d) Terrestrial Ecosystems

20. Apart from 10 ASEAN countries which of the following are the members of the East Asia Summit?

1. India
2. Russia
3. U.S.
4. China

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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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