

1. 'Feihong-98', which was recently in news, is:
  - (a) World's fastest supersonic passenger plane tested by National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
  - (b) The first aircraft carrier launched by Japan since the modification of its Constitution.
  - (c) World's largest unmanned transport drone successfully tested by China.
  - (d) The new nuclear capable missile developed by North Korea after its summit with the U.S.A.
2. According to scientists, the recent untimely blossom of cherry flowers in Japan is due to:
  - (a) Increasing atmospheric pollution in Japan.
  - (b) After-effects of the increase in radiation in soil due to the Fukushima nuclear disaster.
  - (c) Unusual warm days which followed typhoons which hit Japan this year.
  - (d) Confusion caused to plants after the use of a new insecticide.
3. Consider the following statements:
  1. Insects, caterpillars and spiders are included in the phylum arthropoda.
  2. An increase in temperature will stimulate the population of harmful insects across the globe.
 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
4. Which of the following countries have a coastline on the Black Sea?
  1. Ukraine
  2. Moldova
  3. Romania
  4. Turkey
 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. Consider the following statements:
  1. 'Hand-in-Hand' is an annual joint army exercise between India and China.
  2. The scope of the exercise is broadly limited to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations and not counter terrorism operations.
 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. Consider the following statements:
  1. Rajasthan's Zika virus is closely related to the virus that caused the Malaysian outbreak in the past.

2. Rajasthan has become the first State in India to be affected by the Zika virus.

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. A political party shall be treated as a recognised political party in a State, if and only if the political party fulfils which of the following conditions:

1. At General Elections or Legislative Assembly elections, the party has won 3% of the seats (subject to a minimum of 3 seats).
2. At a Lok Sabha General Elections, the party has won 1 Lok Sabha seat for every 25 Lok Sabha seats allotted for the State.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only                                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                              (d) Either 1 or 2

8. Consider the following statements:

1. INTERPOL issues arrest warrants in the form of Red Notices.
2. Red Notices by INTERPOL can be issued for both individuals and organisations.

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 are power-surplus States in the North-East region?

1. Tripura
2. Sikkim
3. Mizoram

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. Which of the following are the beneficiaries under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme?

1. Children in the age group of 0-2 years
2. Pregnant women
3. Lactating mothers

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. Which of the following schemes are being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship?

1. Smart Cities Mission
2. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
3. Upgrading the Skills & Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

12. Which of the following countries was recently affected by the typhoon 'Jebi'?

- (a) U.S.                                      (b) Japan  
(c) Myanmar                                (d) Philippines

13. Which of the following rivers drain their water into the Black Sea?

1. Southern Bug
2. Danube
3. Ural
4. Don

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

14. Which of the following States have been affected by the 'Zika Virus' in the recent years?

1. Kerala
2. Gujarat
3. Rajasthan
4. Tamil Nadu

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

15. Which of the following citie(s) has/have been selected under both the 'National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana' (HRIDAY) and the 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) schemes?

1. Amritsar
2. Tirupati
3. Puri

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

16. 'Mission Antyodaya' seeks to achieve:
- Provision of foodgrains to the people living below poverty line as per the socio-economic caste census.
  - 'Universal Health Coverage' of all the people living below poverty line as per the socio-economic caste census.
  - Pension and free insurance for all the people living below poverty line as per the socio-economic caste census.
  - Convergence of government interventions with Gram Panchayats as the basic unit for planning.
17. Consider the following statements about the 'Electoral Bonds' scheme:
- The bonds of Rs 1 crore are the most popular among all the electoral bond purchases so far.
  - Before the introduction of the Scheme, cash donations of over Rs 2,000 could not be anonymous.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
18. To check the problem of 'ghost gears', which of the following countries has started to test a gear-marking programme so that the trajectory of gear, if it drifts away, can be studied better?
- India
  - Philippines
  - Thailand
  - Indonesia
19. Consider the following statements:
- Jallikatu is an event held in Tamil Nadu as a part of the Onam celebrations.
  - A seal made of stone found at Mohenjodaro depicts Jallikatu that was prevalent in the Indus Civilization.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
20. Australia's Great Barrier Reef is suffering from coral bleaching. What are the possible reasons for it?
- Warming sea temperatures due to Climate Change
  - Farming runoff
  - Colonization by a predatory starfish
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - All of the above

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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