

1. Industrial activity in the country can be analysed with the help of which of the following?

1. Consumer Price Index
2. Index of Industrial Production
3. Inflation

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 |

2. Consider the following statements:

1. It is mandatory for all candidates contesting elections to disclose criminal, financial and educational background prior to the polls by filing an affidavit with the Election Commission.
2. As for serious criminal charges, if the chargesheet is led against the candidate at least a year before the polls, he should be disqualified until proved innocent.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 only       | (b) 2 only          |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

3. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, fishing cats are found in the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans.
2. Fishing cat is nocturnal species.
3. The fishing cat is listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List.

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. If any question arises as to whether a member of either House of Parliament has become subject to any of the disqualifications mentioned in clause (1) of Article 102, the decision of which of the following is considered final?

- (a) President of India
- (b) Speaker of Lok Sabha and Chairman of Rajya Sabha respectively
- (c) Prime Minister of India
- (d) Leader of the House in each case.

5. Consider the following statements:

1. For the first time in Indian Legislative history, the presentation of Union Budget was advanced to 1<sup>st</sup> February in 2018.
2. For the first time, the General Budget and Railway Budget were merged in 2018 and integrated Union Budget was presented.
3. Vote on Account was also dispensed with in 2018 because of advancement of the Budget.

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. Accessible India Campaign has been launched to achieve universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in:
1. Built Environment
  2. Transport systems
  3. Information & Communication Technology Ecosystem
- 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
7. Which of the following safety measures, recommended by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD), concerning safety of women commuters availing of cab services have been included in the new Taxi Policy Guidelines?
1. It mandates a glass or metal mesh between the driver and back seats.
  2. The central locking system in the taxis is not allowed.
  3. It mandates to display vehicle number, driver's photo ID and license number both inside and outside the cab.
- 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. The 'National Compensatory Afforestation Fund' has been created under the:
- (a) Consolidated Fund of India
  - (b) Contingency Fund of India
  - (c) Public Account of India
  - (d) Green Climate Fund of India
9. The World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings are based on which of the following?
1. Getting Credit
  2. Protecting Environment
  3. Paying Taxes
  4. Resolving Insolvency
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only  
(d) All of the above
10. Consider the following statements:
1. Assam shares its international border with Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.
  2. Manipur and Nagaland share their international border with Myanmar and Bangladesh.
  3. Arunachal Pradesh shares its international border with China, Myanmar and Bhutan.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

11. Which among the following are the benefits of the 'Fly Ash'?

1. It reduces the water requirement by the crop.
2. It helps to reduce pest attack incidences.
3. It helps the concrete mixture to gain strength quickly.

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. The 'Swadhar Greh Scheme' focuses on:

- (a) Parents-less children
- (b) Persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- (c) Homeless elderly people
- (d) None of these

13. Consider the following statements about the 'Nirbhaya Fund':

1. The fund has been set up by the Ministry of Finance for implementation of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and security for women in the country.
2. It is a non-lapsable corpus fund.

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:

1. The Indira Sagar Polavaram Project is located on river Krishna in Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Indira Sagar Polavaram Project has been accorded the status of a National project.
3. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra are the beneficiary States under this project.

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:

1. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has planned to introduce carbon dioxide injection in its Gandhar field to store CO<sub>2</sub> to reduce atmospheric pollution.
2. ONGC's Gandhar field project would be the first large scale CO<sub>2</sub>-injected project in Asia.

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:

1. Malacidins are a new class of antibiotics which can be extracted from algae.
2. Malacidins may be able to attack and kill many types of superbugs.

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. The Logistics Sector has been granted 'Infrastructure status'. It will enable the Logistics Sector to:
1. Avail infrastructure lending at easier terms with enhanced limits.
  2. Access to larger amounts of funds as External Commercial Borrowings (ECB).
  3. Access to longer tenor funds from insurance companies and pension funds.
  4. Be eligible to borrow from India Infrastructure Financing Company Limited (IIFCL).
- 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
18. Consider the following statements about the hyperloop transportation system:
1. It is a transportation system which uses near-vacuum tubes to connect places.
  2. The hyperloop concept is a brainchild of Tesla founder Elon Musk.
  3. The hyperloop system is being designed to transport passengers 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
19. Consider the following statements about the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):
1. It is under the direct control of the UN.
  2. It reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council.
  3. It aims to replace the use of nuclear energy with various types of renewable energy.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                              (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 2 only                              (d) 1 and 3 only
20. Excessive exposure of humans to UV-rays results in:
1. Damage to immune system
  2. Damage to lungs
  3. Skin cancer
  4. Peptic ulcers
- 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) 2 and 4 only

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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