

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The number of taxpayers has increased drastically over the last four years.
 2. Over the last five years, the share of the richest top 1% in the total tax collected has increased.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
2. Which of the following countries jointly face a threat from Kurdish separatism?
 - (a) Syria and Jordan
 - (b) Jordan and Turkey
 - (c) Iran and Turkey
 - (d) Iran and Jordan
3. Which of the following are among the reasons of recent deterioration of bilateral relationship between U.S. and Turkey?
 1. Major differences in their approach to the Syrian Kurds.
 2. Turkey's decision to buy the 5-400 anti-missile defence systems from Russia.
 3. The outbreak of the Arab Spring in 2011.
 4. U.S. tilts toward Riyadh.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
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Houthi rebels in Yemen are in control of the southern areas including Aden.
 2. The Houthi rebels are backed by Saudi Arabia as they represent Shia minority against the Sunni rulers.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
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. Delhi and Varanasi are among the 14 Indian cities that figured in a list of 20 most polluted cities according to the data released by the WHO.
 2. The 14 Indian cities are included in the list on the basis of severe water pollution recorded by the deteriorated water quality in the rivers.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. Which of the following are among the characteristics of the 'green crackers'?
1. In their manufacturing process, these crackers eschew the use of ash.
 2. These crackers also, as far as possible, have a significantly reduced presence of aluminium.
- 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. Which of the following States has the distinction in which no police station has been linked so far with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Telangana
 (c) Bihar (d) Kerala
8. Consider the following statements about the Early Warning Dissemination System, the first-of-its-kind technology in India:
1. Andhra Pradesh has become the first State to launch this in India.
 2. It simultaneously warns both the coastal communities and fisherfolk.
 3. It warns the people against both cyclone and tsunami through siren towers.
 4. It has been implemented under the assistance of World Bank.
- 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
9. Consider the following statements about the 'Train 18':
1. It has an entirely indigenously built locomotive to pull the coaches.
 2. It is meant to replace the box cars of the inter-city Shatabdis.
 3. It can reach a maximum speed of 160 km per hour.
- 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 about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme:
1. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was launched in January, 2015.
 2. The scheme is aimed at promoting gender equality and the significance of educating girls.
 3. Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal agency to implement this scheme.
- 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. Electronic Propulsion System reduces the size of the satellite without affecting its efficiency.

2. Electronic Propulsion System was first used in the GSAT-9 (South Asia Satellite).

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) aims to provide 100 Mbps connectivity to all gram panchayats (GPs).
2. The NOFN project is funded entirely through corporate social responsibility funds.

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

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The Jal Marg Vikas Project is concerned with the National Waterway-1.
2. It is being implemented with the financial and technical support of the World Bank.
3. The National Waterway-1 runs from Haldia to Lucknow.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Co. Ltd is being developed as the country's first international financial services centre (IFSC).
2. An IFSC caters to customers outside the jurisdiction of the domestic economy.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2 February.
2. This day marks the date of the adoption of the Ramsar Convention.
3. Renuka Wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest wetland of India.

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. If all the oxygen present in the environment is converted to ozone, then:

- (a) Life would be restricted to oceans only.
(b) There would not be any penetration of ultra-violet rays from the Sun into earth's atmosphere.
(c) It will become poisonous and kill living forms.
(d) All of the above.

17. Which of the following come under 'Securities Transaction Tax' (STT)?

1. Futures and stocks
2. Mutual funds
3. Exchange traded funds

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. Catalytic converters are designed to reduce which of the following pollutants?

1. Carbon monoxide
2. Volatile organic compounds
3. Nitrogen oxides
4. Ozone

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. People are mainly exposed to ethylmercury, an organic compound, when they eat fish and shellfish that contain the compound.
2. Ethylmercury is used as a preservative in some vaccines and does not pose a health risk.

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

20. The Government had approved the Discovered Small Field policy in 2015 with its main objective to:

- (a) More incentives to private companies to discover smaller fields.
- (b) Bring discovered small fields to production at the earliest so as to enhance the domestic production.
- (c) Hand over small fields to one big company rather than isolated companies to increase production.
- (d) Use oil produced in such fields only for local purposes.

ANSWER KEYS

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