

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. India has the highest burden of both pneumonia and diarrhoea child deaths in the world.
 2. One of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals targets reducing under-five mortality to as low as 25 per 1,000 live births by 2030.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 refers to the minimum interest rate of a bank below which it cannot lend, except in some cases allowed by the RBI?
 - (a) Bank Rate
 - (b) Repo Rate
 - (c) Reverse Repo Rate
 - (d) Marginal Cost of funds based Lending Rate
3. Which of the following women has the longest tenure as Chief Minister among women presently serving in India?
 - (a) Sheila Dikshit
 - (b) Jayalalithaa
 - (c) Vasundhara Raje
 - (d) Mamata Banerjee
4. Which of the following birth defects are concerned with Zika virus?
 1. Microcephaly
 2. Miscarriages
 3. Ocular diseaseSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
5. Consider the following statements about the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):
 1. It has its headquarter in Beijing.
 2. India is the 2nd largest shareholder in AIIB.
 3. It aims to improve social and economic outcomes exclusively in Asia.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. To counter the Belt and Road Initiative of China, which of the following countries has launched 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy':
 - (a) India
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) Japan
 - (d) U.S.

7. Consider the following statements regarding the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee:
1. It appraises activities involving large scale use of hazardous microorganisms and recombinants in research and industrial production from the environmental angle.
 2. It appraises proposals relating to release of genetically engineered organisms and products into the environment including experimental field trials.
 3. The committee or any persons authorized by it has powers to take punitive action under the Biological Diversity Act.

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:
1. India has become 69th member the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
 2. The EBRD assists only those countries 'committed to and applying the principles of multi-party democracy and pluralism'.

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. Consider the following statements about the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA):

1. It is a Mini Ratna Enterprise.
2. It is under the administrative control of Ministry of Power.
3. It is a Non-Banking Financial Institution.

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. Cloning is an artificial/man-made process.
2. Cloning is the process of generating a genetically identical copy of a cell or an organism.

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. Arrange the following stages of tropical cyclones in the decreasing order of their wind speed:

1. Tropical Storm
2. Tropical Depression
3. Hurricane

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1>2>3 (b) 2>3>1
(c) 3>1>2 (d) 3>2>1

12. Which of the following have been recognized as the major ports of India?

1. Paradip
2. V.O. Chidambaranar

3. New Mangalore
4. Mormugao

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. Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) has been created as a professional body under the guidance of:

- (a) Department of Revenue
- (b) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
- (c) Department of Expenditure
- (d) Department of Economic Affairs

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The Animal Welfare Board of India is a statutory advisory body.
2. The Animal Welfare Board of India was the first of its kind to be established by any Government in the world.
3. Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale pioneered the setting up of the Animal Welfare Board of India.
4. The headquarter of the Animal Welfare Board of India is located in Chennai.

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

15. Which of the following transgenic crops are allowed to be cultivated in India?

1. Cotton
2. Brinjal
3. Mustard

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The 'LaQshya' program has been launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. The 'LaQshya' program is aimed at improving quality of care in labour room and maternity Operation Theatre.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in all the States/UTs is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM).
2. Safe and Nutritious Food (SNF) campaign has been launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

3. Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing National Programme of Mid-Day-Meal in Schools.

Select the correct statement 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. Consider the following statements about the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP):

1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME).
2. It aims to generate self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in both farm and non-farm sectors.
3. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the nodal implementation agency for the PMEGP at the national level.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) All of the above
(d) None of these

19. Consider the following statements:

1. Mega Food Parks is a scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing;
2. One of their aims is to increase processing of perishables from 6% to 20% and to increase India's Share in global food trade.
3. The Mega Food Park project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).
4. With a view to promote investment in Mega Food Park, Ministry of Finance has covered Food Park including Mega Food Park under Infrastructure category.

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

20. Algal blooms impart a distinct colour to water due to:

- (a) Their pigments.
(b) Excretion of coloured substances.
(c) Formation of coloured chemicals in water facilitated by physiological degradation of algae.
(d) Absorption of light by algal cell wall.

ANSWER KEYS

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11 c 12 d 13 b 14 a 15 a 16 b 17 a 18 a 19 d 20 a