

1. INDIAsize, a National Sizing Survey, is being conducted to develop a comprehensive size chart for ready-to-wear industry based on the body measurements of the Indian population. Sample population for the Survey is the age group:
 - (a) 5 to 65 years.
 - (b) 15 to 70 years.
 - (c) 15 to 65 years.
 - (d) 5 to 85 years.
2. Nuisance growth of aquatic plants and bloom-forming algae in natural waters is generally due to the high concentrations of:
 - (a) Carbon
 - (b) Sulphur
 - (c) Calcium
 - (d) Phosphorus
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Study in India initiative aims at doubling the foreign student population in India in one year.
 2. Only those institutions which have a National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) score of 3 or more on a scale of 4 are eligible under this initiative.
 3. Under this initiative, the institutions will be free to fix the fees they charge from foreign students.

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
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. Hepatitis B is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV).
 2. This infection is spread much like HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.
 3. It is found in the blood, semen, and vaginal secretions of an infected person.
 4. Hepatitis B is difficult to catch than HIV.

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. The initiative 'Smart India Hackathon' aims to:
 - (a) Increase digital literacy in rural areas through competition at Panchayat level.
 - (b) Solve the challenges faced by our country through digital technology innovations.
 - (c) Encourage best young minds towards research in our own country.
 - (d) Promote computer based education in India.
 6. Which of the following organisations/institutions has launched the Water Scarce Cities Initiative?
 - (a) World Bank
 - (b) World Water Council
 - (c) Clean Water Fund

(d) Water Aid

7. Consider the following statements:

1. To remove the judges of the High Court, the impeachment motion has to be passed in the respective State Legislature.
2. To remove the judges of the Supreme Court, the impeachment motion has to be passed in the Parliament.
3. While Supreme Court judges can only be removed after being charged with 'proven misconduct', the High Court judges can only be removed after being charged with "proven incapacity".

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) None of these |

8. Consider the following statements about the Asian Development Bank (ADB):

1. It is based in Manila.
2. It is dedicated to reducing poverty not only in Asia but in the Pacific also.
3. It is owned by members from the Asian region 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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Setting aside of money from profits to compensate a probable loss caused on lending a loan is called Provisioning.
2. According to RBI norms, banks have to make 100% provisioning if a fraud is reported.

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

10. 3rd March is celebrated as UN World Wildlife Day in the memory of signing which of the following Conventions:

- (a) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- (b) Bonn Convention
- (c) Ramsar Convention
- (d) Convention on Biological Diversity

11. Arrange the following in decreasing order of priority of the procurement of defence equipment under the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)-2016:

1. Buy (Indian - IDDM)
2. Buy and Make (Global)
3. Buy and Make (Indian)

4. Buy (Indian)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1>4>3>2 (b) 3>1>4>2
 (c) 1>3>4>2 (d) 3>4>1>2

12. The Prime Minister is a member of the following Cabinet Committees:

1. Cabinet Committee on Appointments
2. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
3. Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
4. Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
 (d) All of the above

13. The functions of the Defence Acquisition Council include:

1. In-principle approval of 15 Year Long-Term Integrated Perspective Plan for Defence Forces.
2. Decision regarding 'offset' provisions in respect of acquisition proposals above Rs. 300 crores.
3. Categorization of the acquisition proposals relating to 'Buy', 'Buy & Make' and 'Make'.

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. Which of the following are among the reasons for the divergence between the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

1. The difference in the weight of food group in the two baskets.
2. The difference in the inclusion/exclusion of services.
3. The difference in the selection of base year.

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. Which of the following is also known as the headline inflation rate in India?

- (a) Whole-sale Price Index
 (b) Consumer Price Index
 (c) Index of Industrial Production
 (d) None of these

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The Sun Temple, Konarak is the culmination of Kalingan temple architecture.
2. The temple represents a chariot of the Sun God, with twelve pairs of wheels drawn by seven horses.

3. The Sun Temple, Konarak is protected under the National Framework of India by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act (1958) and its Rules (1959).

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. Which of the following are correctly matched?

Stage of warning	Colour code
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|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. Cyclone Alert | Yellow |
| 2. Cyclone Warning | Red |
| 3. Post landfall outlook | Orange |

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

18. Which of the following correctly defines the term 'disguised unemployment'?

- (a) A situation where labour that is employed in a job is not actually utilised for the production of goods and services.
- (b) It does not contribute to the output of an economy and is thus akin to a form of unemployment.
- (c) A form of underemployment wherein the skills of a labour force are not utilised to their full capacity.
- (d) All of the above

19. The Centre for Biodiversity and Policy and Law (CEBPOL) is a bilateral collaboration between the Indian and which of the following governments?

- (a) Norwegian
- (b) U.S.
- (c) Israel
- (d) France

20. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is a statutory body.
- 2. The Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 16 years age group.

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

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