

1. Which of the following countries had participated in the Russia-led regional conference on Afghanistan recently?

1. India
2. Pakistan
3. China
4. U.S.

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

2. In which of the following judgments, the Supreme Court observed: "Our Constitution does not contemplate assumption, by one organ or part of the state, of functions that essentially belong to another"?

- (a) Suresh Seth v. Commissioner, Indore Municipal Corporation
- (b) Ram Jawaya v. The State of Punjab
- (c) Arun Gopal v. Union of India
- (d) M.C. Mehta v. Union of India

3. Which of the following Supreme Court judgments and the observations therein have been correctly matched?

1. Arun Gopal v. Union of India (2017): The Supreme Court fixed timings for bursting Diwali fireworks.
2. M.C. Mehta v. Union of India (2018): The Supreme Court directed that no BS-4 vehicle should be sold after March 30, 2020.
3. Subhash Kashinath Mahajan v. State of Maharashtra (2018): The Supreme Court amended the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, by annulling Section 18 which said that no anticipatory bail will be granted to persons accused under the 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

4. Which of the following are participants of the East Asia Summit (EAS)?

1. Russia
2. U.S.
3. Canada
4. Australia

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
5. Consider the following statements:
1. India has given the 'most favoured nation' status to all the members of the World Trade Organisation, except Pakistan.
 2. Pakistan has not granted the 'most favoured nation' status to India.
- 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. The National e-Governance Awards recognise and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives taken by which of the following?
1. Government departments
 2. Public sector units
 3. Non- Government Institutions
- 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 is/are ecosystem service(s) provided by a natural ecosystem?
1. Cycling of nutrients
 2. Prevention of soil erosion
 3. Pollutant absorption and reduction of the threat of global warming
- 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. Six Scorpene submarines are being built under Project-75 by Mazgaon Docks Limited (MDL) with technology transfer from France.
 2. These attack submarines have nuclear propulsion and an additional airindependent propulsion.
- 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 correctly matched?
1. Integrated Food Park: Tumkur
 2. Srini Food Park: Chittoor
 3. Patanjali Food and Herbal Park: Rishikesh
 4. International Mega Food Park: Fazilka
- 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

10. Consider the following statements about the SMARTGRAM initiative:

1. It is an initiative of NITI Aayog.
2. Under the project the selected villages will see new ventures in agriculture, skill development, energy, education, health, employment generation, and entrepreneurship.
3. The model is based on the convergence of resources and effort by the public and private sector.

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. The migration of butterflies in India is also linked to the onset and withdrawal of Monsoon in India.
2. Usually butterflies migrate from the plains to the ghats during April-May and from the ghats to the plains during October-November.

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. The Kalasa-Bhanduri Nala project, which was recently in news due the controversies surrounding it, is concerned with which of the following rivers?

- (a) Cauveri River
- (b) Mahanadi River
- (c) Mahadayi River
- (d) Krishna River

13. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

1. Cyclone Gaja: Tamil Nadu and Kerala
2. Cyclone Titli: Andhra Pradesh and Odisha
3. Cyclone Okchi: West Bengal and Odisha

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 cyclones have been formed in the Bay of Bengal?

1. Gaja
2. Titli
3. Okchi
4. Luban

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 rituals was in news in the context of the Protection of Child Rights?
- (a) Jallikattu (b) Kuthiyottam
(c) Kambala (d) Theemithi
16. The Rooppur nuclear power plant in Bangladesh is a collaboration of:
- (a) China, Pakistan and Bangladesh
(b) India, Bangladesh and Russia
(c) China, India and Bangladesh
(d) India, U.S. and Bangladesh
17. Which of the following statements is correct:
- (a) The Constitution includes provision for categorisation of a State in India as a Special Category Status (SCS) State on the basis of hilly and difficult terrain.
(b) The Constitution includes provision for categorisation of a State in India as a Special Category Status (SCS) State on the basis of the presence of sizeable tribal population.
(c) The Constitution includes provision for categorisation of a State in India as a Special Category Status (SCS) State on the basis of economic and infrastructural backwardness.
(d) The Constitution does not include any provision for categorisation of any State in India as a Special Category Status (SCS) State.
18. Consider the following statements:
1. The Constitution of India prohibits the States to have its own flag.
 2. The Indian Flag was designed by Pingali Venkayya.
- 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
19. NASA's Hammer spacecraft aims at:
- (a) Deflecting giant space rocks, if they happen to hit Earth.
(b) Setting up of a human colony at Mars.
(c) Re-reaching the Moon again by humans.
(d) Removal of space debris/junk.
20. Consider the following statements:
1. 'HISAR GOURAV' is a cloned buffalo calf produced by the Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes (CIRB).
 2. With this achievement CIRB becomes India's first institute to produce cloned buffalo.
- 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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