

1. Consider the following statements regarding elections in India:
 1. As the Human Development Index increases, the turnout % also increases.
 2. As the literacy rate decreases, the turnout % also increases.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. Before dissolving the assembly, the Jammu and Kashmir Governor has to take permission from:
 - (a) The Parliament
 - (b) The President
 - (c) Both A and B
 - (d) Neither A nor B
3. Arrange the following countries from south to north:
 1. Honduras
 2. Mexico
 3. Nicaragua
 4. GuatemalaSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1>2>3>4
 - (b) 2>3>1>4
 - (c) 3>1>4>2
 - (d) 1>3>4>2
4. Arrange the following lakes from largest to smallest in terms of area:
 1. Lake Superior
 2. Lake Huron
 3. Lake Michigan
 4. Lake OntarioSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1>2>3>4
 - (b) 2>3>1>4
 - (c) 3>1>4>2
 - (d) 1>3>4>2
5. Three-parents baby involves the modification of which of the following?
 - (a) Endoplasmic reticulum
 - (b) Plasma Membrane
 - (c) Mitochondria
 - (d) Golgi apparatus
6. Article 35A was incorporated into the Indian Constitution by which of the following amendments?
 - (a) 1st Amendment
 - (b) 7th Amendment

- (c) 13th Amendment
 (d) None of these
7. Arrange the drainage area of Ganga basin in the following States in decreasing order:
1. Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh
 2. Bihar and Jharkhand
 3. Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh
 4. West Bengal
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1>2>3>4
 (b) 2>3>1>4
 (c) 3>1>4>2
 (d) 1>3>2>4
8. Xingkong-2, which was recently in news, is
- (a) Japan's first ever mission to Mars
 (b) China's hypersonic aircraft
 (c) South Korea's new super-computer
 (d) North Korea's Missile development site
9. The monsoon in India is called 'normal' if:
- (a) Percentage departure of realised rainfall is within $\pm 10\%$ of the Long Period Average.
 (b) Percentage departure of realised rainfall is within $\pm 5\%$ of the Long Period Average.
 (c) Percentage departure of realised rainfall is within $\pm 4\%$ of the Long Period Average.
 (d) None of these.
10. Which of the following disciplines were added while calculating the National Institutional Ranking Framework-2018?
1. Law
 2. Medicine
 3. Architecture
- 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. Which of the following correctly defines the difference between an 'Interim Budget' and a 'Vote on Account'?
- (a) While interim budget cannot introduce any new tax, a vote on account can.
 (b) While a 'Vote on Account' deals only with the expenditure side of the government's budget, an Interim Budget deals with both expenditure and receipts.
 (c) While interim budget can be presented only in the election year, a vote on account can be presented during any year.
 (d) None of these.

12. Which of the following departments is chiefly responsible for the Union government's budget preparation?
- Department of Expenditure
 - Department of Revenue
 - Department of Economic Affairs
 - Department of Financial Services
13. Which of the following tribal communities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands belong to 'Negrito' race?
- Onge
 - Shompen
 - Jarawa
 - Sentinelese
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 2, 3 and 4 only
 - 1, 3 and 4 only
 - All of the above
14. Which of the following factors can influence crude oil price?
- Global demand for oil
 - Decisions by major producing nations to raise/cut supplies
 - Global political environment are key to oil prices
 - Value of rupee
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 2, 3 and 4 only
 - 1, 3 and 4 only
 - All of the above
15. The Indian basket of crude is the weighted average of:
- Dubai (sour) crude
 - Oman (sour) crude
 - Saudi (sour) crude
 - Brent (sweet) crude
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 2, 3 and 4 only
 - 1, 2 and 4 only
 - All of the above
16. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):
- It provides benefits worth Rs. 6,000 per child.
 - Benefits are restricted to the first living child.
 - Benefits are restricted to women above the age of 18 years.

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. The 2014-15 'Minsk Peace Accords' are concerned with which of the following countries?

- (a) U.S. and Russia
- (b) Syria and Turkey
- (c) Iran and Saudi Arabia
- (d) Ukraine and Russia

18. The Kerch Strait connects which of the following water bodies?

- (a) Sea of Azov and Black Sea
- (b) Red Sea and Persian Gulf
- (c) Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea
- (d) North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans

19. Consider the following statements about the Non-performing Assets (NPAs):

- 1. If provision amount is deducted from Gross NPA, net NPA is derived.
- 2. Both gross and net NPAs of scheduled commercial banks have registered a decline for the last two consecutive quarters.

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Cyclone is any large system of winds that circulates about a centre of low atmospheric pressure.
- 2. Cyclones circulate in a clockwise direction north of the Equator and in a counter-clockwise direction to the south.
- 3. Cyclones occur chiefly in the middle and high latitude belts of both hemispheres.

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

ANSWER KEYS

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