

1. Recently, Qatar faced economic and diplomatic boycott by a group of countries because:
 - (a) Qatar had refused to follow fuel price as dictated by the said countries.
 - (b) Qatar had refused to join the war in Yemen.
 - (c) Qatar had a very poor human rights record.
 - (d) Qatar was alleged to support terrorism.
2. Currently Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) are allowed to raise money from:
 1. Banks
 2. Mutual funds
 3. Bonds
 4. External commercial borrowings (ECB)Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. The 'Institutional Trading Platform' has been created to:
 - (a) Help farmers trade their produce through electronic National Agriculture Market.
 - (b) Help new-age ventures in sectors like e-commerce and data analytics to get their shares listed on stock exchanges.
 - (c) Help small retail investors to buy and sell stocks easily without any broker in between.
 - (d) Help the Security and Exchange Board of India to check insider trading.
4. Consider the following statements about Maulana Azad:
 1. He was India's first Minister for Minority Affairs.
 2. Azad was the youngest President of the Congress during the freedom struggle.
 3. He led the Congress delegation to the failed Shimla Conference.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
5. The 'Paris Principles' are concerned with:
 - (a) Climate Change
 - (b) Terrorism
 - (c) Human Rights
 - (d) Free Trade
6. The implementation of BS VI norms will significantly widen the cost differential between petrol and diesel cars due to:
 - (a) Increase in average performance of petrol after meeting BS VI standards.
 - (b) Investment in diesel technology to comply with BS VI emission norms.
 - (c) New forms of taxes on diesel cars because of their higher pollution levels.
 - (d) None of these.

7. Consider the following statements about the Gross Enrolment Ratio:
1. It is the number of students enrolled in a given level of education, regardless of age.
 2. It is expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education.
 3. It can never be more than 100%.
- 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. Which of the following are among the objectives of the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)?
1. Improving the overall quality of existing state higher educational institutions.
 2. Correcting regional imbalances in access to higher education.
 3. Setting up of higher education institutions in unserved and underserved areas.
 4. Improve equity in higher education by providing adequate opportunities to socially deprived communities.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) All of the above
9. Consider the following statements:
1. Wheat is a rabi crop in India.
 2. It grows well in a warm, dry climate and for ripening requires a cool, moist climate
- 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. National Quality Assurance Standards are currently available for:
- (a) District Hospitals
(b) Community Health Centers
(c) Primary Health Centers
(d) All of the above
11. Which of the following States have been covered by 'Agricultural Mechanization for in-situ Management of Crop Residue':
1. Tamil Nadu
 2. Sikkim
 3. Punjab
 4. West Bengal
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 3 only (d) All of the above

12. Which of the following are among the objectives of National Mission on Government e-Market:
1. Promote inclusiveness by catapulting various categories of sellers and service providers.
 2. Increase overall efficiency leading to significant cost saving on government expenditure in Procurement.
 3. Maximizing ease in availability of all types of products and services bought by Government buyers.

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

13. In order to promote environment friendly vehicles in India the central government has granted exemption which of the following types of vehicles from requirement of permit?

1. Battery Operated Transport Vehicles
2. Transport Vehicles running on Ethanol
3. Transport Vehicles running on Methanol

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. Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), there is a statutory requirement of 50% women participation.
2. The women participation rate in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been more than 50% in the last four years.

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. India is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention.
2. The refugee burden is borne largely by developed countries.

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

16. Which of the following indicate increase in private investment in the economy?

1. Growth in commercial bank credit
2. Increase in Initial public offerings from private sector.
3. More corporate bonds are issued.
4. Increase in Non-performing assets.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements about the Least Developed Countries (LDCs):

1. They have an average per capita income of less than \$1 per day.
2. They are highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks and have low levels of human assets.
3. LDCs have exclusive access to certain international support measures in particular in the areas of development assistance and trade.

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. Consider the following statements about the 'Panic Switch on Phones Project':

1. The Justice Verma Committee constituted after the 2012 Delhi gang rape had recommended setting up of a public emergency response system.
2. Panic switch on phones uses the GPS in phones to work.
3. Panic switch on phones can work only on smart phones.

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

19. Which of the following are among the 10 priority pathogens needing urgent research identified by the World Health Organisation?

1. Nipah virus
2. Ebola virus
3. Marburg virus
4. Zika virus

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Consider the following statements:

1. South Indian States have registered the most Geographical Indication tags.
2. All Indian States have at least one Geographical Indication tag against its name.

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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