

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The 'Study in India' initiative aims to double the number of foreign student studying in India.
 2. All institutions — Central, State and private — technical or otherwise will be eligible to admit more foreign students.
 3. The eligibility of an institution to participate in the initiative is linked to its National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) score.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
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. Sittwe, the island capital of Rakhine State in Myanmar is also the site of a port being developed by India.
 2. Kyaukphyu, an island port in Rakhine State is being developed by China as the western terminus of the Sino-Burma pipeline.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
3. The inherent characteristics of Amoeba and yeast that enable them to reproduce asexually are:
 1. They are unicellular organisms.
 2. They have a very simple body structure.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
4. 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
5. Consider the following statements about the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)s
 1. PVTGs reside in all States and Union Territories.
 2. Tribal groups have been categorized as such by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
 3. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the Scheme of "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)" exclusively for them.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 1 and 3 only
6. Consider the following statements about the 'Know India Programme':
 1. It is a flagship programme of Ministry of Culture for engagement with Indian origin youth.
 2. It aims to enhance their awareness about India, its cultural heritage and art.
 3. It concentrates on Indian origin youth aged between 18-30 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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is a joint venture of NTPC Limited, Power Finance Corporation, Rural Electrification Corporation and POWERGRID.
2. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) was set up under Ministry of Power (India) to facilitate implementation of energy efficiency projects.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. The Donkuru-Baruva deposits are famous for monazite minerals.
2. The Donkuru-Baruva deposits are located in Vishakhapatnam district.

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:

1. 'Suidha' is a Sanitary Napkin launched by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.
2. A special additive is added in the SUVIDHA napkin which makes it biodegradable when it reacts with oxygen after it is used and discarded.

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. For declaring onset of Northeast Monsoon which of the following criteria may be considered:

1. Withdrawal of south west Monsoon upto 15° N.
2. Onset of persistent surface westerlies over Tamil Nadu coast.
3. Fairly widespread rainfall over the coastal Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas.
4. Onset is not to be declared before 10th October even if the conditions described above exist.

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

11. Consider the following statements about the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme:

1. It aims to enhance competitiveness of the industries by providing quality infrastructure through public-private partnership in selected clusters.
2. Only greenfield projects will have also been undertaken under the scheme.

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. National Investment & Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs) are different from Special Economic Zones in terms of:

1. Size of the zones
2. Level of infrastructure planning
3. Governance structures related to regulatory procedures
4. Exit policies

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. In Business Reform Action Plan 2017-18, which of the following States have achieved a combined score (Reform evidence score and Feedback score) of more than 95%?

1. Jharkhand
2. Chhattisgarh
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Maharashtra

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 1 and 4 only (d) 2 and 3 only

14. Consider the following statements:

1. North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS) covers eligible industrial units in both the manufacturing and service sectors.
2. The Scheme covers not only the north-eastern States but also the States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir.

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. Which of the following are among the major reasons for the decline in leather exports from India?

1. Recession in the major market of European Union
2. Instability in middle-east
3. Stiff competition from Polyurethane Garments

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

16. Consider the following statements about the Reserve Bank of India's directive to upgrade the debit and credit cards:

1. The chip-based cards use higher standards of data encryption and have improved storage technology.
2. The RBI directive is applicable to not only all domestic but also the international debit and credit cards.
3. The new EMV cards have static information stored in the black strip that we see on the back of the card.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. India has acceded to the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT).
2. WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) extend coverage of copyright to the internet and digital environment.

