

1. As soon as the schedule for bye-elections to fill a casual vacancy in a State Legislative Assembly is issued by the Election Commission of India is issued then:
  1. The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is included.
  2. The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government concerned.
  3. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the district of the State concerned.

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. The aim of 'Farmer FIRST' programme is:
    - (a) Doubling the income of the farmers by 2022.
    - (b) Protecting farmers from indebtedness by providing institutional credit at easy terms.
    - (c) Enhancing farmer-scientist interface for technology development and application.
    - (d) Decreasing to one-half the number of farmers' suicides in next five years.
  3. Which of the following are the salient features of the Ultra Mega Power Projects?
    1. Super Critical Technology
    2. Higher thermal efficiency
    3. Fuel saving
    4. Lower greenhouse gas emissions

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
4. Arrange the following in decreasing order of total installed capacity of electricity:
    1. State Sector
    2. Central Sector
    3. Private Sector

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1>2>3                                  (b) 2>3>1
  - (c) 1>3>2                                  (d) 3>2>1
5. Which of the following state-owned companies or PSUs that are part of the new Bharat-22 exchange-traded fund (ETF)?
    1. ONGC
    2. Bank of Baroda
    3. Coal India
    4. Punjab National Bank

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

6. Greenshoe option helps the investors by ensuring that:
- The market price on listing of shares does not go below its offer price.
  - The capital gains tax to be paid by the investors is kept at the minimum.
  - Various tax benefits of the subsidies under the environment protection can be used.
  - None of the above.
7. Which of the following are among the steps undertaken by the Government for promotion of Indian products registered as Geographical Indications (Gis)?
- Promotion of GIs through social media.
  - Online filing of GI applications.
  - Online examination of the applications.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - All of the above
8. Consider the following statements:
- The Reserve Bank of India has banned transactions in India using cryptocurrencies.
  - Indians can buy and sell cryptocurrencies on online exchanges.
  - Indians can use cryptocurrencies to pay for goods and services within the country.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - All of the above
9. Petroleum coke ("pet coke") has increasingly become one of the major alternative fuel replacing coal because?
- It is produced in significant quantities by Indian refineries.
  - It is relatively cheaper than coal.
  - It has a very high calorific value.
  - It is easy to handle as a fuel.
- 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
10. Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project is concerned with:
- Protectionist policies of the developed countries.
  - Loss of GDP to developing countries due to climate change.
  - Artificially shifting of profits to low or no-tax locations.
  - None of the above
11. The Indian Constitution establishes a welfare state. This is clear from the salient features in the:
- Preamble
  - Fundamental Rights
  - Directive Principles of State Policy

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

12. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) has been established to:

- (a) Provide partial monetary support to women workers during pregnancy.  
(b) Improve infrastructure to provide better security to women in the metropolitan cities.  
(c) Extend micro-credit to the women in the informal sector.  
(d) Help widows and destitute women to get financial support.

13. Consider the following statements about the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD):

1. The Institute functions as an apex institution for training functionaries of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programme.
2. It has been awarded the Maurice Pate Award for its outstanding contribution in the field of Child Development.

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

14. Consider the following statements about the recognition of the 'Scheduled Tribes' in India:

1. The first specification of Scheduled Tribes is by a notified order of the President, after consultation with the State governments concerned.
2. These orders can be modified subsequently only through an Act of Parliament.
3. The listing of scheduled tribes is done on an all India basis and not State/Union Territory wise.

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 are among the essential characteristics of Scheduled Tribe communities?

1. Primitive Traits
2. Geographical isolation
3. Distinct culture
4. Shy of contact with community at large
5. Politically backward

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only  
(c) 1, 3 and 5 only  
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The tribal population of the country, as per 2011 census, is about 12% of the total population.
2. The sex ratio for the Scheduled Tribes is less than the national average.
3. The literacy rate for the Scheduled Tribes is less than the national average.

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

17. Consider the following statements about the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Krishi Puruskar:

1. The awards have been instituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
2. The award is to recognize the contributions of marginal, small and large farmers for developing integrated and sustainable models of agricultural farming.
3. The award covers women farmers but not landless farmers.

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. An Android application called Electronic crop booking (e-Crop booking), designed to know the ground reality of the crop details and to analyse the crop pattern across the state, has been launched by:

- (a) Kerala (b) Karnataka  
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Telangana

19. Consider the following statements about the Fifteenth Finance Commission:

1. The Government of India, with the approval President of India, constitutes Finance Commission under article 280 of the Constitution.
2. The Fifteenth Finance Commission is headed by Shri. N.K.Singh.
3. The Fifteenth Finance Commission shall use the population data of 1971 while making its recommendations.

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

20. Which of the following reports are published by the World Economic Forum?

1. Global Information Technology Report
2. Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report
3. Global Competitiveness Report
4. World Investment Report

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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