

1. Consider the following statements about Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS).
 1. KPCS was launched in 2010.
 2. India is the founding member of KPCS and is the current chair of the scheme.
 3. The Kimberley Process (KP) is a commitment to remove conflict diamonds from the global supply chain.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
 - (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
2. Consider the following statements.
 1. Whenever there is an issue on the resignation of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), only the Speaker has the discretion to decide whether the resignations were voluntary or genuine.
 2. Since Independence, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha has been a member of the ruling party.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both (d) None
3. Consider the following statements about New Space India Limited (NSIL).
 1. New Space India Limited, a public sector enterprise, is the first commercial entity of ISRO.
 2. NSIL is incorporated for commercially utilising research and development (R&D) activities carried out by ISRO in area of space.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both (d) None
4. Consider the following statements about Inner Line Permit (ILP).
 1. Inner Line Permit (ILP) is an official travel document issued by the Government of India to allow inward travel of an Indian citizen into a protected area for a limited period.
 2. Inner Line Permit (ILP) can be obtained by both Indian citizens and foreigners.
 3. Currently, the Inner Line Permit is operational in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
 - (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3,
5. Consider the following statements about International Whaling Commission (IWC).
 1. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) is an international body set up by the terms of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) for the orderly development of the whaling industry.
 2. In 1982 the IWC adopted a moratorium on commercial whaling where all the member nations have agreed to it.
 3. Indian Ocean Whale Sanctuary and the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary are the only two sanctuaries where the International Whaling Commission (IWC) has banned all types of commercial whaling.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
6. Consider the following statements about Tamil yeoman.
1. Tamil yeoman is the butterfly species endemic to Western Ghats which has been declared the state butterfly of Tamil Nadu.
 2. Tamil Nadu became the first state in the country to declare a state butterfly.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
7. Plan Bee, sometimes seen in news is related to
- (a) Prevent speeding trains from hitting elephants crossing tracks
 - (b) Distribution of honeybee colonies & beehives
 - (c) Provide loans for setting up honey processing units.
 - (d) None of the above
8. Consider the following statements about Gandhipedia.
1. A "Gandhipedia" is being developed in order to sensitise society, particularly the youth, about Gandhian values.
 2. Gandhipedia is being developed by Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
9. Consider the following statements about Fly Ash.
1. Fly ash is the end product of combustion during the process of power generation in the coal based thermal power plants.
 2. At present less than 50% of the Fly ash is utilised.
 3. Fly ash can be used in combination with other alkaline materials to transform sewage sludge into organic fertilizer or biofuel.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
10. Consider the following statements about Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.
1. Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) is an act of the Parliament of India that grant special powers to the Indian Armed Forces the power to maintain public order in disturbed areas.
 2. Only the Central Government can declare the whole or part of the State or Union Territory as a disturbed area.
 3. The Act is not applied to Jammu and Kashmir, which has its own law approved by the State Assembly.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3

11. India's growth's story from the eve of Independence to the liberalization phase is largely termed as 'Hindu rate of growth'. What it refers to?
- Non inclusive growth story of India before 1990's liberalization.
 - Religious belief of the successive government right from the independence.
 - Irrational developmental agenda driven by majoritarian society.
 - The phenomenon of sluggishness in growth rate of Indian economy before 1990's.
12. Consider the following statements about Ponzi scheme.
- Investors are paid from the profit earned by the entity operating such a scheme.
 - The entities operating such a scheme is registered as a Non-Banking Financial Company.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both
 - None
13. RBI's Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework is applicable to
- Commercial banks
 - Co-operative banks
 - Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - 3 only
 - All of the above
14. Consider the following statements about Cash Reserve Ratio.
- Cash Reserve Ratio refers to the fraction of the total Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) of a Scheduled Commercial Bank held in India, that it has to maintain as cash deposit with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), for which banks are paid interest by the RBI.
 - CRR applies uniformly to all banks in the country irrespective of an individual bank's financial situation or size.
 - CRR has been kept unchanged since January 2015.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 1, 3
 - 2 only
 - 2, 3
15. Consider the following statements about Small Finance Banks (SFBs)
- Unorganised sector entities are not eligible to receive loans from SFBs.
 - The minimum paid-up equity capital for small finance banks shall be Rs. 100 crores.
 - Foreign share holding are not allowed.
 - The small finance banks are required to extend 75 per cent of its Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) towards priority sector lending (PSL).
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- 1, 3
 - 2, 4
 - 1, 2, 3
 - 2, 3, 4

16. The countries bordering Venezuela are

1. Brazil
2. Suriname
3. Colombia
4. Guyana

Select the correct code:

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

17. Consider the following statements about Neelakurinji.

1. It is a shrub that is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in south India.
2. Neelakurinji blossoms only once in 12 year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both (d) None

18. The Black Sea is bordered by which of the following countries?

1. Ukraine
2. Turkey
3. Greece
4. Georgia

Select the correct code:

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

19. Which among the following has the highest Albedo?

- (a) Lithosphere
 (b) Atmosphere
 (c) Cryosphere
 (d) Hydrosphere

20. Consider the following statements:

1. Yellow sea separates China and Korean Peninsula.
2. Sea of Japan separates Japan and China.

Select the correct answer code:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both (d) None

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