

1. India on Wednesday signed a key UN convention on international settlement agreements, which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1. To boost foreign investors' confidence in the Indian market, the law supporting the convention in India should cover all government contracts with investors for mediation both in India and in a third country choice of disputing parties.
 2. A number of UN member countries, both the convention signatories and the ones yet to sign, will need domestic laws supporting the mediation agreements within their respective jurisdictions.
 3. India is the only Asian country to have signed the convention agreement.

Chose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
2. Consider the following statements regarding some of the important rivers in India :
 1. The Brahmaputra River is known as Padma in Bangladesh.
 2. The river Gomti starts near the junction of three borders viz. Nepal, Uttarakhand and UP.
 3. Before entering Bangladesh, Ganga leaves a distributary Hoogly, which provides water for irrigation in West Bengal.
 4. Sabarmati River originates in the Pushkar valley near Ajmer, ends in the marshy lands of Rann of Kutch.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 3 & 4 only
 - (d) 1 & 3 only
3. With respect the recently released draft Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), which of the following statements are true ?
 1. The document lays down guidelines for coastal States to adopt when they approve and regulate projects in coastal zones.
 2. So far three coastal States, namely Gujarat, Odisha and West Bengal, have prepared Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans with support from the Asian Development Bank.
 3. The key activities proposed for coastal zone development that consist of investments by States include: mangrove afforestation/shelter beds, habitat conservation activities such as restoration of sea-grass meadows, eco-restoration of sacred groves, development of hatcheries etc.

Chose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above

4. Consider the following statements :

1. Foreign capital tends to flow into countries that have strong governments, dynamic economies, and stable currencies. A nation needs to have a relatively stable currency to attract investment capital from foreign investors.
2. A devalued currency can result in "imported" inflation for countries that are substantial importers.
3. A strong domestic currency exerts a drag on the economy, achieving the same end result as tighter monetary policy.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

5. India and which of the following countries are working towards increasing the frequency of "Maitree" and "Bandhan" Express trains running between the two countries ?

- (a) Myanmar (b) Bhutan
- (c) Bangladesh (d) Nepal

6. Consider the following statements regarding UN-SPIDER.

1. It is a platform which facilitates the use of space-based technologies for disaster management and emergency response.
2. It was established under the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).
3. It aims to enable developing countries to use all types of space-based information in all phases of the disaster management.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources scheme.

1. Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources scheme aims to ensure speedy development of infrastructure in the Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts.
2. Both physical and social infrastructure sectors are considered for providing support under the Central Pool.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) Project.

1. It is a mega-science project jointly funded by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
2. Neutrinos hold the key to several important and fundamental questions on the origin of the Universe and the energy production in stars.
3. Neutrinos are the most widely occurring particle in the universe and they are the only particles which can probe the deep interiors of the Earth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding 'Fair and Remunerative Price' of sugarcane.

1. The Fair and Remunerative Price is the minimum price that sugarcane farmers are legally guaranteed to get from sugar mills.
2. Fair and Remunerative Price is based on the recommendation of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).
3. The Fair and Remunerative Price of sugarcane is determined under Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. UNSC resolution 47 is related to

- (a) Changes in P5 members
 (b) Refugees issues
 (c) J&K dispute
 (d) Gender equality

11. From the following statements :

1. Hamas is a Palestinian Sunni-Islamist fundamentalist organization
2. It has been the de-facto governing authority of the Gaza Strip since its takeover of that area in 2007

Choose the correct option :

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

12. Researcher from who have discovered way to turn cactus leaves into non toxic and biodegradable material with similar properties to plastic.

- (a) USA (b) India
 (c) Singapore (d) Mexico

13. Greenberg's Diversity Index is related to

- (a) Species diversity
 (b) Ethnic diversity in a country
 (c) Racial diversity
 (d) Mother tongue

14. Famous 6 days war was fought between

- (a) France & Ottoman empire
 (b) Germany & France
 (c) Israel & Iran
 (d) Israel & United Arab republic

15. Strait of Tiran is located between

- (a) Egypt & Libya

- (b) Egypt & Sinai Peninsula
 (c) Bahrein & Qatar
 (d) Sinai and Arabian peninsulas
16. On world map Mt. Elbrus is located above
 (a) Alaska (b) Greece
 (c) Italy (d) Iraq
17. From the following statements :
 1. National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) is an electronic funds transfer system maintained by the RBI.
 2. Fund transfers through the NEFT system occur on one to one basis.
 Choose the correct option :
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both (d) None
18. Consider the following statements :
 1. Consumer Protection Bill, 2019 Proposes to set up a Central Consumer Protection Authority
 2. CCPA will be the main Consumer Disputes Redressal body
 Choose the correct option :
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both (d) None
19. PART XX of the constitution is related to
 (a) J&K & 370
 (b) Temporary, transitional and special provisions
 (c) Official language
 (d) Amendment of the constitution
20. For a exporting country normally
 (a) Weaker currency is problematic for exporters
 (b) Weaker currency supports exporters
 (c) Currency strength is not related to exports
 (d) None

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