

1. Motihari-Amlekhgunj Oil pipeline, recently seen in news is between
  - (a) India – Afghanistan
  - (b) Pakistan – China
  - (c) India – Nepal
  - (d) India – Bhutan
2. Consider the following statements regarding Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram.
  1. Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram is an initiative targeting livelihood generation for tribal population by harnessing the wealth of forest.
  2. The programme aims to tap into the traditional knowledge and skill sets of tribal people by adding technology and Information Technology.
  3. Implementation of Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram is through Van Dhan Kendras.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
3. Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) programme is
  - (a) Sub component under FAME-2 Scheme
  - (b) Providing better connectivity in the North-Eastern States
  - (c) Compressed Bio-Gas production from agricultural residue, municipal solid waste and cattle dung
  - (d) None of the above
4. Consider the following statements regarding Maternity Benefit Act, 2017.
  1. Maternity benefit in India applies to all shops and establishments with 10 or more women employees.
  2. It extended the period of maternity benefit from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for commissioning mothers.
  3. It is mandatory for employers to educate women about the maternity benefits available to them at the time of their appointment.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 3 only
  - (d) 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements about Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
  1. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established by World Bank.
  2. It is a policy-making body and promotes implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering and terrorist financing.
  3. India is a full-fledged member of FATF.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 2, 3
6. Dokdo or Takeshima Islands, sometimes seen in news is located between
  - (a) China and Japan
  - (b) China and South Korea
  - (c) Japan and South Korea
  - (d) North Korea and Japan
7. Consider the following statements regarding International Charter on Space and Major Disasters.
  1. The Charter is a non-binding, worldwide collaboration, through which satellite data are made available for the benefit of disaster management.
  2. The charter was activated for the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 Which of the above statement is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only

- (c) Both (d) None
8. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana.
1. The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan scheme is a mandatory and contributory pension scheme meant for old-age protection and social security of unorganised workers.
  2. It is a Central Sector Scheme administered by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and implemented through LIC.
  3. The unorganised sector workers, with income of less than Rs 15,000 per month and who belong to the age group of 18-40 years, will be eligible for the scheme.
- 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 Blue flag Certification programme.
1. Blue Flag certification is an international recognition conferred on beaches, marinas and sustainable boating tourism operators that meet certain criteria of cleanliness and environmental propriety.
  2. Japan is the only country in South and south-eastern Asia to have Blue Flag beaches.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both (d) None
10. The government had launched National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS). CPS and its associated technologies include:
1. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
  2. Big Data Analytics
  3. Quantum Computing
  4. Cyber Security for physical infrastructure
- Select the correct code:
- (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 2, 3, 4  
(c) 1, 2, 4 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4
11. Consider the following statements regarding the initiatives by Govt. of India to promote alternate sources of energy :
1. The scheme of collecting the Used Cooking Oil and its conversion to biodiesel will have environmental, economic and health benefits, besides helping the country attain self-sufficiency.
  2. The ethanol blending in Petrol has gone up from 10% to about 18% and is likely to touch 20% soon.
  3. The Government is planning to allow production of ethanol from surplus food grains which now sometimes go waste and also entail expenditure on storage.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
12. Consider the following pairs of GI ( Geographical Indication ) tagged products and their respective locations ?
1. Khirsapati : Manipur
  2. Sikki grass work : Bihar
  3. Sarthebari Bell Metal Craft : Assam
  4. Chanderi fabric : Karnataka
  5. Palanipanchamirtham : Tamil Nadu
- Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?
- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only (b) 3, 4 & 5 only  
(c) 2, 3 & 5 only (d) 1, 2 & 4 only

13. World Breastfeeding Week is being celebrated the globe to create awareness on breastfeeding to children at an early stage. Which of the following statements are true regarding its situation in India?
1. Breastfeeding in public is still a challenge in India, with only 6% of mothers finding designated areas to comfortably nurse their children, according to a pan-India survey.
  2. In India, breastfeeding is inadequate, as only 55% of babies are exclusively breastfed from the ages of 0-6 months, and 41% are able to begin breastfeeding within an hour of birth.
  3. Due to availability of many public amenities on cities, breastfeeding in public space is higher amongst urban population than their rural counterparts.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above
14. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) today agreed to come under the ambit of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), which of the following statements regarding NADA stands true?
1. National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) was set up as registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1890 in 2005 with a mandate for Dope free sports in India.
  2. The primary objectives are to implement anti-doping rules as per WADA code, regulate dope control programme, to promote education and research and creating awareness about doping and its ill effects.
  3. Secretary, Department of Sports, ministry of youth affairs is the Ex-officio chairman of the agency.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above
15. The "Global Information Technology Report" is published by which of the following global institutions?
- (a) World Bank  
 (b) International monetary fund  
 (c) World Trade Organisation  
 (d) World Economic Forum
16. Which of the followings statements regarding the CPSE ETF's(Exchange traded funds) stands true ?
1. The ETF was launched by the government in March 2014 to help divest its stake in select public sector undertakings through the ETF route.
  2. The ETF is based on the Nifty CPSE index that comprises 11 PSEs but they do not get to hold stake in the so-called Maharatna, Navaratna and the Miniratna — that have a strong dividend-paying track record.
  3. While investors get an opportunity to diversify their portfolio through a single ETF, it also has the added advantage of an upfront discount that investors get if invested at the time of the further fund offering or fresh fund offering (FFO).
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above
17. As per census 2011 data, which of the following states in India have literacy rates above 80 percentage ?
1. Kerala
  2. Andhra Pradesh
  3. Haryana
  4. Mizoram
  5. Maharashtra
- Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only (b) 3, 4 & 5 only  
(c) 1, 4 & 5 only (d) All of the above
18. Consider the following statements :
1. A change in irrigation policy has the potential to shift monsoon rainfall and intensify extreme rainfall in India through its feedback to atmosphere.
  2. There is uncontrolled irrigation in India. And nearly 50% of crop area is covered by paddy where the fields are kept in submerged conditions.
  3. Researchers have found that as a result of excess irrigation over northern India, the summer monsoon rainfall in September shifts towards the north western part of the country.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
19. Which of the following statements regarding the recently introduced Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019 stands true ?
1. The Bill seeks to amend the Chit Funds Act, 1982. The 1982 Act regulates chit funds, and prohibits a fund from being created without the prior sanction of the central government.
  2. Under the 1982 Act, chits may be conducted by firms, associations or individuals. The Act specifies the maximum amount of chit funds which may be collected. The new bill increases these limits to three lakh rupees and 18 lakh rupees, respectively.
  3. The new bill removes the limit of Rs 100, and allows the state governments to specify the base amount over which the provisions of the Chit Funds Act will apply.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
20. The term “Book Brahma” frequently in news refers to which of the following ?
- (a) It is an online portal which facilitates translation of Brahmi scripts to English for tourists/researchers.
  - (b) It is an online portal that catalogues Kannada books only along with active literary criticisms.
  - (c) It facilitates quicker rehabilitation and resettlement of Kashmiri pandits.
  - (d) It facilitates online digital library for standard CBSE text books for students.

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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