

1. Consider the following statements about Indian Rhinoceros.
  1. In India, rhinos are found in Jaldapara National Park and Garumara National Park.
  2. The Indian rhino has a single horn, which is present in both sexes.
  3. The rhino is the fourth largest land animal.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2                      (b) 1 only
  - (c) 1, 3                      (d) 1, 2, 3
2. Ream Naval Base, recently seen in news is located in
  - (a) South China Sea              (b) Gulf of Mexico
  - (c) Gulf of Aden                  (d) Gulf of Thailand
3. 'Green Bonus', recently seen in news is related to.
  - (a) Money given to the states for planting trees across the National and State Highways.
  - (b) Rewarding States for their efforts in mitigating Climate Change.
  - (c) Demand made from the Himalayan States to the Centre for their contribution in environmental conservation.
  - (d) None of the Above
4. Consider the following statements regarding the latest edition of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
  1. PLFS was carried out primarily by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Labour Bureau in Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) and the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) .
  2. The unemployment rates in urban areas are higher than those in rural areas.
  3. The highest unemployment rates is among General category compared to Schedule Castes.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
5. Consider the following statements about Green Climate Fund (GCF).
  1. It is established within the framework of the UNFCCC.
  2. It assists developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.
  3. The GCF is based in Incheon, South Korea.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2                      (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2, 3                      (d) 1, 2, 3
6. CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, also known as the Washington Convention) is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals. It was drafted as a result of a resolution adopted in 1963 at a meeting of members of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).  
 The organisation has its headquarters in which of the following locations ?
  - (a) London                      (b) Paris
  - (c) Washington DC              (d) Geneva
7. Which of the followings statements with respect to the recently released report on measles outbreak & its prevention stands true ?
  1. With almost thrice as many cases reported to date in 2019 as there were at this time last year, the WHO has directed that everyone, 6 months and older, should be protected prior to travel to an area where measles is circulating.
  2. Measles is almost entirely preventable with two doses of vaccine. High rates of vaccination coverage – 95% nationally and within communities – are needed to ensure that measles is unable to spread.
  3. According to the WHO and UNICEF coverage data released in July 2019, 86% children have received the first dose of measles vaccine and 99% the second.

Choose the correct option :

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding India's current economic scenario :

1. India's economic growth has slowed to 6.8 per cent in 2018-19 - the slowest pace since 2014-15, consumer confidence is waning and foreign direct investment has plateaued.
2. Also, direct tax collections have grown by just 1.4 per cent. The growth in GST collection till July this fiscal too has been only 9 per cent as against 18 per cent estimated in the Union Budget.
3. Reserve Bank Governor had earlier this month stated that the slowdown is more cyclical than structural and the growth is expected to review by the fourth quarter.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

9. Consider the following pairs of Hydro power plants in India with their locations :

1. Obra :Uttarakhand
2. Lower Sileru : Andhra Pradesh
3. Bhadra :Tamilnadu
4. Khopoli : Maharashtra
5. Kalindi : Karnataka

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

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

10. India has contributed \$1 million to the UN Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Resident Coordinator System, recently. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?

1. The Special Purpose Trust Fund is intended to receive, consolidate, manage and account for all contributions and financial transactions of the new RC system in an effective and transparent way.
2. The newly launched web portal of the Special purpose trust fund aims to enhance effective coordination of the UN's work in over 160 countries in support of the SDGs and is part of wider UN reform efforts on development, management, peace and security.
3. The UN secretariat in Geneva houses the 'Special Purpose Trust Fund (SPTF).

Choose the correct option :

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

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. 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
13. 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
14. The Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES), during its conference held in Johannesburg in 1994, decided that all species of rosewood and palisander under the genus Dalbergia will be protected under CITES Appendix II.
- Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
1. Globally and nationally, any species listed in CITES appendices cannot be traded internationally without a valid CITES permit.
  2. Dalbergia is native to tropical monsoon forests of south-east India. However, Dalbergiasissoo, commonly known as Shisham or North Indian Rosewood, is a common species, freely traded so far within and across Indian borders.
  3. By virtue of being extremely durable least susceptible to dry-wood termites in India, it is widely used for high-quality furniture, cabinets, marine and aircraft grade plywood, ornamental turnery, tool handles and sporting goods.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above
15. Consider the following pairs of tribes in India and their respective habitat locations :
1. Apatanis : Arunachal Pradesh
  2. Arandan : Andhra Pradesh
  3. Dhodia : Nagaland
  4. Barda : Gujarat
  5. Mawasi : Chattisgarh
- Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?
- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only  
 (b) 3, 4 & 5 only  
 (c) 1, 4 & 5 only  
 (d) All of the above
16. With respect to the newly released report “Agritech In India: Emerging Trends in 2019” by NASSCOM, which of the following statements are true ?
1. India’s agriculture sector is advancing steadily towards its digital transformation and the start-up ecosystem is playing a critical role here, bringing innovation and disruption in much-needed areas.
  2. Funding to these booming agritech sectors has been lower in 2019 than in 2018.
  3. According to government data, post-harvest losses are highest in the fruit and vegetable sector with as much as 16% of produce going waste which can be solved by the agritech sectors.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only

- (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above
17. Consider the following statements :
1. Every year, several million tonnes of plastic litter course through rivers and out to the oceans, where they are gradually broken down into smaller fragments through the motion of waves and the ultraviolet light of the sun.
  2. Studies have found that micro plastic particles can be transported tremendous distances through the atmosphere which are later washed out of the air by precipitation, particularly snow.
  3. Scientists claim that concentrations of the micro particles in the Arctic were significantly higher than in the European sites.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above
18. The Strait of Gibraltar is a narrow strait that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Gibraltar and Peninsular Spain in Europe and which of the following countries of Africa ?
- (a) Egypt                      (b) Morocco  
 (c) Chad                      (d) Niger
19. Which of the following statements amongst the recently held BRICS ministerial meeting on environment management are true ?
1. With respect to biodiversity, BRICS countries stand committed to support the development of Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and expect the prospective framework to acknowledge the sustainable use of biodiversity and Access and Benefit Sharing components.
  2. The key themes of urban environmental management, contaminated areas and soil remediation, water quality, circular economy in context of sustainable consumption and production, marine litter and biodiversity were agreed to be integrated into BRICS cooperation initiatives.
  3. India has the largest per capita greenhouse gas emissions amongst the BRICS nations.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) all of the above
20. The Vice President of India will embark on a three-nation visit to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia today. All these countries share a boundary with which of the following seas?
- (a) Dead sea                      (b) Black sea  
 (c) Baltic sea                      (d) Norwegian sea

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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