

1. Consider the following statements with respect to the Uniform Civil Code :
  1. The founders of the Constitution in Article 44 in Part IV dealing with the Directive Principles of State Policy had hoped and expected that the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a Uniform Civil Code throughout the territories of India.
  2. However in 2018, a Law Commission of India consultation paper had however said the Uniform Civil Code is “neither necessary nor desirable at this stage” in the country.
  3. Manipur is the only states in India which has successfully implemented the uniform civil code.Which of the above statements are true ?
  - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
  - (b) 1 & 3 only
  - (c) 2 & 3 only
  - (d) 1 & 2 only
2. While travelling via sea route from India to New Zealand (Indian ocean route) which of the following seas would one pass through during the journey ?
  1. Scotia sea
  2. Timor sea
  3. Java sea
  4. Philippines sea
  5. Andaman seaChoose the correct option from following :
  - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
  - (b) 2, 3 & 5 only
  - (c) 1,3 & 4 only
  - (d) All of the above
3. The ministry of tribal affairs will present the Indian perspective on “Bamboonomics” at the COP14 deliberations in New Delhi.  
Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
  1. Focussing on the use of Bamboo , the ministry is hoping to create a model that will not only help create livelihood for around five lakh tribals but also help India earn carbon credits by creating a market for bamboo charcoal.
  2. Bamboo has a higher carbon sequestration potential compared to other trees and can help restore fertility of degraded land.
  3. At present, China uses only 20% of a bamboo plant to make various products while India uses 90%.Choose the correct option :
  - (a) 1 & 2only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
4. Which of the following statements regarding malaria and the development of vaccination preventing its transmission stands true?
  1. Malaria is a top killer in many African countries. According to the World Health Organization, the region accounted for 92% of the cases and 93% of malaria deaths in 2017.
  2. Although the malaria vaccine only protects about one-third of children who are immunised, those who get the shots are likely to have less severe cases of malaria.

3. Kenya has become the third African country to introduce vaccine for Malaria, after Malawi and Ghana.

Choose the correct option :

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

5. Scientists have used the “Hubble space telescope” to discover water vapour in the atmosphere of a super earth “K2-18b” recently. The telescope was developed which of the following global space agencies ?

- (a) European Space Agency (ESA)
- (b) ISRO
- (c) NASA
- (d) JAXA

6. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Union Cabinet had given its nod to set up Indian Institute of Skills (IISs) in all metro cities to give wings to the Skill India mission.
- 2. To provide skill training in highly-specialized areas to students who want to pursue technical education after completing graduation.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) None of the above

7. Country which is not member of Eurasian Economic Union

- 1. Russia
- 2. China
- 3. Uzbekistan
- 4. Armenia

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3
- (c) 3 & 4
- (d) All are members

8. From the following statements :

- 1. The total tribal population in is more than 97%
- 2. Balti, Beda, Bot, Brokpa, Drokpa, Dard, Shin, Changpa, Garra & Mon tribes live here

Name the region :

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Arunachal
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Uttarakhand

9. Consider the following statements :

- 1. GeM is a state-of-the-art national public procurement platform of Ministry of small & medium enterprises
- 2. It facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs.

Choose the correct option :

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

10. Consider the following statements :

1. Pangong Tso lake is a land locked lake
2. It is located in Tibet entirely and it's a Ramsar site

Choose the correct option :

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

11. Consider the following statements regarding Long Period Average (LPA) :

1. LPA is the average rainfall received by the country as a whole during the entire year, for a 50-year period.
2. The current LPA is 89 cm, based on the average rainfall over years 1951 and 2000.
3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) brands the monsoon as 'normal' or 'deficient' based on how it fares against its benchmark Long Period Average (LPA).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Which one of the following places is located at the confluence of Alaknanda and Bhagirathi

- (a) Vishnuprayag    (b) Devaprayag  
(c) Rudraprayag    (d) Karnaprayag

13. With reference to Aurora or Northern lights, consider the following statements :

1. Auroras are the glowing lights at high latitude.
2. Auroras can be normally observed in stratosphere.
3. Change in the atmospheric temperature cause Auroras.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

14. Warm moist summer, cool dry winter, great annual temperature range, rainfall throughout the year are the characteristic feature of which type of climate?

- (a) Hot, Wet Equatorial climate  
(b) Sudan climate  
(c) British type climate  
(d) China type climate

15. Which of the following have an influence on the movement of ocean water?

1. Salinity
2. Temperature
3. Sun
4. Moon
5. Wind

Select the correct answer code :

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

16. Consider the following statements about TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network.

1. It is a joint program of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and UNEP.
2. TRAFFIC is a leading non-governmental organisation working globally on trade in wild animals and plants in the context of both biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

3. To achieve this goal, it works with national and international conventions, governments, enforcement agencies, private sector companies and consumers.

Select the correct code:

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

17. Consider the following statements about Agenda 21 :

1. Agenda 21 is a non-binding action plan of the United Nations with regard to sustainable development.
2. It is a product of the Earth Summit (UN Conference on Environment and Development) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.
3. The “21” in Agenda 21 refers to 21 points agreed upon by the member countries to achieve sustainable development.

Select the correct answer code:

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

18. Which of the following can be threats to the biodiversity of a geographical area?

1. Global warming
2. Fragmentation of habitat
3. Invasion of alien species
4. Promotion of vegetarianism

Select the correct answer code:

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

19. Which among the following regions in India is/are biodiversity hotspots?

1. Eastern Ghats
2. Eastern Himalayas
3. Nicobar Islands

Select the correct answer code :

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

20. Consider the following statements :

1. Biodiversity is normally greater in the lower latitudes as compared to the higher latitudes.
2. Along the mountain gradients, biodiversity is normally greater in the lower altitudes as compared to the higher altitudes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

01 d    02 b    03 a    04 d    05 c    06 d    07 b    08 c    09 b    10 a  
11 c    12 b    13 b    14 d    15 d    16 c    17 a    18 a    19 c    20 c