

1. India recently signed MoUs on space cooperation and disaster management with
 - (a) China
 - (b) Japan
 - (c) France
 - (d) Mongolia
2. Consider the following statements :
 1. India imports 45% of the total amount of natural gas it consumes .
 2. Natural gas consumption in the country rose 5% to 58 billion cubic meters in 2017-18.
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both 1 & 2
 - (d) None
3. Greta Thunburg is a
 - (a) Writer
 - (b) Scientist
 - (c) Economist
 - (d) Climate activist
4. Shaksgam Tract is located in
 - (a) Syria
 - (b) Afghanistan
 - (c) Iran
 - (d) J&K
5. Consider the following statements regarding Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
 1. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established on the initiative of the G20.
 2. FATF works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms for combating money laundering and terrorist financing.
 3. A country is blacklisted if it is non-cooperative in the global fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.
 4. The FATF has developed a series of Recommendations that are recognised as the international standard for combating of money laundering and the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2, 3
 - (b) 1, 3, 4
 - (c) 2, 3, 4
 - (d) 1, 2, 3, 4
6. Consider the following statements regarding UN Security Council :
 1. Each year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members out of a total of 10, for a two-year term.
 2. India has been a non-permanent member of the Security Council seven times previously with the most recent being the 2011–12 term.
 3. India's candidature for a non-permanent seat in the Security Council for the 2021-22 term has been supported by Pakistan and China.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2
 - (b) 2, 3
 - (c) 1, 3
 - (d) 1, 2, 3
7. Consider the following statements about Trans-fats :
 1. Trans-fat is a type of unsaturated fat.
 2. Trans fats also occur naturally.
 3. Trans fats give food a desirable taste and texture.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2
 - (b) 2, 3

- (c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
8. Consider the following statements regarding Total Polar Compounds (TPC) :
1. TPC is used to measure the quality of cooking oil.
 2. The level of TPC increases every time oil is re-heated.
 3. According to FSSAI regulations, the maximum permissible limits for Total Polar Compounds (TPC) have been set at 50%, beyond which the cooking oil is unsafe for consumption.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements about Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH) :
1. STH infection can lead to malnutrition, impaired mental and physical & cognitive development.
 2. STH Infections cannot be prevented by Wearing slippers and shoes.
 3. National Deworming Day is observed to deworm all preschool and school-age children between the ages of 1-19 years through schools and Anganwadi Centers.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
10. International coastal clean up day is celebrated every year on :
- (a) 22 September
(b) 21 September
(c) 20 September
(d) Third Saturday in September
11. Consider the following statements regarding Bacillus Calmette–Guérin (BCG) vaccine :
1. The main use of BCG is primarily used for vaccination against Tuberculosis.
 2. BCG also has some effectiveness against Buruli ulcer infection and other nontuberculous mycobacteria infections. Additionally it is sometimes used as part of the treatment of bladder cancer.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
12. Consider the following statements :
1. The Tenth Schedule was inserted in the Constitution in 1985 by the 52nd Amendment Act.
 2. President decides about the membership of defecting MPs
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
13. Article 102 & Article 191 of the Constitution, are related to
- (a) Supreme court
(b) Writ jurisdiction
(c) Voting in Houses
(d) Disqualifications for membership
14. Consider the following statements :
1. The global average corporate tax rate is 23.79 percent
 2. Averages for North America, Europe and Asia are 26.75 percent, 19.37 percent and 21.09 percent.

Choose the correct option :

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

15. Consider the following statements :

1. The blackbuck is the sole extant member of the genus Antelope.
2. Because it is critically endangered in IUCN list, In India, hunting of blackbuck is prohibited under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

Choose the correct option :

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

16. Which of the following statements regarding the prospects of Indian leather industry stands true ?

1. Globally, India is the second largest producer of leather garments and footwear and with this phenomenal market potential, the sector seems promising in the years to come.
2. The Government of India has allowed 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the sector and rationalized export duty on raw and semi-finished leather. The sector employs over 2.5 million people and has potential to create 2 million jobs in the next 5 years.
3. The Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC) is an NSDC approved non-profit organization dedicated to meet the demand for skilled workforce in the leather industry in India.

Choose the correct option from the following :

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

17. The Indian air force recently inaugurated a resurfaced runway at India's easternmost village named Vijaynagar, which is situated on the state/UT of :

- (a) Andaman & Nicobar islands
 (b) Mizoram
 (c) Tripura
 (d) Arunachal Pradesh

18. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released draft code on social security by the central government stands true ?

1. The draft code says the "Central Government shall formulate and notify, from time to time, suitable welfare schemes for unorganised workers on matter relating to life and disability cover; health and maternity benefits; old age protection etc.
2. The draft also talks about appointment of chief executive officers (CEOs) in organizations like ESIC, EPFO etc. to assist the labour minister, labour secretary, the central PF commissioner and Director General of ESIC who continue to be by default the head of such organizations.
3. Millions of gig workforce in India, often referred as lonely in the workplace, may soon get life and disability insurance, health and maternity benefits among others.

Choose the correct option :

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

19. Consider the following statements with respect to Indian soil types :

1. Laterite soil is found in those regions of the country which receive heavy rainfall with alternate dry and wet period - particularly, away from the coasts.
2. Plantation of crops like tropical fruits, coffee, tea or spices in states of south India like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are undertaken in mountain soil.
3. Black soil is extremely fine and clayey and has the capacity to hold a lot of moisture.
4. Alluvial soil lacks humus and moisture and the water content in these soil is fulfilled through irrigation only.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

20. The Central Government today notified the minimum environmental flows for River Ganga that has to be maintained at various locations on the river.

Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. Environmental flows are the acceptable flow regimes that are required to maintain a river in the desired environmental state or predetermined state.
2. Through implementation of environmental flows, water managers strive to achieve a flow regime, or pattern, that provides for human uses and maintains the essential processes required to support healthy river ecosystems.
3. Environmental flows necessarily requires restoring the natural, pristine flow patterns that would occur while human development, use, and diversion and are focused strictly on water supply, energy, recreation, or flood control.

Choose the correct option :

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

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