

1. Consider the following statements regarding Project Bal Basera :
 1. It is a Crèche facility for the welfare of Children of Construction Workers .
 2. The project is supported by Central Public Works Department (CPWD).
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) None of the above
2. Consider the following statements regarding Oxytocin :
 1. Oxytocin is a hormone that is made in the brain, in the hypothalamus.
 2. It acts both as a hormone and as a brain neurotransmitter.
 3. The Government promotes the wide use of Oxytocin in agriculture and dairy industry.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 3
 - (b) 2, 3
 - (c) 1, 2
 - (d) 1, 2, 3
3. Consider the following statements about Polar vortex :
 1. The polar vortex is a large area of high pressure and cold air surrounding the Earth's North and South poles.
 2. The polar vortex spins in the stratosphere.
 3. During winter in the Northern Hemisphere, the polar vortex will become less stable, sending cold Arctic air southward over the United States.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2
 - (b) 2, 3
 - (c) 1, 3
 - (d) 1, 2, 3
4. Consider the following statements about Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) :
 1. REITs are mutual fund like institutions that enable investments mainly in completed and revenue generating real estate assets.
 2. REITs are regulated by the securities market regulator in India.
 3. A REIT can be launched as an Initial Public Offer (IPO).
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1, 2
 - (b) 1, 3
 - (c) 2, 3
 - (d) 1, 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements regarding Drought Toolbox :
 1. Drought Toolbox was launched by World Meteorological Organization in India.
 2. It is a web page that provides the stakeholders easy access to case studies and other resources to support action on drought preparedness with the aim of boosting the resilience of people and ecosystems to drought.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
6. Regarding the role and functioning of cooperative institutions in India, which of the following statements stands true ?
 1. Cooperative institutions play a significant role in credit delivery to unbanked segments and financial inclusion. But their role has declined with the expansion of scheduled commercial banks and adoption of technology.
 2. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) is in control of management elections and many administrative issues as well as auditing of cooperative banks.
 3. A recent study showed that large urban cooperatives are doing better in terms of non-performing assets and other aspects, while small cooperatives are not doing well.
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only

- (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All of the above
7. The 'PRAKASH' portal recently launched by the union government, serves which of the following purposes ?
 (a) It helps track the status of human rights violation complaints via online.
 (b) It helps in speedy claiming of PF from employers/governments.
 (c) It helps for transparency and better coordination in coal supplies to power plants.
 (d) It helps farmers and rural artisans get access to solar powered devices via a single window portal.
8. The centre in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) formally announced the re-designation of National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), as the WHO Collaborating Centre for Priority Medical Devices and Health Technology Policy.
 Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1. Established in 2007, the National Health Systems Resource Centre's mandate is to assist in policy and strategy development in the provision and mobilization of technical assistance to the states and in capacity building for the Ministry of Health.
 2. One of the main mandates of the Division of Healthcare Technology at NHSRC is to draw up technical specifications for technologies procured under National Health Mission.
 3. The director of national Health mission is the ex-officio chairman of the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC).
 Choose the correct option :
 (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All of the above
9. Consider the following statements :
 1. In Puttuswamy vs state of India case, the supreme court held that non-governmental organisations which were substantially financed by the appropriate government fall within the ambit of 'public authority' under Section 2(h) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
 2. The top court held that 'substantial' means a large portion which can be both, direct or indirect. It need not be a major portion or more than 50% as no straitjacket formula can be resorted to in this regard.
 3. The various concessions, such as allocation of land, accommodation, bungalows in the national and State capitals, tax exemption against income under Section 13A of the Income Tax Act, free air time on television and radio, etc. can easily satisfy the prerequisite of Section 2(h) of the RTI.
 Which of the above statement stands true ?
 (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All of the above
10. Consider the following pairs of caves of India and their corresponding location states:
 1. Udaygiri caves : Uttar Pradesh
 2. Kutumsar caves : Chattisgarh
 3. Badami caves : Karnataka
 4. PanduLeni caves : Madhya Pradesh
 5. Amarnath cave : Kashmir
 Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?
 (a) 1, 2 & 4 only
 (b) 2, 3 & 5 only
 (c) 1, 4 & 5 only
 (d) All of the above

11. Consider the following statements regarding New Development Bank :
1. The New Development Bank (NDB) is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states.
 2. The state governments in India can seek loan assistance from NDB.
 3. India is the second largest shareholder of the NDB.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1, 3
(c) 1, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3
12. Consider the following statements about United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) :
1. UNISDR was established as a secretariat to facilitate the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR).
 2. It supports the implementation, follow-up and review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
 3. It focuses on Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
13. Consider the following statements about Gaganayaan :
1. ISRO and NASA have agreed to work together for India's first manned space mission Gaganayaan.
 2. India is planning to send three humans (Gaganayatris) into space i.e. in low earth orbit (LEO) by 2022.
 3. This mission will make India fourth nation in the world after USA, Russia and China to launch human spaceflight mission.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
14. The indigenously developed Pinaka that was successfully test fired is a :
- (a) supersonic cruise missile
 - (b) Surface-to-Surface Battle field Missile
 - (c) Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile
 - (d) Multi-Barrel Rocket System
15. Consider the following statements regarding Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council (CROPC) :
1. A first-of-its-kind report on lightning incidents in India has been prepared by Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council (CROPC).
 2. Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council (CROPC) is a non-profit organisation that works closely with India Meteorological Department (IMD).
 3. Lightning incidents in India occur more in the Arabian sea area compared to Bay of Bengal region.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 3 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3
16. Consider the following statements regarding Brucellosis :
1. Brucellosis is primarily a disease of animals caused by a group of bacteria from the genus Brucella.
 2. Infection in people is acquired by direct contact with infected animals.
 3. The bacteria will spread to humans if the milk is consumed even after boiling.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 3 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3
17. Consider the following statements regarding 'San-Sadhan' Hackathon :
1. It is an initiative to ease lives of Persons with Disabilities by making toilets smarter, more accessible, and easier to use.
 2. NITI Aayog is part of this initiative.
 3. In this hackathon, the government is looking for innovative solutions for economical toilets for individual and community use in rural and urban contexts.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
18. Consider the following statements regarding Rice Fortification :
1. Rice fortification is the practice of increasing the content of essential micronutrients in rice and to improve the nutritional quality, the look and taste of the rice.
 2. Consuming fortified food can also increase the content of vitamins in breast milk.
 3. In India, 'Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations' set the standards for food fortification, distribution, sale and consumption of fortified foods.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 3 only (d) 2, 3
19. Consider the following statements about United Nations Environment Assembly :
1. The United Nations Environment Assembly was created in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
 2. The United Nations Environment Assembly is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment.
 3. The Assembly meets annually to set priorities for global environmental policies and develop international environmental law.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1, 3 (d) 2, 3
20. Consider the following statements regarding African Swine Fever (ASF) :
1. African swine fever (ASF) is a severe viral disease affecting domestic and wild pigs.
 2. The disease is endemic to African Continent.
 3. ASF is not a threat to human beings since it only spreads from animals to other animals.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3

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