

1. India needs to become more "transparent" on the fiscal numbers as it is a "laggard" among the G20 peers on this front. Which of the following statements regarding the above said IMF statement stands true ?
 1. India is somewhat lacking in a programme on G20 data initiative on fiscal transparency where comparative countries have all made greater progress
 2. The government has been missing its budgeted fiscal targets for the past few years and there is a need for a "credible fiscal consolidation"
 3. Fiscal stimulus is not possible to revive the sagging growth due to the relatively high level of public debt compared to the emerging economy peers.
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All the above
2. Which of the following pairs of forest types and their corresponding regions are correctly matched ?
 1. Equatorial Moist Evergreen or Rainforest : Amazon basin
 2. Tropical Deciduous Forest : Central south America
 3. Coniferous Forest : Northern Australia
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All the above
3. In Australia, the states of New South Wales and Queensland have declared a state of emergency, following the widespread bush fires. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1. Bushfires are frequent events during the warmer months of the year, due to Australia's mostly hot, dry climate. Each year, such fires impact extensive areas.
 2. Certain native flora in Australia have evolved to rely on bushfires as a means of reproduction, and fire events are an interwoven and an essential part of the ecology of the continent.
 3. However they are never caused by droughts or heat waves.
 Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All the above
4. Consider the following statements :
 1. Digital India is one such important program which envisions transforming the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Universal access to broadband connectivity and mobile connectivity will help bridge the distance between rural and urban India.
 2. Today, JAM trinity (Jan Dhan – Aadhar – Mobile) has enabled us to use DBT mechanism for transfer of benefits directly to the beneficiaries. At present, funds of more than 425 schemes are getting transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through DBT.

3. This extensive use of digital technology has reduced corruption and improved the transparency. The use of digital technology to a large extent has ensured that the deserving people received the benefits meant for them.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All the above
5. BRICS brings together five major emerging economies comprising 42 percent of the world's population, having 23 percent of the global GDP and around 17 percent of the share and world trade. The 2019 BRICS summit will be held in which of the following countries ?
- (a) India (b) China
 (c) Brazil (d) Mexico
6. Consider the following statements :
1. Shilpostav- 2019 is the annual festival for potters in India
 2. It is organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
7. Consider the following statements :
1. SDG target of MMR globally is 100/1Lakh deaths
 2. As per the World Health Organization (WHO), maternal death is the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
8. Consider the following statements :
1. Argon is 4th most abundant gas in the Earth's Atmosphere.
 2. According to ISRO, Argon-40 originates from the radioactive disintegration of Potassium-40.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
9. Consider the following statements :
1. First Bamboo Industrial Park is being set up in ladakh
 2. The Government will set up a Films and Training Institute of India (FTII) in Arunachal Pradesh
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
10. "Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan" is being run by ministry of
- (a) Rural development (b) Urban affairs
 (c) Environment (d) Jal Shakti
11. Consider the following statements :
1. Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has created a dedicated platform, the Global Exhibition on Services (GES) which is an annual event.
 2. The 1st edition of GES 2019 is being held from 26-28 November 2019 in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Choose the correct option :

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
12. iDEX initiative is related to
 (a) Port development
 (b) Defence procurement
 (c) Space manufacturing
 (d) Defence innovation
13. The Department of Rural Development has decided to institutionalize the social audits in major schemes of Rural Development, starting with NSAP and PMAY-G as a beginning is made in these two schemes by preparing the Guidelines. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
1. Social Audit is recognized by many, including the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), as a powerful tool to enforce transparency and accountability.
 2. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was the first Act to mandate Social Audits by the Gram Sabha of all the projects taken up in the Gram Panchayat.
 3. However, important schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) audits are not carried out in any states in India.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
14. "Dadhichi Dehdan" Committee recently seen in news is associated with which of the following ?
- (a) Formation of Farmer Producer Organisations.
 - (b) Distribution of DBT via whatsapp to urban migrants.
 - (c) Human body Organ donation .
 - (d) Mitigation of pollution caused due to stubble burning.
15. Consider the following statements :
1. In India, president's rule is the suspension of state government and imposition of direct central government rule in a state.
 2. The 44th Amendment Act of 1978 introduced a new provision to put a restraint on the power of the Parliament to extend the president's rule in a state.
 3. Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand are the only states where the president's rule has not been imposed so far.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
16. Which of the following statements regarding global trade & tariff scenarios stands true ?
1. The 50 million MSMEs create over 100 million jobs and contribute 40 percent to India's exports.
 2. It is the backbone of Indian economy but the increasing trends of protectionism in the form of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) are denying market access to these enterprises particularly from the developing countries.
 3. Developed countries advocate open and free trade with emphasis on removal of tariffs in developing countries but they themselves are raising more barriers in the form of NTBs that are leading to economic uncertainties and raising the cost of doing trade in developing and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

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 regarding CNG fuel :

1. CNG-powered vehicles are considered to be safer than gasoline-powered vehicles.
 2. CNG emits significantly less pollution directly than gasoline or oil when combusted.
 3. Natural gas vehicle have higher maintenance costs than other hydrocarbon-fuel-powered vehicles.
- Which of the above statements stands true ?

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

18. As a part of its ease of doing business initiative, the government will be subsuming a total of 44 labour laws into codes. The newly proposed codes of Labour laws are:

1. Code on Wages Bill
2. Code of Occupational, Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019
3. Code on Industrial Relations
4. Code on Social Security
5. Code on PF & Medical facilities
6. Code on labour reforms

Consider the correct option :

- (a) 1, 2, 5, 6 (b) 1, 3, 5, 6
 (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 (d) All of the above

19. Consider the following statements :

1. The latest cyclone- bulbul, is the seventh to be formed in the Indian Ocean this year.
2. Hurricane Dorian was the most severe in Arabian sea in 2019.

Choose the correct option :

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

20. Consider the following statements :

1. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has allocated a separate Harmonized System (HS) code for Khadi.
2. The Harmonised System is a, is a six-digit identification code developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO).

Choose the correct option :

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

ANSWER KEYS

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