

1. Consider the following statements regarding Indian steel industry :
  1. Metals, including steel continue to play a vital role in building of a modern economy. There is a strong positive correlation between steel usage and a nation's economic growth.
  2. The next trajectory of growth, fuelled by Government's key focus on building infrastructure for future, creating smart cities, industrial corridors and so forth will further boost steel consumption.
  3. India has replaced Japan as the world's largest steel producing country since 2018.
 Which of the above statements are true ?
  - (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All the above
2. Which of the following countries are part of the "ring of fire" region of the world which is a major area in the basin of the Pacific Ocean where many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur ?
  1. Indonesia
  2. Peru
  3. Australia
  4. South Africa
  5. Chile
 Choose the correct option :
  - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
  - (b) 1, 2 & 5 only
  - (c) 2, 3 & 5 only
  - (d) 1, 3 & 4 only
3. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released NSO data on IIP (index of industrial production) stands true ?
  1. The latest index of industrial production(IIP) estimates from the NSO show that output shrank by 4.3% in September, with all three component sectors in the index — manufacturing, mining and electricity posting contractions.
  2. This was the sharpest contraction in output since at least April 2012, before which the data was referenced to a different base year.
  3. From an industry perspective, 17 of the 23 industry groups that comprise the manufacturing sector contracted. And leading the slump, predictably, was the motor vehicles industry, which posted a 25% contraction.
 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 regarding the recent verdict by Supreme court with respect to resignation of MLA's :
  1. Legislators who wish to defect need not dread the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution, dealing with the disqualification of elected representatives on the grounds of defection.
  2. The speakers ought to satisfy themselves by ensuring that the resignation letters were not forged by others, and that the members who resigned did not do so out of coercion.
  3. Both Articles 164(1B) and 361B show that disqualification bars a person from contesting elections. The outer period of disqualification is either till the end of the term or till the disqualified member is re-elected, whichever is earlier.
 Which of the above statements are true ?
 

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

5. Which of the following countries has the highest business bribery risk among South Asian countries, according to the Trace Bribery Matrix which releases annual ranking for 200 countries?
  - (a) India
  - (b) Nepal
  - (c) Bangladesh
  - (d) Sri Lanka
6. Consider the following statements regarding Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
  1. The Inter-Parliamentary Union is the UN organization consisting of national parliaments.
  2. The IPU facilitates parliamentary diplomacy and empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy and sustainable development around the world.
  3. A resolution is passed by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), urging legislatures to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 3
  - (b) 2, 3
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 1, 2
7. Consider the following statements regarding Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan.
  1. It aims to revive lakes in cities and create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of lakes in urban areas.
  2. It is launched by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
  3. School/college students of Eco-clubs, district administration, institutions, volunteers and local communities are involved.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
8. Consider the following statements regarding 6th Schedule of Constitution of India.
  1. It deals with the administration of the tribal areas in the states of Assam, Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram.
  2. The governor is empowered to organise and re-organise the autonomous districts.
  3. The Constitution (125th Amendment) Bill, 2019 seeks to increase the financial and executive powers of the Autonomous Councils in the Sixth Schedule areas.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 3 only
  - (c) 1, 3
  - (d) 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements regarding World Energy Council.
  1. World Energy Council is the UN-accredited global energy body, representing the entire energy spectrum composed of governments, private and state corporations, academia, NGOs and energy-related stakeholders.
  2. World Energy Congress is the World Energy Council's global flagship event, which is the longest-running and most influential energy event in the world.
  3. India hosted the 2019 World Energy Congress.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
10. Consider the following statements regarding Bhashan Char Island.
  1. The Bhashan Char island is located east of Hatiya island in the South East Bangladesh.
  2. Bhashan Char island is formed on the mouth of river Meghna.
  3. It was recently in news for relocation of Rohingya refugees to Bhashan Char Island.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 2, 3
  - (c) 1, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3

11. Which of the following statements regarding the Green Climate Fund ( GCF) stands true ?
1. The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a fund established within the framework of the UNFCCC as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism to assist developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.
  2. The GCF is based in Geneva, Switzerland and is governed by a Board of 24 members and supported by a Secretariat.
  3. The fund was formally established during the 2010 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun as a fund within the UNFCCC framework.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All the above
12. "We are 200 years behind Europe", he had remarked adding, "It is through science, modern thoughts and industrialization that we can ensure that every man woman in India will have a job to do, food to eat, clothes to wear and a happy life to lead."
- The famous quote mentioned above was given by which of the following freedom fighters of India ?
- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru  
 (b) Veer Savarkar  
 (c) Subhash Chandra Bose  
 (d) Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel
13. Union HRD ministry recently launched the UNESCO MGIEP Digital Learning draft Guidelines in Paris. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
1. The Draft Guidelines were developed to help build digital learning solutions that promote active learning and build 21st century skills, including social and emotional skills.
  2. The massive influx of digital learning resources has made the task of selecting appropriate digital learning games, applications or tools difficult for teachers, parents and school leaders.
  3. These challenges highlight the importance of creating a set of guidelines for educational technology developers to integrate principles of good learning with digital pedagogies that are aligned with the values of peace, non-discrimination and sustainable development as enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All the above
14. Which of the following statements regarding the recent supreme court verdict (Arcelor Mitta - Essar take over) on financial and operational creditors in a resolution process stands true ?
1. The financial creditors are basically entities that have provided funds to the corporate. Their relationship with the entity is a pure financial contract, such as a loan or debt security.
  2. An operational creditor is the entity who has a claim (corporate has the debt) for providing any of the four categories to the defaulted corporate- goods, services, employment and Government dues.
  3. As per the recent supreme court verdict, in a corporate resolution process, both financial creditors as well as operational creditors should be treated equally.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All the above
15. Consider the following pairs of ancient temples in India with their location states :
1. Mundeshwari devi temple : Odisha
  2. Lad Khan temple : Karnataka
  3. Tungnath temple : Uttarakhand
  4. Dilwara temples : Maharashtra
  5. Jagatpita Brahma mandir : Rajasthan

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

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

16. Consider the following statements :

- 1. COCSSO is a Conference organized by MoC & I, Government of India every year.
- 2. COCSSO is a major national forum for coordination between the Central and State Statistical Agencies with the objectives of putting in coordinated efforts for making available reliable and timely statistics to planners and policy makers.

Choose the correct option :

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

17. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) was established by World Bank
- 2. Recently APRACA co-hosted 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance along with NABARD in New Delhi.

Choose the correct option :

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

18. In Ancient world Karez System was related to

- (a) Taxation
- (b) Trade
- (c) Water engineering
- (d) Temple architecture

19. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Suranga Bawadi which is situated in Bijapur Karnataka has entered the list of world heritage sites
- 2. It was built by Adil Shah-I of Adilshahi dynasty of Bijapur in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to supply water to Vijayapura in Karnataka.

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. Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India is developed by CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI).
- 2. These maps help in finding out future contamination caused by industries or other bodies, which cause pollution on the earth surface.

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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