

1. Recently the National Agrochemicals Congress concluded with recommendations for safe and judicious pesticide use in the country. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1. Agrochemicals will continue to play a major input in agriculture to meet the crop production targets and we must strive to ensure its safe and judicious use.
 2. The Congress is conducted in view of the role chemical pesticides still continue to play in pest management as more and more target specific and environment friendly products are being introduced.
 3. The benefits of pesticide use are high relative to their risks. New concepts in crops, human health, resource management, nanotechnology, smart formulations and related sciences are likely to boost agricultural productivity.
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All the above
2. Which of the following pairs of deltas of India are correctly arranged from North to South ?
 - (a) Sunderbans , Mahanadi , Krishna , Godavari
 - (b) Mahanadi , Sunderbans , Godavari , Krishna
 - (c) Sunderbans , Mahanadi , Godavari , Krishna
 - (d) Mahanadi , Sunderbans , Krishna , Godavari
3. Which of the following statements regarding the procurement and distribution of food grains in India are not true ?
 1. While the Centre allocates and transports the food grain from Food Corporation of India godowns to the ration shops, the onus of ensuring that right beneficiaries get the subsidised food grain falls on the states and Union territories.
 2. Since the ration cards are not linked to the places where a person used to live, the migrants need not apply for new ration cards at their new locations if they want to buy subsidised food grain.
 3. Under the one nation one ration card initiative, any migrant ration card holder will be able to buy subsidised food grain from any fair price shop in India after getting No objection certificate from their respective district authorities.

Choose the correct option :

 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All the above
4. India has successfully conducted the first night trial of Agni-II, its versatile surface-to-surface missile from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast yesterday.

Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

 1. Agni-II, a long range ballistic missile (IRBM), has already been inducted into the armed forces.
 2. The entire trajectory of the trial was tracked by a battery of sophisticated radars, telemetry observation stations, electro-optic instruments and two naval ships located near the impact point in the down-range area of Bay of Bengal.
 3. The two-stage ballistic missile can carry a payload of 1000 kg over a distance of 2000 km.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 (b) 2 & 3 only
 (c) 1 & 3 only
 (d) All the above
5. It was he who gave the first call of a revolution against the British rule in the 'Ulgulan Andolan'. He was the person who showed new horizons to the tribal society with his revolutionary thoughts. In such a short life, he fought for the rights of the tribals and forest dwellers, which is why he came to be known as 'Bhagwan' among them.
 The above description refers to which of the following freedom fighters of India ?
 (a) Birsa Munda
 (b) Tantia Tope
 (c) Sundarlal Bahuguna
 (d) Surya Sen
6. Arrokoth is a
 (a) Ancient civilization
 (b) Tribal tradition in northeast India
 (c) Cosmic Body
 (d) Aircraft
7. Consider the following statements :
 1. Gold Demand Trends Report is released by World Gold Council
 2. Its headquarter is in Germany
 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 regarding Green Crackers.
 1. Green crackers contain less amount of chemicals such as lithium, arsenic, barium and lead compared to regular crackers.
 2. Green crackers release water vapour and don't allow the dust particles to rise.
 3. In India, green crackers are researched and developed by scientists at DRDO.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 (b) 2 only
 (c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 3
9. Consider the following statements regarding International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA).
 1. It is a comprehensive international agreement for ensuring food security through the conservation, exchange and sustainable use of the world's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
 2. It aims to ensure that recipients share benefits they derive from the use of the plant genetic materials with the countries where they have been originated.
 3. It is not mandatory to ratify the treaty for accessing Plant Genetic materials.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 3 (b) 2, 3
 (c) 1, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3

10. Consider the following statements regarding Eurasian economic union :

1. It is an international organization for regional economic integration.
2. It has international legal personality and is established by the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union.
3. Russia, Belarus, Armenia and Uzbekistan are the Member-States of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements about Special 301 Report :

1. It is prepared annually by the World Bank.
2. The Report includes a list of “Priority Foreign Countries”, “Priority Watch List” and a “Watch List” countries which are judged on the basis of intellectual property laws.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statements regarding Marawah Island, recently seen in news

1. Marawah Island is located off the coast of Abu Dhabi.
2. The oldest known natural pearl in the world has been discovered on Marawah Island.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements :

1. Under flagship Jal Jeevan Mission, the Centre aims to provide safe piped water to all households by 2022
2. Mumbai is the only city where all samples of tap water met all the tested parameters under the Indian Standard 10500:2012(specification for drinking water) so far.

Choose the correct option :

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

14. NISHTHA mission is related to

- (a) Capacity building of school students
- (b) Skill development of weavers
- (c) Law and order in states
- (d) Improving learning outcomes

15. Consider the following statements :

1. TB, India leads the list for no. of patients in the world
2. The World Health Organization has aimed at eliminating TB by 2035

Choose the correct option :

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

16. Consider the following statements :

1. Sun's surface layer, corona has around 15 million degree Celsius temp.
2. 1.6-metre Goode Solar Telescope at the Big Bear Solar Observatory (BBSO), is the world's largest solar telescope

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. Dibang is the tributary of Lohit river in Arunachal Pradesh
2. The Sisseri river bridge was constructed by 'Project Brahmaputra' of Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

Choose the correct option :

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

18. Consider the following statements :

1. 'Nadu-Nedu' programme has been launched in Telangana
2. The programme seeks to transform government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions.

Choose the correct option :

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

19. Consider the following statements :

1. There are 38 World Heritage Sites located in India. These include 30 cultural sites, seven natural sites and one mixed site. India has the sixth largest number of sites in the world.
2. Each World Heritage Site remains part of the legal territory of the state wherein the site is located and UNESCO considers it in the interest of the international community to preserve each site.

Choose the correct option :

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

20. What is India's rank at the 2019 Global Bribery Risk Index?

- (a) 78th (b) 93rd
 (c) 102nd (d) 55th

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