

1. The leaders of North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, will meet today to mark the 70th birthday of the organization in London.

Which of the following statements regarding the organisation stands true ?

1. NATO was founded in 1949 for the collective defence of its members, linking the security of the United States with its European allies against the Japanese invasion
2. It witnessed the end of communism, defeating the Soviet Bloc without firing a shot.
3. The combined military spending of all NATO members constitutes over 70% of the global total. Members have expressed their aim to move towards the target defence spending of 2% of GDP by 2024.

Choose the correct option :

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

2. Centre is launching nationwide vaccination drive to prevent eight diseases under Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 across the country.

Which of the following diseases are covered under the Mission Indradhanush scheme 2.0 ?

1. Measles
2. Common cold
3. Whooping cough
4. Diphtheria
5. Polio

Choose the correct option :

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

3. Consider the following statements :

1. Government has begun implementing nation-wide portability of the benefits under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013.
2. This would be possible by using the same ration card after biometric or Aadhaar authentication on Electronic Point of Sale, EPoS, device at an FPS of Destination/Sale State through 'One Nation One Ration Card' Plan.
3. The system would largely benefit numerous migratory beneficiaries such as labourers, daily wagers and blue-collar workers who frequently change their place of dwelling in search of employment or for other reasons, across the country.

Which of the following statements stands true ?

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

4. Countries at the Indo-pacific region have been frequently demanding a shift from 'brown economy' to 'blue economy' in the region. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. A brown economy is one in which economic growth is largely dependent on environmentally destructive forms of activity, especially fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.
2. According to the World Bank, the blue economy is the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem."
3. The region comprises of the tropical waters of the Indian Ocean, the western and central Pacific Ocean, and the Tropical Eastern Pacific, along the Pacific coast of the Americas.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
5. Typhoon “Kammuri” which consisted of packed winds of 150 kilometre per hour and gusts of up to 205 kilometre per hour, damaging some homes, structures and felling trees and signage in urban areas took place recently in which of the following south east Asian countries ?
(a) Indonesia (b) Bali
(c) Philippines (d) Thailand
6. Consider the following statements regarding Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) Prevention/Investigation Unit.
1. Ministry of Women and Child Development has set up an Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) Prevention/Investigation Unit.
 2. It will function under CBI’s Special Crime Zone in Delhi.
 3. The unit’s territorial jurisdiction would be throughout the country.
 4. It will probe such offences covered under various provisions of the IPC and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and the Information Technology Act.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 and 3 Only (b) 2 and 3
(c) 2, 3, 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
7. Consider the following statements about Bhuvan, a web mapping service :
1. It allows users to explore a 2D/3D representation of the surface of the Earth.
 2. Bhuvan also provides timely disaster support services.
 3. It is developed by Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.
- 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 :
1. International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorates the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.
 2. Ozone layer absorbs about 97 to 99% of ultraviolet rays and maintain the ozone-oxygen cycle.
 3. The ozone layer is mainly found in the lower portion of the stratosphere and its thickness varies seasonally and geographically.
- 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 :
1. The Upper House of the Indian Parliament traces its history to the first bicameral legislature introduced in British India in 1919 as a consequence of the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms.
 2. Unlike the US Senate, India’s Rajya Sabha does have more members from populous states.
 3. Rajya Sabha is not subjected to dissolution and cannot be prorogued by the President.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 2 Only
(c) 1, 3 (d) 2, 3

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

16. Consider the following statements :

1. United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy was launched with the adoption of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities .
2. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being observed on December 3rd by the United Nations since 1992.

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. Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana is a centrally sponsored Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of HRD.
2. The Scheme aims at creating an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship development through Entrepreneurship education and training.

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. Consumer Expenditure Survey is biennial (recurring every 2 years) survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office - NSSO, Under MoSPI .
2. The survey collects information on the consumption spending patterns of households across the country, both urban and rural.

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. Methane is a much more potent contributor to atmospheric warming than carbon dioxide. (methane does not break down easily in comparison to carbon dioxide)
2. To address this New Zealand has started the world's first genetic programme to breed sheep that emit lower amounts of methane.

Choose the correct option :

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

20. Kulasekarapattinam is located in

- (a) Jaffna province (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Kerala (d) TN

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