

1. Who among the following are listed as the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
 1. Jarawa 2. Toda 3. Sentinelese 4. Shompen
 Select the correct answer code :
 a) 1, 2, 3 b) 2, 3, 4 c) 1, 3, 4 d) 1, 2, 3, 4
2. Consider the following statements regarding Goldman Environmental Prize.
 1. The Prize recognizes individuals for sustained and significant efforts to protect and enhance the natural environment.
 2. The Prize was instituted by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both d) None
3. Consider the following statements regarding Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capability (CBDR-RC).
 1. Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) is a principle within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
 2. The UNFCCC divided countries into "Annex I" and "non-Annex I," the former generally referring to developing countries and the latter to developed countries.
 3. CBDR-RC and the annex classifications were codified in the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1 only
4. Consider the following statements regarding Question Hour in the Indian Parliament.
 1. A Starred Question is one to which a member desires an oral answer from the Minister in the House and is required to be distinguished by him/her with an asterisk.
 2. An Unstarred Question is not called for oral answer in the House and no supplementary question can be asked thereon.
 3. As per Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, there are no Questions addressed to Private Members.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 3 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 2 d) 1, 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements regarding Operation 'Clean Art' :
 1. It is the first pan India operation to crackdown on the smuggling of mongoose hair.
 2. Operation Clean Art was conceived by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau.
 3. Any smuggling or possession of mongoose body part is a non-bailable offence.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
6. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released economic data by the central government stands true?
 1) Retail inflation is now in the upper band of the inflation range targeted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) but might drop as fresh food supplies hit the market.
 2) The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) contracted 3.8% in October, as against a healthy growth rate of 8.4% witnessed during the same month last year.
 3) At the same time, retail inflation jumped to a 40-month high of 5.5% in November fuelled mainly by a sharp jump in food prices.
 Choose the correct option :
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of the above
7. Which of the following states are considered as the top sugarcane producing states of India ?
 1) Gujarat 2) Uttar Pradesh 3) Jharkhand 4) West Bengal 5) Punjab
 Choose the correct option :
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 4 & 5 only c) 1, 2 & 5 only d) 1, 3 & 4 only
8. Which of the following statements regarding the newly launched National Afforestation Programme (NAP) stands true ?
 1) The overall objective of the scheme is ecological restoration of degraded forests and to develop the forest resources with peoples' participation, with focus on improvement in livelihoods of the forest-fringe communities, especially the poor.
 2) The Scheme is demand driven and afforestation area is sanctioned on the basis of past performance, potential degraded forest land available for eco-restoration and availability of budget.

- 3) The scheme is implemented by a single point of authority throughout the state via State Forest Development Agency (SFDA).
 Choose the correct option :
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of the above
9. The deadline for the government's Accessible India campaign that aims at making public spaces friendly for persons with disabilities has been extended by the central government. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
 1) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 Act cast responsibility on the central government to take measures to make public transport accessible for PwDs and also make provision for auditory signals at red lights in public roads, curb cuts and slops in pavements, engraving on the surface at zebra crossings etc.
 2) Under the campaign atleast 50% of all the government buildings of National Capital and all the State capitals will be made fully accessible for persons with disabilities by July 2018.
 3) India is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).
 Choose the correct option :
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of the above
10. Recently the people of Bougainville, an island group have voted overwhelmingly for independence to form the 194th country of the world. It was part of which of the following countries ?
 a) United Kingdom b) Philippines c) Papua New Guinea d) Fiji
11. Consider the following statements regarding Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX).
 1. The Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX) is China's payment mechanism established in 2019.
 2. Its mission is to facilitate non-USD transactions and non-SWIFT to avoid breaking U.S. sanctions.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both d) None
12. Consider the following statements regarding 'Contract for the Web' :
 1. The 'Contract for the Web' is a United Nations document that aims to create a standard policy for a Web that benefits all.
 2. Governments who are looking to regulate in the digital era, can use the contract as a roadmap to lay out their policies and laws going forward.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both d) None
13. Emissions Gap Report measures
 1. The amount of greenhouse gas emissions every year up to 2030.
 2. The commitments countries are making to reduce their emissions and the impact these commitments are likely to have on overall emission reduction.
 3. The pace at which emissions must be reduced to reach an emission low that would limit temperature increase to 1.5 degree Celsius.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
14. Consider the following statements about Hangul, Kashmir's iconic wildlife species.
 1. It is placed under Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 2. It is listed under the Species Recovery Programme of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) of the MoEFCC.
 3. The state of Jammu & Kashmir, along with the IUCN and the WWF prepared a project for the protection of these animals, which was known as Project Hangul.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
15. Consider the following statements regarding Anaemia :
 1. Anaemia is a condition in which the number of red blood cells or their oxygen-carrying capacity is insufficient to meet physiologic needs.
 2. Protein deficiency is the most common cause of anaemia.
 3. Premature delivery can also lead to childhood anaemia.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1 only
16. Consider the following statements :

- 1) National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga is an authority created in October 2016 under the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, dissolving the National Ganga River Basin Authority. In this backdrop, National Ganga Council has been established as an authority.
 - 2) While the National Ganga Council may consult experts and expert organizations or institutions in the field of river rejuvenation, river ecology and river management, hydrology, environmental engineering, social mobilization and other relevant fields.
 - 3) Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation will be the ex-officio chairman of the council.
- Which of the above statements stands true ?
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of the above
17. Which of the following includes the parameters identified under Jal Shakti Abhiyan based on which states will be periodically monitored to address the water crisis in the country ?
- 1) Increase in groundwater level
 - 2) Increase in surface water storage capacity
 - 3) Increase in the soil moisture in the farm land
 - 4) Increase in area covered with plantation and number of samplings planted
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only c) 3 & 4 only c) All of the above d) None of the above
18. The Ministry of Coal has decided to establish a 'Sustainable Development Cell' in order to promote environmentally sustainable coal mining in the country and address environmental concerns during the decommissioning or closure of mines.
- Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
- 1) The SDC will help Coal companies to identify areas where plantation projects could be taken up immediately, along with identification of various species of plants, suitable for specific regions to create large carbon sinks for climate change management.
 - 2) It will have task to advice coal companies for effective implementation of environmental mitigation measures (water sprinkling, dust suppression methods, noise barriers etc.) related to air and noise pollution generated due mine activities, heavy earth moving machines (HEMMs), transport of coal etc.
 - 3) The cell will explore and conceptualise a plan for the beautification & creation of eco parks in the reclaimed areas and which will also include water bodies etc., for re-creation activities and tourism purpose.
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of the above
19. With respect to the National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA), which of the following statements stands true ?
- 1) The project was launched in 2011 and has three main objectives namely strategic research, capacity building and technology demonstrations.
 - 2) It will also demonstrate technology specific packages for Indian farmers to adapt to climate risks. The scheme will also enhance the capacity of scientists in climate resilient agricultural research and application.
 - 3) The scheme is being implemented by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of the above
20. "Exercise Mitra Shakti" recently seen in news is the cooperative military exercise between India and which of the following countries of Asia ?
- a) Singapore b) Srilanka c) Malaysia d) Myanmar

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