

1. Consider the following statements :
  1. The India Design Council (IDC) launched the Chartered Designs of India (CDI) and the Design Education Quality Mark (DEQM) in New Delhi
  2. India Design Council is an autonomous body under ministry of textiles
 Choose the correct option :
  - a) Only 1                      b) Only 2                      c) Both 1 and 2                      d) None
2. Choose among these, which are the major tea producing countries
  1. Bangladesh
  2. Pakistan
  3. Sri Lanka
  4. Afghanistan
  5. Kenya
 Choose the correct option:
  - a) 1,2,3                      b) 1,2,3,4                      c) 1,3,5                      d) All
3. Consider the following statements :
  1. The coal ministry announced that it is to establish "sustainable development cell" (SDC) to promote environment friendly and sustainable coal mining
  2. The cell will also set up Mine Closure Fund.
 Choose correct option:
  - a) Only 1                      b) Only 2                      c) Both 1 and 2                      d) None of the above
4. Consider the following statements :
  1. World Economic Forum (WEF) gives the Crystal Awards recognizes as well as celebrates the achievements of leading artists and cultural figures whose leadership inspires inclusive and sustainable change.
  2. No Indian won the award this year
 Choose correct option:
  - a) Only 1                      b) Only 2                      c) Both                      d) None
5. Consider the following statements :
  1. Bougainville, a chain of islands is located in Indian Ocean
  2. It is famous for copper mines
  3. It has become independent from Australia recently
  4. UN recognises it as an independent nation
 Choose correct option:
  - a) 1, 2 and 3                      b) 1 and 4                      c) 1,2,3and 4                      d)Only 2
6. Araku valley is mainly famous for
  - a) Cashew                      b) Cardamom                      c) Green Tea                      d) Green coffee
7. StrandHogg, recently in news is a
  - a) Endangered mammal
  - b) Endangered bird
  - c) A moth
  - d) NOTA
8. Consider the following statements :
  1. Bonn Convention is an international agreement that aims to conserve migratory species within their migratory ranges.
  2. India is going to host its COP 13 in 2020 in GandhiNagar
 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) Whales and squids are Nekton Marine Organisms.
  - 2) Planktons either cannot swim at all or cannot swim faster than the currents.
  - 3) Phytoplankton makes oceans to act as a carbon sink.
 Choose the correct option:
  - a) 1 & 3 are correct                      b) 2 & 3 are correct
  - c) Only 3 is correct                      d) All are correct
10. Consider the following statements

1. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar founded the Bethune school at Calcutta with the main aim of encouraging education for women
2. Prarthana Samaj of MG Ranade was an offshoot of Brahma Samaj of India
3. Keshav Chandra sen's campaign against Sati led to the formation of a law to ban Sati by the then Governor General

Which of the above statements are correct:

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

11. Which Of the following statements regarding Parliamentary privileges in India stands true?

- 1) Parliamentary privileges are special rights, immunities, exceptions enjoyed by the members of the two houses of parliament and their committees.
- 2) Concept of parliamentary privilege in the Constitution of India has been taken from the Irish Constitution.
- 3) Parliament can punish members as well as outsiders for breach of its privileges or its contempt by reprimand, admonition or imprisonment (also suspension or expulsion in case of members).

Choose the correct option:

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

12. Which of the following pairs of mountain passes in India and their corresponding location states are correctly matched?

- 1) Mintakapass : Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Aghilpass : Jammu & Kashmir
- 3) Bomdila : Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Lipulekh :Uttarakhand
- 5) Zozila : Sikkim

Choose the correct option:

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

13. Crop assessment will turn hi-tech from the next crop season in June 2020 as the government plans to use remote sensing, satellites, drones and artificial intelligence etc. It also involves integration of new technology onto the crop cutting experiment .

Which of the following statements regarding crop cutting experiment (CCE) stands true ?

- 1) The CCE or the Crop Cutting Experiment is a process used to analyse the overall yield of the village. It is the most important step, as the values obtained through this are the base for the national wide yield values.
- 2) CCE is performed in the field by marking a specific area (25 square metres) in the field, harvesting the crop in the area and weighing the produce, which is taken as the yield per acre.
- 3) The operational guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) prescribe the timeline of two months of completion of Crop Cutting Experiments/harvesting period for settlement of claims by insurance companies.

Choose the correct option:

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

14. Which of the following statements regarding the food and nutrition board of India stands true?

- 1) The Food & Nutrition Board (FNB), set up in 1964, is an attached office of the Ministry of Women & Child Development but was part of ministry of food during initial stage.
- 2) Activities of Food & Nutrition Board include nutrition education and training, both for the masses and for ICDS functionaries.
- 3) Under the Accelerated Programme for Development of SC/ST Community all the CFNEUs (Community Food & Nutrition Extension Units ) are organizing training courses in Home Scale Preservation of Fruits & Vegetables and Nutrition exclusively for SC/ST adolescent girls and women.

Choose the correct option:

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

15. As part of the 150th Gandhi Jayanti Students Solar Ambassador Workshop, India has donated solar powered study lamps to children from a marginalised "Bedouin" community to spread the principles of self-sufficiency and raise awareness towards the adverse effects of climate change.

The community belongs to which of the following countries?

- a) Israel                      b) Palestine                      c) South Sudan                      d) Ghana

16. The first ever Global Refugee Forum was held in Geneva, Switzerland recently.

Which of the above statements regarding the Global Refugee forum(GRF) stands true?

- 1) The main objective of the forum is to give impetus to efforts to achieve compact's objectives and translate international solidarity into concrete action.
- 2) GRF also hopes to enlist the 'missing middle'- that is, those states that could either contribute more or host more refugees.
- 3) The areas on which GRF will focus on are : arrangements for burden and responsibility-sharing, Solutions, Energy and Infrastructure, Protection Capacity, Jobs and Livelihoods and Education.

Choose the correct option:

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

17. Which of the following includes the objectives of the POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment ) Abhiyan launched to reduce the malnutrition in the country ?

- 1) Reducing Maternal Mortality Rate.
- 2) Reducing level of stunting in children.
- 3) Reducing low birth weight babies.
- 4) Preventing AIDS transmission from Mother to Child.
- 5) Preventing Anaemic deaths in mothers.

Choose the correct option :

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

18. Article 371 of the Constitution includes "special provisions" for 11 states, including six states of the Northeast . Which of the following statements regarding article 371 of the constitution stands true?

- 1) The provisions of article 371 takes into account the special circumstances of individual states, and lay down a wide range of specific safeguards that are deemed important for these states.
- 2) Central government has decided to expand these provisions to the newly formed union territories of Jammu & Ladakh.
- 3) As per article 371F of the constitution in order to protect the rights and interests of various sections of the population of Sikkim, Parliament may provide for the number of seats in the Assembly, which may be filled only by candidates from those sections.

Choose the correct option:

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

19. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released report by WHO(World Health Organisation) on India's air pollutions stands true ?

- 1) Around 12.4 lakh deaths in India in 2017 can be attributed to air pollution, it said, terming toxic air a leading risk factor for deaths in the country.
- 2) WHO air quality guidelines estimate that reducing annual average fine particulate matter (PM2.5) concentrations from levels of 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, could reduce air pollution-related deaths by around 15 per cent.
- 3) The study also noted that the average life expectancy would have been 5 years higher if the pollution levels were less than the minimal level responsible for causing health loss.

Choose the correct option:

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

20. Which of the following is the only South Asian country to feature in the top 50 of the Global Gender Gap Report 2020 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) recently?

- a) India                      b) Srilanka                      c) Bangladesh                      d) Nepal

### **ANSWER KEYS**

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 11 c    12 c    13 d    14 d    15 b    16 d    17 b    18 c    19 a    20 c