

1. Which of the following statements regarding UN charter and its provision stands true?
 - 1) The UN charter entered into force on 24 October 1945, after being ratified by the original five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.
 - 2) Article 2(4) of the charter proscribes any use of force by members against the “territorial integrity or political independence” of a state.
 - 3) Article 51 of the UN Charter recognises the inherent right of every state to use force in self-defence in all circumstances.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
2. Which of the following are the characteristics of tropical rainforests across the globe?
 - 1) True rainforests are typically found between 10 degrees north and south of the equator.
 - 2) Most tropical soils are characterized by poor leaching and significant nutrients.
 - 3) A common feature of many tropical rainforests is the distinct buttress roots of trees.
 - 4) A variety of indigenous people live within the rainforest as hunter-gatherers, or subsist as part-time small scale farmers.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 1, 3 & 4 only c) 2 & 4 only d) 2, 3 & 4 only
3. PM and world leaders to attend Raisina Dialogue today.
 Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) The Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference held annually in New Delhi. Since its inception in 2016, the conference has emerged as India’s flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics.
 - 2) The conference is hosted by SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) in collaboration with ministry of external affairs.
 - 3) The title of the Raisina Dialogue this year is “Navigating the alpha century”.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
4. Consider the following statements regarding recently released report of Kharif production in the country :
 - 1) The production of coarse grains, pulses, oil seeds and sugarcane is expected to decline in the summer season of 2019-20 due to late monsoon and erratic and heavy rain.
 - 2) In the current year, there is going to be a significant shortfall in overall Kharif pulses availability owing to long spell of unseasonal rains in October and November, the report opined.
 - 3) The positive shift of the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is considered to be the main reason for the erratic rainfall.
 Which of the above statements stands true?
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. The sites “Bajjanakonda“ & “Lingalamella” recently in news is associated with which of the following ?
 - a) Both are newly discovered archeological sites in Tamilnadu.
 - b) These are sites selected by ISRO for development of planet observatory laboratories.
 - c) Both are 3rd century BC Buddhist sites located in Andhra Pradesh.
 - d) These are sites where ancient festivals involving human sacrifice still continues in Mizoram.
6. With respect to the blue flag certification programme regarding beaches, which of the following statements stands true?
 - 1) The Blue Flag certification Programme started in France in 1985 and has been implemented in Europe since 1987, and in areas outside Europe since 2001, when India joined.
 - 2) The certification is accorded by the Denmark based Foundation for Environment Education, with 33 stringent criteria under four major heads for the beaches that is, Environmental Education and

Information, Bathing Water Quality, Environment Management and Conservation and, Safety and Services.

- 3) For the purpose of blue flag certification, the central government has allowed construction of infrastructural facilities at the CRZ (coastal regulation zone) areas.

Choose the correct option:

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

7. Wholesale prices based Inflation surged to an eight month high of 2.59% in December, as against 0.58% in November on a sharp rise in prices of food articles such as onion and potato. Which of the following are the components of WPI index in India?

- 1) Electricity 2) Housing 3) Metals
 4) Transportation 5) Minerals

Choose the correct option:

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

8. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released National Policy for Rare Diseases stands true?

- 1) The government, in its policy paper, has proposed financial support of up to ₹ 15 lakh under an umbrella scheme of the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi for rare diseases that require onetime treatment.
 2) Beneficiaries for such financial assistance would be limited to BPL families only.
 3) It has also proposed that the Government will “endeavour to create alternate funding mechanism through setting up a digital platform for voluntary individual and corporate donors to contribute to the treatment cost of patients of rare diseases”.

Choose the correct option:

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

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1) Under the Constitution, the states are not allowed to take any action which undermines or ‘impede’ the powers of the Centre.
 2) The Centre tells the States which laws to implement and how they are to be implemented.
 3) However, under Article 131 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court is given the power to step in between any dispute between the states and the Centre.

Which of the above statements stands true?

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

10. The work “Advaita Ashrama” recently in news is considered as the compilation of works of which of the following Indian personalities/philosophers?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore b) Swami Vivekananda
 c) Sri Sankaracharya d) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

11. Which of the following states has challenged the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 in the highest court of the nation?

- a) Punjab b) Rajasthan c) Kerala d) All of these

12. Consider the following statements regarding hallmarking of jewellery in India

1. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the body that oversees hallmarking of gold
 2. The BIS is already running a hallmarking scheme for gold jewellery since April 2000
 3. Only 5% of gold jewellery is hallmarked as of now.

Select the false statement:

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

13. Which category of citizens are eligible for availing postal ballots facility in elections?

1. Army personnel
 2. Railway workers
 3. Senior citizens over 80 years of age
 4. Media personnel
 5. Persons with Disabilities

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 and 5 only b) 1, 2 and 4 c) 2, 3 and 5 d) All of these
14. The concept of Blue flag beach was started by?
a) UNESCO
b) Foundation for Environmental Education
c) World Maritime Organization
d) UNCLOS
15. Consider the following statements regarding ASER report
1. It is based on survey conducted nationwide in all districts with population larger than 5 lakh.
2. It is conducted by an NGO Pratham
3. Age group tested is 8 to 12 years old school going kids
4. The 2020 report states that 46% of children in Class1 can read text at the prescribed level.
Select the correct statement/s
a) 1 only b) 2 only c) 2, 3 and 4 d) None
16. Which of the following is/are the guidelines for declaring a language as 'Classical'?
1. High antiquity of its early recorded history over a period of 2500-3000 years.
2. A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.
3. The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community.
Select the correct answer:
a) 1 and 3 b) 2 only c) 2 and 3 d) 1, 2 and 3
17. South Korea does not have a coastline on which of the following seas?
a) East Sea b) Sea of Japan c) East China sea d) Gulf of Tonkin
18. Match the following :
Mudras Significance
A) Abhaya Mudra 1) Warding off Evil
B) Karana Mudra 2) Fearlessness
C) Vajra Mudra 3) Greetings, Devotion
D) Anjali Mudra 4) Knowledge
Choose the correct option:
a) A – 2, B – 4, C – 1, D – 3 b) A – 2, B – 1, C – 4, D – 3
c) A – 3, B – 1, C – 2, D – 4 d) A – 2, B – 1, C – 3, D – 4
19. Which of the following rights in NOT enshrined in Article 19?
a) Right to freedom of speech & expression.
b) Right to move freely throughout the territory of India.
c) Right to prevention of unlawful detention.
d) Right to reside in any part of the territory of India
20. Polar fleeing force is related to :
1. Revolution of the Earth
2. Position of Continents
3. Monsoons
Choose the correct option:
a) 1 & 2 b) Only 2 c) Only 3 d) Only 4

ANSWER KEYS

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