

1. Consider the following statements:
 - 1) The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is a maternity benefit programme implemented in all the districts of the country since 2017.
 - 2) Under this scheme, the cash incentive of 5000 rupees is being provided directly to the bank and post office account of pregnant women and lactating mothers for the first living child of the family.
 - 3) The efficiency in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, PMMVY has now touched the 100 per cent mark in comparison to 38 per cent in 2018.
 Which of the above statements are true?
 - a) 1 & 2 only
 - b) 2 & 3 only
 - c) 1 & 3 only
 - d) All of these
2. Which of the following countries includes the so called “vanilla islands”?
 - 1) Comoros islands
 - 2) Maldives
 - 3) Papua new Guinea
 - 4) Mauritius
 - 5) Madagascar
 Choose the correct option:
 - a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - b) 1, 4 & 5 only
 - c) 2, 3 & 5 only
 - d) 2, 4 & 5 only
3. Researchers have recently developed an Artificial Intelligence technology to convert brain signals of speech impaired humans into language. Which of the following statements regarding the discovery and its possible implications stands true?
 - 1) Electrical signals, brain signal or any signal, in general, are waveforms which are decoded to meaningful information using physical law or mathematical transforms such as Fourier Transform or Laplace transform which are science-based languages.
 - 2) With the use of AI technology researchers can potentially interpret nature’s signals such as plant photosynthesis process or their response to external forces.
 - 3) The interpretation of nature signals will help in predicting monsoons, earthquake, floods, Tsunami and other natural disasters as well.
 Choose the correct option:
 - a) 1 & 2 only
 - b) 2 & 3 only
 - c) 1 & 3 only
 - d) All of these
4. Which of the following statements regarding the food policy of the government as prescribed in the recently presented economic survey (2019-2020) stands true?
 - 1) The CEA (chief economic advisor) wants a complete review of the policy on food grains, which he argues has made the government the largest hoarder thereby distorting these markets.
 - 2) The economic survey moots scrapping of all kinds of food subsidies available at present.
 - 3) It recommends scrapping of the Essential Commodities Act 1955 as it causes unnecessary government intervention to market forces, causing disruption of demand and supply.
 Choose the correct option:
 - a) 1 & 2 only
 - b) 2 & 3 only
 - c) 1 & 3 only
 - d) All of these
5. The Ninth edition of the Joint Military Exercise “SAMPRITI-IX” commenced at Umroi, Meghalaya recently. The main focus of this edition of the joint exercise is on Counter Terrorism Operations in mountainous and jungle terrain. The ‘SAMPRITI’ series of bilateral exercise is one of the major bilateral defence cooperation initiatives between India and which of the following countries?
 - a) Maldives
 - b) Nepal
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) Sri Lanka
6. Which of the following statements regarding the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme and its implementation stands true?
 - 1) Anganwadis or day-care centres are set up under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) by the Women and Child Development Ministry to provide a package of six services.
 - 2) The aim of the scheme is to reduce infant mortality and child malnutrition. Beneficiaries include children in the age group of six months to six years, and pregnant women and lactating mothers.
 - 3) As per Census 2011, 32% of India’s 1.2 billion population live in cities and hence majority of the beneficiaries of the scheme are in urban centres.
 Choose the correct option:
 - a) 1 & 2 only
 - b) 2 & 3 only
 - c) 1 & 3 only
 - d) All of these
7. The Eat Right India movement which is a crucial preventive healthcare measure to trigger social and behavioural change is aligned with which of the following flagship programmes of the central government?
 - 1) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
 - 2) POSHAN abhiyaan
 - 3) Swachh Bharat Mission.

- 4) KishoriShakthiYojana
5) Ayushman Bharat Yojana
Choose the correct option:
a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 3 & 5 only c) 1, 3 & 5 only d) 2, 4 & 5 only
8. The Supreme Court has directed the states, which are yet come out with notifications for establishing Gram Nyayalayas, to do so within four weeks recently.
- 1) Gram Nyayalayas were established for speedy and easy access to the justice system in the rural areas across the country under the gram nyayalayas act 2008.
 - 2) The Gram Nyayalayas are presided over by a Nyayadhikari, who will have the same power, enjoy same salary and benefits of a Judicial Magistrate of First Class.
 - 3) Gram Nyayalayas has been given power to accept certain evidences which would otherwise not be acceptable under Indian Evidence Act.
- Choose the correct option:
a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
9. Cabinet will be taking up the proposal to amend the Disaster Management Act of 2005, which largely focuses on improving preparedness, providing immediate relief, and protecting infrastructure. Which of the following statements regarding the act stands true?
- 1) The Disaster Management Act was enacted to effectively prevent, mitigate and prepare for disasters and came into being on the heels of three major disasters in the Indian subcontinent: the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha, the 2001 Bhuj earthquake, and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.
 - 2) The Act mandated the creation of the National Disaster Management Authority and State Disaster Management Authorities only while neglecting the district disaster management authorities.
 - 3) The Act's enormous emphasis on preparedness has translated into timely warnings, relief shelters and massive evacuation exercises. All these steps have reduced casualties.
- Choose the correct option:
a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
10. Which one of the following cities have been awarded the UNESCO world heritage site tag recently for its grid plan based architecture and buildings? The city was built by Sawai jai Singh II in the year 1727 with large public squares called 'chaupars' as well.
- a) Jaisalmer
 - b) Lucknow
 - c) Jaipur
 - d) Ahmedabad
11. Consider the following statements.
1. India's electricity demand fell in recent times due to sharp reduction in offtake from the industrialised states.
 2. Electricity is part of the eight core industries.
- 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 United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
1. UNMISS is a United Nations peacekeeping mission for South Sudan established by United Nations Security Council Resolution.
 2. Its mandate is to support the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in developing its capacity to provide security, to establish rule of law, and to strengthen the security and justice sectors.
 3. At present there are no Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
13. Consider the following statements.
1. He participated in the Swadeshi movement.
 2. He established the Dayanand Anglo-Vedic School in Lahore.
 3. He was attacked by police during a protest rally against the Simon Commission.
 4. He was elected President of the Indian National Congress during its Special Session in Kolkata in 1920.
- The above statements refer to?
a) Bhai Parmanand. b) Kartar Singh Sarabha.
c) Tej Bahadur Sapru d) Lala Lajpat Rai
14. Consider the following statements regarding co-operative banks in India.
1. In India, co-operative banks are registered under the States Cooperative Societies Act.
 2. The customers of a co-operative bank can also be its owners.
 3. They do not come under the regulatory ambit of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Emperor Penguin.

1. Emperor penguin is the shortest of all living penguin species and is endemic to Antarctica.
2. It is the only penguin species that breeds during the Antarctic winter.
3. Disappearing sea ice impacts Emperor Penguins directly, as the animals use it as a home base for their breeding season.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. 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

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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

20. Consider the following statements regarding Paris Peace Forum

1. The Paris Peace Forum is an international event on global governance issues and multilateralism, held annually in Paris.
2. The Forum convenes heads of states, national and local representatives and representatives from international organizations.
3. 1st edition of Paris Peace Forum was held in 2019.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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