

1. Consider the following statements regarding Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh.
  1. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) along with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has launched the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK).
  2. The BPKK will be a repository of diverse crops across different agro-climatic zones in India.
  3. It aims at reducing malnutrition through a multi-sectoral results-based framework, including agriculture, among women and children across the country.Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
a) 1 and 2 Only      b) 1 and 3 Only      c) 2 and 3 only      d) 1, 2, 3
2. Consider the following statements.
  1. To ensure uninterrupted supply of onion throughout the year, the crop is grown in three cycles – Kharif, late kharif and Rabi.
  2. kharif and late kharif onion crops contain large moisture content compared to rabi crop.
  3. Karnataka is India's largest onion-growing state.Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
a) 2, 3      b) 1, 3,      c) 1, 2      d) 1, 2, 3
3. Signal fish, recently seen in news, was discovered near
  - a) Andaman and Nicobar Island      b) Gulf of Mannar
  - c) Kerala Coast      d) Gulf of Khambhat
4. Consider the following statements regarding space internet.
  1. Starlink network project of SpaceX is one of several ongoing efforts to start beaming data signals from space.
  2. Usually Geostationary orbit is used for placing satellites because satellites in this orbit complete one revolution of the Earth in the same time that the earth rotates once on its axis.Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
a) 1 only      b) 2 only      c) Both      d) None
5. Consider the following statements regarding Gram Sabha.
  1. Gram Sabha is not a permanent body.
  2. Constitution mentions that Gram Sabha exercises such powers and performs such functions at the village level as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide.
  3. The power to annul a decision of the Gram Sabharests with the Gram Panchayat only.Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?  
a) 3 Only      b) 1, 3      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
6. Consider the following statements regarding Hong Kong Convention, recently seen in news.
  1. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) adopted the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.
  2. It is aimed at ensuring that ships being recycled after reaching the end of their operational lives do not pose any unnecessary risks to human health, safety and to the environment.
  3. Recently cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA) approved India's accession to the Hong Kong Convention.Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
a) 1, 2      b) 1, 3      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
7. Consider the following statements about Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
  1. REC is a market-based mechanism which will help the states meet their regulatory requirements such as Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPOs) by overcoming the geographical constraints on existing renewable potential in different states.
  2. Each REC represents the environmental benefits of 1MWh of renewable energy generation.
  3. When one purchase RECs, renewable energy is generated on their behalf.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 regarding Deposit insurance.
  1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) protect depositors if a bank fails.

2. When a bank is liquidated, depositors are entitled to receive 50% of their deposits in the bank.  
 3. Primary cooperative societies are not insured by the DICGC.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1 Only                      b) 1, 3                      c) 2 and 3                      d) 1, 2
9. Consider the following statements regarding Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.  
 1. The Act grants legal recognition to the rights of traditional forest dwelling communities, partially correcting the injustice caused by the forest laws.  
 2. To be eligible to get the rights, the claimant must be a member of the Scheduled Tribes scheduled in that area or must have been residing in the forest for 70 years.  
 3. The act provides rehabilitation in case of illegal eviction or forced displacement.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2                      b) 2, 3                      c) 1, 3                      d) 1, 2, 3
10. SAANS campaign, recently seen in news is related to  
 a) Reducing child mortality due to pneumonia  
 b) Improve the overall quality of life of children through early detection of birth defects  
 c) Prevention of anaemia among under-5 children  
 d) Vaccination against vaccine preventable diseases
11. Consider the following statements regarding the motion of thanks by the president of India at the parliament :  
 1) Motion of Thanks is a motion in Indian Parliament which follows the address of the President of India to the joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the commencement of first session of a new Lok Sabha and first session of every year.  
 2) The deliberations which follows the motion of thanks allow the opposition to critically discuss the government's vision, scope and policies.  
 3) The motion of thanks must be passed by either house of the parliament by simple majority within 4 days.  
 Which of the above statements stands true?  
 a) 1 & 2 only                      b) 2 & 3 only                      c) 1 & 3 only                      d) All of these
12. Which of the following countries are the permanent members of the arctic council formed in 1996 under the Ottawa declaration?  
 1) Denmark                      2) United Kingdom                      3) Russia                      4) Japan 5) Finland  
 Choose the correct option:  
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only                      b) 2, 3 & 5 only                      c) 1, 3 & 5 only                      d) 2, 4 & 5 only
13. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has pulled up 14 thermal power plants for not complying with a December 31, 2019 deadline to limit sulphur dioxide emissions. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?  
 1) The CPCB do not have the power to impose steep fines or shut a unit under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act. These powers are entrusted upon the NGT.  
 2) To limit particulate matter (PM), sulphur dioxide and nitrous oxide emission from thermal plants, India put in place a phased-approach that directs 440 coal-fired units responsible for about 166,000 MW of power to put in place measures to limit pollution by December 2022.  
 3) As per Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) estimates, these norms can help reduce PM emissions by about 35%, nitrogen oxide emissions by about 70%, and sulphur dioxide emissions by more than 85% by 2026-27.  
 Choose the correct option:  
 a) 1 & 2 only                      b) 2 & 3 only                      c) 1 & 3 only                      d) All of these
14. In the wake of the recent Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank crisis, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved amendments to the Banking Regulation Act to bring 1,540 cooperative banks under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulation. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?

- 1) The proposed amendments, along with the government's decision to increase the insurance cover on bank deposits from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 5 lakh, have been brought to strengthen the financial stability of cooperative banks and boost public confidence in the banking system.
  - 2) As per the amendment, cooperative banks would be regulated under the RBI's banking guidelines including their administrative matters.
  - 3) The RBI would also have powers to supersede the board of any cooperative bank in financial distress.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
15. The frequency of the "Maitree Express" and "Bandhan Express" trains have been increased recently. The increased frequency of these trains will enhance the connectivity between India and which of the following countries?
- a) Nepal      b) Bangladesh      c) Bhutan      d) Myanmar
16. Centre has asked the Pharma industry to abide by the voluntary Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) codes mandatorily. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) The Uniform Code of Pharmaceuticals Marketing Practices, 2014 ("UCPMP Code") is a voluntary code issued by the Department Of Pharmaceuticals relating to marketing practices for Indian Pharmaceutical Companies and as well medical devices industry.
  - 2) At present, the UCPMP Code is applicable on Pharmaceutical Companies and Medical Representatives only.
  - 3) The UCPMP Code provides that no gifts, pecuniary advantages or benefits in kind may be supplied, offered or promised, to persons qualified to prescribe or supply drugs, by a pharmaceutical company or any of its agents.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
17. Arrange the following Ramsar wetland sites in India from West to eastern part of the country :
- A) Rudrasagar      B) SurinsarMansar      C) Sambharlake      D) Ropar
- Choose the correct option:
- a) ABCD      b) DCBA      c) CDBA      d) CBDA
18. Which of the following statements regarding India's SAGAR initiative stands true?
- 1) In 2015, India went public with his SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) strategy, making it the cornerstone of its engagement with the Indian Ocean rim and islands.
  - 2) The goal is to seek a climate of trust and transparency; respect for international maritime rules and norms by all countries; sensitivity to each other's interests; peaceful resolution of maritime issues; and increase in maritime cooperation.
  - 3) It is in line with the principles of Indian Ocean Rim Association.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
19. Consider the following statements regarding the term 'Gig economy' recently seen in news :
- 1) The gig economy is based on flexible, temporary, or freelance jobs, often involving connecting with clients or customers through an online platform.
  - 2) The gig economy can benefit workers, businesses, and consumers by making work more adaptable to the needs of the moment and demand for flexible lifestyles.
  - 3) Workers who prefer a traditional career path and the stability and security that come with it will be encouraged in industries in a gig economy.
- Which of the above statements stands true?
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
20. Recently a new natural gas field containing 80 trillion cubic feet of gas was discovered near which of the following cities in the west Asian region?
- a) Tripoli      b) Abu Dhabi      c) Baghdad      d) Tehran

**ANSWER KEYS**

- 01 d    02 c    03 c    04 a    05 b    06 d    07 d    08 b    09 c    10 a
- 11 a    12 b    13 c    14 c    15 b    16 c    17 c    18 d    19 a    20 b