

1. The National Green Tribunal has directed thermal power plants to take prompt steps toward the scientific disposal of fly ash. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) Fly ash, the end product of combustion during the process of power generation in the coal based thermal power plants, is a proven resource material for many applications of construction industries and currently is being utilized in manufacturing of Portland Cement, bricks/blocks/tiles manufacturing, road embankment construction and low-lying area development, etc.
 - 2) As per the statutory notification by the Ministry of Environment and Forest under the provisions of Environment Protection Act, thermal power plants are required to utilise and dispose of 100% of fly ash.
 - 3) Ash-park, for promoting fly ash-based product manufacturing units, has been developed and awareness programme for utilisation of fly ash and its products have been conducted by the government.
 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 subjects were included in the concurrent list from the state lists by the 42nd amendment act of 1976?
 - 1) Lotteries 2) Health & Sanitation 3) Education
 - 4) Forests 5) Administration of Justice
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 3, 4 & 5 only c) 1, 3 & 5 only d) All of these
3. Which of the following statements regarding the directions given by election commission as per Supreme Court order on decriminalisation of politics stands true?
 - 1) As per the directions, It shall be mandatory for political parties to upload on their website detailed information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.
 - 2) If a political party fails to submit such compliance report with the Election Commission, the Election Commission shall bring such non-compliance by the political party concerned to the notice of the Supreme Court as being in contempt of this Court's orders/directions.
 - 3) These details shall be published within 24 hours of the selection of the candidate or not less than 1 week before the first date for filing of nominations, whichever is earlier.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
4. For the first time, scientists have radio-tagged the Indian pangolin, an endangered animal that is rarely sighted in forests. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) The Indian pangolin, which dons a thick scaly skin, is hunted for meat and used in traditional Chinese medicine. Researchers say tagging the animal will help understand the habits of the reclusive, nocturnal animal.
 - 2) Pangolins are among the most trafficked wildlife species in the world. The projected population declines range from 50% to 80% across the genus.
 - 3) Out of the eight species of pangolin, the Indian and the Chinese pangolins are found in India. Both these species are listed under Schedule I Part I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 Choose the correct option:
 a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) All of these
5. UNSC had recently adopted a resolution for "lasting ceasefire" in which of the following war-torn countries? The region is also Africa's most oil-rich nation, has been mired in chaos since the 2011 NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed its long time leader.
 - a) Sudan b) Libya c) Turkey d) Syria
6. World Trade Organization's Appellate Body can deal with cases involving
 1. Subsidies for renewable energy
 2. Gambling
 3. Countervailing and anti-dumping measures
 4. Zeroing
 Select the correct answer code:
 a) 1, 2, 3 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3, 4 d) 1, 2, 3, 4
7. Consider the following statements.
 1. She is regarded as the first female teacher of India.

2. She along with her husband recognised that education was one of the central planks through which women and the depressed classes could become empowered.
3. She was associated with Satyashodhak Samaj.
The above statements refer to
 - a) Savitribai Phule b) Kadambini Ganguly
 - c) Sarojini Naidu d) Usha Mehta
8. Consider the following statements regarding Anti-Defection Law
 1. The Tenth Schedule was inserted in The Constitution (Forty-second amendment) Act, 1976.
 2. A legislator defying the party whip on any issue can lose his membership of the House.
 3. The law applies to both Parliament and state assemblies.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements.
 1. The highest number and high endemism of orchid species are found in Western Ghats.
 2. Botanical Survey of India conducts census of orchids of India.
 3. Trade of wild orchid is banned globally.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 2 b) 2 only c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
10. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) focuses on
 1. Rainfed Area Development
 2. On Farm Water Management
 3. Soil Health Management
 4. Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture
 Select the correct answer code:
 - a) 1, 2, 3 b) 2, 3, 4 c) 1, 3, 4 d) 1, 2, 3, 4
11. Consider the following statements regarding Anti-Defection Law.
 1. The law allows a party to merge with or into another party provided that at least one-third of its legislators are in favour of the merger.
 2. The law does not specify a time-period for the Presiding Officer to decide on a disqualification plea.
 3. Courts can intervene only after the Presiding Officer has decided on the matter of disqualification.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 2 b) 2 only c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
12. E-waste contain potentially harmful materials such
 1. Brominated flame retardants 2. Phosphors 3. Cadmium
 4. Beryllium 5. Lead
 Select the correct answer code:
 - a) 1, 3, 4, 5 b) 2, 3, 4, 5 c) 1, 2, 3, 5 d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
13. Consider the following statements regarding Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
 1. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure is an initiative of United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).
 2. It will support developed and developing nations in their efforts to build climate and disaster-resilient infrastructure.
 3. CDRI will also focus on developing resilience in ecological infrastructure and social infrastructure.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 2 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
14. Polycrack technology, recently seen in news is related to
 - a) Beekeeping in controlled environment
 - b) Building Earthquake-resistant structures
 - c) Detecting fake passports and currency notes
 - d) Converting feedstock into hydrocarbon liquid fuels
15. MOSAiC mission, recently seen in news is related to
 - a) Study of Arctic Climate.
 - b) Study outer corona of Sun.
 - c) First solar power spacecraft to orbit Jupiter.
 - d) None of the above

16. Consider the following statements.
1. Recently Archaeological Survey of India discovered the earliest epigraphic evidence so far for the Saptamatika cult which is also the earliest Sanskrit inscription to have been discovered in South India.
 2. There are references of Saptamatika worship in the early Chalukyas and Eastern Chalukya copper plates.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
17. Consider the following statements regarding Privilege motion.
1. Parliamentary privileges are certain rights and immunities enjoyed by members of Parliament, individually and collectively, so that they can effectively discharge their functions.
 2. A notice is moved in the form of a motion by any member of either House against those being held guilty of breach of privilege.
 3. The leader of the house is the first level of scrutiny of a privilege motion.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 2 only c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
18. Consider the following statements regarding Atal Jal Scheme.
1. Atal Jal is a World Bank-funded, central scheme aimed at improving groundwater management.
 2. The focus will be on arresting the rate of decline of groundwater levels as well as water consumption.
 3. It envisages community-led Water Security Plans.
- 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 about Project Manav.
1. Project Manav is a new human atlas initiative launched to create a unified database of molecular network of all the tissues in the human body and to derive a holistic picture of working of the human body.
 2. The project has been launched by the Department of Science and Technology.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. Consider the following statements about International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).
1. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) is a multilateral treaty adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.
 2. The covenant commits its parties to respect the civil and political rights of individuals including rights to due process and a fair trial.
 3. The ICCPR is part of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
- 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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