

1. Which of the following statements regarding the recently published State of India's birds report 2020 stands true?
  - 1) The State of India's Birds 2020 (SoIB) assessment raises the alarm that several spectacular birds, many of them endemic to the sub-continent, face a growing threat from loss of habitat.
  - 2) The report states, migratory shorebirds, along with gulls and terns, seem to have increased their numbers most amongst the waterbirds, consistent with population trends among Arctic-breeding shorebirds based on independent assessments.
  - 3) Among widely known species, the common sparrow, long seen as declining in urban spaces and the possible reasons for this is a decrease in insect populations as well as nesting places.

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 includes the preferred type of habitats of one horned rhinoceros across the world ?
  - 1) Savannas      2) Wetlands      3) Grassland plains      4) Dense forests

Choose the correct option :

  - a) 1 & 2 only      b) 3 & 4 only      c) All of these      d) 1 & 3 only
3. The Government of India signed a \$450 million global loan agreement to support the national programme to arrest the country's depleting groundwater levels and strengthen groundwater institutions .Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
  - 1) AtalBhujalYojana (ABHY) – National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme will be implemented in selected states and these states span both the hard rock aquifers of peninsular India and the alluvial aquifers of the Indo-Gangetic plains.
  - 2) The programme will, among others, enhance the recharge of aquifers and introduce water conservation practices; promote activities related to water harvesting, water management, and crop alignment; create an institutional structure for sustainable groundwater management; and equip communities and stakeholders to sustainably manage groundwater.
  - 3) The project is being supported by Asian Development Bank ( ADB ).

Choose the correct option :

  - a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
4. Moody's has revised its growth forecasts for India downward to 5.4% for 2020 and 5.8% for 2021, from its previous projections of 6.6% and 6.7%, respectively. Which of the following statements regarding its observations regarding current status of Indian economy stands true ?
  - 1) India's economy has decelerated rapidly over the last two years. Improvements in the latest high frequency indicators such as PMI data suggest that the economy may have stabilised.
  - 2) A key to stronger economic momentum would be the revival of domestic demand, both rural and urban. But equally important is the resumption of credit growth in the economy.
  - 3) Credit impulse in the economy has deteriorated throughout the last year as a result of the drying up of lending from non-bank financial institutions as well as from banks.

Choose the correct option :

  - a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
5. International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG) of the 39-member Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided to review the status of Pakistan being included in its grey list. Which of the following cities forms the headquarters of FATF ?
  - a) Berlin      b) Paris      c) Geneva      d) Manila
6. Consider the following statements with respect to WTO rules :
  - 1) Under the WTO rules, any country can "self-designate" itself as a developing country.
  - 2) However, the WTO does lay down specific criteria for making a distinction between a developed and a developing country member, like in the World Bank.
  - 3) When the WTO finalises an agreement in a specific area, developing countries are allowed longer implementation periods. This measure helps developing countries to introduce a new agreement in phases and are thus required to deploy resources beyond their capacities.

Which of the above statements are true ?

  - a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
7. Which of the following species of birds are included in the critically endangered list of birds in India ?
  - 1) Jerdon's courser      2) Martial eagle      3) Forest owlet
  - 4) Corn crane      5) Himalayan quail

Choose the correct option :

- a) 1, 2 & 3 only      b) 1, 3 & 5 only      c) 2, 4 & 5 only      d) 2, 3 & 5 only
8. Which of the following statements regarding urban local bodies stands true ?
- 1) In 1935 another Government of India act brought local government under the preview of the state or provincial government and specific powers were given.
  - 2) Municipal corporations have less autonomy, smaller jurisdictions and have to deal with the state governments through the Directorate of Municipalities or through the collector of a district compared to nagarpanchayats( notified area council ).
  - 3) In India, a Nagar Palika or Municipality is an urban local body that administers a city of minimum population of 100,000 but less than 1,00,000.
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
9. Which of the following statements with respect to Agriculture Ministry's second advance estimates released recently stands true ?
- 1) Production of several crops, including rice and major pulses, was lower than targeted in the kharif or the monsoon season.
  - 2) Despite the government's drive to encourage millets and nutri-cereals, production failed to match targets this year, with the estimate pegged at 45.24 million tonnes.
  - 3) Sugarcane is the only major crop where this year's estimated production of 3,538 million tonnes was significantly lower than last year's output of 4,054 million tonnes.
- Choose the correct option :
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
10. Which of the following cities recently hosted the "Global ministerial conference on road safety" ?
- a) Stockholm      b) Oslo      c) Paris      d) Ahmedabad
11. Public health emergencies of international concern (PHEIC) implies a situation that is
1. Serious, sudden, unusual or unexpected.
  2. Carries implications for public health beyond the affected State's national border.
  3. May require immediate international action.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2      b) 1, 3      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
12. Consider the following statements regarding Geomagnetic reversal.
1. A geomagnetic reversal is a change in a planet's magnetic field such that the positions of geographic north and geographic south are interchanged.
  2. It will have an effect on the animals that use Earth's magnetic field for navigation.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only      b) 2 only      c) Both 1 and 2      d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. Consider the following statements regarding Darknet.
1. Darknet refers to the deep hidden internet platform that is used for narcotics sale, exchange of pornographic content and other illegal activities by using the secret alleys of the onion router (ToR) to stay away from the surveillance of law enforcement agencies.
  2. Owing to its end-to-end encryption, darknet is considered very tough to crack when it comes to investigating criminal activities being rendered over it.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only      b) 2 only      c) Both 1 and 2      d) Neither 1 nor 2
14. Consider the following statements regarding Corporate bonds.
1. Corporate bonds are debt securities issued only by private corporations.
  2. Corporate bond does not have an ownership interest in the issuing company, unlike when one purchases the company's equity stock.
  3. In India, financing of infrastructure projects such as roads, ports, and airports is higher through corporate bond market compared to bank loans and Government finance.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2      b) 2 only      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
15. Ploonet, sometimes in news refer to
- a) A moon that becomes a planet.
  - b) Device to rescue astronauts on the surface of Moon.
  - c) Mission to perform a flyby study of the Pluto system
  - d) None of the Above

16. Consider the following statements regarding Aditya-L1 mission.
1. Aditya-L1 mission will be ISRO's first space-based astronomy mission.
  2. It will be launched using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in XL configuration.
  3. It will carry out round-the-clock imaging of the Sun.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2                      b) 2, 3                      c) 1, 3                      d) 1, 2, 3
17. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is preparing to send its first scientific expedition to study the Sun. Why is studying the Sun important?
1. The solar weather and environment affects the weather of the entire solar system.
  2. Variations in solar weather can change the orbits of satellites or shorten their lives and cause power blackouts.
  3. To learn about and track Earth-directed solar storms, and to predict their impact, continuous solar observations are needed.
- 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 regarding Food inflation.
1. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO's) food price index measure the change in international prices of a basket of major food commodities.
  2. From 2014 to 2019, FAO's food price index has been decreasing steadily.
  3. From 2014 to 2019, India's consumer food price index (CFPI) inflation has been decreasing steadily.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only                      b) 1, 3                      c) 2, 3                      d) 1, 2
19. Consider the following statements regarding Adichanallur.
1. Adichanallur is an archaeological site in Telangana, that has been the site of a number of very important archaeological finds.
  2. It is located close to Tamirabarani waterway.
- 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. Which of the following rivers flows through Kaziranga National Park.
1. Brahmaputra
  2. Diphlu
  3. Dharla
  4. Mora Diphlu
  5. Rangpo
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 1, 2, 3                      b) 1, 3, 4, 5                      c) 1, 2, 4                      d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**ANSWER KEYS**

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