

1. Consider the following statements:
  1. Charging customs duty on an import is violation of 'principle of national treatment' of World Trade Organization (WTO).
  2. The 'principle of national treatment' shall apply to foreign and domestic goods but not to foreign and domestic services.Which of the statements given above is/are NOT CORRECT?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2**
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements regarding Most-favoured-nation (MFN):
  1. Under the WTO agreements, countries cannot normally discriminate between their trading partners.
  2. Countries can set up a free trade agreement that applies only to goods traded within the group, discriminating against goods from outside.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2**
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. Consider the following statements:
  1. India is a member of G-55, a coalition group of developing Members, and has been making all efforts to negotiate and achieve a positive outcome on the issue of public stockholding for food security purposes.
  2. The Nairobi Ministerial Conference of the WTO held in December 2015 reaffirmed that providing perpetual protection to public stockholding programmes of a developing Member for food security purposes from being challenged under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture until a permanent solution is agreed and adopted.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only**
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements regarding World Trade Organization (WTO):
  1. It is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations.
  2. The WTO's top decision-making body is the General Council.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only**
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. International Finance Corporation (IFC) is a member of the World Bank Group.
  2. IFC is the largest global development institution focused on the public sector in developing countries.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only**
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
6. Which of the following is also known as 'Paper Gold'?
  - a) Government Securities
  - b) Bitcoins
  - c) Gold bonds

- d) Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of IMF**
7. Which of the following currencies are not part of SDR Basket of IMF?  
a) Chinese Renminbi.  
**b) Indian Rupee.**  
c) Japanese Yen.  
d) Euro.
8. 'FDI Regulatory Restrictiveness Index' is published by which of the following organizations?  
a) UNCTAD  
b) IMF  
c) WEF  
**d) OECD**
9. Consider the following statements related to New Development Bank (NDB)?  
1. The agreement on NDB was signed in the sixth BRICS Summit in Fortaleza (2014)  
2. The New Development Bank (NDB) is formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank.  
3. At present, China has highest voting rights among all the members.  
Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?  
a) 1 only  
**b) 1 and 2 only**  
c) 2 and 3 only  
d) 1, 2 and 3
10. Which among the following statements regarding Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) is/are correct?  
1. It is an arm of the IMF.  
2. It encourages foreign investment in public sector only.  
3. It provides insurance to foreign private investors against the loss caused by political risks.  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
a) 1 and 3 only  
b) 1 and 2 only  
**c) 3 only**  
d) 1, 2 and 3
11. Which of the following is true about the local wind Loo  
**a) It is a Hot, dry and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna**  
b) It is a Cold, dry and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna  
c) It is a Hot, wet and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna  
d) It is a Cold, wet and oppressing winds blowing in the Northern plains from Punjab to Bihar with higher intensity between Delhi and Patna
12. Consider the following statements regarding the relation between Indian subcontinent's climate and Western Cyclonic Disturbances  
1. The western cyclonic disturbances enter the Indian subcontinent from the west and the northwest during the winter months  
2. These Western Cyclonic Disturbances originate over the Mediterranean Sea  
3. The western cyclonic disturbances enter the Indian subcontinent from the west and the northwest during the Summer months  
4. These Western Cyclonic Disturbances brought into India by the westerly jet stream  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
a) 1 and 2 only  
b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
c) 2, 3 and 4 only  
**d) 1, 2 and 4 only**
13. Consider the following statements regarding Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)

1. It is a low pressure zone located at the equator
2. The trade winds converge at ITCZ, and so, it is a zone where air tends to ascend
3. In July, the ITCZ is located around 20°N-25°N latitudes (over the Gangetic plain)

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 1, 2 and 3**
  - c) 2 and 3 only
  - d) 1 and 3 only
14. Consider the following statements regarding South-West Monsoons and their entry into Indian main Land

1. The southwest monsoon sets in over the Kerala coast by 1st May.
2. By mid-June, southwest monsoon engulfs the entire subcontinent

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2**
15. Consider the following statements regarding Nor Westers

1. These are dreaded evening thunderstorms in Bengal and Assam
2. They are also called 'Kalbaisakhi'
3. These showers are useful for tea, jute and rice cultivation
4. In Assam, these storms are known as "Bardoli Chheerha"

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
  - b) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only**
16. Which type of Drainage Pattern the Ganga River system forms?

- a) Trellis pattern
- b) Dendritic pattern**
- c) Rectangular pattern
- d) Radial pattern

17. With respect to River Regime, Consider the following statements:

1. It represents the pattern of flow of water in a river channel over a year.
2. The river regime of Peninsular Rivers witnesses greater fluctuations than Himalayan Rivers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2**
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. The rivers originating from the Amarkantak range present a good example of
- a) Dendritic Drainage pattern
  - b) Radial Drainage pattern**
  - c) Trellis Drainage pattern
  - d) Centripetal Drainage pattern

19. Consider the below statements with regard to River Chenab:

1. Chenab is the largest tributary of the Indus.
2. It is formed by two streams, the Chandra and the Bhaga.
3. It runs parallel to the Pir Panjal range.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3**

20. Arrange the following rivers according to their drainage basin in India from highest to lowest:

1. Indus
2. Godavari
3. Krishna
4. Brahmaputra

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) **1-2-3-4**
- b) 4-2-3-1
- c) 2-4-3-1
- d) 4-3-2-1

21. The 'Nagorno-Karabakh' region recently seen in the news, is a disputed territory between which two countries?

- a) Israel and Palestine
- b) India and China
- c) China and Bhutan

**d) Armenia and Azerbaijan**

22. Consider the following statements regarding Red Sandalwood:

1. Red sandalwood is endemic to western Himalayas in India.
2. They usually grow under cool temperate climates.
3. It is known for its rich hue and therapeutic properties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) **3 only**
- d) 1, 2 and 3

23. With which of the following incidents Bhagat Singh was/were associated?

1. Lahore Conspiracy case
2. Protest against Public Safety Bill and the Trade Dispute Bill
3. Revenge the death of Lala Lajpat Rai

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) **1, 2 and 3**

24. Which of the following are full members of MERCOSUR bloc?

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Venezuela

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) **1 and 2 only**
- d) 1, 2 and 3

25. Which of the following initiatives are dedicated to improve education in India:

1. DIKSHA mobile app
2. SWAYAM Prabha
3. PRAGYATA guidelines

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1 and 3 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) **1, 2 and 3**