

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has added Part X to the Constitution of India.
 2. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has added Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.
 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:
 1. Not less than one-third of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Panchayat shall be reserved for women. However, these one-third seats should be calculated excluding the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes
 2. There shall be no reservation in the offices of the Chairpersons in the Panchayats at the village level.
 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. A person can be disqualified for being a member of Panchayat if he/she is less than twenty-five years of age.
 2. According to Constitution the tenure of a State Election Commissioner is five years.
 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:
 1. Every Municipality (unless sooner dissolved under any law) shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting
 2. A Municipality constituted upon the dissolution of a Municipality before the expiration of its duration shall continue for five years from its first meeting.
 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
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Finance Commission constituted under article 243X shall also review the financial position of the Municipalities.
 2. The election to the board of a Cooperative Society shall be conducted before the expiration of a period of six months from the date of the expiry of the term of the board.
 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. Consider the following statements:
 1. The idea of establishment of 3-tier Panchayat-raj system was recommended by Ashok Mehta Committee
 2. Andhra Pradesh was the first state to establish Panchayati Raj.
 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

7. With respect to the Local Government in India, Consider the following statements?
1. 33% of the seats in local bodies are reserved for women.
 2. According to the Indian Constitution, the local government is not an independent tier in the Federal system
 3. The grants-in-aid to Panchayats are from Consolidated Fund of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 1 and 3 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
8. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Panchayat system in India?
1. The provisions of Part IX of the Constitution relating to the Panchayats are not applicable to the Fifth Schedule areas.
 2. PESA was enacted to extend the provisions of Part IX of the Constitution to Scheduled Areas and Tribal areas.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Which of the following DOES NOT fall under the compulsory provisions of 73rd Amendment Act, 1992?
1. Authorizing panchayats to levy, collect and appropriate taxes, duties, tolls and fees
 2. Providing reservation of seats for backward classes in panchayats at all level.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. With reference to the urban local bodies in India, which of the following statements is/are NOT CORRECT?
1. Notified area committee is an entirely nominated body.
 2. Mayor is the chief executive authority of a Municipal corporation
 3. A municipal corporation has two authorities, namely the standing committees and the commissioner.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- a) 2 and 3 only
 - b) 1 only
 - c) 1 and 2 only
 - d) 3 only
11. 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
12. 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
13. 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
14. 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
15. 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
16. 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
17. Which of the following currencies are not part of SDR Basket of IMF?
- a) Chinese Renminbi.
b) Indian Rupee.
c) Japanese Yen.
d) Euro.
18. 'FDI Regulatory Restrictiveness Index' is published by which of the following organizations?
- a) UNCTAD
b) IMF
c) WEF
d) OECD
19. 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

20. 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
21. With reference to North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project, consider the following statements:
1. It receives assistance from the World Bank.
 2. It is sponsored by the centre and States on a 60:40 basis.
- 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
22. With reference to New Development Bank, consider the following statements:
1. In its ownership structure, only Russia and China have veto powers.
 2. It has received an observer status in the United Nations General Assembly.
- 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
23. With reference to Parliamentary sessions, consider the following statements:
1. The power to convene a session of Parliament rests with the Government.
 2. The Constitution provides for three fixed parliamentary sessions in a year.
- 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
24. Consider the following statements:
1. The Young Champions of the Earth prize was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2005.
 2. The UNEP was established to guide and coordinate environmental activities within the United Nations (UN) system.
 3. The Emission Gap Report is released by the UNEP.
- 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
25. With reference to National Hydrology Project, consider the following statements:
1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to improve accessibility of water resources information.
 2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and supported by the World Bank.
- 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