

1. The Tamil Nadu coast remains dry during the South-west Monsoon season. The reason
  1. The Tamil Nadu coast is situated parallel to the Bay of Bengal branch of Southwest monsoon
  2. It doesn't lie in the rain shadow region of the Arabian Sea branch of the South-west monsoon
  3. Monsoon winds strike the coast and reroute due to the very high summits of the Eastern GhatsWhich of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - a) 1 only**
  - b) 1 and 2 only
  - c) 1, 2 and 3
  - d) 1 and 3 only
2. The Winter Monsoons, that are also known as the North-East Monsoons blow from
  - a) Sea to the Land
  - b) Land to Sea**
  - c) Upper air circulation
  - d) None
3. Consider the following statements
  1. High pressure systems usually bring wind and precipitation.
  2. Low pressure systems are usually characterized by dry and settled weather.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 Katabatic winds:
  1. They are also called Gravity winds or Downslope winds
  2. They occurs due to density differences in wind at different altitudesWhich 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. Why does not the cyclones form at the Equator
  - a) The Coriolis force is zero at the Equator**
  - b) The Coriolis force is maximum at the Equator
  - c) The wind blows parallel to the isobars at the Equator
  - d) None
6. Consider the below statements with regard 'dew':
  1. The ideal conditions for formation of dew are clear sky, calm air, high relative humidity, and cold and long nights.
  2. For the formation of dew, it is necessary that the dew point is above the freezing point.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. Which of the following statement is NOT CORRECT regarding Chinook/Fohn winds?
  - a) They are strong, dry and warm winds
  - b) These winds are formed when ascending air becomes compressed with increased pressure**
  - c) These winds develops on the leeward side of the mountains
  - d) The winds helps animal grazing by melting snow and fastens the ripening of grapes
8. Select the appropriate climatic zone/type having the below given characteristics:
  1. Precipitation level: 35-75cm
  2. Warm, dry summer and cool, wet winter
  3. Shifting of wind beltsChoose the correct answer from the code given below:
  - a) Laurentian type
  - b) Mediterranean climate**
  - c) Steppe/Temperate grasslands

- d) Coniferous forest Siberian climate
9. Consider the following statements:
1. The centre of Tropical cyclone is characterized by extremely low pressure..
  2. Normally Tropical cyclones move from east to west under the influence of trade winds and they mainly occur in summer.
  3. Temperate Cyclones always travel from west to east and are produced predominantly in winter.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 2 only  
b) 1 and 2 only  
c) 1 and 3 only  
**d) 1, 2 and 3**
10. Which of the following are the favourite breeding grounds for temperate cyclone?
1. South-east Caribbean region
  2. Mexican Gulf
  3. Mediterranean basin extending up to Russia
  4. North-west Australia
- Choose the correct answer from the code given below:
- a) 1, 2 and 3  
**b) 2 and 3 only**  
c) 3 and 4 only  
d) 1, 3 and 4
11. Consider the following statements
1. Fifteenth Finance Commission (for horizontal devolution) has assigned highest weight for the criteria of 'population'.
  2. Fifteenth Finance Commission (for horizontal devolution) has assigned lowest weight for the criteria of 'Tax effort'.
- 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
1. The grants provided by 15th Finance Commission to the rural local bodies are completely (100%) untied.
  2. For rural local bodies, no conditions have been prescribed by 15th Finance Commission for getting the grants in 2020-21.
- 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. 15th Finance Commission has recommended an aggregate share of 42 per cent of the net proceeds of Union taxes (divisible pool) for the States.
  2. One of the major components of the revenue expenditure of the Government is Interest payments.
- 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:
1. In the recent Budget, the government has reduced the GST rate on Electric Vehicles and Electric Vehicle Chargers to 5 per cent.
  2. e-Nivaran is the online grievance redressal system of the Income Tax Department.
- 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**
15. Consider the following statements:  
1. PAHAL is an example of cash scheme of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), while PDS is an example for In-kind scheme of DBT.  
2. Proportion of external debt as percentage of total liabilities, amounts to 49 per cent of Central Government's total liabilities as on March 31, 2019.  
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. Consider the following statements regarding 'Financial Stability':  
1. Financial stability could be defined as a situation in which the financial sector provides critical services to the real economy without any discontinuity.  
2. Financial stability is an important aspect of the Monetary Policy of India  
3. Financial Stability report is published every year by Ministry of Finance.  
Which of the above statements are correct?  
a) **1 and 2**  
b) 2 and 3  
c) 1 and 3  
d) 1,2 and 3
17. Consider the following statements with reference to SEBI:  
1. It regulates the trading of Shares in the Stock exchanges  
2. The trading of Agricultural Commodities in Commodity exchanges is regulated by Forward Markets Commission (FMC) and SEBI supervises it.  
Which of the following statements is/are correct?  
a) **1 only**  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. With reference to regulation of pension products, consider the below statements:  
1. Pension products floated by insurance companies or sold by mutual funds come under the purview of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).  
2. The National Pension System (NPS) is a voluntary defined contribution pension system administered and regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).  
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
19. Consider the following statements with reference to the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)  
1. It is a statutory body constituted under an Act of the Parliament  
2. The Chairman of the FSDC is the Finance Minister of India  
Which of the above statements is/are NOT CORRECT?  
a) **1 only**  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. Which of the following constitutes Non-tax revenue in the economy:  
1. Interest and dividend receipts  
2. External grants and receipts from fiscal services  
3. External grants and receipts from the Union Public Service  
4. Disinvestment receipts  
Choose the correct option from the code given below:  
a) 1 and 2 only

- b) 1, 2, and 3 only  
c) 2, 3 and 4 only  
d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
21. From the below, identify the incorrect statement about Van Dhan Yojana?  
a) It is a component of the Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through MSP & Development of Value Chain for MFP.  
**b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is the nodal implementing agency at Central level.**  
c) It was launched on 14th April, 2018 and seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.  
d) It is 100% Central Government Funded with TRIFED providing Rs. 15 lakhs for each 300 member Van Dhan Kendra.
22. From the below, identify the correct statement with reference to 'The Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)'?  
a) The identified manual scavengers, one from each family, would be eligible for receiving cash assistance of Rs. 4,00,000 immediately after identification.  
**b) Loan up to a maximum cost of Rs. 10 lacs will be admissible under the scheme and Rs. 15 lacs in case of sanitation related projects.**  
c) This Scheme is implemented by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.  
d) There is cap on income to be eligible for this scheme.
23. The term, 'Miyawaki' method is often seen in news. What is it associated with?  
a) Desalination of Seawater  
**b) Afforestation**  
c) Zero Budget Natural Farming  
d) Algal Bloom
24. Consider the following statement regarding Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) Scheme –  
1. This Scheme targets to form and promote 100,000 new FPOs in the country with budgetary provision of Rs 6865 crore.  
2. There are 09 implementing agency, which will engage Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) to aggregate, registered & provide professional handholding support to each FPO for a period of 5 years.  
3. National Project Management Agency (NPMA) has been engaged for providing overall project guidance, coordination, compilation of information.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
a) 1 and 2 only  
b) 1 only  
**c) 2 and 3 only**  
d) All of the Above
25. The term 'TROPEX 21' is related to which of the following?  
a) A type of intercontinental ballistic missile  
b) A submarine of Indian Navy  
c) A bilateral military exercise between India and USA  
**d) A theatre level exercise of Indian Navy**