

1. Which of the statements given below is not true with reference to Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act?
 - a) It is mandatory for all NGOs to be registered under the Act to receive foreign funding.
 - b) It is mandatory for all NGOs seeking foreign donations have to open a designated FCRA account at the SBI branch.
 - c) Only SBI bank is empowered to report to the Central government within 48 hours the "receipt or utilisation of any foreign contribution" by any NGO.**
 - d) None
2. Consider the statements below in regard to Budget:
 1. Constitution provides that "Budget" be laid before both the Houses of Parliament every financial year.
 2. The "Budget" is a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of India in a financial year.
 3. Ministry of Finance prepares the Budget.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 1 and 3 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only**
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Which of the following organization is responsible for the preparation of economic survey in India?
 - a) Department of Revenue
 - b) Department of Information and Broadcasting
 - c) Department of Financial Services
 - d) Department of Economic Affairs**
4. Who among the following was concerned about the problem of food security in India and sowed the seeds of the Green Revolution in Indian agriculture?
 - a) Dr. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
 - b) C. Subramaniam**
 - c) Elattuvalapil Sreedharan
 - d) Amartya Sen
5. Which of the following are treated as Revenue expenditure of the Centre?
 1. Making interest payments on debt
 2. Subsidies
 3. Grants in aid
 4. All grants given to the State Governments/UTs
 Choose correct answer:
 - a) 1, 2 and 3
 - b) 1 and 4
 - c) 2 and 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
6. Which of the following statements best denote the term "primary deficit"?
 - a) It is obtained by knowing the difference between revenue receipts and revenue expenditure.
 - b) It is calculated by excluding the grants given by the Centre to States and Union Territories for creation of capital assets.
 - c) It is obtained by deducting the interest payments on previous borrowings from the fiscal deficit.**
 - d) It denotes the extent to which the Centre will have to borrow in the fiscal year to meet the revenue shortfall.
7. Consider the following statements:
 1. The total demand for gold in India dwindled by 35 per cent in 2020.
 2. India is only behind China in overall consumption of gold.
 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

8. Which of the following are considered as the strategic sectors under the recently unveiled Strategic Disinvestment Policy?
1. Transport and Telecommunications
 2. Atomic energy, Space and Defence
 3. Banking, Insurance and financial services
 4. Petroleum, Coal and other minerals
- Choose correct option:
- a) 1, 2 and 4
 - b) 1 and 2
 - c) 1, 2 and 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
9. India had recently acceded to the Hong Kong International Convention (HKC), which is associated with -
- a) global standards for safe and environmentally-sound ship recycling**
 - b) equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of all civil and political rights
 - c) governing actions to combat climate change through adaptation and mitigation efforts directed at control of emission of GreenHouse Gases (GHGs)
 - d) elimination of racial discrimination and the promotion of understanding among all races
10. In order to improve agricultural infrastructure in the country, Finance Minister recently announced an Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) on which of the following items?
1. Petrol
 2. Diesel
 3. Apples
 4. Alcohol
- Choose correct answer:
- a) 2 and 4
 - b) 1, 2 and 3
 - c) 1 and 2
 - d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
11. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshana Abhiyan' (PM-AASHA) is an umbrella scheme to -
- a) ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers**
 - b) aimed to replace the existing two schemes National Agricultural Insurance Scheme as well as the Modified NAIS
 - c) increase flow of credit and removal of indebtedness from non-institutional sources of lending to farmers
 - d) interest subvention scheme to farmers
12. Which one among the following is not part of the Nine Missions under the Prime Minister's Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC)?
- a) Electric vehicle
 - b) Waste to Wealth
 - c) National Biodiversity
 - d) Deep Space Exploration**
13. Recently Sri Lanka decided to scrap a 2019 agreement associated with the development of East Coast Terminal (ECT). Sri Lanka had signed the 2019 Memorandum of Cooperation for the development of ECT with which of the following countries?
1. India
 2. China
 3. Japan
- Choose correct answer:
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) 3 only
 - d) 1 and 3**
14. New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) is a nuclear arms reduction treaty between -
- a) Iran and USA
 - b) North Korea and USA

- c) **Russia and USA**
d) China and USA
15. Consider the following statements about Integrated Diseases Surveillance Program (IDSP):
1. It is a disease surveillance scheme launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Affairs in India, assisted by the World Bank.
2. Under IDSP, data is collected on epidemic prone diseases on weekly basis.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) **Both 1 and 2**
d) Neither 1 nor 2
16. Consider the following statements with reference to **Pradhan Mantri Matri Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)**:
1. It is a Maternity Benefit Programme that is implemented in all the districts of the country in accordance with the provision of the National Food Security Act, 2013.
2. It is a conditional cash transfer scheme for pregnant and lactating women of 19 years of age or above for the first live birth.
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
17. Which of the following statements are NOT correct regarding the 'International Criminal Court' (ICC)?
1. It is primary Judicial Branch of The United Nations.
2. It has the jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.
3. India became first country ever to leave the ICC.
Select the code from below:
a) 1 and 2
b) 2 only
c) **1 and 3**
d) All the above
18. Consider the following statements:
1. Chauri Chaura incident led Gandhi to call off the Non Cooperation Movement from Bardoli in 1922.
2. Chauri Chaura incident led Gandhi to start his Dandi March and later talks with the Viceroy Lord Irwin.
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. The community volunteer programme **Himal Sanrakshak** aims to protect which of the following species?
a) Red Panda
b) Alpine Musk Deer
c) **Snow Leopard**
d) Himalayan brown Bear
20. Consider the following pairs:
Blue Flag beaches State
1. Kasarkod Karnatak
2. Rushikonda Andhra Pradesh
3. Radhanagar Gujarat
Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
a) **1 and 2 only**
b) 1 and 3 only

- c) 2 and 3 only
d) 1, 2 and 3
21. Consider the following statements:
1. India's Forex Reserves include the Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) and Gold reserves only.
 2. The Foreign Currency Assets are expressed in dollar terms.
- 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. Consider the following statements about Odia language:
1. It is the oldest language of the eastern Indo-Aryan Family.
 2. It is derived from the Sanskrit language.
 3. Adikabi Sarala Das wrote Mahabharata in Odia.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
b) 2 only
c) 3 only
d) 2 and 3 only
23. With reference to the Godavari River, consider the following statements:
1. It rises from Trimbakeshwar near Nasik in Maharashtra and flows into the Bay of Bengal.
 2. Its drainage basin extends over the states of Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh only.
- 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. With reference to the Special Drawing Rights (SDR), consider the following statements:
1. It is an international reserve asset, created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
 2. The value of the SDR is calculated from a weighted basket of major currencies.
- 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
25. With reference to Rare disease, consider the following statements:
1. Rare diseases have low prevalence but are not life threatening.
 2. All the rare diseases have genetic origin.
 3. There is no treatment available for rare diseases.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct ?
- a) 1 only
b) 1 and 2 only
c) 2 and 3 only
d) 1, 2 and 3