

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve was the first biosphere reserve in India.
 2. The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is the India's biggest biosphere.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. The World Bank's Doing Business rankings are based on which of the following?
 1. Starting a Business
 2. Dealing with Construction Permits
 3. Getting Electricity
 4. Registering PropertySelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Which of the following States from North-eastern India does not share an international border?
 - (a) Assam
 - (b) Meghalaya
 - (c) Mizoram
 - (d) None of these
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. India launched the Organic Farming Policy in 2005.
 2. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana is an elaborated component of National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements about the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF):
 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
 2. It aims to support market interventions for price control of perishable agri-horticultural commodities.
 3. Initially the fund is proposed to be used for onion and potato only.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
6. Recently, 'India Disaster Response Summit' was organised jointly by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with which of the following social media platform?
 - (a) Facebook
 - (b) Twitter
 - (c) Snapchat
 - (d) WhatsApp

7. Which among the following are part of the Prime Minister's 10-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction?
1. Develop a network of universities to work on disaster issues.
 2. Utilise the opportunities provided by social media and mobile technologies.
 3. Encourage greater involvement and leadership of women in disaster risk management.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
8. Consider the following statements:
1. The National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA) was instituted by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in 2016 to encourage a culture of entrepreneurship across the country.
 2. Shilpostav- 2017 is the annual fair of artisans from across the country, belonging to the weaker sections of the society.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Consider the following statements:
1. National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) aims to provide safe and adequate drinking water supply through hand-pumps, piped water supply etc. to all rural areas, households and persons.
 2. NRDWP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 50:50 fund sharing between the Centre and the States.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. Consider the following statements:
1. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is a pension scheme for citizens of India focused on the unorganised sector workers.
 2. Any Citizen of India can join APY scheme.
 3. To subscribe to this scheme, the person should have a savings bank account/ open a savings bank account.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above

ANSWER KEYS

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