

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 26 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. The National Institutional Ranking framework (NIRF) assess institutions on which of the following parameters?
 1. Teaching, learning and resources
 2. Research and professional practice
 3. Placements offered by reputed companies
 4. Perception of the institutionSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. Gini Coefficient is a popular statistical measure to gauge the rich-poor income or wealth divide.
 2. Gini Coefficients cannot be used to compare income distribution of a country over time.
 3. A general rise in Gini Coefficient indicates that government policies are not inclusive.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is the implementing body of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).
 2. The OPCW is an independent, autonomous international organisation with a working relationship with the United Nations.
 3. It monitors chemical industry to prevent new weapons from re-emerging.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
4. Consider the following statements about Reporters Without Borders (RSF):
 1. It is based in New York.
 2. It is an independent NGO with consultative status with the United Nations.
 3. It has won the Nobel Peace Prize in the year 2017.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector.
 2. A PMI of more than 50 represents expansion of the manufacturing sector.

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

6. Consider the following statements about the 'Payments Banks':

- 1. They can't advance loans.
- 2. They can issue credit/debit cards.
- 3. They cannot accept demand deposits.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

7. Consider the following statements about the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):

- 1. The Finance Minister is the chairman of the Committee.
- 2. The Monetary Policy Committee is a statutory body.
- 3. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be six members.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

8. The loss of Arctic Sea ice is not only a consequence of global warming, but also an accelerant because:

- (a) Melting of ice will lead to more use of Arctic Sea for communication and burning of fossil fuels.
- (b) It will lead to oceanic acidification and consequent release of CO₂.
- (c) Snow reflects the Sun's radiation back into space while blue water of seas/oceans absorb it.
- (d) None of these.

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The glycemic index (GI) is a ranking of carbohydrates on a scale from 0 to 100 according to the extent to which they raise blood sugar (glucose) levels after eating.
- 2. Foods with a high GI are those which are rapidly digested, absorbed and metabolised and result in marked fluctuations in blood sugar (glucose) levels.
- 3. Brown rice has low GI than white rice.

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

10. What makes Hubble Telescope different from telescopes on Earth?

- (a) Hubble can take sharper pictures of objects in the sky by coming closer to them.
- (b) Hubble is solar powered.
- (c) Hubble is not affected by the Earth's magnetic field.
- (d) Hubble gets a better view of the universe than telescopes have at ground level.

11. Which of the following allows candidates to contest from two constituencies at a time?
 - (a) Constitution of India
 - (b) Parliamentary Conventions
 - (c) Representation of People Act, 1951
 - (d) Election Commission of India
12. Consider the following statements:
 1. In India, a motion of no-confidence can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha.
 2. The Speaker sets up a date for discussion of the motion if minimum of 100 members of the house support the motion.
 3. The motion of no-confidence is passed to remove the council of ministers and oust the ruling government from administrative offices.
 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
13. Ashuganj river port in Bangladesh is used by India to transport goods to which of the following North-eastern State?
 - (a) Meghalaya
 - (b) Nagaland
 - (c) Manipur
 - (d) Tripura
14. The Zangmu Dam is located on which of the following rivers?
 - (a) Brahmaputra
 - (b) Dihang
 - (c) Barak
 - (d) Kosi
15. Which of the following Ministries catogorizes tribal groups as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)s?
 - (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
 - (c) Ministry of Finance
 - (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
16. While calculating the Net Present Value (NPV) of forests under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, which of the following are taken into consideration?
 1. Goods and services (like tourism and timber)
 2. Regulating services (like climate change)
 3. None-material benefits (like recreation)
 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
17. Consider the following statements about the New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative scheme:
 1. It is being implemented by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR).
 2. Under the scheme, soft-loans can be awarded to develop new technologies.

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

18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India has overtaken Japan to become the world's second largest producer of crude steel.
- 2. U.S. is the largest producer of crude steel in the world.

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

19. Western Ghats passes through which of the following States?

- 1. Tamil Nadu
- 2. Goa
- 3. Telangana
- 4. Gujarat

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (d) All of the above

20. Consider the following statements about alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC):

- (a) A DC charging point charges electric vehicles faster than an AC charging point.
- (b) An AC charging point charges electric vehicles faster than a DC charging point.
- (c) Both charges at the same rate.
- (d) Electric vehicles are charged by special type of batteries which do not require AC or DC.

ANSWER KEYS

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