

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 29 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. 'Kotia' region is a bone of contention over its ownership rights between which of the following States?
 - (a) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
 - (b) Punjab and Haryana
 - (c) Karnataka and Maharashtra
 - (d) Odisha and Andhra Pradesh
2. The production of hydrocyanic acid, which is toxic to both humans and animals, can be increased in certain group of plants under which of the following conditions?
 - (a) Wilting and frost injury
 - (b) Rapid regrowth following retardation
 - (c) Certain conditions involving climate, fertility, stage of growth
 - (d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. The UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) recently replaced existing QR code on e-Aadhaar with a secured digitally-signed QR Code.
 2. A secured digitally-signed QR Code would help offline verification for ensuring that no denials on Aadhaar-based services take place.
 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
4. Which of the following disciplines were newly added while calculating the National Institutional Ranking Framework-2018?
 1. Law
 2. Medicine
 3. Architecture
 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
5. 'Operation Insaniyat' launched by India was aimed at:
 - (a) Saving fishermen trapped in the sea due to cyclone Ockhi.
 - (b) Supporting Bangladesh in its humanitarian efforts to help Rohingya refugees.
 - (c) Providing free LPG connections to women still using wood to prepare food.
 - (d) Free plastic surgery for the acid-attack victims.
6. Consider the following statements:
 1. Right to life is provided under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.
 2. Right to life is applicable to only Indian citizens.
 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
7. Recently, U.S. has imposed tariffs on steel and aluminium imports from which of the following countries?
 1. Canada
 2. Mexico
 3. China
 4. India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 and 4 only
 - (c) All of the above
 - (d) None of these
8. Who among the following is the youngest Indian to win an International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup gold?
- (a) Manu Bhaker
 - (b) Punam Yadav
 - (c) Heena Sidhu
 - (d) Sanjita Chanu
9. Consider the following statements regarding electoral bonds scheme:
- 1. Only registered political parties are eligible for the scheme.
 - 2. There is no condition on the basis of voted polled in the previous Lok Sabha or Assembly elections.
 - 3. It is not mandatory for the parties to report the details of donations received through the bonds.
- 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. Consider the following statements about the CIBIL (Credit Information Bureau of India Limited):
- 1. CIBIL Score was introduced in 2007 as India's first credit scoring model for banking and financial institutions in the country.
 - 2. CIBIL is known for maintaining one of the largest collections of consumer information at global level.
 - 3. CIBIL is licensed by the Reserve Bank of India and is governed by the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act of 2005.
- 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
11. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Cauvery rises on Brahmagiri Hill of the Western Ghats in Karnataka state.
 - 2. It flows through the states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu only.
 - 3. It descends the Eastern Ghats in a series of great falls.
- 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
12. Consider the following statements about the National Human Rights Commission:
- 1. The Commission has its own investigating staff headed by a Director General of Police for investigation into complaints of human rights violations.
 - 2. The Commission can utilise the services of any officer or investigation agency of the Central Government or any State Government.

3. The Commission can associate only Governmental organizations in the investigation work.

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship grades the industrial training institutes (ITIs).
- 2. The Directorate General of Training is the umbrella body overseeing the functioning of ITIs and other training institutes.
- 3. The National Council on Vocational Training (NCVT) gives recognition to the ITIs.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. "NavIC" (Navigation with Indian Constellation) is a Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) implemented jointly with Airport Authority of India (AAI) and Indian Space Research Organisation.
- 2. Its main objectives are to provide Satellite-based Navigation services with accuracy and integrity required for civil aviation applications and to provide better Air Traffic Management over Indian Airspace.

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

15. Consider the following statements about "NavIC" (Navigation with Indian Constellation):

- 1. All the satellites consisting of NavIC are in GEO stationary orbit.
- 2. All the satellites consisting of NavIC will be visible at all times in the Indian region.

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

16. Consider the following statements about the draft National Forest Policy, 2018:

- 1. Increase the forest cover.
- 2. Involving communities in forest management.
- 3. Creating plantations for industrial use.

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:

1. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 calls for setting up of a Biodiversity Management Committee in each district level body.
2. The Committee will prepare People's Biodiversity Registers (PRBs), with tribals as members or people living in natural areas not classified legally as forest.

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. The 14th Finance Commission had no specific mandate to use the 2011 census.
2. The 14th Finance Commission used the 2011 census data related to population In addition to 1971 data.
3. It allocated 10% weight to the 2011 population.

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

19. Amnesty International aims:

- (a) To protect Human Rights of people.
- (b) To help catch the people involved in financial crimes.
- (c) To provide medical services to those affected by war.
- (d) To serve and provide basic facilities to international refugees.

20. Which of the following are the functions of the Competition Commission of India:

1. Eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition.
2. Promote and sustain competition.
3. Protect the interests of consumers.
4. Ensure freedom of trade in the markets of India.

Select 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

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