

ECONOMY

1. Consider the following statements:

- 100% FDI is allowed under automatic route in the digital media sector.
- DIPAM is the nodal department for FDI policy formulation.
- Digital Media comes under the purview of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only**
- (d) 2 and 3 only

2. Consider the following statements:

- LTRO (Long-term Repo Operations) ensure that banks reduce their MCLR without reduction in policy rates.
- Operation Twist involves sale and purchase of government securities to bring down short-term interest rates.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only**
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements regarding International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s quota system:

- Quotas determine the size of contingency funds at the disposal of the IMF to lend to countries in the need of help.
- Any changes in quotas must be approved by a majority of half of the total voting power.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only**
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

4. Currently India follows which of the following Exchange Rate regime:

- (a) Fixed exchange rate system
- (b) Flexible or floating exchange rate system
- (c) Managed floating or Intermediate Exchange rate System**
- (d) None of the above

5. Which of the following reports are published by World Bank?

- World Development Report
- Global Financial Stability Report
- Doing Business Report

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 3 only**
- (b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

6. Which of the following is/are included in foreign trade?

- Import
- Export
- Entrepot trade

Select correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3**

7. Consider the following statements regarding Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

- It is a multilateral development bank with a mission to improve social and economic outcomes in Asia and beyond.
- It is headquartered in Shanghai.
- AIIB offers sovereign and non-sovereign financing for sound and sustainable projects in energy and power sector.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only**
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

8. Which of the following items are considered under the revenue expenditure side of budget?

- Interest payments
- Salaries, Pensions and Provident fund.
- Subsidies and expenditure on Social services
- Defence expenditure

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**

9. Budget deficit may lead to:

- Rise in the National Debt
- Fall in value of currency
- Increase in currency circulation

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3**
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

10. Which of the following items are considered under the non-tax revenue receipts of government of India?

- Interest
- Examination fee
- Dividend and profits
- Salaries

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 4 only
(c) 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

ENVIRONMENT

11. Consider the following statements regarding the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):

1. Adaptation Fund (AF) projects was established under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1992.
2. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) was negotiated under the aegis of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statements regarding the Stockholm Convention:

1. It calls for international action against Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP).
2. Endosulfane was banned in India in 2011 under this convention.

Which of the above statements is/are Incorrect ?

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

13. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

1. Basel Convention: Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes
2. Rotterdam Convention: Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides
3. Ramsar Convention: Transnational marine resource harvesting

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

14. Consider the following statements:

1. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the only legally binding international framework to address desertification.
2. UNCCD is concerned with the management of only desert ecosystems.
3. UNGA has declared 2010-2020 as the United Nations Decade for Deserts.

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only

- (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

15. Which of the following statements regarding TRAFFIC is not correct?

- (a) It is an inter-governmental organization working under UNEP.
(b) It deals with both wild plants and animals.
(c) It started “Don’t Buy Trouble” campaign in India.
(d) It helped in the formation of South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN).

16. Consider the following statements regarding Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS):

1. It is an environmental treaty under the aegis of the United Nations Environment Programme .
2. It is the only global convention that specializes in the conservation of migratory species.
3. The last conference of CMS was held in India.

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

17. Consider the following statements regarding CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora):

1. It is legally binding on the parties.
2. It works under UNEP.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

18. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Coastal Regulation Zone?

1. The Coastal Regulation Zone 1 is Ecologically Sensitive Area which lie between low and high tide line.
2. The Coastal Regulation Zone IV is the territorial area under which Exploration of natural gas and extraction of salt are permitted
3. States have the authority to approve proposals for urban (CRZ-II) and rural (CRZ-III) areas

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

19. Consider the following statements about Wild Life Protection Act 1972:

1. It helped India become a party to the

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

2. The National Board for Wildlife was constituted as a statutory organization under the provisions of this Act

3. The Act also provided for the establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Authority

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

20. Consider the following statements regarding the National Wastelands Development Board:

1. It was established in 1985 under the Ministry Of Rural Development.

2. During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the strategy adopted by it emphasised more on tree planting activities rather than Community Participation for wasteland development.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect ?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

CURRENT AFFAIRS

21. Consider the following statements regarding QS World University Rankings 2023:

1. QS is the world's leading provider of services, analytics, and insight to the global higher education sector.

2. India is the second-most improved nation in Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 only

2. 2 only

3. Both 1 and 2

4. Neither 1 nor 2

22. With reference to the Maritime India Vision 2030, consider the following statements:

1. It is a ten-year blueprint for the maritime sector which was released by the Prime Minister at the Maritime India Summit.

2. It will supersede the Sagarmala initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 only

2. 2 only

3. Both 1 and 2

4. Neither 1 nor 2

23. Regarding the Sagar Manthan Dashboard, consider the following statements:

1. It is launched by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

2. It is the Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard of MoPSW.

3. It will ensure the timely completion of projects, informed decision-making, increased efficiency and effectiveness of projects.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 and 3 only

2. 3 only

3. 2 only

4. 1, 2 and 3 only

24. With reference to Ram Manohar Lohia, consider the following statements:

1. He began his political journey with the Socialist Party.

2. He opposed Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent struggle against British rule.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 only

2. 2 only

3. Both 1 and 2

4. Neither 1 nor 2

25. Regarding the Sarus Crane, consider the following statements:

1. It is listed in Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act.

2. It is the tallest flying bird in the world.

3. Its IUCN status is Nearly Threatened (NT).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 and 3 only

2. 2 and 3 only

3. 1 and 2 only

4. 1, 2 and 3 only