

1. National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges is headed by:
  - (a) Prime Minister
  - (b) Health Minister
  - (c) Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog
  - (d) Secretary, National Nutrition Mission
2. Consider the following statements about the National Foods Security Act, 2013:
  1. Children (3-6 years) age group are provided with hot cooked meals.
  2. Children (6 months-3 years) are provided with take-home ration.
  3. Pregnant women and lactating mothers are provided with take-home ration.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
3. 'Mount Mantap', which was recently in news, is in which of the following countries?
  - (a) Russia
  - (b) Israel
  - (c) North Korea
  - (d) Syria
4. E-way bills are required to be generated for goods to be taken by:
  - (a) Roads only
  - (b) Railway and Roads only
  - (c) Roads and Air only
  - (d) Railway, Air and Roads
5. Consider the following statements about 'anthrax':
  1. It cannot be transmitted from person to person.
  2. It can be treated with antibiotics.
  3. It can be prevented through vaccination.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. Consider the following statements:
  1. 2016 and 2017 were the two consecutive years of normal Monsoon in India.
  2. An average of 89 cm for the country as a whole is considered a normal Monsoon in India.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. Consider the following statements:

1. Impeachment of Chief Justice of India or any other Supreme Court judge can be initiated in either House of Parliament.
2. The judge against whom a motion of Impeachment has been moved can defend himself personally or through a representative before the House.
3. The details of the impeachment motion has to be revealed before it is admitted.

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. Under the Air Quality Monitoring Programme, which of the following air pollutants are being monitored?

1. Carbon Monoxide
2. Ozone
3. Ammonia
4. Lead

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) None of these

9. Lehman discontinuity marks the separation of:

- (a) Lower mantle and outer core
- (b) Lower crust and upper mantle
- (c) Outer core and inner core
- (d) Upper mantle and lower mantle

10. Which of the following rivers disappear in the Rann of Kachchh?

1. Banas
2. Ghaggar
3. Rupen

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 about the Armed Forces Special Forces Act:

1. It gives power to Army and central forces deployed in disturbed areas to kill anyone acting in contravention of law.
2. The Army can arrest and search any premises without a warrant.
3. It provides cover to forces from prosecution and legal suits without the Centre's sanction.

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. Which of the following countries with their official/unofficial borders are correctly matched:

1. India-China: Durand Line
2. India-Pakistan: McMahon Line
3. Pakistan-Afghanistan: Radcliffe Line

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only                                (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only                                (d) None of these

13. A village in India is considered electrified when:

- (a) Basic infrastructure such as a distribution transformer and distribution lines are in place in the inhabited locality.
- (b) Electricity is provided to public places like schools, panchayat office, health centres, dispensaries, community centres etc.
- (c) At least 10% of the households in the village are electrified.
- (d) All of the above

14. Considered the following statements:

1. The 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitution Amendments came into force on the same day.
2. Parts IX and X of the Constitution were introduced following the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitution Amendments.

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. In the past two decades, the share of developed countries in the production and export of textiles has been substantially reduced while that of developing countries has increased. Which among the following are the reasons for this?

1. Cheap labour
2. Availability of raw material
3. Less stringent environmental policies

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

16. Consider the following statements?

1. The 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission enhanced the grant substantially but did not take the change forward.
2. The 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission made significant steps to carry forward decentralised governance by linking the grants to local governments to the divisible pool.

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

17. The environmental Kuznets curve (EKC) hypothesis suggests that:

- (a) As per capita income grows, the increase in environmental impact hits the maximum and thereafter declines.  
(b) Higher the per capita income, more will be the level of pollution as people consume more resources.  
(c) Less per capita income stands for low environmental pollution as people consume less resources.  
(d) Per capita has no significant relation with the environmental pollution.

18. Which of the following Buddhist heritage sites have been correctly matched with the States where they are located?

1. Sanghon : Punjab
2. Assan : Haryana
3. Rumtek : Sikkim
4. Bomdila : Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

19. Arrange the following in decreasing order of their contribution to India's industrial machinery exports for 2017-18:

1. Bangladesh
2. U.S.
3. Germany

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1-2-3 (b) 2-3-1  
(c) 1-3-2 (d) 2-1-3

20. The famous 'Victoria Lake' stretches into which of the following countries?

1. Kenya
2. Tanzania
3. Rwanda

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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