

1. With reference to Agroforestry, consider the following statements:
 1. It is the Integrated management of crops, livestock and trees as a system rather than individually.
 2. It helps preserve germplasm of endangered species.
 Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2**
2. Which of the following statements are correct about Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development?
 1. Most OECD members are high-income economies with a very high Human Development Index (HDI) and are regarded as developed countries.
 2. India is a member of OECD
 3. International Migration Outlook is one of the publications of OECD
 Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only**
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Consider the following statements regarding Foreign Direct Investment:
 1. Foreign Portfolio Investment is where the foreign entity buys stocks and bonds of a company and provides the investor with control over the business.
 2. The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIFP) which facilitates the single window clearance of applications which are through approval route is administered by the Ministry of Finance.
 Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2**
4. Consider the following statements regarding Chip to Start-up (C2S) Programme:
 1. Under this programme, the central government aims to train engineers in very-large-scale integration (VLSI) and embedded system design areas.
 2. The nodal agency for implementation of C2S programme is National Informatics Centre (NIC) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
 Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
 - (a) 1 only**
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to Masala Bonds?
 1. Masala Bonds are foreign currency-denominated bonds issued inside India by foreign entities to raise money in foreign currency from local investors.
 2. The first Masala bond was issued in 2014 by International Finance Corporation (IFC) for the infrastructure projects in India.
 3. These bonds can only be issued to a resident of such a country which is a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only**
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
6. Consider the following statements regarding Green Fins Hub :
 1. The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), along with UK-based charity Reef-World Foundation has launched the Green Fins Hub.
 2. Green Fins is a conservation management strategy that offers the only environmental criteria for maritime tourism that are internationally recognised.
 Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2**
7. Which of the following statement is/are Incorrect with respect to the Crowding-Out Effect?
 - (a) It refers to a situation of high government expenditure supported by high borrowing causing a decrease in private expenditure.
 - (b) It refers to a situation when an increase in government spending/investment leads**

to an expansion of economic activity (real GDP) which in turn incentivises private sector firms to raise their own levels of capital investment and employment.

(c) A high magnitude of the crowding-out effect may even lead to lesser income in the economy.

(d) Increased interest rate and reduced availability of funds increases crowding out effect.

8. Consider the following statements regarding Invest India:

1. Invest India was formed in 2009 under Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956 for promotion of foreign investment to build capacity as well as bring in global best practices in investment targeting, promotion and facilitation areas.

2. The current shareholding pattern of Invest India is 51% of Industry Associations and the remaining 49% of Private sector.

3. Invest India shall also be a facilitator and partner offering hand holding services to the investors to keep them to speedily fructify their investment plans.

Which of the statements given above is /are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

9. Which of the given statements best describes the difference between the Repo Rate and the Marginal Standing Facility?

(a) Repo rate operations are carried out in primary market whereas the operations related to the Marginal standing facility are carried out in the secondary markets

(b) SLR securities (Statutory Liquidity Ratio) cannot be used for availing loans at the repo rate while they can be used for availing loans under the Marginal Standing Facility

(c) Repo rate loans are overnight loans while the loans under the Marginal standing facility are available for 14 days

(d) Repo rate facility can be increased above its limit under exceptional circumstances, marginal standing facility cannot be increased above its prescribed limit

10. Consider the following statements regarding Market Based Economic Despatch (MBED) mechanism:

1. It proposes a decentralised scheduling of power dispatches, both inter-state and intra-state.

2. Power is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution.

3. It is a way forward to deepen power markets in line with the Centre's 'One Nation, One Grid, One Frequency, One Price' formula.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 2 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 2 and 3 only