

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. National Human Rights Commission is a constitutional body created under the Article 330-AA of the Constitution.
 2. The commission is not empowered to inquire into any matter after the expiry of one year from the date on which the act constituting violation of human rights is alleged to have been committed.

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
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. Formalin is a solution of about 37% formaldehyde.
 2. Consumption of fish preserved with formalin can cause cancer.

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
3. Though the world is moving towards preserving the principle of 'net neutrality', which of the following countries has recently repealed net neutrality regulations?
 - (a) U.S. (b) U.K.
 (c) Russia (d) Israel
4. Consider the following statements about the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India:
 1. Only public limited companies with a net worth of Rs. 500 crore are legally covered.
 2. The CSR activities in India can be undertaken in the normal course of business.
 3. The Companies Act, 2013 does not have penal provisions for corporations and individuals for failure to abide by the norms.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) All of the above (d) None of these
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. Under the Institute of Eminence, 3 private and 3 public universities are to be selected.
 2. The selected institutes shall be regulated differently from other deemed to be universities so as to evolve into institutions of world class in a reasonable time period.

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. Which of the following organisations has joined hands with Jammu and Kashmir's Directorate of Health Services to set up a telemedicine centre at an altitude of 12,700 feet to cater to pilgrims en route to the Amarnath Shrine?
 - (a) Indian Space Research Organisation
 - (b) Indian Meteorological Organisation
 - (c) World Health Organisation
 - (d) Indian Institute of Telemedicine

7. The blue whale is a cosmopolitan species, found in all oceans except the:
- (a) Arctic Ocean (b) Antarctic Ocean
(c) Indian Ocean (d) Atlantic Ocean
8. Consider the following statements:
1. India's National Clean Energy Fund was set up to combat climate change.
 2. India's National Clean Energy Fund is maintained by collecting cess on the domestically produced coal.
- 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
9. Consider the following statements:
1. During solar storms the Sun sends a stream of electrical charges and magnetic fields toward the Earth.
 2. When a solar storm strikes the Earth, it often produces a dazzling "northern lights" display in areas close to the Arctic Circle.
 3. Solar storms can also disrupt satellites and various forms of electronic communications.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above
10. Which one of the following is considered as non-debt creating foreign investment inflow?
- (a) External assistance
(b) Foreign direct investment
(c) Borrowing from the International Monetary Fund
(d) Commercial borrowings
11. Consider the following statements about the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Bill, 2014:
1. The Bill provides for constitution of a Town Vending Committee (TVC) in each Local Authority.
 2. One-third members of the TVC will be from amongst street vendors to be selected through election, of which one-third shall be women.
 3. The perishable goods shall be released the same day of the claim being made.
- 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:
1. The World Economic Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.
 2. The World Economic Forum is an international organization with no commercial interests.
 3. The Global Gender Gap Report is published by the World Economic Forum.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The Westerlies of the southern hemisphere are stronger and more constant in direction than those of the northern hemisphere.
2. The broad expanse of ocean in southern hemisphere aids in the development of stronger Westerlies.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The LIGO-India proposal is for the construction and operation of an Advanced LIGO Detector in India in collaboration with the LIGO Laboratories, USA.
2. The objective is to set up the Indian node of the three node global Advanced 1160 detector network by 2024.
3. LIGO-India is being jointly funded by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. WTO members concluded negotiations at the 2013 Bali Ministerial Conference on the landmark Trade Facilitation Agreement.
2. The Trade Facilitation Agreement has entered into force in 2014.
3. The Trade Facilitation Agreement had required ratification by two-thirds of the WTO membership.

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 about the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):

1. Each member of the MPC has one vote and in case the numbers are equal, the governor has the casting vote.
2. The MPC has the responsibility of achieving a set inflation target.
3. The Finance Minister is the ex-officio chairperson of MPC.

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 FAME-India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (hybrid &) Electric vehicles in India) scheme:
1. The scheme is proposed to be implemented over a period of 6 years, till 2020.
 2. The scheme is a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan.
 3. The scheme is being administered by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- 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
18. Consider the following statements about the Green Climate Fund (GCF):
1. The GCF was set up in 2010 under the UNFCCC's (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) financial mechanism.
 2. Its aim is to channel funding from developed countries to developing countries to allow them to mitigate climate change.
 3. It does not cover adaptation measures to disruptions arising from a changing climate.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. A hurricane acquires its spin from the Coriolis effect.
 2. The diameter of the hurricane decreases as it moves away from low latitudes.
- 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
20. Which one of the following sequence correctly depicts the vicious circle of poverty?
- (a) Low income - low investment — low demand — capital deficiency
 - (b) Low investment - low income — low demand — capital deficiency
 - (c) Low income - low investment — low savings — capital deficiency
 - (d) Low income - low demand — low investment — capital deficiency

ANSWER KEYS

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