

1. Consider the following statements about the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF):
 1. It was constituted in 2006 under the Disaster Management Act for the exclusive purpose of specialized response to natural disasters.
 2. It covers all the natural disasters except chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) emergencies.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. Arrange the following sectors in decreasing order of the Corporate Social Responsibility funding in the last three years:
 1. Education/Differently Abled
 2. Rural development
 3. Health/Hunger/Poverty and Malnutrition/SanitationSelect the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1>2>3
 - (b) 2>3>1
 - (c) 1>3>2
 - (d) 2>1>3
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. Aadhaar number can be issued only to the citizens of India.
 2. There are no age and gender restrictions for getting the Aadhaar number for the eligible individuals.
 3. Aadhaar details of the deceased person will be deleted on request.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
4. Governments may resort to devaluation for which of the following reasons?
 1. To boost exports
 2. To shrink a trade deficit
 3. To reduce the debt servicing burdenSelect 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. Which of the following is the most important reason for the slump in India's FDI flows in the last couple of years?
 - (a) Shrinking global FDI pool
 - (b) Domestic factors
 - (c) Slow pace in the development of manufacturing industry
 - (d) Lack of skill in the Indian workforce
6. Consider the following statements:
 1. Scrub typhus is a mite-borne disease caused by a bacterium.

2. Scrub typhus incidence peaks during monsoon.

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, the Foreigners (Restricted) Areas Order, 1963, was relaxed for foreign tourists except from:

- 1. Pakistan
- 2. China
- 3. Bangladesh
- 4. Afghanistan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. Which of the following countries hosts the first overseas military base of China?

- (a) Gwadar
- (b) Hambantota
- (c) Djibouti
- (d) Banda Aceh

9. Which among the following are recognised as classical languages in India?

- 1. Prakrit
- 2. Sanskrit
- 3. Odia
- 4. Bengali

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

10. The new 'mission-based deployment concept' is related to:

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Air Force
- (d) All of the above

11. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

Area	Nanoparticle type
1. Optical imaging	Quantum dots
2. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Super-paramagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles
3. Drug and gene delivery	Polymer and liposome-based nanoparticles

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 NASA's Parker Solar Probe:
1. Parker Solar Probe will travel through the Sun's atmosphere, closer to the surface than any spacecraft before it.
 2. Parker Solar Probe will use Mercury's gravity during seven flybys over nearly seven years to gradually bring its orbit closer to the Sun.
- 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
13. Consider the following statements:
1. Hemochromatosis is a rare hereditary disease that is characterised by iron accumulation or overload in various tissues.
 2. The hepcidin hormone, released by the liver, is a central regulator of iron in the body.
- 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 about the Asian Games 2018:
1. The Asian Games 2018 will held in August-September in Indonesia.
 2. The Games will see North and South Korea fielding joint teams across some sports and events and being represented under a unified flag.
 3. Poco-poco is the traditional dance of Indonesia.
- 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
15. Consider the following statements:
1. The Union Government has recently decided to increase the number of assembly seats in Sikkim from 32 to 40.
 2. The number of assembly seats in any State can be increased under Article 371 of the Constitution.
- 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. India's grant assistance to SAARC countries, with the exception of which of the following countries, has been dipping since 2013?
- (a) Nepal
 - (b) Maldives
 - (c) Sri Lanka
 - (d) Afghanistan
17. Consider the following statements:
1. Recipients with blood type AB can receive a kidney from blood types A, B, AB and O.

2. If blood types are not compatible, the donor cannot donate the organs to the recipient.
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. Stressed assets include non-performing assets.
 - 2. Stressed assets are always more than non-performing assets.
- Select the correct answer by using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
19. Which of the following are among the objectives of the Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana?
- 1. To promote innovation in areas that are directly of relevance to the manufacturing and design industry.
 - 2. To spur innovative mindset in the students and faculty in premier technological institutes.
 - 3. To bring a coordinated action between academia and the industry.
 - 4. To have outcome-based research funding.
- 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
20. Consider the following statements about BASEL III norms:
- 1. These are important global norms that set a common standard for banks across countries.
 - 2. Tier 1 capital under these norms can be easily used to raise funds in times of troubles.
 - 3. The Basel III norms do not limit the amount of debt a bank can owe.
- 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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