

1. Consider the following statements:
  1. Ghost nets are classified under Abandoned, Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG).
  2. Synthetic ghost nets lead to micro-plastic ingestion by aquatic life.
 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. Though nicotine is addictive it is comparatively lesser harmful than cigarettes.
  2. Burning of tobacco harms smokers and public health and not nicotine.
  3. Vaping products like e-cigarettes eliminate combustion and provide nicotine in a much cleaner form.
 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. Consider the following statements:
  1. National Air Quality Index (AQI) is an initiative under 'Swachh Bharat'.
  2. It acts as 'One Number- One Colour-One Description' to judge the Air Quality for Common Man.
  3. There are four categories under the National Air Quality Index (AQI).
 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. Consider the following statements about the 'Strategic Forces Command (SFC)' of India:
  1. It was created by an executive order.
  2. It is headed by the Union Defence Minister.
  3. It is the final authority on decisions regarding nuclear weapons in India.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 

(a) 1 only	(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only	(d) 1 and 3 only
5. In which of the following ways, the 'Circular Error Probable' on board the surface to surface Agni V missile, makes the missile more effective?
  1. It makes it one of the most accurate strategic ballistic missile of its range class in the world.
  2. It allows the use of smaller yield nuclear warheads while increasing the lethality of the strike.
  3. It helps to increase its range beyond 5,000 km.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 

(a) 1 and 2 only	(b) 2 only
(c) 3 only	(d) 1 and 3 only
6. The most important forest types for the occurrence of 'red sanders' is:
  - (a) Montane Temperate Forest
  - (b) Moist Tropical Forest
  - (c) Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest
  - (d) Sub tropical broad leaved Forest

7. Which of the following animals show 'amphibiotic' behaviour?
1. Damselflies
  2. Frogs
  3. Snails
- 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. The Election Commission of India has launched the "cVigil" mobile application for citizens to:
- (a) Track the performance of the elected representatives during the course of their tenure.
  - (b) Train them to ensure that the ineligible votes are very less in number.
  - (c) Share proof of malpractices by political parties, candidates and activists.
  - (d) Encourage the parents to enroll above 18 years children with the Commission.
9. Consider the following statements about the 'offset clause' under the defence procurement procedure:
1. It applies when the deals are estimated at rupees 2,000 crore or more.
  2. It helps to transfer latest technology to India.
  3. Deals having an 'offset clause' usually take less time to deliver the products.
- 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
10. Consider the following statements about the National Chambal Sanctuary:
1. National Chambal Sanctuary supports the largest population of Gharials in the wild.
  2. National Chambal Sanctuary is the only known place where nesting of Indian Skimmers is recorded in large numbers.
  3. The National Chambal Sanctuary is listed as a Ramsar site.
- 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:
1. An aspiring 'Global Geopark' must have a corporate identity.
  2. The Geopark tag for geological features is same as the 'World Heritage Site' for historical monuments.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
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| (a) 1 only       | (b) 2 only          |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

12. Which of the following 'geological heritage sites' have been correctly matched with the States where they are located?
1. National fossil wood park: Gujarat
  2. Siwalik Fossil Park: Himachal Pradesh
  3. Great Boundary Fault: Rajasthan
- 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
13. Which of the following are among the causes for farmers' distress as reported by the Swaminathan Report:
1. Unfinished agenda in land reform
  2. Quantity and quality of water
  3. Technology fatigue
  4. Opportunities for assured and remunerative marketing
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above
14. Which of the following are among the 'neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)' as defined by the World Health Organisation?
1. Rabies
  2. Trachoma
  3. Yaws
- 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. Which of the following are among the changes that U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) makes to North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?
1. Canada will have to allow dairy producers from America to compete against locals.
  2. The USMCA mandates a minimum wage that is below the market wage on labour employed in Mexico.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Nano drones are governed by least regulations up to 50 feet height with some exceptions.

2. All the category of drones require a unique identification number to operate.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Deobands were known for their anti-Sufi form of Islam that allows its followers to consider other Muslims as unbelievers.
2. Wahhabism believed that there was no mismatch between 'sharia' and 'tariqa'.

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. Deobond was known for its anti-colonialism.
2. Deobond advocated complete independence from colonial rule, much before the Congress did.
3. Deobond was against the demand for Pakistan.

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. Which of the following animals can regenerate their body parts?

1. Lizards
2. Starfish
3. Salamanders

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

20. Consider the following statements about the Olive-Ridley Turtles:

1. The name for this sea turtle is tied to the colour of its shell.
2. They are currently the most abundant of all sea turtles.
3. Their 'critically endangered' status is due to the very small number of places where they could nest.

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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