

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Go Blue campaign is related to women rights.
 2. The Go Blue campaign is initiative of UNICEF.
 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. Catalytic converters are fitted into automobiles to reduce emission of harmful gases. Catalytic converters change unburnt hydrocarbons into:
 - (a) Carbon dioxide and water
 - (b) Carbon mono-oxide
 - (c) Methane
 - (d) Carbon dioxide and methane
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Central Board of Direct Taxes is a statutory authority.
 2. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is a part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.
 3. It is India's official Financial Action Task Force unit.
 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:
 1. The maternity benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) are available to all Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers (PW&LM).
 2. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is being implemented in selected districts of the country.
 Select the correct statement using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements:
 1. Loktak Lake is the largest fresh water body in north-eastern India.
 2. The lake is the only body of water in India that was included on the BBC's list of the world's 14 most beautiful bodies of water.
 3. The Keibul Lamjao National Park located at the south western part of the lake, is the world's only floating national park.
 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. Which among the following are key recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers, chaired by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan?
 1. Distribute ceiling-surplus and waste lands.
 2. "Agriculture" be inserted in the Concurrent List of the Constitution.

3. Ensure grazing rights and seasonal access to forests to tribals and pastoralists.
 4. "Million Wells Recharge" programme, specifically targeted at private wells should be launched.
- 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
7. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been established by the Government of India under which of the following Ministries?
 - (a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
 - (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 - (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - (d) Ministry of Finance
 8. Consider the following statements:
 1. Yemen borders both Saudi Arabia and Oman.
 2. Yemen borders both Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

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. The Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme on education loan is for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
 2. The objective of the Scheme is to encourage poor students aspiring to pursue Higher Education especially in Technical and Professional education.

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
 10. Which of the following organisations is charged with responsibility to ensure that Indian time stays accurate?
 - (a) Fourth Paradigm Institute
 - (b) Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology
 - (c) National Physical Laboratory
 - (d) National Institute of Science Communication And Information Resources
 11. Consider the following statements about the Women's Reservation Bill (108th Constitution Amendment Bill):
 1. It aims to reserve one-third of all seats in panchayats and urban local bodies for women.
 2. It aims to reserve one-third of all seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women.
 3. It aims to reserve one-third of all seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for women of those groups in both Lok Sabha and State legislatures.

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 preferential voting system is more representative than the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 2. In the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system, the leading candidate can win an election despite winning a minority of the votes.
- 3. India follows the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.

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 have been correctly matched?

- 1. Sustainable Development Goals: 2015-2030
- 2. 15th Finance Commission of India: 2020-2025
- 3. 13th Five Year plan of India: 2017-2022

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

14. Which among the following parts of a satellite receive and transmits radio signals at a prescribed frequency range and at the same time broadcast the signal at a different frequency?

- (a) Payload
- (b) Thrusters
- (c) Transmitter
- (d) Transponder

15. The categorisation held-for-trading (HFT), available-for-sale (AFS) and held-to-maturity (HTM) is used in the context of:

- (a) Foreign exchange reserves
- (b) Foreign direct investment
- (c) Foreign portfolio investment
- (d) Classification of investment by banks as per RBI norms

16. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

- 1. Assumption Island: Seychelles
- 2. Friendship Bridge: Maldives
- 3. Hambantota Port: Bangladesh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements about the Indus Water Treaty:

1. It was brokered by the World Bank.
2. According to the treaty, Beas, Ravi and Sutlej are to be governed by India, while, Indus, Chenab and Jhelum are to be taken care by Pakistan.
3. India is allowed to use 20 per cent of Indus' water for irrigation, power generation and transport purposes.

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 Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA):

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.
3. The central funding is in the ratio of 90:10 for union territories.

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. India's switching to super critical technologies for thermal power will decrease fly ash generation.
2. Fly ash released by thermal power plants negatively affects the agricultural productivity.

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 of the following National Parks / Wildlife Sanctuaries are also the World Heritage Sites?

1. Kaziranga National Park
2. Khangchendzonga National Park
3. Keoladeo National Park
4. Namdapha National Park

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) 1, 2 and 4 only

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