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01-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

1. The eight core industries comprise more than 50 per cent of weight in the IIP
2. Refinery products holds the highest weightage among the eight core industries

Which of the statement(s) is/ are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements

1. A person is considered stateless when he/ she is not considered as a national by any State under the operation of its law
2. A 'stateless' person may or may not become a refugee
3. In India, all refugees are treated equally

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following statements about UNESCO's World Heritage Sites

1. Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP), Sikkim is the first to be declared as "Mixed World Heritage Site" in India
2. The Operational Guidelines of 2017 allows for only two sites to be nominated by a state in an year.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. The objective of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) is

- a. Provide Health insurance for persons affected by non- communicable diseases
- b. Provide comprehensive medical care to the Central Government employees and pensioners enrolled under the scheme.
- c. Correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/ reliable tertiary healthcare services and also to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.
- d. Incentivise any organisation for working towards Swacch Bhatrat Abhiyan

5. Consider the following statements about National Urban Health Mission (NUHM)

1. The funding pattern of centre and state for this programme is 50:50 for all states except the eight North-Eastern states and other special category states where it is 75:25
2. It is jointly implemented by Ministries of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Human Resource Development and Women & Child Development.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements

1. North Korea shares border with China, Russia, and South Korea only
2. South Korea is surrounded by Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea only

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



7. Consider the following statements

1. Manufacturing of alloys
2. Wood preservatives
3. Tanneries
4. Anti- corrosives
5. Aircraft building

The applications of Chromium can be found in which of the above areas?

- a. 1, 2, and 3
- b. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- c. 2, 3, 4, and 5
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

8. Which of the following species are endemic to Periyar National Park in Kerala?

1. Nilgiri Wood Pigeon
 2. White- bellied blue flycatcher
 3. Crimson-backed sunbird
- a. 1 only
 - b. 1 and 3 only
 - c. 2 and 3 only
 - d. All of the above

9. Consider the following statements about 'Trade Winds: India'

1. It is a programme of United States which aims at enhancing military and defence trade only with India
2. It is part of the larger 'Access Asia' programme of US Department of Commerce.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about Sunderbans

1. It is the largest contiguous mangrove forest in the world
2. It is part of the Ramsar Wetland Sites as a 'wetland of international importance'
3. The larger part of Sunderbans is located in Bangladesh

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answers

1. b

- The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 per cent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- Highest- Refinery Products
- Lowest- Fertilizers

2. a

India has refugees from Tibet, Sri Lanka and West Pakistan. Among them, only the last group has the right to vote - in Lok Sabha elections but not in Assembly polls.

3. a

- As per Operation Guidelines 2017, only one site can be nominated by the state party each year which may be in different geographical locations but which should:
 1. be linked because they belong to the same historico-cultural group, or
 2. be the subject of a single safeguarding project, or
 3. belong to the same type of property characteristic of the zone.

4. c

- The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) was announced in 2003
- PMSSY has two components:
 1. Setting up new AIIMS.
 2. Upgradation of government medical colleges.



5. a
- Funding pattern North-Eastern and special category states (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) is 90:10
 - Other states 75:25 for states
6. a
- South Korea is surrounded by Yellow Sea (west), East China Sea (south), and Sea of Japan (east)
7. d
8. d
- The park is often called the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary or Thekkady. It is located high in the Cardamom Hills and Pandalam Hills of the south Western Ghats along the border with Tamil Nadu
9. b
- 'Access Asia' is a series of 25 trade promotion outreach events in cities across the US
 - Trade Winds: India will take place in New Delhi in the spring of 2019. It will be a conference and trade mission to India and other surrounding countries where US exporters will meet with decisionmakers on opportunities they have learned about at DGM (Discover Global Markets) and Access Asia events
 - It is to improve overall trade with India
10. c
- Sunderbans was recently proposed for Ramsar wetland tag recently by the West Bengal State Forest Department.
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3
2. Consider the following statements about National Rural Drinking Water Programme
1. It is a central sector scheme that aims to make water accessible at all times and situations with a minimum quality standard
 2. National Water Quality Sub-Mission is a sub-scheme that focuses only on Arsenic & Fluoride affected habitations
- Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* correct?
- a. 1 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
3. In which of the following regions in India Shale gas is found?
1. Cambay
 2. Assam- Arakan
 3. Indo- Gangetic basin
 4. Gondwana region in central India
- a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 2, 3, and 4 only
 - d. 1, 2, 3, 4

02-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Concessional Financing Scheme

1. It is aimed at supporting Indian Entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad
2. Only those companies which have 75 per cent shareholding by Indians would be supported
3. The Ministry of External Affairs is responsible for selection of projects that requires support

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only

4. Consider the following statements regarding GSLV MK-III

1. It is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle with a cryogenic third stage
2. It can carry 4 ton class of satellites into Low Earth Orbit or about 10 tons to Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2



d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about GI tags

1. It is valid for a period of 20 years after which it has to be renewed
2. The GI tags are administered by the same authority that manages Patents in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about 'Swati'

1. It is an indigenous Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) developed by DRDO
2. It has a range of 100 km and it can perform two operations namely Weapon Location Mode for enemy Artillery and Direction of Own Artillery Fire

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about 'Irulas'

1. These are aboriginal ethnic group of India that inhabit the Nilgiri mountains in Tamil Nadu and Kerala
2. The Biodiversity Act of 2002 recognises the tribe's possession of traditional knowledge of snake venom extraction

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about PowerTex India scheme

1. It is a comprehensive scheme that aims at upgrading existing plain powerlooms to semi-automatic or shutterless powerlooms by giving financial aid
2. The Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries (SAATHI) is part of PowerTex scheme

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about Public Interest Litigation (PIL)

1. It can originate only in the High Courts for the enforcement of the constitution or legal rights of a person or a group of persons
2. It cannot be filed against a private party

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about 'State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index'

1. It is being brought out jointly by Ministry of Power and NITI Aayog
2. Kerala stands first among states in terms of adopting energy efficiency measures

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



Answers

1. b

- Under the CFS, the government has been supporting Indian entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad since 2015-16.
- The scheme has now been liberalised and any Indian company, irrespective of the ownership will be eligible to benefit from the scheme
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) selects the specific projects keeping in view strategic interest of India and sends the same to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).

2. c

- NRDWP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 50:50 fund sharing between the Centre and the States.
- National Water Quality Sub-Mission to tackle Arsenic & Fluoride affected habitations, JE / AES areas

3. d

Shale gas is found in

- Cambay (Gujarat)
- Assam-Arakan (North East)
- Gondwana (Central India)
- Krishna Godavari onshore (East Coast)
- Cauvery onshore
- Indo-Gangetic basins.

4. a

GSLV Mk III is designed to carry 4 ton class of satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) or about 10 tons to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), which is about twice the capability of GSLV Mk II.

5. b

- GI tag is valid for 10 years and has to be renewed after that.
- Both are administered by Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademarks

6. a

- Its range is 50 km
- WLR has two roles to perform i.e. Weapon Location Mode for enemy Artillery and Direction of Own artillery Fire (DOOAF) Mode for our own Artillery.

7. c

The Biodiversity Act, 2002 underlines the principle of 'Access and Benefit Sharing' is set to benefit tribe for its possession of traditional knowledge

8. a

- SAATHI is an initiative of Ministries of Power and Textiles with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to procure energy efficient Powerlooms, motors and Rapier kits in bulk and provide them to the small and medium Powerloom units at no upfront cost
- It is not part of PowerTex scheme

9. b

- PIL can be filed in either High courts or Supreme court
- It can be filed against State/Central Govt., Municipal Authorities, and not any private party.

10. b

- The first edition of State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index was recently brought out by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and NITI Aayog
- Kerala (77 points), Rajasthan (68) and Andhra Pradesh (66.5) are top three performers
- The Index takes into account sector-wise energy consumption, energy saving potential and States' influence in implementing energy efficiency.

03-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Space Technology

1. An RLV combines the characteristics of an aircraft and a launch vehicle
2. A Two-Stage To Orbit is a spacecraft in which two distinct stages provide propulsion consecutively in order to achieve orbital velocity.
3. India is one of the few nations to have a fully reusable launch vehicle.

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3



2. Consider the following statements about El Nino

1. During El Nino, the monsoon winds move towards Peruvian coast instead of Indian coast
2. El Nino affects only the Southwest monsoon in India

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements

1. It restricts land travel between India and Myanmar to improve security.
2. Investment in Medical Sector of Myanmar will improve as a result of this.

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements

1. Modernisation and technology upgrading of existing and new jute mills
2. Financial assistance to entrepreneurs engaged in Jute Diversified Products
3. Increased market connectivity and better procurement for Jute farmers.

Which of the above is/are the objective(s) of Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM)?

- a. 1, 2, 3
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

5. Consider the following statements about 'Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient

Textile technologies to Help Small Industries' (SAATHI) programme

1. Its objective is to achieve energy efficiency and cost savings in the power loom sector only
2. The replacing of the inefficient motor electric motors with energy efficient ones will be done by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

1. The scheme aims at bringing holistic development to villages from multiple perspectives such as agriculture, health, education, sanitation, environment, livelihoods
2. The MPs and MLAs from the given constituency will carry out the operations of the scheme

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about 'Advance Air Defence'

1. It is a supersonic ballistic interceptor missile developed by the Ordnance Factory Board of Kolkata
2. The AAD is capable to perform interception operation of multiple missiles simultaneously

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



8. Consider the following statements about Mission Kakatiya

1. It is a project that aims to restore tanks, wells, and other minor irrigation sources to tap the drain-off of rivers
2. It was launched by the Government of Andhra Pradesh

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements

1. Constitutional bodies derive their power directly from the constitution and thus have more autonomy
2. All statutory bodies are non-autonomous bodies

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following national parks

1. Kali
2. Mudumalai
3. Bhadra
4. Bandipur

Which of the above is/are located in Karnataka?

- a. 1, 2, 3
- b. 2, 3, 4
- c. 1, 3, 4
- d. 1, 2, 4

Answers

1. a

India demonstrated its RLV-TD on May, 2016. It is just the first step towards developing a fully reusable launch vehicle.

2. a

El Nino affects both the Southwest and Northeast Monsoon in India. It has a positive effect on Northeast monsoon contrast to the Southwest monsoon.

3. d

- Currently, Indians travelling to Myanmar requires to apply for permit to Yangon, which takes 20-30 days to arrive. Once the permit is available, the traveller can apply for visa. Myanmar will scrap the provision for permit on land travel, making it easier for both tourists and business travellers to take the land route.
- Medical sector in India will benefit immensely. Manipur is known for its super- speciality hospitals. It may attract more investments

4. b

Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) was launched by Government of India Jute Industry and Jute Diversified Products Manufacturing Units, effect from 1st October 2013.

5. a

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) will replace old inefficient electric motors with energy efficient IE3 motors

6. a

- The Members of Parliament (MPs) are the pivots this Scheme will run on. MPs from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (elected and nominated) are part of the implementation
- It is under Ministry of Rural Development

7. d

- It is developed by DRDO
- The mission can intercept multiple targets however, it chooses one after one on real-time and destroys

8. d

- Mission Kakatiya aims at restoring tanks and tank irrigation which is integral to the region of the erstwhile Satavahana and Kakatiya rulers.
- It is a project of Government of Telangana

9. a



Delimitation Commission of India is an example of a statutory and autonomous body.

10. c

Mudumalai National Park is located in Tamil Nadu.

04-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about E-Pashudhan Haat portal

1. It is a portal that has information on location of quality indigenous germplasm in the form of live animals only
2. It is a sub- component of National Livestock Mission

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about Eco-Sensitive Zones

1. These are ecologically fragile areas around Protected Areas , National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.
2. The term 'Eco-Sensitive Zones' is defined in the Environment Protection Act, 1986

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

1. It aims to provide free LPG connections to only BPL households in the society
2. Curbing indoor air pollution and increasing the living standards are the sole objectives of the scheme

3. It is being implemented by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas through Oil Marketing Companies

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

4. Consider the following statements about Blackbuck

1. It is found in the forests of central India only
2. The Bishnoi community is known for their conservation efforts for this species
3. It is an animal under the Schedule- II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

5. Consider the following statements about Vidyalakshmi Portal

1. It is a single-window system whose objective is to ease the process of getting educational loans for higher education only
2. It is an initiative of the Ministries of Human Resource Development and Finance and Indian Banks Association

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



6. The National Sports University Bill, 2018 was recently passed. It proposes to establish the headquarters of National Sports University in which of the following states?

- New Delhi
- Gujarat
- Uttar Pradesh
- Manipur

7. Consider the following statements about West Nile Disease

- It is caused by the virus belonging to the family of virus that also causes Japanese Encephalitis.
- It is wide-spread in Africa and Southeast Asia only
- It is transmitted through mosquitoes that feed on birds affected with this virus and also through direct contact with the affected species

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

8. Consider the following statements about N-SIPI (State Investment Potential Index)

- It is a ranking of a state's investor- friendliness based on a list of six indicators
- Andhra Pradesh is identified as the state with highest investment potential
- It was launched by NITI Aayog and DIPP

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 and 2 only
- 1 only
- 3 only
- 2 and 3 only

9. Consider the following areas

- Cybersecurity
- Healthcare

3. Banking

4. Music production

5. Personal Data Management

The applications of Blockchain technology can be found in which of the above areas?

- 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 2, 3, 4, and 5
- 1, 2, 3 and 5
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

10. Consider the following statements about 'The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Third Amendment) Bill, 2017'

- It proposes to set up a National Commission of Backward Classes as a constitutional authority to look into complaints and welfare measures regarding socially and economically backward classes.
- The proposed authority will have the power of civil court

Which of the following statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. d

- It provides real-time information on live animals, semen doses and embryos.
- E-Pashudhan Haat is a separate scheme by itself.

2. a

The Environment Protection Act, 1986 does not mention the word "Eco-sensitive Zones".

3. b

- Under the scheme, initially, 5 crore BPL households were targeted to be given free LPG connections by 31st March, 2019.
- But, in a record time of 28 months for its launch, it recently achieved the initial target of providing 5 crores LPG connection to BPL households.



4. b

- Blackbucks are found in Central- Western India (MP, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra and Odisha) and Southern India (Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu).
- It is a Schedule- I animal under the WPA,1972
- IUCN status- Least Concern

5. c

6. d

7. c

It is spread in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America and West Asia

8. b

- Delhi is identified as the state with highest investment potential
- N-SIPI is released by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), an economic think-tank
- The six indicators are- land, labour, infrastructure, economic climate, governance and political stability and business perceptions

9. d

10. b

It is for socially and educationally (not economically) backward classes.

06-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements.

1. Safeguard Duty is imposed when imports of a particular product increase unexpectedly to a point that they cause or threaten to cause serious injury to domestic producers.
2. It is different from Anti-Dumping Duty, as it is just an emergency measure, coming with a sunset clause.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following Animals and its IUCN Status

Animals	- IUCN Status
1. Indian star tortoise	- Vulnerable
2. Olive Ridely	- Endangered
3. Leatherback sea turtle	- Critically Endangered
4. Loggerhead sea turtle	- Extinct

Which of the above is/are correctly matched?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. **Assertion (A):** The directives issued by the State human rights Commission (SHRC) in the case of Human rights Violation is not binding on the respective state.

Reason (R): SHRC is a Statutory Body.

Choose the correct alternative

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

4. Consider the following statements regarding Cabotage

1. Shipping goods within Exclusive Economic Zone of India is called Cabotage.
2. Only ships registered in India, which follow Indian laws and pay taxes to the Indian government are permitted to engage in cabotage trades.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



5. Consider the following statements regarding "Jal Marg Vikas" project

1. The Project entails development of fairway with 3 meters depth between Varanasi and Haldia.
2. It is aimed at capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway-2
3. World Bank provides financial and technical support.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 & 3 only
- c. 2 & 3 only
- d. All of the above

6. Consider the following statements regarding Article 35A

1. It gives special status to the State and people of Jammu and Kashmir.
2. It is a part of 'Basic Structure' of the Constitution.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements

1. It is characterized by distinct wet and dry seasons.
2. They have warm temperature year round.
3. It is characterized by tall grass and short trees.

The above mentioned climatic features refers

- a. Steppe type
- b. Mediterranean type
- c. Savanna type
- d. Laurentian type

8. Consider the following statements regarding IMPRINT 2

1. It is a Pan IIT and IISC joint initiative supported by Ministry of S&T.
2. Private Higher education institutions are not a part of this initiative.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. The 'Innocenti Declaration' is related to

- a. Disaster Management
- b. Road Safety
- c. Breast feeding
- d. Women Education

10. Consider the following statements regarding Purchasing Manager's Index

1. PMI is an indicator of the economic health and investor sentiments about the manufacturing sector and services sector
2. It is published by Niti Aayog.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. c

If a company exports a product at a price lower than the price it normally charges on its own home market, it is said to be "dumping" the product.

2. a

The other sea turtle species are also under vulnerable category.

3. b

4. d



- Shipping goods within India's domestic jurisdiction, that is, from one Indian port to another, is known as "cabotage."
- Recent relaxation allows foreign ships to transport containers laden with goods for export or import as well as empty containers between and among Indian ports along the country's coastline.

5. b

Varnasi and Haldia lies along the NW-1

6. a

- It is not a part of Basic Structure.
- Supreme Court, in a petition, is considering whether Article 35A, which gives special status to the State and people of Jammu and Kashmir, is violative of the 'Basic Structure' of the Constitution.

7. c

8. d

- Impacting Research Innovation And Technology (IMPRINT) is the first of its kind, Pan IIT and IISC joint initiative supported by Ministry of HRD.
- The proposals for new research projects is open for higher education institutions including private institutions.

9. c

10. a

For India, the PMI Data is published by Japanese firm Nikkei but compiled and constructed by Markit Economics

07-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Thermal Batteries

1. Unlike conventional batteries, thermal batteries use temperature differences to produce energy
2. Telangana is the first state to inaugurate a thermal battery plant in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about 'Bhoomi Rashi'

1. The objective of this portal is to expediate and make the process of Land Acquiaition for various Highway projects more transparent.
2. It was developed by National Infomatics Centre

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about Kuttanad Region in Kerala

1. It is the only site in India identified as 'Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems' by FAO
2. The practice of below mean sea-level farming is unique to this region.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about the Yerukala tribe

1. They are an indigenous tribe found in the states of Chattisgarh and Bihar
2. The tribe was a victim to British discrimination in the name of Criminal Tribes Act.

Which of the statment(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



5. Consider the following statement(s) about 'The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2018'

1. Anticipatory bail for a person accused of atrocities against people from SC or ST communities will not be provided
2. The investigating officer will not require the approval of any authority for the arrest of an accused
3. A preliminary enquiry has to be conducted before filing the First Information Report

Which of the following statement(s) about are **not correct**?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 2 only

6. Consider the following statements about World Tourism Organisation

1. It is an inter-governmental agency that aims to make tourism across world sustainable and responsible
2. It works based on the principles enshrined in the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (GCET)

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about Curiosity Rover

1. It is the mission of the European Space Agency to study the habitability of Mars
2. One of the key discoveries of the mission is the evidence of microbes in the Martian atmosphere

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Which of the following can lead to the increase in the Repo rate announced by the RBI?

1. Rise in retail inflation
2. Rise in MSPs
3. Loan waivers
4. Less liquidity among banks

- a. 1, 2, 3, 4
- b. 2, 3, and 4 only
- c. 1, 2, and 3 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

9. Consider the following statements about Ebola

1. It is a hemorrhagic fever caused by Virus
2. The first outbreak of this disease happened in the Amazon region in South America
3. Human-Human transmission of this disease is possible

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

10. Consider the following statements about the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

1. Both of them can only exercise casting vote while presiding the house.
2. Both of them are elected through the system of indirect election to the parliament

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



Answers

1. a

- World's first-ever thermal plant was set up in Andhra Pradesh
- This plant aims to create a new energy storage form that is expected to have commercial applications, while also maintaining a low carbon footprint, and being less dependent on external factors like weather.

2. c

3. b

GIAHS sites in India-

- Saffron Heritage of Kashmir, India, 2011
- Koraput Traditional Agriculture, India, 2012
- Kuttanad Below Sea Level Farming System, India, 2013

4. b

The Yerukalas are found in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

5. c

6. b

- It is an UN agency.
- Its members represent the private sector, educational institutions, tourism associations and local tourism authorities.

7. d

- It is the mission of NASA
- In 2014, the rover detected a background level of atmospheric methane and observed a ten-fold increase in methane over a two-month period. The finding generated a lot of interest as methane can be produced by living organisms or by chemical reactions between rock and water, for example.

8. c

Repo rate decreases when there is less liquidity among banks

9. c

It was first identified in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in a village near the Ebola River, from which it takes its name.

10. b

The Vice- President of India is the ex-officio chairman of Rajya Sabha.

08-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about National Programme for Organic Production

1. It is a comprehensive scheme that subsumed the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture to improve organic farming
2. It is implemented by Department of Agriculture under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about UMANG

1. It is a one-stop application that allows access to customer- centric services of only the central and state governments
2. It is developed by National e-governance division of MeitY

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

3. Consider the following statements about Government e- Marketplace

1. It is set up as a 100 per cent public company for procurement of common use goods and services by government organizations.
2. Currently, all the states have signed an MoU to make procurement through e- Marketplace mandatory

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



4. Consider the following statements about CAG

1. CAG is the supreme audit Institution of India and is part of the executive
2. CAG can be removed only in the same manner and grounds like a supreme court judge

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not correct**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about NETRA

1. It is an indigenous UAV developed by DRDO for surveillance and reconnaissance operations
2. It can function in all-weather conditions and it gives 360 degree of space coverage

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following South American countries

1. Brazil
2. Chile
3. Bolivia
4. Venezuela

Arrange them from north to south

- a. 2- 3- 1- 4
- b. 4- 1- 3- 2
- c. 4- 3- 1- 2
- d. 3- 1- 2- 4

7. Consider the following statements about the National Anti- Profiteering Authority

1. It can order companies to reduce prices and return undue benefits earned to the customer under the GST

2. It is a statutory body composed of a chairman and four technical members

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about NGT

1. It is a statutory body created for the purpose of unburdening the higher courts from cases related to the environment
2. It is mandated to dispose the case within a period of six months

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. The 'Ease of Getting Electricity Index' is given by

- a. OPEC
- b. World Bank
- c. WEF
- d. UN Energy

10. Consider the following statements about Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1. The geographic isolation and changed ecological conditions are the primary reasons for the high percentage of endemism in these islands
2. Percentage of Marine endemism is significantly higher than that of Terrestrial Endemism in the islands

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



Answers

1. d

- It is implemented by APEDA, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- NPOP aims to provide the means of evaluation of certification programme for organic agriculture and products (including wild harvest, aquaculture, livestock products) as per the approved criteria.

2. c

UMANG provides a single platform for all Indian Citizens to access pan India e-Gov services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies and other citizen centric services.

3. a

All the states have started using GeM facility. However, only 22 states have signed an MoU to make it mandatory.

4. a

CAG is independent of the executive and legislature.

5. a

NETRA can give 240 degree of space coverage.

6. b



7. a

It is a body created by the executive.

8. c

9. b

India ranks 26th in the World Bank's "Ease of Getting Electricity" Index, up from 99th in 2014.

10. a

- A high percentage of endemism is noted in the terrestrial fauna (24.95%, 816 species).
- Endemism in marine habitats is four times as low as of that observed in land, despite the marine environment supporting the major chunk of Andaman and Nicobar fauna.

09-08-2018

1. Assertion (A) - RTI is available only to the citizens of India and not NRI

Reason (R) - It is a fundamental right under article 19 and article 21 of the constitution

Select the correct option from below.

- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- A is true but R is false
- A is false but R is true

2. Consider the following statements about National Mission for Clean Ganga

- It is registered as a society and is part of the National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga
- It has a two-tier structure comprising a Governing Council and an Executive Committee

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about Savara tribe

- They are found in the states adjacent to the Western Ghats
- Edsinge, their art form is slowly perishing owing to the change in their religious sentiments



Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about National Human Rights Commission

1. Only a retired Chief Justice of India should head the NHRC
2. There must be atleast one woman member in the commission

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following about The Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill, 2016

1. Protection of good samaritans from any civil or criminal action
2. Motor Vehicle Accident Fund to provide compulsory insurance cover to all road users in India
3. Recall of vehicles in case of defects

Which of the given provision(s) is/ are guaranteed by the Bill?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

6. Consider the following statements about 'The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018'

1. An FEO is a person against whom a case has been filed for any specified offences involving an amount 100 crores and who has left the country to escape prosecution

2. It also states that the property of the FEO may be confiscated and vested in the central government.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about Scrub Typhus

1. It is a viral disease and an important casuse of Japanese Encephalitis
2. It is transmitted by mites and is common in areas with high shrub vegetation

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

8. Which of the following is/ are the objetcive(s) of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana?

1. Attract more private investment in precision irrigation system
2. Expand cultivable area under assured irrigation
3. Improve on-farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage of water
4. Enhance recharge of aquifers

Select using the given codes.

- 1, 2, 3
- 2, 3, 4,
- 1, 2, 4
- 1, 2, 3, 4



9. Consider the following statements about Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

1. It is a central scheme that aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.
2. The funding would be based on the 'State Higher Education Plans' prepared by each state

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about Niryat Mitra

1. It is a mobile app which aims at easing international trade by providing information on policies, tariffs, GST rates, etc.
2. It was developed by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. b
2. c
3. b

They are found in Andhra Pradesh

4. a

The National Human Rights Commission is constituted by the central government and comprises:

- A Chairperson who is a retired Chief Justice of India
- One Member who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court
- One Member who is or has been the Chief Justice of a High Court

- Two Members to be appointed from amongst persons having knowledge of or practical experience in matters relating to human rights

5. d

6. b

FEO is a person against whom arrest warrant must have been issued and who has fled to a foreign country

7. b

- It is not caused by a virus, but by a bacterium called *Orientia tsutsugamushi*, which is transmitted by the bite of infected mite larvae in soil containing scrub vegetation.
- It also causes Acute Encephalitis Syndrome

8. d

9. b

- It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- The 'State Higher Education Plans' would describe each state's strategy to address issues of equity, access and excellence in higher education.

10. a

The app was developed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) and is available both on Android and on IOS platforms

10-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Project SWAYAM

1. It is an initiative of MHRD to bridge the digital divide among students
2. The platform hosts courses that range from school level to post-graduation level which can be accessed by anyone by paying a minimal fee

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



2. Consider the following statements about 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' (RRSK), that was recently launched

1. This fund is dedicated to the purpose of carrying out safety related works in railways.
2. It has a corpus of one lakh crore rupees

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements

1. Providing partial compensation for the wage loss in terms of cash incentives
2. To promote health seeking behaviour amongst pregnant women and lactating mothers
3. To bring nutritional safety among pregnant women and lactating mothers

Which of the above is/ are the objective(s) of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

4. Consider the following statements about Global Innovation Index (GII)

1. India's ranking in the GII has been consistently moving upwards over the past four years
2. The index is published by World Intellectual Property Organisation

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Indonesia shares its land border with which of the following countries

1. East Timor
2. Papua New Guinea
3. Malaysia

Select the answer using the codes given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

6. Consider the following statements about National Elephant Corridor Project

1. The project strives to reduce man- animal conflict by recognising the 'Right of Passage' of elephants
2. It is under the aegis of MoEFCC

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

1. Every rural habitation with a minimum population of 500 in the plains and 250 in hill states, tribal districts and desert areas are given all-weather rural road connectivity
2. It is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



8. Which of the following provisions/ acts have a bearing on rights of tribal groups?

1. Part X of the constitution
2. The Panchayats (extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996
3. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
4. Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013

- a. 2 and 3 only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4

9. With respect to the Supreme Court's recent modifications in the structure and functions of BCCI, consider the following statements

1. All office-bearers can serve two consecutive terms without any cooling-off period
2. Only one of the cricket associations in case of states with multiple cricket associations shall be represented in the BCCI to ensure equality among states.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about Radio Galaxies

1. They are commonly-found galaxies with supermassive blackholes in the centre that accretes gas and dust from its surroundings
2. The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune has recently discovered the most distant radio galaxy from earth in the universe

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only

- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. a

The courses in SWAYAM are free of cost. But students wanting certifications need to register and shall be offered a certificate on successful completion of the course, with a little fee.

2. c

3. a

4. d

5. d



6. a

It is a project of Wildlife Trust of India.

7. c

8. d

9. b

Full membership for states with many cricket associations is restored.

10. b

- Radio galaxies are extremely rare
- GMRT is an array of thirty fully steerable parabolic radio telescopes of 45-metre diameter. It is operated by the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics.



11-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Interest Subvention Scheme

1. The key objective of this scheme is to increase credit availability for farmers who cultivate short- term crops at a subsidised rate of interest
2. The maximum loan amount that can be availed is two lakhs per farmer
3. It is implemented by Department of Finance

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

2. Consider the following statements about Operation Madad

1. It was launched by the Southern Naval Command for undertaking disaster relief operations during floods and landslides
2. It was launched in the state of Karnataka

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about PENCIL

1. It is an online portal that aims to effectively monitor the implementation of Child Labour Act and National Child Labour Project
2. It is under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements regarding Invasive species

1. These are alien species which when they compete with native species affect the ecological balance in an area.
2. The Indian bull frog is an invasive species found in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about Protected Areas

1. The definition of Protected Areas is given in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
2. In India protected areas are of five types only
3. The authority to designate any area as a protected area lies with both central and state governments

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

6. Consider the following statements about Deworming

1. It is an exercise conducted by Ministry of Health to kill worms that infest the children below 3 years of age.
2. Worms play an important role in causing Aneamia.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



7. Consider the following Biosphere Reserves in India

1. Nanda Devi
2. Agasthyamala
3. Khangchendzonga
4. Manas

Which of the above is/ are part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WHBR)?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 4 only
- c. 2, 3, and 4
- d. 1, 2, and 3

8. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Tsunami- ready' tags

1. These are tags given to coastal villages in order to promote hazard preparedness by UNESCO
2. The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) is responsible for recommending the names of villages to UNESCO to get this tag.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme to bring infrastructural development
2. It will be implemented by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in consultation with Ministries of State Government

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following pairs

Trade remedial Measure	-	Time of Application
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|--------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Anti- dumping Duties | - | When the exporter sells goods in a country cheaper than in his own market |
| 2. Countervailing Duties | - | when an exporter sells cheaper because of financial support by its government |
| 3. Safeguard Duties | - | When the imports are fairly done but the government wants to promote its own country as an emergency measure |

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answers

1. b

The maximum loan amount is three lakh. The interest rate is 7 per cent. It is implemented by NABARD and RBI.

2. a

It was launched in Kerala to assist disaster relief operations in the state due to flooding and landslides and release of excess water from Idukki reservoir.

3. a

It is under the aegis of Ministry of Labour and Employment

4. c

5. d

- Wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks are notified by state governments through notifications
- Community and Conservation Reserves are declared by Central Governments
- Tiger reserves are declared by National Tiger Conservation Authority



6.b

Deworming is a process/ drive conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to kill worms – commonly tape, round and hook worm – that infest bodies of children below 18 years of age.

7. d

The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (KBR) of Sikkim, the highest biosphere reserve in the country has been included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WHBR) under its Man and Biosphere Programme.

8. a

Villages are identified by the national board (comprising representatives from INCOIS, disaster management agencies, coastal States and the Ministry of Home Affairs) and they would then get to apply at the international level to UNESCO for the tag.

9. b

It is a central sector scheme

10. d

13-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about PARIVESH

1. It is a single- window environmental management system for online submission, monitoring and management of proposals submitted by Project Proponents
2. It facilitates single registration and single sign-in for all types of clearances
3. The platform was developed by MoEFCC and NIC

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following statements about 'PEGylated Streptokinase', that was in news recently

1. It is a special kind of protein developed to treat clotting in cerebral arteries which will help prevent Ischemic strokes

2. It has been developed by National Institute of Biologicals under the administrative control of MoHFW

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following pairs

Sari	State
1. Lehariya	A. Assam
2. Ilkal	B. Rajasthan
3. Patola	C. Gujarat
4. Muga	D. Karnataka

Match them correctly

- a. 1- D, 2- A, 3- B, 4- C
- b. 1- B, 2- A, 3- D, 4- C
- c. 1- B, 2- D, 3- C, 4-A
- d. 1- C, 2- A, 3- D, 4- C

4. Consider the following statements about APEDA

1. It is a statutory and autonomus body whose aim is to make India an agricultural -export hub
2. It is under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not correct**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



5. Consider the following statements about Mission Bhagiratha

1. The objective of this mission is to provide safe, piped drinking water from surface water sources
2. Under this scheme, 10% of water in all Irrigation sources will be reserved for drinking needs
3. It is a flagship programme of Government of Karnataka

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

6. Consider the following statements about the Dedicated Freight Corridors

1. It is a project of the Indian Railways to improve freight capacity by setting up two exclusive freight corridors
2. The project is funded through loans by World Bank and JICA

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about 'Digital Northeast Vision 2022'

1. It is a vision document that calls for enhancing the digital infrastructure in the Northeast and improving the ease of living of the people
2. A special emphasis to mobile connectivity, internet through optical fibre networks has been given
3. It is under the aegis of Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only

b. 1 and 2 only

c. 1, 2, 3

d. 2 and 3 only

8. The Delhi High Court recently struck down the section which criminalises begging in the Bombay Prevention of Beggary Act, 1959, as extended to Delhi as it is unconstitutional. In this context, the right to live a dignified life has been emphasised by which of the following provisions in the Constitution?

1. Fundamental Rights
2. Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Part X of the Constitution
4. Preamble

Choose the correct alternative

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 & 2 only
- c. 1, 2, and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4

9. Consider the following statements about National Disaster Response Fund

1. It is a fund maintained by the Central government for meeting any unforeseen expenditure arising during disasters
2. It is given to state governments as a supplement to the states' funds during events of natural disasters only.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about INS Sahyadri

1. It is the third and latest ship among the Shivalik Class of indigenously built Stealth Frigates
2. It was developed by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited



3. It recently participated in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, 2018 at Hawaii

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answers

- 1.d
- PARIVESH means Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub
 - It is a Single-Window Integrated Environmental Management System
 - It automates the entire process of submitting the application and tracking the status of such proposals at each stage of processing
 - It has been designed to seek various types of clearances (e.g. Environment, Forest, Wildlife and Coastal Regulation Zone Clearances) from Central, State and district-level authorities.
2. a
- It's been developed by CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH) and Epygen Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
 - *Ischemic stroke* is a condition caused by a dysfunction in the supply of blood to the brain due to emboli, thrombus or atherosclerosis occurring in cerebral arteries.
3. c
4. d
- APEDA was established by the Government of India under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985
5. a
- It is a flagship programme of Telangana government
6. c
- The two corridors are Eastern Corridor from Ludhiana to Dankuni (1856 km) and the Western Corridor from Dadri to Jawahar Lal Nehru Port (1504 km)
 - They are being constructed for exclusive movement of goods trains.
- The funding of the project is through World Bank loan, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) loan and the rest from Gross Budgetary Support (GBS).
7. b
- It is a brainchild of Minister for Electronics & Information Technology
8. c
- **Fundamental Rights**
Article 21- Right to life and personal liberty
 - **DPSP**
Article 41, 42, 43, 46 are related to having a dignified life
 - **Preamble**
Preamble explicitly mentions about 'assuring the dignity of the individual'
9. b
- It is extended by the central government during both natural and manmade disasters.
10. d
- 14-08-2018**
1. Consider the following statements about Arbitration and Conciliation Bill (Amendment), 2018
- 1. The Bill seeks to establish an independent body called the Arbitration Council of India (ACI) for the promotion of Alternative Dispute Redressal mechanisms.
 - 2. The chairman of the proposed ACI must be a Judge of Supreme Court
- Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?
- a. 1 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements about the National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank
- 1. It is the only institute in the country working towards conservation of endangered wildlife using modern biotechnologies.



2. It was set up in Hyderabad.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following pairs

Mughals Terms	Meaning
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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Farman | - Order of any member of Royal family |
| 2. Nishan | - Order of the emperor |
| 3. Parwana | - Order of any higher authorities |

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 3 only

4. Consider the following about Rainforests of Amazon

- 1. It is spread over the countries of Brazil, Peru Colombia, and Ecuador only
- 2. It acts as a carbon- sink by absorbing atleast one- tenth of greenhouse gas emissions through photosynthesis

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about the 'Ease of Living Index' that was released recently

- 1. It was prepared by NITI Aayog
- 2. The list was topped by Pune, and Patna occupied the last place

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only

b. 2 only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about Micro Irrigation Systems in India

- 1. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana is the nodal scheme which promotes the usage of Micro- irrigation systems
- 2. It focuses on reducing wastage of water and improving cultivable area
- 3. The application of water in all micro-irrigation systems happens above the surface only.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

7. Consider the following statements about Inflation

- 1. A 'Demand-Pull' inflation is generally considered favourable for an economy than a 'Cost-Push' inflation
- 2. The WPI is the index used for measuring inflation by RBI

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about the India-Myanmar Land Border Crossing Agreement

- 1. It did away with the requirement of special permission for any Myanmar or Indian national with a valid passport and visa to cross over
- 2. This agreement has also paved way for Indians to cross the India- Myanmar border in their own vehicles



Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about Swadesh Darshan Scheme

- 1. The scheme focuses on development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.
- 2. The first project under the scheme is going to be inaugurated in Manipur

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about FASTag

- 1. It is a device that employs radio frequency identification (RFID) technology for making toll payments directly from the prepaid or savings account linked to it.
- 2. FASTag does not have a validity and it can be used for lifetime.

Which of the statement(s) is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. a

- The Chairperson can be any of the following : (i) a Judge of the Supreme Court (ii) a Judge of a High Court (iii) Chief Justice of a High Court or (iv) an eminent person with expert knowledge in conduct of arbitration.
- Other members will include an eminent arbitration practitioner, an academician with

experience in arbitration, and government appointees.

2. c

- Wildlife Genetic Resource Banking (GRB) is the systematic collection and preservation of tissues, sperm, eggs and embryos, genetic material (DNA/RNA).
- It is the only institute in the country working towards saving endangered wildlife.

3. d

- Farman is the order of the Emperor
- Nishan is any order by members of the Royal Family

4. b

Amazon is spread over Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, France

5. a

It is being prepared by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

6. a

Micro-irrigation is the slow application of water as discrete or continuous drips, tiny streams or miniature spray on, above or below the soil by surface drip, subsurface drip, bubbler and micro-sprinkler systems.

7. a

- The RBI shifted to CPI to measure Inflation rates in the year 2014
- Demand Pull Inflation is caused by increases in aggregate demand due to increased private and government spending, etc.
- Cost Push Inflation is caused by a drop in aggregate supply (potential output).

8. a

Unless India signs a Motor Vehicles Agreement with Myanmar, the inter- border movement of own vehicles of citizens of both countries will not be possible

9. b

- Swadesh Darshan focuses on development of thematic circuits (not particular sites) in the country in a planned and prioritised manner.



- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) is the one which focuses on development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.

10.a

- FASTag has a validity of 5 years and after purchasing it, one has to recharge/ top up the FASTag as per the requirement.
- FASTag offers near non-stop movement of vehicles through toll plazas and the convenience of cashless payment of toll fee with nation-wide interoperable Electronic Toll Collection Services.

15-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about legal system in India

1. Right to free legal services is a fundamental right in India
2. E- Courts Project aims at efficient and time-bound legal service delivery to citizens which is under the aegis of the Supreme Court of India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about River Mahadayi

1. It is described as the 'Lifeline of Goa'
2. It originates in the same place as that of River Krishna
3. It is an east- flowing river that drains in the Bay of Bengal near Odisha

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

3. Consider the following statements about Global Liveability Index

1. It was released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, a Business group based in Britain
2. The index was topped by Vienna

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about simultaneous elections in India

1. Only once, in the year 1952, elections to the Parliament and State legislature happened simultaneously
2. One of the greatest hurdles for simultaneous elections in India is that the Constitution does not provide a fixed term for the executives

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about the scheme Kanyashree Prakalpa

1. It a conditional cash transfer scheme with the aim of improving the status and well being of the girl child aged between 13 and 18
2. It is a flagship programme of Government of West Bengal

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



6. Consider the following statements about The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015

1. Of the total funds received ,10% will go to the State Fund and 90% will be given to the National Fund
2. The funds will be spent on compensatory afforestation, regeneration of forest ecosystem, wildlife protection and infrastructure development

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statement(s) about the Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1. It is a centrally- sponsored scheme under the aegis of Ministry of Tourism
2. It aims to develop theme- based tourism circuits
3. It also aims to integrate other schemes such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Skill India, Make in India and so on

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true about the Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

8. Consider the following definitions

1. Revenue deficit refers to the difference between the import and export of goods and services
2. Trade deficit refers to a situation where the realized net income is less than the projected net income.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following river(s)

1. Vamsadhara
2. Rushikulya
3. Gosthani

Which of the above river(s) originate in the Eastern Ghats?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

10. Consider the following statements

1. To provide rural India and regional agencies with access to the professional resources of the institutes of higher education
2. To foster a new dialogue within the larger community on science, society and the environment and to develop a sense of dignity and collective destiny.
3. To ensure that the every student in our country has access to the best quality higher education at the affordable cost

Which of the above is/ are the goal(s) of Unnat Bharat Abiyan 2.0?

- a. 1 only
- b. 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

Answers

1. a

The E- Courts Mission Mode Project, is a Pan-India Project, monitored and funded by Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India for the District Courts across the country.

2. a

- River Krishna originates in Mahabaleswar, Maharashtra and River Mahadayi originates in Belagavi district in Karnataka.



- It is a west- flowing river that drains in the Arabian Sea

3. d

4. b

Simultaneous elections happened in India till 1967

5. c

6. b

The National Fund will receive 10% of these funds, and the State Funds will receive the remaining 90%.

7. c

It is a central sector scheme

8. d

- Trade deficit refers to the difference between the import and export of goods and services
- Revenue deficit refers to a situation where the realized net income is less than the projected net income.

9. d

- Vamsadhara originates in Odisha (between kalahandi and Rayagada)
- Rushikulya originates in Daringbadi hills of the Eastern Ghats
- Gosthani originates from Ananthagiri Hills of the Eastern Ghats

10. c

16-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about NABH Nirmaan Scheme

1. It aims at augmentation of airport capacity by more than five times to handle a billion trips a year
2. Among its objectives, early operationalisation of new airports under UDAN scheme also finds place

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

a. 1 only

b. 2 only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about Kaziranga National Park

1. It is the world's second largest habitat for Great Indian Rhinoceros
2. The Rhino Census conducted once in three years has estimated a growth in the population of the species
3. Habitat loss and poaching are among the main threats for one- horned rhinos

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

• a. 1 and 2 only

• b. 1 and 3 only

• c. 2 and 3 only

• d. 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following statements about Competition Commission of India (CCI)

1. It is a statutory body whose duty is to promote, sustain and eliminate practices detrimental to competition to ensure freedom of trade
2. Protection of whistle-blowers in cases involving cartelisation has been guaranteed through lesser or zero penalties by CCI

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

a. 1 only

b. 2 only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statement(s) about SUBSEA, which was recently in news..

1. It is a submarine sent by NASA to explore the seafloor near Hawaii
2. It aims to get a deeper understanding of the phenomenon behind volcanoes

Which of the above statement(s) is/ are correct?

a. 1 only

b. 2 only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2



5. Consider the statements about Payment Banks

1. The key objective of a payment bank is to further financial inclusion
2. Payment Banks can accept deposits and lend loans upto rupees one lakh only
3. It is mandatory for payment banks to hold minimum capital of Rs. 100 crore

Which of the following statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 2 only

6. Consider the following statements about 'Doctrine of Parens Patriae' that was in news recently

1. It refers to a power that could be invoked by a sovereign state to provide protection to those who are unable to take care of themselves.
2. It was invoked by the Uttarakhand High Court to become the legal guardian of cows and other stray cattle

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about Ayushman Bharat scheme

1. It aims to provide free health coverage of upto Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary medical care facilities.
2. Eligibility is identified through the Socio-Economic Caste Census of 2011
3. The scheme covers post-hospitalization expenses only

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

8. Consider the following statements about 'National Assessment of Shoreline Changes along Indian coast'

1. It is a report prepared by the National Centre for Coastal Research that functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences
2. The report identifies the coastline of Tamil Nadu as the most vulnerable to soil erosion

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the statements about "Pitch to MOVE"

1. It is a competition that aims to identify and reward the start-ups offering innovative solutions for shared, connected, and environment friendly mobility.
2. It is hosted by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and is part of the Global Mobility Summit 2018

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the statements about Restricted Area Permit (RAP)

1. Restricted areas are defined under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958
2. Prior approval of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for issuing RAP for all foreign tourists
3. The purpose behind issuing RAP is to ensure tourism does not affect the natural and marine resources of a country

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3



Answers

1.c

NABH Nirman looks at improving passenger amenities, promoting cargo handling facilities and early operationalisation of 56 new airports under UDAN scheme

2.c

Kaziranga hosts two- thirds of world's population of Indian Rhinos

The census held in March counted 2,413 rhinos with an increase of 12 individuals since 2015.

3.d

The Leniency Petitions under the Competition Act, 2002 is one of the key provisions that has enabled effective tackling of cases involving Cartelisation by levying zero or less penalties.

4. a

The SUBSEA is the first step of NASA to explore the waters of other worlds for life (Jupiter's moon Europa and Saturn's moon Enceladus) and study the feasibility of sending a submarine to outer solar system by studying the analogous seafloors on earth.

5. c

Paymet Banks can only accept deposits (upto 1 lakh) and cannot lend to its customers.

6. c

'Parens patriae', which translates from Latin into "parent of his or her country" is the power that could be invoked by a state regarded as a sovereign to provide protection to those who are unable to take care of themselves.

7. a

The scheme covers both pre and post hospitalization expenses

8. b

The report "National Assessment of Shoreline Changes along Indian coast" mapped the shoreline changes along the Indian coast for the last 26 years and it found that the West Bengal coast was the most vulnerable followed by Puducherry and Tamil Nadu.

9. a

It is hosted by NITI Aayog

10.b

Only citizens of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan and foreign nationals of Pakistani origin shall not be issued a special permit without the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs

17-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)

1. It is the apex body to handle emergency situations and implement relief measures during a natural calamity
2. The Prime Minister of India is the chairman of this body.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about QR code

1. These are two- dimensional machine readable codes that can be used to store a URL
2. QR code is highly sensitive and does not work even if it gets partially damaged
3. The 'Digital Screens' is an initiative of Indian Railways which aims to showcase its legacy works with the help of QR codes.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

3. Consider the following statements about Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption

1. It is an international and intergovernmental convention that provides recognition for intercountry adoption to ensure that they happen in the best interests of the child
2. India is not a party to this convention



Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not correct**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following pairs

Water Falls **Formed by the river**

- 1. Jog - Sharavati
- 2. Dudhsagar - Krishna
- 3. Athirappilly - Chalakudy

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2, 3
- d. 1 and 3 only

5. Consider the following statements about Van Gujjars

- 1. They are nomadic tribes who largely depend on cattle rearing
- 2. They are found in the Purvanchal Himalayas in the states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about GSLV- MK III

- 1. It will be used by ISRO for its launch of its first manned space mission in 2022
- 2. Its a heavy lift launch vehicle which was also responsible for the launch of communication satellite GSAT- 19

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO)

- 1. It is an initiative that aims at converting used cooking oil into bio-diesel
- 2. It was launched by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about 'Gaganyaan'

- 1. It is the Human Spaceflight Programme (HSP) of ISRO that is aimed to be completed by 2020
- 2. Environment Control and Life Support Systems are key elements to HSP
- 3. The proposed mission will be launched from Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

9. Consider the following statements about 'Deen Dayal SPARSH yojana'

- 1. It is a pan- India scholarship programme for school students to encourage the hobby of Philately
- 2. The amount of Scholarship will be Rs. 6000 per annum
- 3. It was launched by Ministry of Human Resource Development



Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

10. Consider the following statements about UPI 2.0

- 1. It was launched by State Bank of India
- 2. It would enable customers to verify the invoice and check the credentials of the merchant before making the payment.
- 3. Verification of merchants has become possible for customers to ensure that they pay the right merchant.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answers

1. a

- A National Crisis Management Committee (NCCM) has been constituted in the Cabinet Secretariat. Cabinet Secretary is the chairman of this body. The purpose of this body is effective implementation of relief measures in the wake of a natural calamity.
- It is the National Disaster Management Authority for which the Prime Minister of India is the Chairman

2. c

QR code carries information both horizontally and vertically. So data stored in it can be restored even if it is partially damaged or dirty.

3. b

- India has ratified the convention in 2003 and is a party to it.
- Recently, the government of Australia has decided to recommence the adoption programme with India as per this convention. Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)

in India is the nodal agency designated to deal with the provisions of this convention.

- India has not signed only the Hague convention on international child *abduction*

4. d

Dudhsagar waterfalls is in the river Mandovi in Goa

5. a

- Van Gujjars are found in the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. They are pastoral and nomadic tribes.
- The Uttarakhand High Court recently ruled that 'Van Gujjars are a constant threat to wildlife' and that the state government's proposal to rehabilitate them was "against public policy" given their illegal encroachment in the buffer areas around Corbett Tiger Reserve and Rajaji Tiger Reserves.

6. c

7. a

It was launched by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India).

8. b

Gaganyaan is the human space flight Programme that is set to be completed by 2022

It will be launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota

9. a

Philately is hobby of collection and study of Postage stamps.

SPARSH yojana was launched by the Ministry of Communications

10. c

It was launched by the National Payments Corporation of India.

18-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Amnesty International

- 1. It is an international and inter-governmental organisation that aims to address human rights issues in any part of the world



2. It publishes the State of the World's Human Rights Report

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following pairs

Reservoir	-	River
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|--------------------|---|----------|
| 1. Nagarjuna Sagar | - | Godavari |
| 2. Almatti | - | Krishna |
| 3. Tungabhadra | - | Bhima |

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 2 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

3. Consider the following statements about Vembanad lake

- 1. It is the longest freshwater lake in India
- 2. It is the only Ramsar Wetland site located in the state of Kerala.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about LIGO

- 1. It is the world's largest Gravitational wave observatory that works by merging two or more sources of light to create an interference pattern
- 2. Unlike Electromagnetic waves, Gravitational waves do not interact with matter at all

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only

- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about labelling of foods

- 1. It is mandatory to issue red- label to Packaged Foods which contain high amount of salt, fat, and sugar
- 2. The FSSAI is the nodal agency which prescribes the labelling standards for packaged foods.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following pairs

Report/ Index	Published by
1. Global Nutrition Report	IFPRI
2. Global Hunger Index	WHO
3. Food Outlook Report	FAO

Which of the given pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

7. Consider the following statements about International Nitrogen Initiative

- 1. The 'Global Nitrogen Assessment' was an outcome of 5th International Nitrogen Conference that was held in India
- 2. Its key objective is to optimize the use of nitrogen in food production and make it human- and environment-friendly.



Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Bhitarkanika National Park which was recently in news

1. It is home to the largest population of estuarine and saltwater crocodiles in the country
2. It is one of the important nesting sites for the Olive Ridley Turtles
3. It is known for inundation caused by the rivers Brahmani, Baitarani, and Dhamara

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2, 3

9. Consider the following statements about the Opportunity Rover

1. It was launched by the ESA to study the terrain in Mars
2. One unique feature of the rover is that it uses solar panels to provide power and to recharge its batteries.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about Chang'e 4

1. It is a lunar exploration mission that will incorporate an orbiter, lander, and a rover
2. It is a mission of Russia
3. It will study the far side of the moon, also called the dark side

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Answers

1. b

Amnesty International is an international NGO headquartered in London and is independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion.

2. a

- All the given reservoirs are located on Krishna river.
- Alamtti Dam is located in North Karnataka region
- Nagarjuna Sagar is located in Guntur, AP
- Tungabhadra Dam is located in Koppal, Karnataka

3. d

- Vembanad lake is the longest lake in India, but it mostly fits into the definition of a brackish lagoon (not freshwater).
- Other Ramsar sites in Kerala include Ashtamudi lake and Sasthamkotta Lake

4. a

- Gravitational waves react very weakly with matter.
- They carry information about their origins that is free of the kinds of distortion or alteration suffered by electromagnetic radiation as it traverses intergalactic space.

5. b

The FSSAI has only proposed, for red-labelling of packaged food products containing high levels of fat, sugar and salt; it is still on hold (not yet mandatory)

6. c

Global Nutrition Report is published by WHO (World Health Organization)

Global Hunger Index is given by IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute)



7. c

Indian scientist-academician, N Raghuram, has recently been elected the Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), a global policy making initiative.

8. d

Olive Ridleys are found in the Gahirmatha beach, Astaranga coast, and Beach of Rushikulya River

9. b

- It is a mission of NASA to explore the Martian surface, which is still operational.
- It is reported to be missing for two months after getting caught in a massive dust storm

10. c

- Chang'e 4 is a Chinese lunar exploration mission
- Chang'e will follow China's successful Chang'e 3 mission which soft landed on the Moon in 2013

20-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about the All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey 2016- 17

1. It was conducted by NITI Aayog
2. The study finds out that the average outstanding debt of agricultural households is more than that of the non- agricultural households
3. According to the Survey around 40 per cent of agricultural loans have been taken by farmers from non-institutional sources

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following statements about Jim Corbett National Park which was recently in news

1. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 defines it as one of the critical tiger habitats where developmental activities are strictly banned

2. The guidelines for building 'Green Roads' which are environment- friendly are given by the Wildlife Institute of India

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. 'Oxytocin' was recently in news. Which of the following statement(s) regarding Oxytocin is/ are *not* correct?

1. It is a key drug which is used during deliveries or child birth in human beings
2. Cattle are administered Oxytocin illegally for increasing milk production
3. Oxytocin which filters into the milk of the injected cattle is seen to have carcinogenic properties

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 3 only
- d. None of the above

4. Consider the following statements about GM Mosquitoes

1. It has the potential to contain diseases such as Zika, Chikungunya, Dengue by disrupting the life cycle of mosquitoes
2. It was developed by the National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Insects, Bangalore

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. 'Maitree' is an annual military exercise between India and which of the following countries?

- a. Maldives
- b. Nepal



- c. Thailand
- d. Indonesia

6. Consider the following statements about 'Helina'

1. It is an indigenously developed Helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile
2. It has a range of 15- 20 km and is a variant of Nag missile
3. The Missile is guided by an Infrared Imaging Seeker (IIR) operating in the Lock on Before Launch mode.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

7. 'SAAW' was in news recently. In this context, consider the following statements

1. It is a long- range precision- guided anti-ballistic missile
2. The SAAW can be launched from the SEPECAT Jaguar and Su-30MKI aircraft.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Recently the complex genome of Wheat was decoded by a group of scientists. Which of the following are the likely outcomes of this research?

1. Achieving high yield and grain quality
2. Effective pest and disease management
3. Enhancing tolerance to drought and heat
4. Weed management.

- a. 1, 2 and 4 only
- b. 2, 3, and 4 only
- c. 1, 2, and 3 only

- d. 1, 2, 3, 4

9. Consider the following statements about Disasters in India

1. A disaster is a catastrophic outcome of both natural and man- made causes which causes damage beyond the coping capacity of the community in the affected area.
2. The Disaster Management Act, 2005 gives the criteria to declare a calamity as a national disaster

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about National Statistical Commission

1. It is a statutory body set up to review the Indian Statistical System
2. The NSC is constituted by a Chairperson and four members each having specialization and experience in specified statistical fields.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. c

- The survey was given by NABARD.
- Average debt of agricultural household is Rs. 1,04,602 and non- agricultural household is Rs. 76,731.
- State with highest debt among agricultural household- Telangana (79%)

2.c

3.d



4. a
It was developed by Gangabishan Bhikunal Investment and Trading Limited (GBIT) and UK-based Oxitec.
5. c
1. Maitree is a joint military exercise between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army
 2. It is an annual event designed to strengthen the partnership between Royal Thai Army and Indian Army
 3. The recent exercise commenced on 06 August 2018 in Thailand
6. c
- It has a range of 7- 8 km
 - It was developed by DRDO and is one of the most advanced Anti-Tank Weapons in the world.
 - It is a variant of Nag missile and can be fired from Dhruv advanced light helicopter (ALH) and HAL Rudra attack helicopter.
7. b
- SAAW stands for Smart Anti Airfield Weapon
 - SAAW is a lightweight high precision-guided bomb.
 - It is designed to destroy ground targets such as runways, bunkers, aircraft hangers and other reinforced structures.
 - It was developed by DRDO
8. c
- The information generated will help to identify genes controlling complex agronomic traits such as yield, grain quality, resistance to diseases and pests, as well as tolerance to drought, heat, water logging and salinity.
 - Weed Management is an external activity
9. a
- A “disaster” is defined as per the specifications in Disaster Management Act, 2005.
 - However, there is no provision, executive or legal, to declare a natural calamity as a 'national calamity'.
 - But the 10th Finance Commission (1995-2000) examined a proposal that a disaster be termed
- “a national calamity of rarest severity” if it affects one-third of the population of a state.
- 10.b
- It is a body created by an executive order.
 - The setting up of the NSC followed the decision of the Cabinet to accept the recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission, which reviewed the Indian Statistical System in 2001.
- 21-08-2018**
1. Consider the following statements about INS Khanjar
1. It belongs to the Khukri- class of corvettes which were built to replace the Petya- II class of corvettes
 2. It was built by Mazagaon Dock Limited in Mumbai
- Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?
- a. 1 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements about BIMSTEC
1. It was formed through the Bangkok Declaration of 1997
 2. There are totally 6 sectors of cooperation which are recognised by BIMSTEC
 3. The position of Chair of the sub- sectors will rotate every 3 years among the member countries
- Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?
- a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 1 and 3 only
 - c. 2 and 3 only
 - d. 1, 2 and 3



3. Consider the following statements about MPLADS scheme

1. It is a central sector scheme
2. A Lok Sabha member can choose development works from his/ her constituency only whereas the Rajya Sabha member can choose works from any part of the country.
3. It is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

4. With reference to Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), consider the following statements

1. It is an indigenous fifth- generation fighter aircraft built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
2. The AMCA will feature material stealth.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about Kola Roga Disease

1. It is also known as 'Mahali' or 'fruit- rot' disease that affects the arecanut plantations
2. It is caused by a bacteria which lies in the plantation soil

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about Bathukamma

1. It is a traditional festival of flowers that is celebrated during the time of Durga Navarathri
2. It is a state festival of Kerala

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements

1. Current Account Deficit is the sum of the balance of trade, net factor income and net transfer payments
2. Rupee Depreciation and rising oil prices have a huge impact over India's Current Account Deficit.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Capital Goods

1. Capital goods are tangible assets that are used as inputs by enterprises to produce consumer goods or services which reach the final customer
2. The Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme aims to promote import of capital goods in the way compatible to WTO norms

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



9. Consider the following statements about Eurozone

1. The Maastricht Treaty of 1992 gives the economic and legal conditions to be fulfilled by members, to be part of Eurozone
2. Eurozone is an Economic union

Which of the following statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about Hubble Telescope

1. It is a joint project between NASA and the European Space Agency.
2. Sun is the energy source of this space based telescope.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. c

INS Khanjar was on a three-day visit to Yangon, Myanmar to undertake operational turn around (OTR) and as part of goodwill visit.

2. b

- BIMSTEC stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
- Members - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. All the countries lie in the littoral areas in Bay of Bengal.
- There are 14 areas of cooperation among BIMSTEC countries. Each sector and its sub-sector will be headed by a member country on a rotational basis for 3 years.

3. a

- Under the scheme, each MP has the choice to suggest to the District Collector for works to the tune of Rs.5 Crores per annum to be taken up in his/her constituency.
- The Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament can recommend works in one or more districts in the State from where he/she has been elected.
- The Nominated Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha may select any one or more Districts from any one State in the Country for implementation of their choice of work under the scheme
- It is implemented by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

4. a

- The AMCA will feature geometric stealth.
- In geometric stealth, the shape of the aircraft is designed at such angles so as to deflect away maximum radar waves thereby minimising its radar cross section.
- In material stealth, radar-absorbing materials are used in making the aircraft which will absorb the radio waves thus reducing the radar footprint

5. b

- Koleroga is caused by the fungus named *Phytophthora palmivora*.
- It causes huge losses to the arecanut plantations in the regions of Karnataka, Kerala.

6. a

- Bathukamma is a festival of Telangana, celebrated by women, with flowers that grow exclusively in each region.
- Bathukamma comes during the latter half of monsoon, before the onset of winter. The monsoon rains usually bring plenty of water into the fresh water ponds of Telangana and it is also the time when wild flowers bloom in various vibrant colors all across the uncultivated and barren plains of the region.
- It is the state festival of Telangana

7. c



8. a
- At present, exporters can import capital goods duty free under the EPCG scheme and also under initiatives for EOUs (export oriented units) and SEZ (Special Economic Zone) units.
 - However, these schemes are no longer compatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) norms.
 - This is because India's per capita Gross National Income (GNI) exceeded the threshold of \$1,000 for three years in a row in 2015, and so it can no longer extend export subsidies, under WTO rules.
 - The government thus plans to phase out or withdraw the schemes, in phased manner, which are non-compatible to WTO norms and re-work on a new scheme.
9. a
- The eurozone is a monetary union of 19 of the 28 European Union (EU) member states.
 - A Monetary Union involves two or more states, sharing the same currency, without them necessarily having any further integration. All Eurozone countries has Euro as the common currency.
10. c
- Some of the interesting Hubble Discoveries are:
- Creating a 3-D map of mysterious dark matter
 - Discovering Nix and Hydra, two moons of Pluto
 - Helping determine the rate of the universe's expansion
 - Discovering that nearly every major galaxy is anchored by a black hole
 - Helping refine the age of the universe
- Which of the above reports are published by International Labour Organisation?
- a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 1, 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1, 2 and 4 only
 - d. 2, 3 and 4 only
2. Consider the following statements about Representation of People Act, 1952.
1. Section 29 A of the Act makes it mandatory for any political party to get registered with the Election Commission of India
 2. It also mandates the adherence to the principles of 'socialism, secularism, democracy, sovereignty, unity and integrity' by a registered political party
- Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?
- a. 1 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
3. Consider the following statements about River Godavari
1. Wainganga, Penganga, and Ramganga are its tributaries
 2. The Papikonda National Park is located on the banks of this river
- Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?
- a. 1 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements
1. Western Ghats are part of Eco- Sensitive Zones declared by the government
 2. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 empowers the government to prohibit industrial operations such as mining, sand quarrying in the Eco- sensitive areas

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1. Consider the following reports

1. World Employment and Social Outlook Report
2. Global Wage Report
3. Global Gender Gap Report
4. World Social Protection Report



3. 'Forests' is an item in the Union List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

5. Consider the following statements about InSight spacecraft

- 1. It is a mission of NASA
- 2. The aim of the mission is to study the dwarf planet Pluto and the objects that lie beyond the kuiper belt

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about 4-D printing technology

- 1. 4D printing adds the dimension of transformation over time to the conventional 3- D printing
- 2. 4D printing adds the dimension of transformation over external stimuli (like humidity, temperature) to the conventional 3- D printing

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements with respect to Depreciation of a currency

- 1. When the value of money falls under the fixed exchange system it is known as Depreciation
- 2. Depreciation favours only imports not exports.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about 'Fall Armyworm'

- 1. It is a ransomware that targets Microsoft Windows based systems.
- 2. It was first reported in the state of Karnataka in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

- 1. It is an executive and regulatory body that controls the prices of pharmaceutical drugs in India
- 2. It works under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. With regard to 'Hilsa' which was recently in news, consider the following statements

- 1. It is known for its high economic value
- 2. West Bengal holds the GI tag for the Hilsa fish
- 3. The fish is found in marine water ecosystem only



Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

Answers

1. c
- Global Gender Gap Report is given by WEF
 - ILO is a specialised organisation of UN
2. c
3. b
- Ramganga is a tributary of Ganga River located in Uttarakhand
4. a
- Forests is an item in the concurrent list
5. b
- InSight stands for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport.
 - It is NASA's mission to study the deep interior of Mars
 - It is expected to land on Mars during November
 - New Horizon Mission of NASA aims to study the Pluto and the objects in the Kuiper belt
6. c
7. d
- Currency depreciation is a fall in the value of a currency in a floating exchange rate system.
 - In a fixed exchange system only currency devaluation takes place. It is aimed to gain from the exports.
8. b
- It is a pest which can cause severe damage to Maize. It can also feed on 80 other species of plants, including rice, sorghum, millet, sugarcane and cotton.
 - It was first reported in Karnataka by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research.

9. a

- It is a body under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- It is empowered to fix a ceiling on the rates of medicines in India

10. b

- Hilsa is the national fish of Bangladesh which also holds the GI tag for the resource
- It is found in marine, freshwater, and brackish waters

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1. Consider the following statements about Chandrayaan- I

1. It is an indigenous mission of India comprising an Orbiter, Lander and Rover.
2. It was the first to gather a definitive evidence of water in moon.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. With reference to the group QUAD, consider the following statements

1. The 1st formal meeting of QUAD was held in India on the sidelines of BRICS summit, 2017
2. India, Japan, US and Australia are its members

Which of the statements is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



3. Consider the following statements about Thalassaemia

1. It is an auto-immune disease.
2. The disease leads to the destruction of haemoglobin, which results in severe anaemia.
3. It is widespread among many tribal population groups in India.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not true**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 & 3 only
- c. 2 & 3 only
- d. All of the above

4. **Assertion (A)** - 'Fundamental Right to retire' is not above the 'Right to save lives' in government hospitals

Reason (R) - Article 21 of the constitution is an absolute right while article 19 is subjected to some reasonable restrictions.

In the context of the given statements which of the following is correct?

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

5. Consider the following statements about Global Precipitation Measurement

1. It provides next-generation observations of rain and snow worldwide every three hours.
2. It is a mission of NASA and the European Space Agency

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about cyber-attacks in India

1. The fraudulent attempt by an attacker who poses to be a trustworthy entity in order to extract sensitive information is known as Hacking.
2. National Informatics Centre is the nodal agency in India to deal with cyber security threats

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements in the context of air pollution

1. The Global Ambient Air Quality Database is an initiative of WHO which updates available global data on air pollution every year
2. It is part of the Global Burden of Disease Project

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Coking Coal

1. It is characterised by a higher ash content and is mainly used in cement, fertilizer, and glass industries
2. Jharkhand is the only state which produces coking coal in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



9. Consider the following pairs with respect to Coastal Regulation Zones (CRZ)

1. The Environment Protection Act of 1986 made the MoEFCC the regulating authority of coastal zones in India
2. The CRZ- I areas are ecologically the most sensitive areas where all economic activities are banned

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about Kamov Ka- 226T

1. It is a twin-engine multi-role chopper that offers services for both military and civilian purposes.
2. It is built by India with technological transfer from Japan

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. b

- Chandrayan- I was launched on October 22, 2008. It was a spacecraft that orbited the moon at a distance of 100 km. It had components that were built in USA, UK, Germany, Sweden and Bulgaria.
- Chandrayan - II is the second mission to the Moon, and this is the totally indigenous mission comprising of an Orbiter, Lander and Rover.
- Scientists have found frozen water deposits in the darkest and coldest parts of the Moon's polar regions using data from the Chandrayaan-I

2. b

- QUAD members had the first meeting on the sidelines of the 31st ASEAN and the 12th East Asia summits that was held in Philippines.
- The “quadrilateral” grouping or “quad” aims to contain a rising China and its “predatory” economic and trade policies.
- It also aims to provide alternative debt financing for countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

3. b

- Thalassaemia is a genetically transmitted disease (from one generation to the next).
- Thalassaemia results in the body producing an abnormal form of hemoglobin and destruction of RBC which leads to severe anaemia.
- The sickle gene, causing sickle cell anemia resulting in similar abnormality in the oxygen-carrying capacity of haemoglobin, is widespread among many tribal population groups in India.

4. a

The Supreme Court recently ruled "The concept of public interest can also be invoked by the government when voluntary retirement sought by an employee will be against public interest" and "The right to practise a profession under Article 19(1)(g) was subject to the interest of the general public"

5. a

- It is a mission of NASA and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- The data provided by the GPM Core Observatory Satellite is used to unify precipitation measurements made by an international network of partner satellites to quantify when, where, and how much it rains or snows around the world.

6. d

- CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team) is the nodal agency which deals with cyber security threats like hacking and phishing.
- The fraudulent attempt by an attacker who poses to be a trustworthy entity in order to extract sensitive information is known as Phishing



- Hacking is an attempt to exploit a computer system or a private network inside a computer.

7. a

- The 'Global Burden of Disease Project' is undertaken by Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), an independent population health research center, which is part of the University of Washington

8. b

- Coking coal is also known as Metallurgical coal.
- It is used in manufacturing steel, where carbon must be as volatile-free and ash-free as possible.
- Non Coking Coal is the one which has high ash content and is mainly used as thermal coal for power generation, and cement, fertilizer, glass, ceramic, and paper industries.

9. a

- CRZ- I lie between low and high tide line. Exploration of natural gas and extraction of salt are permitted here.

10. a

- The Kamov 226T is a twin-engine light but multi-role chopper that Russian Helicopters offer for both military and civilian purposes.
- The helicopters will replace India's ageing fleet of Cheetah and Chetak.
- As part of Indo-Russia summit held in Moscow, Russia is set to give India 200 Kamov helicopters

24-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel

1. It designated the entire Western Ghats as an Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA).
2. It divided the area into three zones depending on ecological vulnerability

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements regarding Leprosy

1. It is a disease of bacterial origin.
2. It causes damage to the peripheral nervous system.
3. It is highly contagious.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 & 2 only
- c. 1 & 3 only
- d. 2 & 3 only

3. Consider the following statements

1. Both Mullaperiyar Dam and Idukki Dam are built across the river Periyar.
2. Both dams are located in Kerala but operated and maintained by Tamilnadu.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements with respect to National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP).

1. Incorporating disaster management within city planning is one of the four pillars of NDMP
2. The Central Government can not accept an offer by a national government of another country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements



1. Neanderthals were shorter than modern humans with bigger bodies.
2. Neanderthals were first discovered in the Neander Valley now in Germany.
3. Denisovans lived in isolation from other sub-species of early humans

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 & 2 only
- c. 1 & 3 only
- d. All of the above

6. Consider the following statements

1. Electroconvulsive therapy/ shock treatment is banned by Mental Health Care Act 2017.
2. Mental illness is under the ambit of health insurance in India.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Arrange the following hills from East to West according to their geographical location

1. Barail Range
2. Garo Hills
3. Khasi Hills
4. Jaintia Hills

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- b. 1 - 4 - 3 - 2
- c. 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
- d. 2 - 3 - 4 - 1

8. Consider the following statements regarding Aeolus satellite

1. It is an ocean mapping satellite probing the deep sea for minerals using advanced laser technology.
2. It is launched by NASA in collaboration with European Union.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements regarding Biodiversity Heritage Sites

1. Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) are identified by the central government in consultation with state governments.
2. National Biodiversity Authority provides the guidelines for selection and management of BHS.
3. Ameenpur lake in Telangana was the first waterbody in the country to be declared a BHS.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

10. Consider the following statements regarding Hurricane Lane

1. It recently developed in the North Pacific region.
2. Category 1 hurricane is stronger than category 5.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are **not correct**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



Answers

1. c

Gadgil committee is formally called as Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP)

2. b

Acquisition of the disease usually occurs only after a long-term (months to years) contact with untreated individuals and so only mildly contagious.

3. b

Mullaperiyar dam is located in Kerala but is operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu. Idukki Dam is owned by the Kerala State Electricity Board.

4. d

- According to NDMP it is under the discretion of Central Government to accept an offer by a national government of another country who voluntarily offers assistance as a goodwill gesture in solidarity with the disaster victims.
- The four pillars of the NDMP are

1. Understanding disaster risk
2. Improving disaster risk governance
3. Investing in disaster risk reduction (through structural and non structural measures)
4. Disaster preparedness

5. b

- Neanderthals and Denisovans are the closest known extinct relatives of modern humans.
- Recently, a bone fragment from a Siberian cave has revealed the first known hybrid of Denisovans and Neanderthals, indicating their coexistence and interbreeding (not isolated).

6. b

Electro-convulsive therapy is allowed only with the use of muscle relaxants and anaesthesia. The therapy is prohibited only for minors.

7. b

8. d

- Aeolus is a wind survey satellite launched by European Space Agency.

- It is the world's first space mission to gather information on Earth's wind on a global scale.
- It is equipped with Doppler wind lidar, an advanced laser system designed to accurately measure global wind patterns from space.

9. c

BHS are identified by the State governments in consultation with the local bodies.

10. c

- It developed in South Pacific region and is the first hurricane to make a landfall in Hawaii since 1992.
- The name "Hurricane" is given to systems that develop over the Atlantic or the eastern Pacific Oceans.
- In the western North Pacific and Philippines, these systems are called "typhoons" while in the Indian and South Pacific Ocean, they are called "cyclones".

Category	Wind speed (Miles Per Hour)
I	74-95 mph; Dangerous winds with no significant structural damage to most well-constructed permanent structures.
II	96-110 mph; Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage.
III	111-129 mph; Category 3 and higher are described as major hurricanes.
IV	130-156 mph; It tends to cause more structural damage.



V	>157 mph; Highest category in the scale cause more catastrophic damage.
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25-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements on India-Singapore bilateral trade agreement

1. The Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement was signed between India and Singapore to promote bilateral trade recently
2. The new Agreement will come into effect from September, 2018

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Which of the following statement(s) about Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojana- Urban is/ are correct?

1. The scheme is a completely centrally sponsored scheme
2. Under the scheme, people of both low- income and middle- income groups can avail credit linked subsidy
3. Ministry of Urban Development is the nodal ministry for implementing the scheme

- a. 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

3. Which of the following is/ are true about Telemedicines?

1. They are effective in bringing down mortality rate
2. They are useful during disasters
3. They are cost-effective

4. Robotic surgeries can be conducted through mentoring

Which of the statement(s) is/are true?

- a. 1, 2 and 4 only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 only
- c. 1, 2, and 3
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

4. Consider the following statements about Ease of Doing Business rankings in India

1. The ranking is given by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the World Bank
2. It was based on the Business Reform Action Plan of 2017
3. The list was topped by Andhra Pradesh

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

5. Consider the following statements about ICESat- 2

1. It is a laser-armed satellite launched by the European Space Agency
2. It will provide seasonal and annual monitoring of ice elevation changes in the polar ice-caps.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about the 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in elections

1. It is a political innovation aimed to preserve the spirit of Democracy
2. NOTA is used in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha election in India
3. It is a statutory provision under the Representation of People Act, 1951



Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

7. Consider the following statements regarding Aluminium

- 1. It has infinite capacity of recycling, hence, highly eco-friendly
- 2. West Coast of India produces more Bauxite than East Coast

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Earthquake Swarms

- 1. It is an event where a local area experiences sequences of many earthquakes striking in a relatively short period of time
- 2. The event is characterised by a clear sequence of high-intensity main quakes, preceded and succeeded by lower-intensity foreshocks and aftershocks.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about FDI in E-Commerce sector in India

- 1. 100 per cent FDI in automatic route is permitted in both market-based and inventory-based models in India
- 2. FDI is permitted only for B2B (Business-to-Business) model and not for B2C (Business-to-Consumer)

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. The term 'Data Localisation' was often seen in news. Which of the following is/ are correct with respect to it?

- 1. Data Localisation assumes significance in the wake of increased international cyber- threats
- 2. It may favour discrimination against firms eventually leading to Trade Protectionism

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. b

- 1. The CECA was signed on June 29, 2005 between India and Singapore
- 2. Recently, the Second Protocol which aims to bring in changes to the existing Agreement was signed.
- 3. The new agreement will come into effect from September 14, 2018.
- 4. The CECA was the first comprehensive agreement covering trade in goods, services and investments, which India had signed with any of its trading partners.

2. a

- The components of the scheme are
 - 1. In-situ Rehabilitation of existing slum dwellers using land as a resource through private participation
 - 2. Credit Linked Subsidy
 - 3. Affordable Housing in Partnership
 - 4. Subsidy for Beneficiary-led individual house construction/enhancement.



- Of these, the Credit linked subsidy component will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme while other three components will be implemented as Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is the nodal ministry.

3. d

4. c

The assessment was made by the World Bank in collaboration with the DIPP (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion).

5. b

1. Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2 is a mission of NASA
2. ICESat-2 will measure the average annual elevation change of land ice covering Greenland and Antarctica
3. ICESat-2 will also measure the height of ocean and land surfaces, including forests.

6. a

- NOTA is used only in direct elections and hence it is not used in elections to Rajya Sabha
- It was incorporated in elections after the Supreme Court verdict in 2013

7. b

- East coast produces more aluminium than the west coast. Odisha alone accounts for 52 per cent

8. a

Swarms are made up of numerous earthquakes that occur locally over an extended period, without a clear sequence of high-intensity main quakes, preceded and succeeded by lower-intensity foreshocks and aftershocks.

9. b

10. c

1. It was held as part of Buenos Aires summit of G-20 group of countries
2. The summit highlighted the issues of Digital inclusion and Elimination of gender divide in digital technology

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about Bureau of Indian Standards

1. It helps in setting standards of goods only and not services.
2. It is a statutory body which works under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about OSIRIS-REx mission which was recently in news

1. It is a mission of NASA to study the planet Saturn and its system by sending a probe
2. It has a "Sample Return Capsule" which will bring back collected sample to earth.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

27-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements with respect to the Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting



4. Consider the following statements about 'Liquid Crystal Elastomers' (LCE)

1. They are polymers which show high resistance to heat and light which makes them rigid
2. They find a range of applications including robotics, medical devices and artificial muscles.

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true about them?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following pairs

Name of Wildlife Sanctuary	State
1. Kaimur	Bihar
2. Achanakmar	Odisha
3. Pobitora	Manipur

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1 and 2 only

6. The objective(s) of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana is/ are?

1. Reducing Agricultural debt through zero input cost
2. Increased Employment Rate in farm sector
3. Minimising Agricultural Waste
4. Promoting traditional irrigation systems
5. Enhancing exports of processed foods

Which of the statement(s) is/are true?

- a. 1, 2, and 4 only
- b. 2, 3 and 5 only
- c. 1, 2, 3, and 4 only
- d. 2, 3, and 4 only

7. Consider the following statements about Chip Card Tehnology.

1. The key focus of this technology lies on curbing instances of Card Skimming
2. It works on the principle of Blockchain Technology

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements with respect to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

1. The Executive Committee of UNHCR sets the guidelines which are binding on the parties of the 1951 Refugee Convention
2. The UN General Assembly and Security Council elects the head of this organisation through separate and simultaneous elections

Which of the statemen(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements with respect to share holdings

1. When listed companies absorbs shares from the market it is called a Buyback
2. It results in lesser earnings to the shareholders

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



10. Consider the following statements about Exchange-traded funds

1. An ETF is an open-ended mutual fund scheme with an objective to track and reflect the performance of its underlying index.
2. Investments in ETFs are highly liquid as they are held through a Demat account

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. b

It was held under the aegis of G20 Digital Economy Task Force in Salta, Argentina

2. b

- BIS is responsible for setting standards of both goods and services in India
- BIS is known as the National Standards Body of India

3. b

Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) spacecraft is a mission of NASA to explore Bennu, a Near- Earth Asteroid

4. b

- LCE are known for their ability to change their shape reversibly after the application of a certain external stimulus.
- They are sensitive to heat and light
- They have promising uses in biomedical field

5. a

- Achanakmar is located in Chattisgarh
- Pobitora is located in Assam

6. b

- It is a Central Sector Scheme
- It is a comprehensive package which will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management, doubling of

farmers income, creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

7. a

- Credit card skimming is a type of credit card theft where a small device to steal credit card information is used
- Chip Card Technology works based on encryption principle. When one dips a chip card, it establishes communication with the payment terminal in an encrypted format and confirms the identity of the holder.
- The encrypted code is very difficult to crack and thus results in increased data security

8. d

The UNHCR is elected by the UN General Assembly on the recommendation of the Secretary General

9. a

Since the bought back shares are extinguished, the earnings per share (EPS) rise by default. Also, since a buyback is usually done at a price higher than the then prevailing market price, shareholders get an attractive exit option, especially when the shares are thinly traded.

10. c

28-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Bombay Natural History Society

1. It is a pan- India wildlife research organization attached to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change
2. It recently opened its first- ever regional centre to study the Chilika Lake

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



2. Consider the following statements about Cheetah Reintroduction Project

1. The Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh had been approved for reintroduction of Asiatic cheetahs
2. Asiatic Cheetahs are 'Critically Endangered' according to IUCN's classification

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about Legislative Council in a State

1. Creation and abolition of State Legislative Councils amounts to Constitutional Amendment under Article 368
2. In order to establish a State Legislative Council, the State Legislative Assembly must pass a resolution with Simple Majority

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements with respect to Drones in India

1. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation mandates compulsory registration of all types of drones with a unique ID
2. Drones are barred from being flown near airports and international borders

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. With respect to the International Criminal Court (ICC), consider the following statements

1. It is a part of the United Nations and has jurisdiction over persons charged with genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.
2. Though the Security Council can set up Ad Hoc tribunals to look into International Crimes, the ICC is mandated to be the Permanent body

Select the correct option using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about Spitzer Telescope

1. It is a ground-based telescope of NASA
2. It was instrumental in discovering seven Earth-like planets orbiting a single star TRAPPIST-1

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. 'Wolbachia' was in news recently. Consider the following statements about it.

1. It is a tiny bacterium present in several insects including Aedes Aegypti mosquito
2. The bacterium is responsible for transmitting dengue, chikungunya and Zika

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



8 Consider the following statements regarding Rutland Island.

- i) It is one of the coral islands in Lakshwadeep.
- ii) Jangil tribes are the indigenous peoples who occupy these Islands.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. i only
- b. ii only
- c. Both i & ii
- d. Neither i nor ii

9. Consider the following pairs

Navigation Systems	Country
1. Galileo	China
2. GLONASS	Russia
3. BeiDou	European Union

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 2 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

10. Ankasamudra Lake was in news recently. Which of the statement(s) about it is/ are true?

1. It is known to be a Natural Bird Sanctuary owing to large number of local and migratory birds choosing it as a breeding ground
2. It is the first bird conservation reserve declared in the entire Hyderabad-Karnataka region
3. The power to declare an area as Bird Conservation Reserve lies with the Central Government

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answers

1. b

BNHS is the partner of BirdLife International in India. It has been designated as a 'Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation' by the Department of Science and Technology.

2. b

- The Madhya Pradesh forest department has only sought to revive the reintroduction project, by writing to the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- The Cheetah Reintroduction Project was conceived in 2009 and it could not proceed due to lack of funds.
- The project aims to reintroduce around 20 cheetahs to Nauradehi from Namibia in Africa.
- Nauradehi was found to be the most suitable area for the cheetahs as its forests are not very dense to restrict the fast movement of the spotted cat.

3. d

- It does not amount to Constitutional Amendment under Art 368
- A resolution with Special Majority must be passed by SLA.
- The power of abolition and creation of the State legislative council is vested in Parliament of India as per article 169.

4. b

- Drones, their operators and pilots will have to be mandatorily registered on aviation regulator DGCA's online portal, effective December 1.
- However, Nano drones are exempt from all these pre-requisites.
- Drones are barred from being flown near airports, international border, coastline, Parliament, Secretariat complex in State capitals, military installations and eco sensitive zones.

5. b

- ICC is a permanent tribunal created to prosecute individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.



- The Court was established by the Rome Statute. This treaty was negotiated within the UN. However, the ICC is legally and functionally independent from the United Nations.
- It is the ICJ (International Court of Justice) which is the primary judicial organ of the UN.

6. a

It is a space-based telescope, and it recently completed its 15 years of space exploration

7. d

- Wolbachia is a tiny bacterium that is present in 60% of all species of insects, including several mosquito species.
- But the bacterium is not usually present in the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito which is primarily responsible for transmitting dengue, chikungunya and Zika.
- It is one of the world's most common parasitic microbes and the most common reproductive parasite in the biosphere.
- If this bacterium is introduced in mosquitoes, it could stop disease-spreading viruses from replicating, growing and spreading the diseases.

8. b

Rutland Island is located in Andaman.

9. a

BeiDou belongs to China and Galileo belongs to European Union

10. a

The power to declare an area as Bird Conservation Reserve lies with the State Wildlife Board

29-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights

1. The body ensures that all child- related laws, policies and programmes are in consonance with the Indian Constitution and UN Convention on Rights of Child

2. A child is defined as a person in the age group of 0 to 12 years

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about National Clean Air Programme

1. The programme provides city- specific action plans for 100 non- Attainment cities
2. The onus of implementing the Programme lies with the Central and State governments only
3. A 'Technology Assessment Cell' is being envisioned under the Programme to evaluate the existing technologies

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following statements about Indian Ocean Conference

1. It is held under the aegis of Indian Ocean Rim Association
2. It sees participation of Heads of States/Governments, Ministers, thought leaders, scholars, diplomats, bureaucrats across regions

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



4. Consider the following statements about the Lakhwar Multipurpose Project

1. The project envisages to provide water for domestic, drinking and industrial use in the six basin states only
2. It is an important project on River Ganga in Uttarakhand.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about regulation of Drugs in India

1. The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 places the responsibility for the regulation of manufacture, sale and distribution of Drugs with the Central Government
2. The Drug Controller General of India works directly under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about the North American Free Trade Agreement

1. The Agreement promises 'National treatment' and 'Most-favored-nation' treatment to its parties
2. The Agreement has obligations towards Environmental treaties such as CITES, Montreal Protocol, and Basel Convention

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statement

1. They are nicotine-free
2. Manufacturing and use of E- Cigarettes is regulated by Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003

Which of the following statement(s) with respect to E-Cigarettes is/ are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 & 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana

1. One of the objectives of the scheme is to provide Induction Stoves for poor households to reduce dependence on LPG stoves and increase electricity demand
2. All un-electrified houses are eligible for free electricity connections under this scheme

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about Superbugs

1. Only bacterias not viruses nor Fungi, nor other parasites can become Superbugs
2. The 'Red Line campaign' of India aims to curb the threat of Superbugs

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



10. Consider the following statements about Mawlynnong which was in news recently

1. It is known for its title 'Asia's Cleanest Village' and is situated in Manipur
2. The living root-bridges which are made by the Khasi and Jaintiya tribes from the aerial roots of trees can be seen here.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. a

- The Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group.
- The commission was set up under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005

2. c

The NCAP focuses on collaborative and participatory approach covering all sources of pollution and coordination between relevant Central Ministries, State Governments, local bodies and other stakeholders.

3. b

- The Conference was initiated by Delhi based think tank India Foundation along with its partners from Singapore, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
- First Conference took place in Singapore with the theme 'Comity, Commerce and Culture'
- Second conference took place in Colombo with the theme 'Peace, Progress and Prosperity'
- The Third edition of the Conference happened recently in Hanoi with the theme 'Building Regional Architectures'

4. b

- The multi-purpose project will benefit Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Delhi.

- The project will be situated in the upper Yamuna basin near Lohari village in Uttarakhand

5. c

- The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 places the responsibility for the regulation of manufacture, sale and distribution of Drugs with the State Government
- The Central Authorities are responsible only for approval of New Drugs, Clinical Trials in the country, laying down the standards for Drugs, control over the quality of imported Drugs, coordination of the activities of State Drug Control Organisations
- The DDCI is part of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization and is responsible for approval of licenses of specified categories of drugs such as blood and blood products, IV fluids, vaccines and sera in India.

6. c

7. d

- E- Cigarettes are tobacco free but they contain Nicotine
- They are not under the purview of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003

8. d

- The beneficiaries for free electricity connections are identified using SECC 2011 data.
- However, un-electrified households not covered under SECC data would also be provided electricity connections under the scheme on payment of Rs. 500 which shall be recovered by DISCOMs in 10 instalments through electricity bill.

9. b Organisms which develop extreme Anti- Microbial Resistance are called Super-bugs. It can be a virus, fungi and so on.

10. b

The village is located in Meghalaya which is known for the presence of living root-bridges



30-08-2018

1. India recently revised its Air Service Agreements with Morocco. Consider the following statements in this regard.

1. It allows designated airlines of either countries to establish offices in the territory of other country for the promotion and sale of air services
2. The designated airlines of both the countries can operate any number of services to/ from the points specified in the agreement

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about O- SMART

1. It is a scheme under Ministry of Shipping which aims at setting up of sewage treatment plants along coasts.
2. It aims at setting up marine coastal observatories for tracking marine pollution by 2018
3. It proposes for setting up six desalination Plants in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following statements about INS Teg

1. It belongs to the Shivalik class of frigates indigenously built in India
2. These ships use stealth technologies and a special hull design to ensure a reduced radar cross section.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about Chief Election Commissioner

1. He cannot be removed from his office except in same manner and on the same grounds as a judge of the Supreme Court.
2. The Constitution provides for the Parliament the power to determine the number of other Election Commissioners

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about ATMs

1. When a particular Bank outsources the ATM operations to a third party it is called as White-label ATM
2. The authority to set up 'Ombudsman' for Non-Banking Finance Companies lies with the RBI

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI)

1. It refers to the collective money available with households in the country, for the purpose of saving and spending, after tax and other deductions.
2. The GNDI is on the downward trajectory in 2016-17, according to RBI.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



7. Consider the following statements about E-commerce models

1. Inventory- based Model acts as a facilitator between a buyer and seller whereas Market-based Model calls for selling of goods from e-commerce entities to consumers directly
2. FDI is not allowed for Inventory- based E-commerce activities

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Solar Power Technology Certification

1. The certification by DNV GL is currently the only global guideline for certifying solar PV projects.
2. The Veltor Solar Power Project in Telangana is the world's first plant to have been awarded the solar project quality certificate

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about Global Biodiversity Hotspots

1. A region must contain at least 1000 species of vascular plants as endemics, and it has to have lost at least 70% of its original habitat to be considered as a Biodiversity Hotspot
2. There are only four Biodiversity hotspots in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements about New Horizons Spacecraft

1. It recently made the first-ever close-up exploration of a small Kuiper Belt object Ultima Thule
2. The Long Range Reconnaissance Imager (LORRI) of the spacecraft could detect the flyby from a distance of more than 100 million miles

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

1. c

2. b

It is a scheme of Ministry of Earth Sciences. It proposes for setting up six desalination Plants in Lakshadweep

3. b

INS Teg is the fourth *Talwar*-class frigate constructed for the Indian Navy by Russia

4. a

Article 324 provides for the President the power to determine the number of other Election Commissioners

5. b

- When a particular Bank outsources the ATM operations to a third party it is called as Brown-label ATM
- When ATMs are owned and operated by non-bank entities but are not doing 'outsourcing-contract' from a particular bank, they are called White-label ATMs.

6. a

The GNDI of 2016-17 was the highest of the past seven years with the value of 11.1% of the GDP mostly in the form of cash



7. a

Market- based Model acts as a facilitator between a buyer and seller whereas Inventory- based Model calls for selling of goods from e- commerce entities to consumers directly

8. c

DNV GL is a global quality assurance and risk management company in Norway

9. a

- A region must contain at least 1500 species of vascular plants as endemics, and it has to have lost at least 70% of its original habitat to be considered as a Biodiversity Hotspot
- The Bio- diversity Hotspots in India are
 1. Himalaya: Includes the entire Indian Himalayan region (and that falling in Pakistan, Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, China and Myanmar)
 2. Indo-Burma: Includes entire North-eastern India, except Assam and Andaman group of Islands (and Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and southern China)
 3. Sundalands: Includes Nicobar group of Islands (and Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Philippines)
 4. Western Ghats and Sri Lanka: Includes entire Western Ghats (and Sri Lanka)

10. c

It is a mission of NASA to explore the objects in the Kuiper Belt.

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1. Consider the following statements about National Mission on Government e-Marketplace

1. It provides online, end to end solution for procurement of commonly used goods and services
2. It aims to promote cashless and paperless transaction
3. It facilitates procurement only for government organisations

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only

c. 1 and 3 only

d. 1, 2, 3

2. Which of the following is/are members of the BIMSTEC grouping?

1. Sri Lanka
2. Bhutan
3. Myanmar
4. Maldives

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

- a. 1, 2, 3, 4
- b. 2, 3, 4
- c. 1, 2, 3
- d. 1, 3, 4

3. Consider the following statements about Law Commission

1. It is a Statutory body set up by the Union Government from time to time
2. It is purely an advisory body

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

4. With respect to Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), consider the following statements

1. It is being launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology along with NITI Aayog
2. It is a sub- component of Atal Innovation Mission

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



5. Consider the following statements about the Great Red Spot which was in news recently

1. It is a persistent low-pressure region in the planet Jupiter
2. The Juno spacecraft of NASA recently confirmed the presence of water in the planet

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements about Exercise KAKADU

1. It is a multilateral exercise hosted by Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force once in two years
2. Indian naval ship Sahyadri is set to participate in this exercise in 2018

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements about India's National Redd+ Strategy

1. It is in line with India's commitment to Paris Agreement of UNFCCC
2. It seeks to address the causes of deforestation and forest degradation by enhancing forest carbon sinks

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements about Central Information Commission (CIC)

1. The CIC should constitute a Chief Information Commissioner and not more than 10 Central Information Commissioners
2. The Prime Minister, the President of India, and any Union Cabinet Minister appointed by the Prime Minister shall be responsible for nominating members for appointment to the CIC.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are *not* true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements about Gold Monetisation Scheme

1. Banks are free to determine the interest rates for gold deposited under this scheme
2. Deposits mobilised under the scheme are considered while determining the Cash Reserve Ratio of the bank.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Given below are two statements labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R).

Assertion (A) - A person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe in a state cannot automatically claim the right to quota in another state upon relocation

Reason (R) - The benefits of reservation would stand confined to the geographical territory of a State/Union territory

In the context of the two statements, which of the following is correct?

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true



Answers

1. d

National Mission on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) will be launched on 5th September 2018, to accelerate the adoption and use of GeM by major central Ministries, State Governments and their agencies.

2. c

The member countries of BIMSTEC are Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan, and Nepal

3. b

It is neither a Constitutional nor a Statutory body. Law Commission is constituted by an executive order of the Government of India from time to time.

4. d

- It is launched by the Ministry of Human Resources Development. It will rank educational institutions for innovation output based on all major indicators and parameters used globally. It is not a part of the Atal Innovation Mission.
- The focus of the index lies on
 - Budget expenses and revenues generated
 - Facilitating access to advance centres
 - Ideas of entrepreneurship; innovation ecosystems supported through teaching
 - Learning and innovative solutions to improve governance of the institution

5. d

- Great Red Spot is the persistent high pressure area (not low) in Jupiter which is full of dense clouds
- NASA's scientists detected the presence of water above the dense clouds of the Great Red Spot using the ground-based telescopes (not spacecraft)

6. c

7. c

India has communicated in its Nationally Determined Contribution under Paris Agreement that it would

capture 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of Carbon dioxide through additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

8. b

CIC is a statutory body created under the RTI Act, 2005

- Section 12(3) of the RTI Act 2005 specifies the following for selection of members
 - (i) The Prime Minister, who shall be the Chairperson of the committee
 - (ii) The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
 - (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister

9. a

10. b

The Supreme Court ruled that 'The mandate of Articles 341 and 342, for notifying classes as SC and ST, would get compromised if the special privileges granted to members of these communities in a particular state are to be made available in all states and if such benefits are to be carried from state 'A' to 'B' on migration'.