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HIMACHAL PRADESH PRACTICE MCQS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Himachal Pradesh Government has set up the Chief Minister's SukhashraySahayataKosh with an outlay of Rs 101 crore.
2. The orphans & destitute women would be the beneficiaries of this scheme.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Who has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Ram Subhag Singh
- B. Nisha Singh
- C. Ali Raza Rizvi
- D. Prabodh Saxena

ANSWER: D

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Himachal Pradesh is the first state to start Register Number 26 to keep a tab on sexual offenders.
2. Register number 29 was introduced to keep a record of drug peddlers in Himachal Pradesh.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Which of the following Bank has prepared the Prospective Linked Credit Plan (PLP) for the year 2023-24 for Himachal Pradesh?

- A. PNB
- B. SBI
- C. UCO
- D. NABARD

ANSWER: D

3. The 30th state-level Children's Science Congress was held in which of the following Institute?

- A. NIT, Hamirpur
- B. IIT, Mandi
- C. IIIT, Una
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The Palampur-Thathri-Chunja glacier ropeway project will connect Palampur with the Chunja glacier in the Dhauladhars at a height of 12,000-ft.
2. Tourists will be able to reach at Thathri-Chunja Glacier within 31 minutes from Palampur.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the investment for Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project in Himachal Pradesh.
2. Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project has a capacity of 382 MW.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

8. Consider the following statements:

1. The census of leopards in Una district under the project, 'Population estimation of common leopard and black bear in Himachal Pradesh' is undertaken by ZSI.
2. The project is funded by the State government.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

9. Who has been elected Speaker of the 14th Vidhan Sabha of Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Chander Kumar
- B. Kuldeep Singh Pathania
- C. Ashish Butail
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Union Government had in 1999 notified the Pong wetland area as a wildlife sanctuary under the Indian Wildlife Act, 1972.
2. The cultivation of land by farmers in the Pong wetland area has violated Sections 29 and 31 of the Wildlife Protection Act.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The attendance of all MGNREGA workers in Kangra district is marked online from 1st January 2023.
2. The online attendance of every MGNREGA worker is being marked through the National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

12. As per a report of the Indian Meteorological Department, Himachal Pradesh's post monsoon rain deficit is how much percent?

- A. 15%
- B. 18%
- C. 23%
- D. 25%

ANSWER: C

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Mountain yam is a vegetable crop which has medicinal properties.
2. Mountain yam grows in forests and shrub jungles up to an altitude of 1,500 m.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Which of the following Temple trust of Himachal Pradesh will start e-vehicle service for pilgrims?

- A. Naina Devi, Bilaspur
- B. Chintpurni, Una
- C. Chamunda Devi, Kangra
- D. Jawalaji, Kangra

ANSWER: B

15. Consider the following statements:

1. The New Development Bank (NDB) will fund the Shimla Urban Transport Ropeway Project.
2. The project will be implemented under the 90:10 financial scheme by the Centre and the State.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

16. Recently, the Himachal Pradesh Government has denotified which of the following newly opened Cyber police stations?

- A. Una and Bilaspur
- B. Mandi and Dharamsala
- C. Shimla and Chamba
- D. Hamirpur and Solan

ANSWER: B

17. Consider the following statements regarding restoration of Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

1. The decision will benefit around 1.36 lakh employees of the state who are under New Pension Scheme.
2. Himachal has become the third Congress-ruled state to restore the Old Pension Scheme.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

18. The four proposed hydro projects- Ghator Top, Jai Bani Mata, Jay Kartikay and Rudraveer project are slated to be constructed on which river?

- A. Baspa
- B. Ravi
- C. Giri
- D. Sutlej

ANSWER: B

18. An online 'yajna' booking facility for devotees as been recently launched at which shrine?

- A. Narvadeshwar Temple
- B. Mata Chintpurni
- C. Tara Devi Temple
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

19. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently 2 doppler radars have been put up at Chamba and Mandi district.
2. These radars would be able to forecast heavy rain, thunderstorm and hailstorm within 100 kilometer radius in all directions.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

20. Consider the following statements:

1. The 600-year-old Mata Ashapuri Temple, seen recently in news, is situated on the Dhauladhar mountains.
2. The Department of Language, Art and Culture, is responsible for the upkeep of all historical temples in the state.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

21. Central University of Himachal Pradesh has recently signed MoU with which university?

- A. University of Colorado
- B. Massachusetts University
- C. University of Waterloo
- D. Indiana University, Pennsylvania

ANSWER: D

22. Bijli Mahadev ropeway project is proposed to come up in-

- A. Kullu
- B. Shimla
- C. Solan
- D. Kaza

ANSWER: A

23. Halda festivities have begun recently in which district of Himachal?

- A. Kinnaur
- B. Chamba
- C. Lahaul and Spiti
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

24. A World Bank (WB)-funded fruit processing centre will be set up in-

- A. Amb
- B. Shimla
- C. Solan
- D. Hamirpur

ANSWER: A

25. The State Para Sports Tournament has began recently in-

- A. Chamba
- B. Solan
- C. Una
- D. Hamirpur

ANSWER: D

26. Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry is located in-

- A. Chamba
- B. Solan
- C. Haimrpur
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

27. Consider the following statements:

1. QR coding has now been made mandatory for pharma ingredients.
2. The new system will ensure that APIs sold in the market adhere to the set standards

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

29. Who has been appointed as acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court?

- A. Justice Sabina
- B. Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan
- C. Justice Vivek Singh Thankur
- D. Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed

ANSWER: A

30. Consider the following statements:

1. The Himachal Pradesh government intends to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of 2025.
2. Kishau Dam Project is a proposed multipurpose project on **River Tons**.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

31. The Kullu-Manali airport at Bhuntar has been ranked _____ in customer satisfaction.

- A. 3rd
- B. 4th
- C. 5th
- D. 9th

ANSWER: C

32. Sunni Dam Project is a run-of-the-river project on river-

- A. Satluj
- B. Beas
- C. Baspa
- D. Yamuna

ANSWER: A

33. Which of the following institutes has signed a pact with the IAF's Headquarters Maintenance Command to collaborate on research and

development in the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning?

- A. IIT Mandi
- B. Central University of Himachal Pradesh
- C. NIT Hamirpur
- D. Bahra University

ANSWER: A

34. Simbalbara National Park is located in which district?

- A. Shimla
- B. Chamba
- C. Solan
- D. Sirmour

ANSWER: D

34. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Government Medical College and Hospital seen recently in news, is located in-

- A. Chamba
- B. Solan
- C. Shimla
- D. Lahaul and Spiti

ANSWER: A

35. Consider the following statements:

1. As per IGFR I Several hectares in the state are under threat from invasive plant species.
2. Invasive species have spread over 14 lakh hectare in all districts, excluding Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

36. A Special police team has been recently formed to check illegal mining in-

- A. LahaulSpiti
- B. Solan
- C. Nurpur
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

37. The President's Police Medal for distinguished service has been awarded to which official from the state?-

- A. InderDutt
- B. Satwant Atwal Trivedi
- C. Sanjay Kundu
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

38. Who has been conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri award for his distinguished service in the field of agriculture from Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Nek Ram Sharma
- B. Dayal Singh
- C. Anurag Dhumal
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The manufacture, sale, and use of glue traps for catching rats, rodents, small reptiles and birds has been prohibited in Himachal Pradesh.
2. The notification cites Section 11 of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

40. The three-day skiing and snowboarding championship was recently concluded at-

- A. Manali
- B. Kullu
- C. Kangra
- D. Lahaul and Spiti

ANSWER: A

41. Kathgarh temple is located in which district?

- A. Kangra
- B. Solan
- C. Shimla
- D. Hamirpur

ANSWER: A

42. As per a Health Management Information System (HMIS) report released by the government recently, Sex ratio at Birth in Himachal is-

- A. 941
- B. 943
- C. 945
- D. 939

ANSWER: A

43. Minjar fair is held in chowgans of which town?

- A. Solan
- B. Kangra
- C. Hamirpur
- D. Chamba

ANSWER: D

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MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Croatia has adopted the euro which is a European Union's common currency.
2. Recently, the Karnataka Government has categorised Vokkaligas and Lingayats communities as "moderately backward".
3. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets in March 2021.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. As of January 2023, the eurozone consists of 20 countries in the European Union (EU).
2. The tradition of Lingayatism is known to have been founded by social reformer and philosopher Basavanna in 12th century Karnataka.
3. Millet is a common term for categorizing small-seeded grasses that are often called Nutri-cereals.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Schengen Area signifies a zone where 27 European countries, abolished their internal borders, for the free and unrestricted movement of people.
2. The 103rd Constitution Amendment Act, 2018 provided constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
3. India produces more than 170 lakh tonnes of millet, which is 80 percent of Asia's and 20 percent of global production.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) is an intergovernmental organization of 22-member countries of the Asian-Pacific region.
2. UIDAI is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016.
3. Article 75 of the Constitution of India says that the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Asian-Pacific Postal Union Headquarters is located in Thailand.
2. Any resident above the age of 18 can be a Head of Family for updating the address online in Aadhaar.
3. Recently, the Supreme Court has ruled that a statement made by a minister cannot be attributed to the government by invoking the principle of collective responsibility.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

6. Consider the following statements:

1. India will take over the leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) from January 2023.
2. Recently, UIDAI has enabled 'Head of Family' based online address update in Aadhaar.
3. Article 19(2) of the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and expression to all citizens of India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The Government of India has approved National Green Hydrogen Mission.
2. Black carbon aerosols are produced by the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels and biomass, and are characterised by strong light absorption.
3. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was established in 2008.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of New & Renewable Energy will be responsible for overall coordination and implementation of National Green Hydrogen Mission.
2. Black carbon aerosols in South Asia heat up the middle and upper atmosphere, thus increasing the North–South temperature gradient.
3. According to National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Forest (Conservation) Rules (FCR) 2002 will invariably violate the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

9. Consider the following statements:

1. National Green Hydrogen Mission will reduce 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions till 2030.
2. Black carbon deposition in snow increases the albedo of surfaces.
3. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is mentioned in Article 338A.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) was incorporated in 1967.
2. India Meteorological Department is under Ministry of Earth Sciences.
3. The Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (SYL), is an under-construction canal to connect the Sutlej and Yamuna rivers.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

11. Consider the following statements:

1. A MoU was signed between Hindustan Copper Limited and the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad.
2. India Meteorological Department uses 4 colour codes for explaining the severity of the weather phenomena.
3. The river Beas joins river Sutlej in Punjab.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Khetri Copper Complex (KCC) is situated in Rajasthan.
2. India Meteorological Department uses yellow colour to indicate severely bad weather spanning several days.
3. In 2004, the Punjab Government has declared all inter-state agreements related to the sharing of Ravi and Beas waters, as invalid.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The decennial census exercise has been postponed till September 2023.
2. Fair and remunerative price (FRP) is the minimum price at which rate sugarcane is to be purchased by sugar mills from farmers.
3. National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in association with Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) has organised Astro Tourism event at Delhi.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The first synchronous census in India was held in 1881.
2. The FRP is fixed by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on the basis of recommendations on the basis of recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.
3. Astrotourism is any kind of tourism that involves the night sky or visiting facilities related to astronomy like observatories, and combining that with a broader sense of ecotourism.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

15. Consider the following statements:

1. National Population Register (NPR) was first done in 2010 and was later updated in 2015 when it was linked with Aadhar.
2. The 'FRP' of sugarcane is determined under Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.
3. The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has announced the setting up of India's first Dark Sky Reserve in Hanle, Ladakh.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The Aspirational Blocks Programme is on the lines of the Aspirational District Programme that was launched in 2016.
2. United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) was established by the UN Security Council in Abyei area of Sudan by resolution 1990 of June 2011.
3. New Umbrella Entity (NUE) will manage and operate new payment systems, especially in the retail space such as ATMs, white-label PoS.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Aspirational Block Programme will cover 500 districts across 13 states and Union Territories initially.
2. The UN Peacekeepers are known as 'Blue Helmets' or 'Blue Berets'.
3. New Umbrella Entity (NUE) is incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 2013.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, the Prime Minister of India launched the Aspirational Block Programme at the second National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi.
2. India is the second-highest military contributing country to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).
3. According to the RBI guidelines, the New Umbrella entity will have minimum paid-up capital of Rs 500 crore.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

17. Consider the following statements:

1. The Citizenship Act 1955 provides the provisions for acquisition of citizenship of India.
2. The Startup India Initiative was launched in 2015.
3. India Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement was signed on 2nd April, 2022.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

18. Consider the following statements:

1. If an Indian citizen voluntarily accepts the citizenship of another nation, his or her Indian citizenship cannot be revoked.
2. Under the Startup India initiative, eligible companies can get recognised as Startups by Department for Industrial Policy and Promotion (DPIIT).
3. The total bilateral trade between India and Australia is expected to cross US \$ 45-50 billion by 2035.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

19. Consider the following statements:

1. Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 is related Assam Accord of 1985.
2. Startup India Innovation Week will be organized from 10th to 16th of January, 2023 to celebrate the Indian Startup Ecosystem.
3. Under the India Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, the Australian services will get Negative List Treatment after 5 Years.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

1. Consider the following statements:

1. US Food and Drug Administration has recently granted approval to Alzheimer's drug Lecanemab.
2. World Hindi Day is celebrated every year on January 10th
3. Manufactured Sand (M-Sand) is kind of artificial sand produced from crushing hard stones into small sand sized angular shaped particles.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The first World Hindi Conference was held in Bhopal.
2. Alzheimer's disease is a heart disorder that impacts blood circulation.
3. M Sand has greater durability, higher strength, low price and is eco-friendly.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

1. National Hindi Day which is celebrated every year on December 14.
2. Global economic prospects report is released by World Bank.
3. Virtual power plant is a network of centralized power generating units that pool together thousands of energy resources.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

23. Consider the following statements:

1. FSSAI Survey stated that 45% of dietary supplements were found to be unsafe for consumption.

2. VSHORAD (Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORAD) is designed by DRDO.
3. Cadastral maps of 35% of over six lakh villages in country have been geo-referenced under Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

24. Consider the following statements:

1. DILRMP a central Sector scheme.
2. FSSAI is under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
3. VSHORAD missile system is meant to target high altitude aerial threats at short ranges.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

25. Consider the following statements:

1. FSSAI is an autonomous statutory body established under Food Safety and Standards Act (FM), 2006.
2. VSHORADs are lightweight and portable surface-to-air missiles.
3. DILRMP is implemented by Department of Land Resources under Ministry of Rural Development.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

26. Consider the following statements:

1. "Pineapple Express" phenomenon is associated with invasive species in an ecosystem.
2. Neelakurinji is an endemic plant found in a small stretch in the Western Ghats.
3. FSSAI has recently specified the identity standards for basmati rice.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only

- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

27. Consider the following statements:

1. Pineapple express, also known as "rivers in the sky" are long, narrow regions in the atmosphere that transport most of the water vapor outside the tropics.
2. The most popular Neelakurinji is Strobilanthes kunthiana which blooms once in 112 years.
3. Basmati rice is a premium variety of rice cultivated in the Himalayan foothills of the Indian sub-continent.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

28. Consider the following statements:

1. A "true Pineapple Express" has tail end, where the moisture is pulled into the atmosphere, starting near Hawaii.
2. MoEFCC has listed Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) under Schedule III of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
3. India accounts for one fifth of global supply of Basmati rice.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

29. Consider the following statements:

1. "Soul of Steel" is deep ocean endurance challenge to be launched in India.
2. The Rural Health Statistics (RHS) Report 2021-22 has been recently released by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has discovered its first exoplanet, LHS 475b.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only

- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

30. Consider the following statements:

1. Soul of steel challenge will take place in the state of Uttarakhand.
2. The Rural Health Statistics Report is published after every 5 years.
3. LHS 475 b, located in the constellation Octans, is only 41 light-years away.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

31. Consider the following statements:

1. The Soul of steel challenge will be divided into four stages.
2. RHS report highlights shortfall of nearly 80% of the required specialists at Community Health Centers.
3. LHS 475 b, orbits around its star in only two days.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

32. Consider the following statements:

1. A total of 111 waterways have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) under National Waterways Act, 2016.
2. Global Overturning Circulation refers to equator ward transport of cold, deep waters and pole ward transport of warm, near-surface waters.
3. World Social Report 2023 is a flagship publication of World Bank.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

33. Consider the following statements:

1. In total 30 National Waterways are operational in the country.
2. Global Overturning Circulation is responsible for transport of carbon and heat among ocean basins and between ocean and atmosphere.
3. Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing was adopted in 2020.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

34. Consider the following statements:

1. PANI (Portal for Asset & Navigation Information) provides detailed information on various waterways.
2. Indian Ocean does not have any major deep-water formations of its own. It acts only as a host for both Global Overturning Circulation components.
3. Articles 38(1), 39 (e), 41 and 46 of constitution are associated with public assistance in old age.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

35. Consider the following statements:

1. National Financial Reporting Authority is planning to introduce Annual Transparency Report by the audit firms.
2. Tharu People are ethnic group indigenous to Terai region of Himalayan foothills
3. Thiruvalluvar Day was observed on 15 January as a part of Pongal celebrations.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

36. Consider the following statements:

1. NFRA was constituted in 2018 under section 132(1) of Banking Act, 2013.
2. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Bihar.

3. Thiruvalluvar was a Tamil poet-saint and philosopher.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

37. Consider the following statements:

- 1. NFRA has same powers as a Civil Court while trying a suit.
- 2. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is part of core area of Dudhwa Tiger reserve.
- 3. Thiruvalluvar is best known for his work — **Tirukkural**, a collection of couplets on politics, love, ethics, and economics.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

38. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Archaeological Survey of India has recently reopened trenches excavated earlier to find 'first occupants' at Purana Qila.
- 2. Atomic hydrogen is the basic fuel required for star formation in a galaxy.
- 3. A single largest all-women platoon of peacekeepers from India has reached Abyei.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

39. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Purana Qila was built by Mughal Emperor **Humayun** as a part of his new city of Dinpanah in the 16th century.
- 2. **A greater value of z (redshift) indicates a farther object.**
- 3. The Abyei dispute is a territorial dispute between Sudan and Gambia.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only

B. 2 & 3 only

C. 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

40. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Qila-e-Kuhna mosque, part of Purana Qila complex, was built by Humayun.
- 2. GMRT is located in Junnar near Pune.
- 3. The establishment of UN peacekeeping missions is authorized by the UN Security Council.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

41. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India has initiated its biggest hydroelectric project in Upper Subansiri in Arunachal Pradesh.
- 2. The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is released by the NGO Pratham.
- 3. The Bhopal Declaration was released after a two-day meeting of Think-20 under World Bank Group in Bhopal.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

42. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Brahmaputra River originates from Kailash ranges of Himalayas.
- 2. As per ASER 2022, overall enrolment figures for the 6 to 14 years age group have increased.
- 3. The Think 20 (T20) is a forum of think tanks from G20 countries.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

43. Consider the following statements:

1. Subansiri, Borgong and Dhansiri are its South bank tributaries.
2. Government schools have seen a sharp increase in children enrolled, as per ASER.
3. Bhopal Declaration of Think20 has laid emphasis on promoting traditional medicine systems like AYUSH.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

44. Consider the following statements:

1. A new plateau type has been discovered from Maharashtra.
2. The new Air Quality Monitoring System called AI-AQMS v1.0 was launched by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
3. A rare orange-coloured bat has been spotted in Kanger Valley national park.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

45. Consider the following statements:

1. Plateaus are dominant landscapes in Western Ghats and classified as a type of **rocky outcrop**.
2. Endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) are natural or manmade products that interfere with the normal function of the body's endocrine system.
3. The rare orange-coloured bat is an 'endangered' species.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

46. Consider the following statements:

1. Rocky Outcrops are formed by weathering that happens at similar/uniform rate.
2. Bisphenol A, Phytoestrogens, Endosulfan etc are common types of EDCs.

3. Kanger Valley National Park is located in Odisha.
Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

47. Consider the following statements:

1. Haiderpur wetland is a protected Ramsar site in Uttar Pradesh.
2. Recently caste survey was declared to be conducted in Bihar.
3. Central government has recently issued guidelines for social media influencers.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Haiderpur wetland is located within the boundaries of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.
2. Caste was included as a parameter in Census data during the 1951 Census.
3. The social media influencer guidelines are aligned with those guidelines issued under Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

49. Consider the following statements:

1. India has 105 Ramsar sites.
2. Caste Census is under the administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. Non-compliance of social media influencers' guidelines can lead to a jail term of up to 2 years and penalty of Rs 50 lakh.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

50. Consider the following statements:

1. Immune imprinting is a tendency of the body to repeat its immune response based on the first variant it encountered.
2. The JUICE mission to icy moons of Jupiter is a programme of NASA.
3. INS Vagir was recently commissioned in the Indian Navy.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Immune imprinting was first observed in 1847.
2. JUICE stands for JUpterICy moons Explorer mission.
3. The design of Kalvari-class of submarines like INS Vagir is based on the Scorpene class of submarines of Russia.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

52. Consider the following statements:

1. Recent studies have shown that immune imprinting might be making new boosters against Covid variants, far less effective than expected.
2. JUICE mission will visit all the moons of Jupiter.
3. INS Vagir is built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

53. Consider the following statements:

1. NARCL, an Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)/bad bank, has acquired its first stressed asset- Jaypee Infratech.

2. As per WHO recent Report, 5 billion people globally are exposed to harmful trans-fat.
3. As per a latest SBI report, Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme has helped in improving cash flow to MSMEs.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

54. Consider the following statements:

1. NARCL is a corporate structure that isolates risky assets held by banks in a separate entity.
2. Trans-Fatty Acids are industrially produced and not found naturally.
3. ECLGS is a special scheme to provide 100 percent guarantee coverage to banks and NBFCs to enable them to extend emergency credit facilities to Business Enterprises/MSMEs.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

55. Consider the following statements:

1. NARCL is registered with RBI as an ARC under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002.
2. REPLACE strategy of WHO is aimed at minimizing trans fats.
3. ECLGS is under the purview of Ministry of Heavy Industries.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

56. Consider the following statements:

1. BharOS comes with No Default Apps (NDA) meaning that users are not forced to use apps that they may not be familiar with.

- Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has updated its Guidelines for Disclaimers made in advertisements.
- Several Olive Ridley Turtle breeding grounds in Godavari region are witnessing mass mortality of turtles

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

57. Consider the following statements:

- BharOS is an Indian government-funded project.
- The Advertisement Standards Council of India was established in the year 1999.
- In India, Olive Ridley Turtles nest mostly in eastern coast in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

58. Consider the following statements:

- BharOS Services are currently being provided to organisations that have stringent privacy and security requirements.
- ASCI is defined as a “voluntary, self-regulatory council” which has been registered as a non-profit company.
- IUCN status of Olive Ridley Turtle is ‘Endangered’.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

59. Consider the following statements:

- Currently, India has 3695 Monuments of national importance (MNI).
- Aditya-L1 is India's first space-based mission to study the Sun.
- Project Cheetah, approved by Supreme Court in 2020 aims to reintroduce atleast 500 cheetahs over next five years.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

60. Consider the following statements:

- Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for protection, conservation and maintenance of such monuments (MNIs).
- There are five Lagrange points between any two celestial objects.
- National Tiger Conservation Authority is nodal agency authorized lot funding and supervision of project Cheetah.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

61. Consider the following statements:

- To be declared an MNI, Ancient monument or archaeological site must not be less than 100 years old.
- The Aditya-L1 will carry as many as seventeen payloads.
- IUCN status of African Cheetah is endangered.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

62. Consider the following statements:

- The Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhavan will now be known as Amrit Udyan.
- M-sand is produced by crushing rocks, and quarry stones to a stipulated size of 1500 microns.
- Ratle hydropower project is planned on Jhelum River.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

63. Consider the following statements:

1. Amrit Udyan draws its inspiration from the Mughal Gardens in J and K, the gardens around the Taj Mahal and miniature paintings of India and Persia.
2. M-sand has zero silt content.
3. Indus Water Treaty can be amended or terminated only with duly ratified treaty between two countries.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

64. Consider the following statements:

1. President APJ Abdul Kalam added a section of the food grains to Mughal gardens known as the Dalikhana.
2. Sand is classified as a 'minor mineral' under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957.
3. IWT allocates waters from rivers -Indus, Ravi, Chenab to Pakistan and rivers - Beas, Jhelum Sutlej to India.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

65. Consider the following statements:

1. Rohini commission on sub categorization of OBCs has been recently given extension for 14th time.
2. World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January.

3. UN Security Council, established by UN Charter in 1945, is headquartered in The Hague.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: A

66. Consider the following statements:

1. Rohini commission has been appointed under Article 324, that states that President appoints the Commission to investigate conditions of socially and educationally backward classes.
2. The theme of World Leprosy Day 2023 is "Act Now. End Leprosy."
3. UN Security Council has power to make binding decisions on member states.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

67. Consider the following statements:

1. OBCs are currently granted 27% reservation in jobs and education under central government.
2. Leprosy is also known as Hansen's disease and is a chronic infectious disease caused by Mycobacterium leprae.
3. The G4 nations advocating UNSC reforms include Brazil, Germany, India and Japan.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

NATIONAL

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The world's longest river voyage — 'Ganga Vilas Epic' cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh will flag off by Prime Minister.
2. The river cruise will cover a total of 2200 kilometres through the river route and will reach Dibrugarh after 48 days journey.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

2. The US based General Atomics Aeronautical Systems will manufacture components of Drones in association with which of the following Company?

- A. Indian Drone Limited
- B. Bharat Forge Limited
- C. Dhaksha Unmanned Systems
- D. UrbanMatrix Technologies

ANSWER: B

3. On World Braille Day, which of the following electricity supply company has launched the Electricity Bill in Braille for the visually impaired?

- A. NTPC
- B. NHPC
- C. SJVN
- D. BSES

ANSWER: D

4. The 2nd conference of Chief Secretaries will be held in which of the following Place?

- A. Dharmshala
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Delhi

ANSWER: D

5. The new integrated food security scheme for providing free foodgrains to Antodaya Ann Yojna (AM) and Primary Household (PHH) beneficiaries under NFSA has been named as-

- A. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- B. DeenBandhuGarib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Ram Setu, also known as Adam's bridge, is a chain of limestone shoals between Pamban Island and Mannar Island.
2. Sethusamudram Ship Canal project is aimed at reducing the distances between east and west coasts of India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

7. Consider the following statements:

1. MV Ganga Vilas launched recently, is the world's longest river cruise traveling over 3200 km.
2. It is the first cruise ship ever built in India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

8. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing ATMS on highways to reduce accidents. ATMS stands for-

- A. Advance Traffic Management System
- B. Automated Traffic Minute Surveillance
- C. Advance Traffic Modernization System
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. Consider the following statements:

1. "Womaniya" initiative was launched in 2019 to encourage the participation of women entrepreneurs and self-help groups (SHG) from the informal sector on the GeM portal.

2. **Government e Marketplace** is a 100% government-owned company set up under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Ganjam kewda oil has seen rising demand recently with prices touching 5 lakh per litre.
- 2. It is registered under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 by the Government of India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) is a Central Sector Scheme for facilitating sustainable ground water management.
- 2. It is being taken up across all the states of the country.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (BAS) moved Doomsday clock to 90 seconds to midnight largely because of mounting nuclear warfare in Ukraine.
- 2. BAS was founded in 1945 by Albert Einstein and University of Chicago scientists

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Passive euthanasia, which refers to withdrawing life support or treatment that is essential to keep a terminally ill person alive, is allowed in India.
- 2. Supreme Court allowed passive euthanasia for first time in Aruna Shanbaug case.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. An International Container transshipment port is slated to come up at Galathea Bay.
- 2. Galathea Bay Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Northern Andaman Island.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The IUCN Status of Red headed vulture is Endangered.
- 2. Noble's Helen, a swallowtail butterfly was recently sighted in Namdapha National Park of Arunachal Pradesh.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

INTERNATIONAL

1. Consider the following statements:

1. India will sign a "Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement" (MMPA) with Austria.
2. Diplomatic relations between India and Austria were established in 1949.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. The _____ India-France Strategic Dialogue has taken place on January 5, 2023.

- A. 34th
- B. 35th
- C. 36th
- D. 37th

ANSWER: C

3. The biggest Rare Earth Elements (REE) deposit in Europe has been recently discovered in-

- A. Germany
- B. Norway
- C. Croatia
- D. Sweden

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

1. India has recently sent financing assurances in support of Sri Lanka to IMF.
2. IMF does not lend for specific projects and provides precautionary financing to countries to help prevent crises.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline Project will connect Siliguri in West Bengal in India and Parbatipur in Dinajpur district of Bangladesh.

2. The pipeline has a capacity of 10 million metric tonne per annum.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

6. FITUR is one of the world's largest international travel exhibitions being held at

- A. Madrid
- B. Istanbul
- C. Los Angeles
- D. Moscow

ANSWER: A

7. Consider the following statements:

1. 13A is the 13th amendment of the Sri Lankan constitution that provides for the devolution of power to the Tamil community.
2. It has been implemented completely in Sri Lanka.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

8. Wastewater produced in a nuclear plant can include which of the following radioactive elements?

- A. Cobalt-60
- B. Strontium-90
- C. Caesium-137
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

9. Consider the following statements:

1. India and Egypt are founding partners of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. Suez Canal is one of the busiest commerce routes in world, which links Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

62. UNESCO has presented the tag of World Heritage in Danger to Odessa. It is located in-

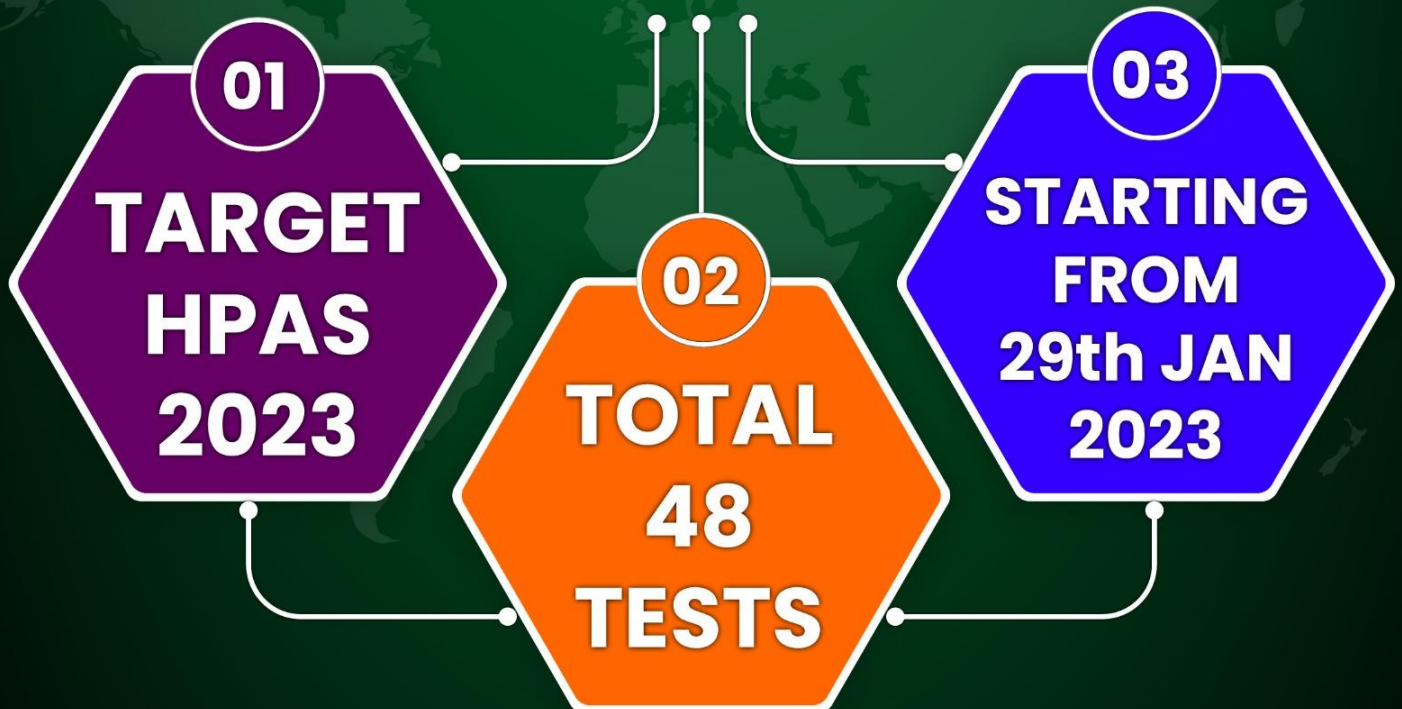
- A. Russia
- B. Poland
- C. Sudan
- D. Ukraine

ANSWER: D

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently 50 Electric Buses have been launched in Delhi with support under FAME India Phase II scheme.
2. FAME stands for Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Heike Kamerlingh Onnes had discovered superconductivity in mercury.
2. Recently, for the first time, physicists at the University of L'Aquila, Italy have found a complete microscopic understanding of the superconductivity of Mercury.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Floatovoltaics are panel structures that are installed on water bodies like lakes, basins, and reservoirs.
2. The world's first large-scale FSPV (floating solar photovoltaic) system was installed in 2011, in Napa Valley, California.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The One Week One lab campaign was launched by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR).
2. CSIR is research and development (R&D) organisation which was set up in 1942.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. DRDO carried out a successful test launch of tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II.
2. It has a range of around 3500 km and can carry 500-1,000 kg of warheads.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

6. Consider the following statements:

1. As per RBI, there are seven accredited credit rating agencies (CRAs) in India at the moment.
2. In India, CRAs are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

7. Consider the following statements:

1. MATSYA 6000 is a self-propelled manned submergence vehicle.
2. It is being developed under Deep Ocean Mission by Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

1. James Webb telescope has found a star formation in a dynamic duster that lies within Small Magellanic Cloud, a dwarf galaxy.

2. Magellanic Clouds were formed at about same time as Milky Way Galaxy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Shukrayaan I, mission to Venus will be an **orbiter mission**.
- 2. Venus is second planet from Sun and eighth in solar system in size and mass.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Transcriptome represents all the RNA molecules present in specie or in an organism.
- 2. Building a pan-transcriptome is necessary for studying and analyzing complex genomes and variations between species.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As per a recent report, visibility of stars in night sky is declining by 10% per year because of light pollution.
- 2. Skyglow is a form of light pollution characterized by diffuse illumination of night sky.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) provide faster responses for balancing the grid than coal-fired power plants, within a matter of seconds.
- 2. India has low reserves of Lithium and Cobalt.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A rare Green comet is approaching close to Earth after 50,000 years.
- 2. Comets are frozen remnants of solar system's origin made of ice, rock, and dust.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

DAYS TO REMEMBER

1. What is the name of India's Fastest Payment App launched recently -

- A. PayRup
- B. Payfast
- C. Paytm-alpha
- D. Payflash

ANSWER: A

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India celebrates its Army Day every year on January 15th.
- 2. On this day, Marshal K.M. Cariappa took over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Fransis Bucher in the year 1949.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Disaster Response Force day is observed every year on January 19.
- 2. The Disaster Management Act of 2005 enacted both NDMA and NDRF.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti is a national event celebrated in India as ParakramDiwas on January 23.
- 2. DeshbandhuChittaranjan Das was the political mentor of Netaji.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Voters Day is celebrated on January 24.
- 2. The theme of National Voters Day, 2023 is 'Nothing like Voting. I Vote for Sure.'

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

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DEFENCE

1. The joint Air Exercise, 'Veer Guardian-2023' will be conducted between which of the following Countries?

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and Malaysia
- C. India and France
- D. India and Australia

ANSWER: A

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The 26th National Youth Festival is being held in Goa.
- 2. The **theme** of this year's festival is "ViksitYuvaViksit Bharat".

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Demo-run of Vessel named SB Gangadhar running on 15 per cent methanol blended High Speed Diesel was held recently in Narmada river.
- 2. Methanol (CH₃OH), also known as wood alcohol, is a high carbon hydrogen carrier fuel.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

1. Consider the following statements:

1. India and Saudi Arabia to sign Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT).
2. India has so far signed MLATs with 45 countries.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Rural Development under DAY-NRLM has launched the Prajwala Challenge.
2. Under this Prajwala Challenge, innovative ideas, solutions and actions that can transform the rural economy will be entertained.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The 'SMART' program aimed at boosting the scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.
2. 'SMART' stands for Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. This Scheme would provide financial support for the infrastructure development of Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Single Window System (NSWS) is a digital platform which helps in identifying and applying for approvals according to your business requirements.
2. National Single Window System, NSWS Portal for various Central, State, and UT clearances has recently crossed the 75 thousand approvals.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Global Economic Prospects Report is a flagship report by World Bank.
2. It is issued twice a year.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

7. C/2022 E3(ZTF) discovered recently, is a name of-

- A. Comet
- B. Fungus
- C. Frog species
- D. Asteroid

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently cabinet approved setting up of three national level multi state cooperative societies.
2. 'Cooperative Societies' is a concurrent subject under seventh schedule.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

9. "Saharsh" special education program has been launched by which state government?

- A. Tripura
- B. Meghalaya

- C. Assam
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: A

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Technical Textiles Mission is being implemented over a period of four years.
- 2. Technical Textiles are broadly classified into 12 different categories.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

INDEX AND REPORTS

1. Consider the following statements about RAMP scheme-

- 1. It is an International Monetary Fund (IMF) backed central sector scheme.
- 2. It is launched in all the states of the country.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

2. C/2022 E3(ZTF) discovered recently, is a name of-

- E. Comet
- F. Fungus
- G. Frog species
- H. Asteroid

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Global Risk Report is released annually by World Economic Forum.
- 2. It highlights key risks across seven categories.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Employment and Social Outlook report is released by International Labour Organisation.
- 2. ILO is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

ENVIRONMENT

1. The Mudwani Dam Eco- Park is situated in which of the following State?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The dieback disease is mainly caused by the Fungi.
- 2. Recently, Dieback disease hits neem trees in Telangana.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

3. DeeporBeel which is a permanent freshwater lake and also a bird sanctuary is situated in which of the following State?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Assam

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India produces 3.4 million tonnes of plastic waste in a year, only 10 percent of it is recycled.
- 2. Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu together contribute 38 percent to total plastic waste generated in India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Asian Waterbird Census 2023 shows falling populations of some migratory waterbirds in Kerala.

2. AWC in India is jointly coordinated by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Wetlands International.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

6. Greater Scaup is a rare species of duck that was recently sighted in Loktak lake (Manipur) after a gap of over 90 years. What is its IUCN status?

- A. Least Concerned
- B. Vulnerable
- C. endangered
- D. critically endangered

ANSWER: A

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and S&P Global have launched Nature Risk Profile.
- 2. Its methodology is based on Kunming-Montreal **Global Biodiversity Framework**.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A 'Spot Bellied Eagle Owl' was spotted in Seschalam forest for the first time. Its IUCN Status is Least Concern.
- 2. Indian Star Tortoise is a 'vulnerable' species.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Geothermal energy is stored in the form of heat beneath the earth's surface and is considered to be clean, renewable and carbon-free.

2. According to estimates, India has a potential of 100 GW of geothermal energy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Kelp forests are underwater ecosystems formed in shallow water by the dense growth of several different species known as kelps.
- 2. As per recent study, *Ecklonia radiata*, a dominant kelp species in the southern hemisphere, is vulnerable to climate change.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

11. Consider the following statements:

3. The IUCN Status of Red headed vulture is Endangered.

4. Noble's Helen, a swallowtail butterfly was recently sighted in Namdapha National Park of Arunachal Pradesh.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A heat dome occurs when an area of high-pressure traps warm air over a region, for an extended period.
- 2. Recently, several parts of Europe witnessed an unprecedented winter heat wave.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

STATE NEWS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Allahabad High Court had ordered the Uttar Pradesh Government to conduct urban local body elections without the OBC reservations.
2. The Supreme Court put forth the triple test in the case *Vikas Kishanrao Gawali vs. State of Maharashtra*.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Orang, Pobitora, and Manas National parks are located in Assam.
2. Assam Government has recently announced that no rhinos were poached in the state in 2022.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

3. Which of the following State/UT Tourism Department will start Hydro tourism in collaboration with NHPC?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Ladakh

ANSWER: D

4. The first-of-its-kind inclusive festival in India, 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' held in which of following State/UT?

- A. Goa
- B. Andaman and Nicobar
- C. Puducherry
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

5. The International Kite Festival 2023 held in which of the following State?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. A report "Survival of the Richest" shows the richest 1% of people in India now own more than 40% of the country's total wealth.
2. This report is released by Oxfam International.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

7. Which district has become the first to provide basic documents to all tribal people?

- A. Wayanad
- B. Bastar
- C. Hastinapur
- D. Shillong

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Pashmina Shawls are made from wool of chiru antelope found in Ladakh and Tibetan Plateau.
2. Pashmina Shawls have been assigned Geographical indication (GI) tag.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

9. Heimang, is a medicinal plant widely grown in-

- A. Telangana
- B. Manipur
- C. Kerala
- D. Assam

ANSWER: B

ECONOMY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. SEBI has directed the Stock exchanges to set up an Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform.
2. The SEBI has asked the stock exchanges to operationalize the IRRA platform by October 1, 2024.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

2. Consider the following statements:

1. A non performing asset (NPA) is a loan or advance for which the principal or interest payment remained overdue for a period of 90 days.
2. State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank are Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
3. According to Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate reached 8.30% in December 2022, which is the highest level in 16 months.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Loans worth 10.09 lakh crore has been written off by the banks in India in 5 years.
2. A D-SIB is a bank that is considered to be so important to the financial system that its failure could cause significant disruption.
3. According to CMIE Data, Haryana has recorded the highest unemployment rate at 37.4% in December 2022.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

1. A National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL) will resolve stressed loans amounting to about 2 lakh crores in phases.
2. D-SIBs in India are required to maintain additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital.
3. According to CMIE Data, Odisha had the lowest unemployment rate at 0.9%.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The government of India has announced Demonetisation on November 8, 2016.
2. The Supreme Court upheld the government's 2016 decision to demonetise currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. The S&P Global India Manufacturing PMI surged to 57.8 in December 2022 from 55.7 in November 2022.
2. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) above 50 represents a contraction in Business activity.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

7. Consider the following statements:

1. NPCI has allowed Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) with NRE or NRO accounts in 50 countries to use UPI platform from their international mobile numbers.
2. **UPI 123PAY** is an instant payment system for smart phones.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Financial Services Institutions Bureau is set up, under Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- 2. FSIB has replaced Banks Board Bureau.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

9. Which state has become first State to implement blindness control policy?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Sikkim
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: D

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. RBI releases State Finances: A Study of Budgets Of 2022-23 Report
- 2. The theme of this year's Report is "Capital Formation in India -The Role of States"

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Giving to Amplify Earth Action (GAEA) initiative has been launched by UNEP.
- 2. It will help to unlock \$3 trillion of financing needed each year to reach net-zero.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. GFANZ is world's largest coalition of financial institutions committed to transitioning global economy to net-zero greenhouse gas emission.
- 2. It has over 550 members from 50 jurisdictions.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Advance Authorization Scheme is under the purview of DGFT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- 2. It exempts payment of import duties on raw materials/inputs required for manufacturing products for export.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As per a recent report, India imposed 34 major internet shutdowns in 2022.
- 2. Only Home Secretary of the Union or a state can pass an Internet shutdown order to be reviewed by a committee within 5 days.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Insurance Penetration is the ratio of premium underwritten in a particular year to the GDP.
- 2. Insurance density is ratio of insurance premium to population.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Inflation targeting is a technique to bring inflation to a targeted level within a specific time horizon.
2. Increasing interest rate prevailing in the economy is believed to bring down inflation by curtailing economic activity.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

17. Consider the following statements:

1. A municipal bond is a debt instrument issued by municipal corporations.
2. Mumbai floated municipal bonds for first time in India in 1997.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Nidhi Company is a type of Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) formed with primary object of inculcating saving habits among its members.
2. They are regulated by Finance Ministry for operational matters.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

19. Consider the following statements:

1. UNDP has recently launched a campaign in India to drive inclusive circular economy.
2. Circular economy is a model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

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ART AND CULTURE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Presently, there are 3,693 centrally protected monuments (CPMs) across the country.
2. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in collaboration with IIT-Delhi has launched a study on security needs of the monuments.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Nalanda Mahaviharais a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Bihar.
2. The circular terrace in the stupa for ritual circumambulation is called Harmika.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

3. Makar Sankranti festival is celebrated in different ways across India under different names. With respect to this, consider the following statements-

1. In Tamil Nadu, it is celebrated as Thai Pongal, where the festival is celebrated for four days.
2. In Gujarat and Rajasthan, it is celebrated as Uttarayana.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Gangasagar Mela is organised during Makar Sankranti every year.
2. Gangasagar is the second largest congregation of pilgrims across the country after the Kumbh Mela at Haridwar.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The bull-taming sport of Jallikattu is celebrated in Kerala.
2. The event, which is a part of the Pongal celebrations, is held on the day of Mattu Pongal.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Jonbeel Mela is annually organized in the state of Telangana.
2. It has kept alive the system of barter as a means of procuring goods.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Pyramid likeMaidams are the burial mounds of Ahom kings, queens and nobles.
2. Presently, there are 30 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

8. Veer Narayan Singh, spearheaded the 1857 war in-

- A. Punjab
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha
- D. Chattisgarh

ANSWER: D

SUMMIT

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The 108th annual session of Indian Science Congress (ISC) will be held in Madhya Pradesh.
2. The theme of 108th ISC session is "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment."

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The Y20 is the official youth engagement group for the G20 (Group of 20).
2. India is hosting the Y20 summit for the first time.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. 30th National Child Science Congress is being held in Gujarat.
2. The theme of the congress was "Understanding Eco System for Health and Wellbeing".

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

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HEALTH

1. Consider the following statements:

1. African animal trypanosomosis (AAT) is transmitted by tsetse flies.
2. The COMBAT project (Controlling and progressively Minimising the Burden of Animal Trypanosomosis) is the on-going Projects related to AAT.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Virovore is an organism which eat viruses.
2. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the United States has founded the first known organism that eats viruses.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. India has recently proposed several amendments to International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005.
2. International Health Regulations (IHR), 2005 is a **legally binding agreement** of 196 countries to build capability to detect and report potential public health emergencies worldwide.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently about 70 samples of commonly used drugs were found to be of sub-standard quality by CDSCO.
2. Central Drugs Standard Control Organization is under the purview of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. There are around 5 million people in India living with dementia.
2. Absent-mindedness, difficulty recalling names and words, difficulty retaining new information are few of early symptoms of Dementia.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

AWARD

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The PravasiBharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) is the highest honor conferred on overseas Indians.
2. Guyana's President Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest at the PravasiBharatiya Divas Convention, 2023.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

2. Who has won the Asom Baibhav, that is the highest civilian award given by the Assam government for the year 2022-2023?

- A. Dr. TapanSaikia
- B. Krishna Roy
- C. Dr. Dhruvayoti Sharma
- D. Rustom Basumatary

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, 21 largest unmanned islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have been named after 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees.
2. Major Somnath Sharma (Posthumous) was first PVC awardee.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is instituted by Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and Lunglei Fire Station (LFS), Mizoram, have been selected for Subhash Chandra Bose AapdaPrabandhanPuraskar -2023.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Padma Awards, instituted in 1954, are conferred by Ministry of Culture.
2. Padma Vibhushan is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

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ONE LINER QUESTIONS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Hockey Haryana Women's U-18 team has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022.
2. The temple city of Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh would be having country's largest city forest.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Former Pope Benedict XVI has recently passed away in the Vatican.
2. Hubert H. Lee has been appointed as executive vice-president (EVP) of Samsung Electronics.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Chhattisgarh Police's "Nijat" campaign based on de-addiction has got international recognition.
2. Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran will head the Maharashtra's new economic advisory body.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. G Kamala Vardhana Rao has been appointed as CEO of FSSAI.
2. Ajit Kumar Saxena appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of "MOIL" (Manganese Ore (India) Limited).

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Cristiano Ronaldo has joined Saudi Arabian club Al Nasr FC till 2025.
2. Koneru Humpy has won the silver medal in 'World Blitz Championship' 2022.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. India has assumed the chairmanship of the 'Wassenaar Arrangement' for one year.
2. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva sworn in as Brazil's 39th President.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The BCCI reintroduces yo-yo test and DEXA scan for selection criteria in Indian cricket team
2. Hockey Madhya Pradesh beat Odisha to win Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 title.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

8. Consider the following statements:

1. CRPF chief Sujoy Lal Thaisen has taken over additional charge of BSF.
2. Bombay Stock Exchange has appointed Sundararaman Ramamurthy as its MD & CEO.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Dinesh Kumar Shukla is the chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
2. The 2nd phase of Sari Festival "VIRAASAT"- Celebrating 75 handwoven Saris of India held in New Delhi

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The 129th birth anniversary of Satyendra Nath Bose has been celebrated On Jan 1 2023.
2. The Reserve Bank of India has launched Utkarsh 2.0, the second phase of its medium-term strategy for strengthening regulatory and supervisory mechanisms.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Kaustav Chatterjee has become India's 78th Grandmaster.
2. The Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) will be set up in Karnataka.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

12. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first mobile IVF lab for animals was inaugurated in Gujarat.
2. DRDO has celebrated its 65th Foundation Day on 1 January 2023.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

13. Consider the following statements:

1. Election Commission has appointed the Classical and folk singer Maithili Thakur as the 'state icon' of Bihar.
2. ECI has launched 'Mission 929' for more than 90 per cent polling in Tripura.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

14. Consider the following statements:

1. World Braille Day 2023 is celebrated on 4th January.
2. Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme (Mukhyamantri Aavaseya Bhoomi Adhikaar Yojana) will be launched by Madhya Pradesh.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

15. Consider the following statements:

1. MoD, MoE, MSDE and all three Services has signed MoUs with various stakeholders to facilitate continued education of Agniveers while serving in the Armed Forces.
2. Walter Cunningham was the astronaut of NASA's Apollo 7.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

16. Consider the following statements:

1. NTPC Limited has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project in Gujarat.
2. India's first "Samvidhan Udyan" at Raj Bhavan, Jaipur is inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

17. Consider the following statements:

1. China becomes the first country in Asia and the second country in the world to start a hydrogen-powered passenger train.
2. Recently, Sweden has taken over Rotating Council of EU Presidency for Next 6 Months

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first woman officer to be posted in the world's highest battlefield area 'Siachen.'
2. 27 overseas Indians will be honored with Pravasi Bhartiya Samman, 2023.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

19. Consider the following statements:

1. 'MatiyabaghHawa Mahal' has been acquired by Assam government to preserve it as a heritage site.
2. The Central government has conferred first prize to architect Virendra Saini for designing the country's new bus stop to come up on the National Highways in near future.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

20. Consider the following statements:

1. International Airport at Mopa, Goa will be named after Manohar Parrikar.

2. Cape Verde becomes first country to name national stadium in honour of Former Footballer Pele.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

21. Consider the following statements:

1. Jaydev Unadkat became the first bowler to take a hat-trick in the first over in Ranji Trophy.
2. Lionel Messi has been named as 'IFFHS Men's World's Best Player of 2022'

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

22. Consider the following statements:

1. Bank of Singapore has appointed Jason Moo as new CEO.
2. Odisha has won 'UN World Habitat Awards 2023' For Slum Upgradation Program "Mission JAGA".

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

23. Consider the following statements:

1. A recent bird survey conducted at Silent Valley National Park in Kerala has identified a total of 175 species.
2. The Telangana government will join the free rice scheme of the Central government under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

24. Consider the following statements:

1. World's first Palm-leaf Manuscript Museum to be setup in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
2. Rajasthan will host the 18th National Scout and Guide Jamboree after a 66-year gap.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

25. Consider the following statements:

1. Spain will be the theme country of the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair.
2. The Book 'Ambedkar: A Life' is authored by Shashi Tharoor.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

26. Consider the following statements:

1. Belinda Clark becomes the first woman cricketer to get bronze statue at Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).
2. The Varanasi Cantt Railway Station has become the 7th railway station to get 'Eat Right' status.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

27. Consider the following statements:

1. The 'National Center for Genome Editing and Training' to be set up in Mohali, Punjab.
2. The Satellite 'AzadiSat' built by 750 government school children to be launched by ISRO in January 2023.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

28. Consider the following statements:

1. The 700-ft-long mural Wall of Peace which has won Eurasia World Record for the largest public art project is situated in Kerala.
2. Hyderabad to Host First-Ever Formula E World Championship Race.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

29. Consider the following statements:

1. ISRO and Microsoft have Signed MoU to Boost Indian Space Tech Ecosystem.
2. First G-20 meeting to be held in Puducherry on January 31.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

30. Consider the following statements:

1. The 17th PravasiBharatiyaDiwas held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs declares 'The Resistance Front' (TRF) as a terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

31. Consider the following statements:

1. The US has approved world's first vaccine for declining honey bees
2. India has become the 3rd largest auto market globally.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

32. Consider the following statements:

1. M Pranesh of Tamil Nadu becomes India's 79th Chess Grandmaster.
2. India has deployed its "largest single unit" of women peacekeepers in UN mission along the border of Sudan and South Sudan.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

33. Consider the following statements:

1. Kerala Becomes Country's First Fully Digital Banking State
2. First-Ever Coal Gasification Based Talcher Fertilizer Plant to be Ready in 2024 in Odisha.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Union Home Minister inaugurated a 120-foot-tall statue of a polo player riding a polo at Marjing Polo Complex in Imphal, Manipur
2. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister celebrated the Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Amul Federation's managing director RS Sodhi, who has been leading the dairy giant since 2010, stepped down on January 9. India has become the 3rd largest auto market globally.
2. Libor stands for London Interbank Offered Rate .

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

36. Consider the following statements:

1. The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has developed an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to carry out logistic operations in the Himalayan frontier.
2. University of Kerala bagged the 'Overall Championship' at Padma Tarang, the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalyayam (SPMVV) in Tirupati

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza (36-year-old), the former doubles World No. 1 , has confirmed her retirement from professional Tennis
2. Cricket South Africa (CSA) has confirmed that Proteas all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius has retired from international cricket.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

38. Consider the following statements:

1. The book titled " Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story" is written by Aashish Chandorkar.
2. 'NaatuNaatu' from movie RRR won the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

39. Consider the following statements:

1. Gujarat has ranked first in attracting new investments from both domestic and foreign corporations, as per CMIE.
2. The Kerala government's 'Year of Enterprises' project has been selected as a best practices model in the thrust on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) session held in New Delhi.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Michael Debabrata Patra has been reappointed as deputy governor of RBI.
2. Rehman Rahi who passed away recently, was Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

41. Consider the following statements:

1. The New Light and Sound Program inaugurated by Home Minister at red fort is named Jai Hind.
2. 'Saarang 2023', India's Largest Student-Run Festival has started at IIT Madras.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

42. Consider the following statements:

1. Uganda has successfully ended Sudan Ebola Virus outbreak
2. Uttarakhand has mulled 30% horizontal reservation for women in government jobs.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

43. Consider the following statements:

1. Constantine II, who passed away recently, was the former and last King of Greece.
2. AC Charania has been named as chief technologist at NASA.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

44. Consider the following statements:

1. Rajmata Jijau was the mother of Shivaji, founder of the Maratha Empire.
2. She was a daughter of Lakhujirao Jadhav of Sindkhed Raja.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

45. Consider the following statements:

1. White tufted royal butterfly was recently spotted in Kerala.
2. Vidisha in MP has become the 1st Indian district to implement cutting-edge 5G use cases.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

46. Consider the following statements:

1. British linguist Ronald E Asher, who passed away recently was a specialist in Dravidian languages.
2. The book "Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom" has been authored by Economist Sanjeev Sanyal.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

47. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming will come up at Shillong.
2. Indian skimmer, found in Godavari estuary, is an endangered bird species.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Avani Chaturvedi has become India's first female pilot, to pilot Sukhoi fighter jet.
2. Meta has hired Vikas Purohit as head of global business group in india.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Sri Lankan journalist Thiru Sivakumar Nadesan has been chosen to receive PravasiBharatiya Samman Award 2023.
2. Surya Kumar Yadav has become fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20I.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

50. Consider the following statements:

1. 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated on 14 January.
2. MAARG Portal for Startup Mentorship stands for - Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Santokh Chaudhary who died of heart attack at Bharat Jodo Yatra was Lok Sabha MP from Jalandhar.
2. R' Bonney Gabriel, who has been crowned 71st Miss Universe 2022, belongs to the USA.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

52. Consider the following statements:

1. AarogyaMaitri project is aimed to provide medical supplies to developing nations in crisis.
2. A new book "Irrfan Khan- A life in Movies" has been announced by Shubra Gupta.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

53. Consider the following statements:

1. In December 2022, WPI inflation eased to 4.95 percent.
2. Captain Surbhi Jakhmola has become 1st woman officer to be posted at BRO.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

54. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first 5g enabled drone is named as Skyhawk.
2. Virat Kohli has become the fifth highest run scorer in ODI cricket.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

55. Consider the following statements:

1. The first constitution literate district in India is Kollam.
2. Exercise Varuna is the bilateral naval exercise between India and France.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

56. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the first country to start producing AK-200-series assault rifles of Klashnikov.
2. Uttar Pradesh has topped charts for mobile gaming destination in India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Film legend Gina Lollobrigida who passed away recently belonged to Italy.
2. UN has declared Pakistan based Abdul Rehman Makki as a global terrorist.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

58. Consider the following statements:

1. Mukarram Jah Bahadur, who passed away recently, was Hyderabad's Last Nizam.
2. India's first School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication is launched in Agartala.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

59. Consider the following statements:

1. Indian Army has conducted the second edition of Hackathon SainyaRanakshetram (2.0).
2. Renowned IPS Officer Pankaj Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

60. Consider the following statements:

1. WEF has announced the establishment of a Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR Telangana) in Hyderabad.
2. Federal Bank Literary Award 2023 has been awarded to writer K Venu.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

61. Consider the following statements:

1. NCERT has launched India's First National Assessment Regulator called "PARAKH"
2. A.D. Damodaran who passed away recently was a leading scientist.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

62. Consider the following statements:

1. Laxman Rawat has won NSCI Snooker Open Crown.
2. Hashim Amla who retired from his 22-year cricket playing career is a South African player.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

63. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Jacinda Ardern who has recently announced resignation is prime minister of New Zealand.
- 2. Amazon has regained the spot for World's Most Valued Brand recently.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

64. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World's oldest person, Lucile Randon who passed away at the age of 118 was a French national.
- 2. Jammu & Kashmir has become the first union territory in India to completely switch to a digital method of administration.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

65. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Dr Sanduk Ruit has won Bahrain's ISA Award for Service to Humanity.
- 2. Goa Manohar International Airport wins best sustainable greenfield airport award

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

66. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Nilamani Phukan who passed away, recently was an Assamese poet.
- 2. David Crosby, the father of American folk-rock, has passed away recently.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

67. Consider the following statements:

- 1. María Branyas Morera is now confirmed as the world's oldest living woman and oldest living person.
- 2. Praveen Sharma has been appointed as Director of National Health Authority.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

68. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Exercise Cyclone - I is the first joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian Army and the Egyptian Army.
- 2. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi will be the Chief Guest of Republic Day.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

69. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Chris Hipkins is slated to be New Zealand's next Prime Minister.
- 2. The book title 'COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team' is authored by R. Kaushik, R. Sridhar.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

70. Consider the following statements:

1. Ex-SC judge AK Sikri has been appointed Administrator of Shooting World Cup 2023.
2. India's deepest Metro station will come up at Pune Civil Court.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

71. Consider the following statements:

1. 'School of Eminence' Project has been launched by Punjab Government.
2. Vikram Dev Dutt has been named as next DGCA director general.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

72. Consider the following statements:

1. "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" is a book written by Dr Ashwin Fernandes.
2. 'International Craft Summit' was recently inaugurated in Odisha.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

73. Consider the following statements:

1. AMPHEX2023, largest biennial Tri-Services amphibious exercise was conducted off in Andhra Pradesh.
2. American India Foundation has inaugurated first STEM innovation and learning center in Chennai.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

74. Consider the following statements:

1. Exercise Tarkash 2023 was recently conducted between India's NSG (National Security Guard) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF).
2. Bharat Bhasker has been named as new director of IIM Ahmedabad.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

75. Consider the following statements:

1. Air Force will conduct Poorvi Akash exercise in Northeast.
2. A rare 17-pound large meteorite has been discovered in Antarctica.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

76. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Ops Alert' exercise has been conducted by BSF to step up security along India-Pakistan border.
2. Shamalbhai B Patel has been appointed as chairman of Amul.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

77. Consider the following statements:

1. International Customs Day 2023 was observed on 26th January.
2. Siddharth Sharma has been named as CEO of Tata Trusts.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

78. Consider the following statements:

1. Himachal Pradesh Celebrated its 53rd Statehood Day on January 25.
2. Balkrishna Doshi, who passed away recently was an architect.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

79. Consider the following statements:

1. Prabha Atre has been conferred with Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award
2. TROPEX-23, Indian navy's largest war game is being held in Indian Ocean.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

80. Consider the following statements:

1. Canada plans to commercialise world's first photonic-based quantum computer.
2. J Jamuna who passed away recently was a Telugu actor.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

81. Consider the following statements:

1. Sabir Ali who passed away recently won the decathlon gold at the 1981 Asian Athletics Championships.
2. International Holocaust Remembrance Day was observed on 27th January.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

82. Consider the following statements:

1. Visakhapatnam Railway Station has been recently awarded 'Green Railway Station Certificate'.
2. RBI has approved appointment of Prabdev Singh as new CEO of Jp Morgan Chase.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

83. Consider the following statements:

1. Exercise veer guardian is bilateral exercise between India and Japan.
2. India beat England to win the inaugural Women's U19 T20 World Cup.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

84. Consider the following statements:

1. Data Privacy Day is observed on 28 January.
2. Naresh Lalwani has taken charge as General Manager of Central Railway.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

85. Consider the following statements:

1. First ever India Stack developer conference was recently held in Delhi.
2. Annual Orange Festival 2023 was celebrated in Nagaland.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

86. Consider the following statements:

1. Debbie H. Medal to honour women cricketers will be introduced in New Zealand.
2. Khadi Fest-23 has been inaugurated in Mumbai.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

87. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first green solar panel factory is going to be built in Uttarakhand by Luminous.
2. Petr Pavel has become the new President of Czech republic.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

88. Consider the following statements:

1. NikhatZarren has been named as brand ambassador of National Mineral Development Corporation.
2. Woxsen University has launched Project Aspiration for girls in Telangana.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

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