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## POLITY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. The theme of National Youth Parliament Festival 2023 is- "Ideas for a Better tomorrow: India for the World".
2. National Youth Parliament Festival is organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

**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**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. As per SC verdict, committee of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and the Chief Justice of India will recommend Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners from now on.
2. Election Commission of India has always been a multiple member 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: D**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. Landslide Atlas of India has been released by National Remote Sensing Centre.
2. Jerdon's narrow-mouthed frog has been recently rediscovered in Meghalaya.
3. Seahorses are a type of fish with horse-like heads.

**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**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. India is the most landslide prone country in the world.

2. Jerdon's narrow-mouthed frog has been sighted after 89 years.
3. Sea horses are excellent swimmers and cover great distances.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. Western Ghats contribute maximum to all the landslides in India.
2. Jerdon's narrow-mouthed frog is categorized as 'Near Threatened' in IUCN Red List.
3. In seahorses, the male gives birth to child.

**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**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

1. Electoral Bond is an interest bearing instrument.
2. Political parties receiving donations through EBs have to redeem them within 50 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: D**

**7. Which state has recently announced formation of 19 new districts?**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: A**

## ECONOMY

1. Hindustan 228-201 LW aircraft, recently approved by DGCA is developed by-

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- C. Bharat Electronics Ltd.
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

2. The Irinjadappilly Sree Krishna Temple became first temple in India to use mechanical elephant for rituals. It is situated in-

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: B

3. The term 'Front Running' is associated with-

- A. athletics
- B. F1 racing
- C. Share/Equity trading
- D. ecological niche

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Spice Board India is a statutory body.
- 2. The board functions under administrative control of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Social Stock Exchange would function as a separate segment within Bombay Stock Exchange.
- 2. Retail investors can only invest in securities offered by for-profit social enterprises.

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. Supreme Court recently formed a five-member expert committee to investigate the possibility of regulatory failure in the Hindenburg Adani saga. It is headed by-

- A. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar
- B. Justice Vineet Saran
- C. Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. Which agency/organisations enforce Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)?

- A. Enforcement Directorate
- B. CID
- C. State Police Departments
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Recently 23 river systems out of 111, have been identified as feasible for cargo and passenger movement.
- 2. Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System was first National Waterway declared in 1986.

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. In India precious metals namely gold, platinum and silver have been brought under the purview of Hallmarking.
- 2. Hallmark Unique Identification Number is a 7-digit alphanumeric code.

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

10. The term 'Hindu rate of growth' was coined by-

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Raj Krishna
- C. P C Mahalanobis
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Har Payment Digital Mission has been recently launched by-**

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. National Payments Corporation of India
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. NITI Aayog

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Fund is managed by SBICAP Ventures Ltd.
- 2. It is India's largest social impact fund specifically formed for completing stressed and stalled residential projects.

**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. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture is implemented by National Horticulture Board.
- 2. Centre for Excellence for Kalam (Dragon Fruit) under MIDH has been approved in Ponda, Goa.

**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**

**14. The first state to launch insurance for Seri-culturists is-**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Assam
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Telangana

**ANSWER: C**

**15. The Labour20 (L20) Inception Meet under G20 was recently held in-**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jaipur
- C. Gangtok
- D. Amritsar

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Nano Urea has 85-90% efficiency compared to about 25% of conventional urea.
- 2. Nano urea and Nano DAP have been developed by IFFCO.

**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. Sticky inflation is an economic situation of prolonged high inflation.
- 2. It is associated with demand- pull factors.

**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. RBI's new "Greenfield Data Centre" and an "Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute" is coming up in-**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Tug Boats or Tugs are large powerful container ships used to haul cargo.
- 2. National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping is located in Mudra, Gujarat.

**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**

**20. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Serious Fraud Investigation Office was established as per Companies Act, 2013, to investigate corporate frauds.
- 2. It is under Ministry of Finance.

**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**

**21. The economic term for 'restrictive importing and exporting of commodities through specified government agencies' is-**

- A. Canalisation
- B. Channelization
- C. Damming
- D. Tunnelling

**ANSWER: A**

**22. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Digiclim, launched recently, is National Crop Insurance Portal's digitized claim settlement module.
- 2. Under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, premium rate for Kharif and Rabi crops is 1.5% and 2% respectively.

**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**

**23. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. CRISP app has been recently launched by Rubber Board of India.

- 2. Rubber Board of India headquarters are located in 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: A**

**24. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Anji Bridge is the first cable-stayed railway bridge in the country.
- 2. Anji River is a tributary of Jhelum River.

**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**

**25. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Mahoba Desawari Betel Leaf is found in Chattisgarh.
- 2. It is one of few betel leaf varieties that have received 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**

## GEOGRAPHY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Glacial retreat refers to the process of a glacier shrinking or receding in size over time due to a decrease in ice accumulation or an increase in ice melt.
2. A recent research shows that glacier retreat rate is controlled by climate change and the topographic setting and morphology of the glacier.

**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. A salt flat forms from a natural water body whose recharge rate is higher than the evaporation rate.
2. Salar de Uyuni salt flats are located in Chile.

**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**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. Cyclone Freddie originated in western Indian Ocean.
2. Hurricane John which lasted for 39 days holds the current record for longest-lasting tropical cyclone.

**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**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. Border Roads Organisation recently reopened Zoji La pass in record 68 days.
2. Zoji La Pass is located in Kargil district of Ladakh.

**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 Gandak river flows through the Indian states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
2. Valmiki National Park and Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh is located on the banks of Gandak.

**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. Equinox happens twice a year when the sun is directly above the equator.
2. The Spring equinox on March 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> brings earlier sunrises, later sunsets, and sprouting plants in the southern hemisphere.

**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. Siniyah island, seen recently in news, is under control of-**

- A. UAE
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Oman
- D. Qatar

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. Chenab Railway Bridge, once completed, will be world's highest railway bridge.
2. The length of bridge is 13.6 Km.

**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. Consider the following statements:**

1. Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of turning the clock ahead as colder weather approaches and back as it becomes warmer again.
2. India does not follow daylight saving time.

**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**

**10. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Zaporizhzhia, the largest nuclear power plant in Europe, is located in France.

- 2. International Atomic Energy Agency received Nobel Peace Prize in 2015.

**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**

## ART AND CULTURE

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Attukal Pongala is held in Attukal Temple in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. It is largest congregation of women for a festival in the world.

**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. A hidden corridor has been unearthed recently in Great Pyramid of Giza.
- 2. Giza Pyramids are the only surviving structure of the seven wonders of ancient world.

**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. Attukal Pongala festival is celebrated in Tamil Nadu.
- 2. Attukal Temple is called the "Women's Sabarimala" as only women perform rituals.

**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**

**4. Yaoshang festival is celebrated annually in the state of-**

- A. Tripura
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Mizoram

- D. Manipur

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Bhunga Houses of Kutch are traditional houses, made of bamboos.
- 2. They are tremendously strong and can withstand natural calamities like desert storms and earthquakes.

**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. As per recent RTI query, 486 antiquities have been reported as missing from the 3,696 monuments protected and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- 2. Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 makes export of antiques without license, a criminal offence.

**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. Nanakshahi Sammat is a calendar system named after the founder of the Sikh religion.
- 2. It is a tropical solar calendar used in Sikhism.

**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. Matua Maha Mela is being recently held in Assam.
2. Matuas are a Scheduled Tribe group involved in primitive agriculture.

**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**

**9. Sharda Peeth is an abandoned Hindu temple and ancient center of learning. It is located in-**

- A. Baluchistan
- B. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- C. Pakistan-occupied Kashmir
- D. Sindh

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Who was the founder of Bengaluru city?**

- A. Gidde gowda
- B. Kempe gowda
- C. Kempananje gowda
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. DNA vaccine uses a copy of a genetic sequence from a part of a pathogen to stimulate body's immune system.
2. However, DNA vaccine is less stable than RNA vaccine.

**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**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. A Lewis acid is an electron pair donor.
2. Lewis superacids are stronger than antimony pentafluoride which is the strongest Lewis acid.

**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. Organoids are tiny, self-organized three-dimensional cells or tissues derived from stem cells.
2. Biocomputers are defined as computers that use components of biological origin.

**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, ISRO has successfully carried out the controlled Re-Entry experiment for the decommissioned Megha-Tropiques-1 (MT-1) Satellite.
2. It is an Indo- Italian Earth Observation Satellite launched in 2011.

**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**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. Whiskey fungus, also known as *Baudoinia compniacensis*, is a black, sooty fungus that grows in the vicinity of bakeries and distilleries.
2. The fungus thrives on the alcoholic vapours.

**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. Indian scientists at ISRO have devised 'Glowscope' microscope which uses fluorescent microscopy.
2. Fluorescence microscope studies an object by analysing how it re-emits light that it has absorbed.

**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. Laser-sheet compressed ultrafast photography (LS-CUP) combines laser sheet imaging with compressed sensing on a standard streak camera system.
2. It can capture images at 12.5 million frames per second.

**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. Google has recently made a breakthrough in quantum error correction.
2. Principle of Superposition means that each qubit can represent both 1 and 0 at the same time.

**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. India's first quadruped robot and wearable exo-skeleton has been produced by-**

- A. Svaya Robotics
- B. Grene Robotics
- C. RobotSpace Robotics
- D. Seven Robotics

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Consider the following statements:**

1. Norway has installed world's first sand battery.
2. Sand Battery is a high temperature thermal energy storage that uses sand or sand-like materials as its storage medium.

**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**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

1. Laccase Enzyme, generated by a group of fungi, has been found to degrade organic dye modules.
2. It belongs enzyme family of multicopper oxidases.

**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. XBB.1.16, seen recently in news, is a/an -**

- A. newly discovered galaxy
- B. covid variant
- C. exoplanet
- D. spam ware

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Consider the following statements:**

1. Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID) was launched by WHO in 2020.
2. USA is the official host of the GISAID platform.

**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**

**14. Consider the following statements:**

1. 6G communication provides speed upto 10 Tbps.
2. Bharat 6G Vision document divides India's 6G project in 3 phases.

**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**

**15. What is the name of world's first 3D-printed rocket seen in news recently?**

- A. Terran 1
- B. Furan 1
- C. Chi Hwang 1
- D. Agnikoot

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Pellet-beam' propulsion system could theoretically beam a heavy spacecraft to outside of Solar System in less than 5 years.
2. It requires a set up of three space crafts.

**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**

**17. Consider the following statements:**

1. In a traditional key based communication network, data is transmitted via qubits.
2. Qubits are particles in a superposition state means they can be in multiple states and represent numerous combinations of 0 and 1.

**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**

**18. Consider the following statements:**

1. A Biotransformation Technology that could make plastics biodegradable without leaving behind any microplastics has been claimed by a UK based startup.
2. It is world's first such technology that ensures polyolefins fully biodegrade in an open environment causing no microplastics.

**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. Piezoelectric effect is generation of an electric charge in response to chemical stimuli.
2. The piezoelectric effect was discovered in 1880, in quartz.

**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**

**20. Consider the following statements:**

1. A Gir cow, recently cloned at National Dairy Research Institute, has been named Saraswati.
2. Gir cattle are very hardy and well-known for their tolerance to conditions of stress and resistance to various tropical diseases.

**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**

**DEFENSE**

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. PALM 400 is an armed remotely piloted vehicle (RPV) built by AVision Systems.
2. It is a high precision loitering system launched from a canister which can loiter for up to 120 minutes.

**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. Shinyuu Maitri is bilateral air force exercise of India and-**

- A. Korea
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. Malaysia

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. BrahMos is a medium-range ramjet supersonic ballistic missile.
2. It is a three-stage missile with solid, liquid and cryogenic 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**

**4. FRINJEX 2023 is a defence exercise between -**

- A. India, Japan and France
- B. India, Jamaica and France
- C. India and France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Who has become 1st woman to command frontline IAF combat unit?**

- A. Shiva Chauhan

- B. Shaliza Dhani
- C. Bhawna Kanth
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Operation Trishul' of CBI aims at extradition of fugitives with Interpol's help.
2. It includes tracing suspects and the proceeds of financial crimes.

**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. Vayulink is a data link system which connects only combat entities through a single link.
2. Vayulink uses the indigenous Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), also called NAVIC.

**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**

**8. Exercise La Perouse is conducted by the Navy of-**

- A. USA
- B. Germany
- C. United Kingdom
- D. France

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Consider the following statements:**

1. VSHORADS is a Man Portable Air Defence System designed and developed by Israel.
2. It is meant to target high altitude aerial threats at long ranges.

**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**

**10. Exercise Bold Kurukshetra is conducted between India and-**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Bangladesh

- C. Myanmar
- D. Singapore

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

1. Colombo Security Conclave was formed in 2021 aimed at making maritime security, search and rescue and pollution response a priority.
2. India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Myanmar are its members.

**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**

**12. Consider the following statements:**

1. Exercise Sea Dragon is biannual coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare exercise.
2. It is hosted by Chinese Navy against sea piracy.

**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**

**13. Consider the following statements:**

1. INS Androth is an Anti-submarine ship.
2. Androth is the largest and longest island Androth Island, in the Nicobar archipelago.

**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**

**14. Exercise Cobra Warrior is hosted by-**

- A. United Kingdom
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Exercise Konkan is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and-**

- A. USA
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Canada
- D. Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Consider the following statements:**

1. Currently, AFSPA is in effect in Meghalaya, Assam, Manipur and parts of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Disturbed areas are declared by Governor of state or administrator of Union Territory or by Central 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: B**

**17. Haeli drone, new nuclear underwater drone has been unveiled by-**

- A. Israel

- B. USA
- C. German
- D. North Korea

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Consider the following statements:**

1. Indian Council of Agricultural Research and World Bank have recently issued 'Delhi Declaration'.
2. National Agricultural Higher Education Project is five-year project initiated in 2018 by International Monetary Fund.

**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**

## SPACE

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. The first full moon of the summer season is called the Worm Moon.
2. In India, Holi is celebrated during the worm moon.

**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. Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols (MAIA) Missions will produce data to be used health studies.
2. It is a joint effort between NASA and European space agency.

**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. The term 'Terminator Zone' is associated with-**

- A. Planetary bodies
- B. Invasive species
- C. Iceberg melting hotspots
- D. Computer malware

**ANSWER: A**

## ENVIRONMENT

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Olive Ridley turtles are known for mass nesting called Arribada.
2. The IUCN status for Olive Ridley turtles is 'Vulnerable'

**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. Malabar tree toad is a toad species found in eastern ghats.
2. It is categorized as 'vulnerable' species by IUCN.

**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**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. A new Indian Air Force mountain radar is planned to be set up in Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
2. Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary is located in 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: A**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. There are two major international standards for forest certification-developed by Forest Stewardship Council and Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certifications.
2. Currently, forests in ten states in India are certified.

**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**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. Phytoplankton blooms have become more frequent in recent times.

2. Warmer sea surface temperatures are one of the reasons behind phytoplankton blooms.

**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. The theme of Catch the Rain 2023 campaign is-**

- A. Rain drops- elixir for life
- B. Save the rainwater
- C. Source Sustainability for Drinking Water
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Consider the following statements:**

1. UN High Seas Treaty is negotiated under United Nations Convention on Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.
2. Presently only about 10% of high seas are given protection for their biodiversity.

**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. Rajasthan is set to shift 10 Indian grey wolves from a conservation breeding centre to forested areas.
2. The IUCN status of Indian Wolf is 'vulnerable'.

**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**

**9. Mount Merapi volcano is located in-**

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. Italy
- D. Chile

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Jalyukt Shivar Project is an initiative of which state?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka

- C. Telangana
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Elephant Whisperers became the first Indian production that has won an Academy Award for the Documentary Short category.
2. Kerala's Mudumalai National Park is highlighted in the film.

**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. Red tide has recently occurred on the coast of Florida for the first time.
2. It is caused by algae which produce brevetoxins, which are fatal for aquatic life.

**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**

**13. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve is located in Madhya Pradesh.
2. It forms a wildlife corridor connecting Bandhavgarh and Palamau Tiger Reserve.

**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. Which country has become first country in the world to bury CO<sub>2</sub> imported from abroad?**

- A. Sweden
- B. Denmark
- C. Norway
- D. Finland

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Consider the following statements:**

1. Otters are found in all the continents of the world except Antarctica.

2. The IUCN Red List classification of Eurasian Otter is 'vulnerable'.

**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**

**16. Consider the following statements:**

1. Recently plastic rocks have been found on Trindade island in Australia.
2. Trindade island is an important conservation spot for Green Turtles.

**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**

**17. Mission Sahbhagita comes under the purview of-**

- A. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Education

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Namdapha national park is located in the state of-**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Consider the following statements:**

1. Raccoon Dogs belong to the canid family and are the only canids that hibernate during the winter.
2. IUCN Red list categorises Raccoon Dogs as 'vulnerable'.

**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**

**20. Consider the following statements:**

1. Kappaphycus alvarezii, seen recently in news, is an invasive species of fish.

2. The *Kappaphycus alvarezii* species has invaded six of the 21 islands of the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park in Tamil Nadu.

**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**

**21. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Vilayati Kikar (*Prosopis juliflora*) is an invasive species brought to India by British.
- 2. It causes stomach poisoning in livestock by inducing a permanent impairment of its ability to digest cellulose.

**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. Keibul Lamjao Park in Meghalaya is considered as the only floating national park in the world.
- 2. It is the last natural habitat of the brow-antlered deer or Sangai.

**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**

**23. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. First Generation of Biofuels contains fuel made from non-edible biomass.
- 2. Third Generation of Biofuels contains fuel made from algal biomass.

**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**

**24. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Long-tailed duck species has been recently spotted at Wular Lake located in Uttarakhand after 116 years.
- 2. Its IUCN Status is 'Endangered'.

**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**

**25. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Liquid 3, is an urban photo-bioreactor aimed at controlling pollution.
- 2. It has been recently introduced in Siberia.

**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**

**26. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Gandhamardan Hill Range is located in Jharkhand.
- 2. It is considered as Ayurvedic Paradise and treasure trove of medicinal plants.

**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**

**27. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Earth Hour is an annual event that takes place on the last Sunday of March.
- 2. It is organized by World Wildlife Fund.

**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**

**28. Plastiglomerate (plastic rock) has been found for first time in India from a beach on \_\_\_\_\_ Island.**

- A. Aves
- B. Ross
- C. Mayabunder
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**29. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Kaziranga National Park, located in Assam is both National Park and Tiger reserve.
- 2. It has the world's largest-population of one-horned rhinoceros.

**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. Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of turning the clock ahead as colder weather approaches and back as it becomes warmer again.
2. India does not follow daylight saving time.

**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**

**31. The philosophy of 'Ubuntu' is related to which continent-**

- A. Asia
- B. Africa
- C. South America
- D. Antarctica

**ANSWER: B**

**32. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Exostoma Dhritiae' is a newly discovered species of Catfish.
2. It has been discovered in Tapi river.

**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**

**33. Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which of the following states?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**34. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Mission Arikomban' was launched by forest officials in Idukki.
2. It is aimed at capturing and relocating a rogue elephant.

**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. India Meteorological Department (IMD) is planning to introduce a 'heat index' warning system in Delhi.
2. It will factor a day's- Relative humidity, Wind speed, Maximum temperature and Cloud cover.

**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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## NATIONAL

1. The Irinjadappilly Sree Krishna Temple became first temple in India to use mechanical elephant for rituals. It is situated in-

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. News Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority is a governmental body.
- 2. It is funded by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

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**

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Special Protection Group is meant only for the Prime Minister and his immediate family.
- 2. Z+ security has 26 security personnel for mobile security and 12 (plus eight) for residence security.

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**

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## INTERNATIONAL

1. The Official Development Assistance for Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link Project is given by-

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: B**

2. Windsor Framework is the deal agreed upon between-

- A. United Kingdom and European Union
- B. USA and Russia
- C. Russia and Ukraine
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

3. India has signed 'Young Professional Scheme' with which of the following countries?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. USA
- C. Japan
- D. China

**ANSWER: A**

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Raisina Dialogue is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 2. The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2023 is "Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest".

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. India recently hosted the first meeting of BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC) Governing Board.
- 2. Maldives is not a part of BIMSTEC.

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. The name of new future capital of Indonesia is-

- A. Bandung
- B. Nusantara
- C. Bali
- D. Semarang

**ANSWER: B**

7. Summit for Democracy is an initiative of-

- A. United Kingdom
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. USA

**ANSWER: D**

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. IBSA Forum was founded in 2003 under Brasilia Declaration.
- 2. IBSA Fund is managed by United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.

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 as new President of Nepal?

- A. K P Sharma Oli
- B. Ram Chandra Paudel
- C. Madhav Kumar
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

10. Wagner Group, seen recently in news, is a group of -

- A. Hackers from China
- B. Mercenaries from Russia
- C. Ballet dancers from Spain
- D. Scientists from Chile, Bolivia focusing on Lithium exploration.

**ANSWER: B**

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI) is aimed ensuring a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian exports like food grains and fertilizers.
- 2. BSGI was brokered by United Nations and Türkiye.

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. The first international conference of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on Shared Buddhist Heritage was held in-**

- A. Tashkent
- B. Beijing
- C. New Delhi
- D. Islamabad

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Which of the following is *not* a member of European Free Trade Association?**

- A. Norway
- B. Finland
- C. Switzerland
- D. Liechtenstein

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Consider the following statements:**

1. The International Court of Justice recently issued an arrest warrant for war crimes against President Vladimir Putin.
2. International Criminal Court 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: D**

**15. Which African country has recently declared its first polio outbreak in 30 years?**

- A. Angola
- B. Burundi
- C. Congo
- D. Ivory Coast

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Consider the following statements:**

1. Ex- Brazilian President Dilma Vana Rousseff has been elected as new President of New Development Bank.
2. Its headquarters are located in Dhaka.

**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**

**17. Operation Interflex is military support operation for Ukraine by which of the following countries?**

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. USA
- D. UK

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Which of the following project/projects recently received loan support from Japan under ODA?**

- A. Patna Metro Rail
- B. Forest and Biodiversity Conservation in West Bengal
- C. Rajasthan Water Sector Livelihood Improvement Project
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: D**

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**DAYS TO REMEMBER****1. Consider the following statements:**

1. National Science Day is celebrated in India every year on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. The theme for this year is 'Global Science for Global 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: B**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Wildlife Day is celebrated on March 3<sup>rd</sup> every year.
2. World Wildlife Day 2023 is celebrated under the theme "Partnerships for wildlife conservation"

**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 Safety Day is observed on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. The theme for 2023 National Safety Day is 'Safety first, safety foremost'.

**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. Normal hearing range for Humans is from 0 dBHL (Decibel Hearing Level) to 200 dBHL.
2. The theme of World Hearing Day 2023 is "Ear and hearing care for all".

**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. The theme for World Obesity Day 2023 is-**

- A. From fat shaming to resolving obesity
- B. Healthy lifestyle: medicine against obesity
- C. Changing Perspectives: Let's Talk About Obesity

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

1. International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup> every year.
2. The theme for International Women's Day 2023 is "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality"

**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. The theme of No Smoking Day 2023 is -**

- A. Quit smoking, choose life
- B. Stopping smoking improves your brain health
- C. Smoking is a sin
- D. Passive smoking is murder.

**ANSWER: B**

**8. CISF Raising Day 2023 was celebrated on-**

- A. March 10
- B. March 11
- C. March 12
- D. March 13

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Consider the following statements:**

1. The International Day of Action for Rivers (IDAR) is observed every year on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. Its theme for 2023 is 'Rights of Rivers'.

**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. National Vaccination Day is celebrated on-**

- A. March 14<sup>th</sup>
- B. March 15<sup>th</sup>
- C. March 16<sup>th</sup>
- D. March 17<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

1. International Day of Mathematics, also known as Pi Day is observed on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. The theme for Pi Day 2023 is "Mathematics for Everyone".

**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. Global Recycling Day is celebrated every year on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. The theme of Global Recycling Day this year is "Creative Innovation".

**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. The theme for World Sleep Day 2023 is-**

- A. Sleep is Essential for Health
- B. 8 hours sleep is must
- C. Cure Insomnia
- D. Stress kills sleep

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Consider the following statements:**

1. The International Day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20.
2. The theme of International Day of Happiness 2023 is "Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind."

**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. World Oral Health Day is observed every year on-**

- A. March 17<sup>th</sup>
- B. March 18<sup>th</sup>
- C. March 19<sup>th</sup>
- D. March 20<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Sparrow Day is observed every year on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

2. The theme of World Sparrow Day 2023 is "I Love Sparrows".

**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**

**17. World Down Syndrome Day is observed on-**

- A. March 19<sup>th</sup>
- B. March 20<sup>th</sup>
- C. March 21<sup>st</sup>
- D. March 22<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Water Day (WWD) is celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> March every Year.
2. Sustainable development goal (SDG) 4 corresponds to water and sanitation for all by 2030.

**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**

**19. To avenge the death of Lala Lajpat Rai, Bhagat Singh murdered which of the following officers?**

- A. James Scott
- B. JP Saunders
- C. Horace Williamson
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**20. World Theatre Day is celebrated on -**

- A. March 24
- B. March 25
- C. March 26
- D. March 27

**ANSWER: D**

**21. The Purple Day of Epilepsy is observed every year on-**

- A. March 24
- B. March 25
- C. March 26
- D. March 27

**ANSWER: C**

## PERSON NEWS

1. **Ales Bialiatski, sentenced to prison recently, is a human rights activist from-**

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

**ANSWER: C**

2. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Justice A.M. Ahmadi, who passed away recently, was CJI from 2005 to 2007.
- 2. He was the only CJI to have started at the very lowest rank to rise to the highest position of the Indian judiciary.

**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. **International Day of Women Judges is observed on -**

- A. March 8<sup>th</sup>
- B. March 9<sup>th</sup>
- C. March 10<sup>th</sup>
- D. March 11<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

4. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Swami Sahajanand Saraswati was the first President of All India Kisan Sabha.

2. He published a Hindi weekly, Hunkar from Patna.

**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. Hemu Kalani was an Indian freedom fighter born in Sindh region of United India.
- 2. He was also known as Bhagat Singh of Sindh.

**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. Ram Manohar Lohia was one of the founders of the Congress Socialist Party.
- 2. In 1963, he became a member of the Lok Sabha from Farrukhabad constituency.

**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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## INDEX AND REPORTS

1. Which is the only state to perform well in Indian States' Electricity Transition (Set) Report released by Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)?

- A. Punjab
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: D**

2. Global Education Monitoring Report is released by-

- A. World Bank
- B. UN- Economic and Social Council
- C. UNESCO
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Global Terrorism Index is released by InterPol.
- 2. Afghanistan has ranked first as country most impacted by terrorism.

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**

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. United Nations World Water Development Report 2023 was recently released by UNESCO.
- 2. As per report, globally, 2 billion people do not have safe drinking water and 3.6 billion lack access to safely managed sanitation.

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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## APPOINTMENTS

1. Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal?

- A. Rashmi Shukla
- B. Ajay Bangar
- C. Madhu Joshi
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

2. Who has been appointed as new Controller General of Accounts?

- A. A P Singh
- B. S S Dubey
- C. Raman Mukherjee
- D. Bhavuk Prashad

ANSWER: B

3. Who has been appointed as new US Ambassador to India?

- A. Eric Garcetti
- B. Nikki Haley
- C. Eric Berg
- D. Preeti Bangar

ANSWER: A

8. Who has been appointed as new chairperson of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission?

- A. Arjan Singh Dhillon
- B. Jishnu Barua
- C. Bani Sachdeva
- D. Manav Bharati

ANSWER: B

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## POLICY AND PROGRAMME

- 1.
2. "Dhara: Ode to Indian Knowledge Systems" is an initiative of -
- A. Ministry of Education
  - B. Ministry of Culture
  - C. Ministry of Home Affairs
  - D. Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs

**ANSWER: B**

3. Bhu-Aadhaar or ULPIN is a \_\_\_\_\_ alpha-numeric number generated based on latitude and longitude coordinates of each land parcel.
- A. 14-digit
  - B. 12-digit
  - C. 10-digit
  - D. 16-digit

**ANSWER: A**

4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa project is joint project of IMD and ICAR and other institutions.
  - 2. It focuses on rendering District/Block level Agro meteorological Advisory Services (AAS) for the benefits of farmers.

**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. REACHOUT scheme is an umbrella scheme under-
- A. Ministry of Education
  - B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
  - C. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
  - D. Ministry of Earth Sciences

**ANSWER: D**

6. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Ocean Services, Modelling, Application, Resources and Technology (O-SMART)' Scheme is under Ministry of Earth Sciences.
  - 2. It is a Central sector 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**

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. PM MITRA scheme is under ministry of Textiles.
- 2. It is inspired by the 5F vision - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.

**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. Aadhaar is a 14-digit unique identity number that can be obtained by residents of India.
- 2. It is issued by UIDAI, a statutory authority under Ministry of Home Affairs.

**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: C**

9. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is an initiative of-

- A. Ministry of Social Justice
- B. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural gas
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: B**

10. Sagar Manthan dashboard has been launched by-

- A. Ministry of Fisheries
- B. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: B**

## SOCIAL EDUCATION HEALTH

1. Deakin University and Wollongong University are planning to set up campus in GIFT city. They are from which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Brazil
- C. China
- D. USA

**ANSWER: A**

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Recently loans worth \$2 billion were sanctioned by World Bank for India's healthcare.
- 2. World Bank will support Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission and health service delivery in seven 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: B**

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Erythritol, seen recently in news, is a popular artificial sweetener.
- 2. It has high Glycemic Index.

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. Scrub typhus, a life-threatening infection is caused by virus, Orientia tsutsugamushi.
- 2. India is one of the hotspots of Scrub Typhus with at least 25% of the disease burden.

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. ATL Sarthi is a recently launched initiative of-

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Department of Science and Technology

**ANSWER: A**

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Rajasthan has become the second state to pass in Assembly the Right to Health Bill after Gujarat.
- 2. Public health and sanitation, including hospitals and dispensaries, come under Concurrent List.

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**

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Higher Education Financing Agency is a joint venture between Ministry of Education and State Bank of India.
- 2. HEFA is registered under the Companies Act 2013 as a Union Govt company and as Non-deposit taking NBFC with RBI.

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**

8. The Porter Prize 2023 has been won by-

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Woman and Child Development.
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: A**

## SPROTS

1. Lionel Messi has won the Best FIFA player of the year 2022 for a record \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- A. Fifth
  - B. Sixth
  - C. Seventh
  - D. Eighth

ANSWER: C

2. Aishwarya Babu, who has been banned by the National Anti-Doping Agency recently is associated with which sports?
- A. 100m hurdles sprint
  - B. half marathon
  - C. High jump
  - D. Triple Jump

ANSWER: D

3. Who has won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2023?
- A. Max Verstappen
  - B. Lewis Hamilton
  - C. Fernando Alonso
  - D. Sebastian Vettel

ANSWER: A

4. The Irani Cup, named after the late Z. R. Irani, is associated with-
- A. Tennis
  - B. Hockey
  - C. Cricket
  - D. Football

ANSWER: C

5. Who has recently become the oldest player to win ATP Masters title?
- A. Leander Paes
  - B. Mahesh Bhupathi
  - C. Rohan Bopanna
  - D. Somdev Devvarman

ANSWER: C

6. The first Indian women hockey player to have stadium named after her is -
- A. Vandana Kataria
  - B. Gurjit Kaur
  - C. Savita Punia
  - D. Rani Rampal

ANSWER: D

7. Who has won Asian Billiards title held in Qatar recently?
- A. Pankaj Advani
  - B. Brijesh Damani
  - C. Manan Chandra
  - D. Aditya Mehta

ANSWER: A

8. Who has recently become leading wicket-taker in T20I cricket?
- A. Shakib Al Hasan
  - B. Tim Southee
  - C. Rashid Khan
  - D. Ish Sodhi

ANSWER: A

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**AWARDS****1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Vinod Kumar Shukla has won the 2023 PEN/Nabokov Award for lifetime achievement in literature.
2. The PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature is awarded biennially by PEN America.

**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 Porter Prize 2023 has been won by-**

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Woman and Child Development.
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: A****3. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sir David Alan Chipperfield has been selected as the 2023 Laureate of The Pritzker Prize.
2. It is regarded internationally as literature's highest honor.

**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. Truth Hounds was recently awarded Norway's Sakharov Freedom Award.
2. Sakharov Freedom Award is named after Soviet scientist and dissident Andrei Sakharov.

**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. Women Icons Leading Swachhata' (WINS) Awards 2023 are announced by-**

- A. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti

**ANSWER: A****6. RRR's "Naatu Naatu" has won Best Original Song at Oscars 2023. It is written by-**

- A. MM Keeravaani
- B. Chandrabose
- C. Kala Bhairava
- D. Rahul Sipligunj

**ANSWER: B****7. Consider the following statements:**

1. Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi has won 32nd Vyas Samman for his novel Pagalkhana.
2. Vyas Samman is awarded by Sahitya Akademi every 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: A****8. Consider the following statements:**

1. Telugu writer Sivasankari will be awarded prestigious Saraswati Samman award for the year 2022.
2. It is presented by Ministry of Culture.

**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****9. Consider the following statements:**

1. Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi award 2023.
2. Bombay Jayashri has been selected for the Nritiya Kalanidhi award 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: D****10. Consider the following statements:**

1. Luis Caffarelli recently won the Abel Prize for Mathematics.
2. The Abel Prize is funded by the government of Sweden.

**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**

## MISCELLANEOUS QUESTION

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. A 1300-year-old Stupa has been discovered from Khondalite mining site recently in West Bengal.
2. India is the third largest fish-producing country.
3. Santh Sevalal Maharaj was community leader of Santhal community.

**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**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. Square railing on top of the mound of stupa is called Chhatra.
2. Shrimp farming presently in India majorly depends on Indian white shrimp i.e. *Penaeus indicus*.
3. Banjara Community is a nomadic community with nearly 10-12 crore population.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Seagrass Day was celebrated on March 1.
2. 'VAIBHAV Fellowship' was recently launched by Ministry of External Affairs.
3. Other Effective Area – based Conservation Measures (OECM) site lies within the protected areas.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. There are currently 72000 recorded types of seagrass in the world, covering an area of around 300,000 square kilometers.
2. Vaibhav Fellowship scheme is for NRI researchers.
3. Aravalli Biodiversity Park was the first OECM site in India.

**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**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. The core of the stupa was made of unburnt brick while the outer surface was made by using burnt bricks.
2. Shrimp Crop Insurance product launched recently has been developed by ICAR-CIBA.
3. The Banjara Community converse in Gor Boli, also known as Lambadi.

**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**

1. Seagrass sediments contain nearly twice the amount of carbon per area compared with land soil.
2. Under Vaibhav Fellowship scheme applicants must have obtained a Ph.D/M.D/M.S degree from a recognized University.
3. The OECM tag is provided by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, IUCN.

**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**

**7. Consider the following statements:**

1. SWAYATT Initiative is under Ministry of Women And Child Development.
2. Ken river passes through Panna Tiger Reserve.
3. Anti-defection law was added by the 52nd Amendment in 1985.

**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**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. GeM Portal has been envisaged as National Procurement Portal of India.

- Ken-Betwa Link Project aims at transferring water to Ken River from Betwa river.
- An independent member becomes disqualified if he joins any political party after expiry of six months from date on which he takes seat.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Consider the following statements:**

- GeM Portal is under Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Panna Tiger Reserve is included in the World Network of Biosphere reserves.
- The speaker of Lok Sabha or Chairman of Rajya Sabha, on rejoining the party once he demits that post, doesn't get disqualified.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Consider the following statements:**

- Sisupalgarh archaeological site is located in West Bengal.
- India is 2nd largest producer of tea after China.
- 'Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2022' report was recently released by IEA.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

- Sisupalgarh served as the capital of the Kalinga kingdom.
- Darjeeling tea was 1<sup>st</sup> Indian product to get Geographical Indication tag.
- Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change adopted by 196 Parties.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Consider the following statements:**

- Sisupalgarh is the only fortified site in India having eight gateways.
- Tea Board of India is headquartered at Darjeeling.
- International Energy Agency is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Consider the following statements:**

- SAMARTH is an umbrella skilling programme of the Ministry of Textiles.
- Women, Business and the Law 2023 report was recently released by International Labour Organisation (ILO).
- The Supreme Court reduced the mandatory professional experience for president and members of consumer courts to 10 years.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Consider the following statements:**

- The implementation period of SAMARTH scheme is up to March 2024.
- India scored lower than average of the South Asian region in Women, Business and the Law 2023 report.
- District Commissions under Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019 have pecuniary jurisdiction upto Rs 75 lakh.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Consider the following statements:**

- More than 85% of the beneficiaries trained so far under the SAMARTH scheme are men.
- The Women, Business and the Law 2023 report index used data on the laws and regulations applicable in Delhi.

3. National Commissions under Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019 have pecuniary jurisdiction above Rs. 5 Crore.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Recently, oldest human genome was discovered in-**

- A. Spain
- B. Chile
- C. Egypt
- D. Portugal

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The world's first 200-metre-long bamboo crash barrier has been installed in Gujarat.
- 2. The crash barrier has been made from 'Bambusa Balcoa' 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: B**

**18. Mauganj has been recently declared as a new district in the state of-**

- A. Bihar
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The proposed International Big Cat Alliance aims to protect the 5 big cats- tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard and cheetah.
- 2. NSIL is the sole nodal agency responsible for providing end-to-end Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) Launch services.
- 3. As per news, Moidams in Charaideo in Assam meet UNESCO technical requirements for World Heritage Site status.

**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**

**20. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. India is the only country in world to have 5 big cats in wild.
- 2. SSLV is a 2 stage launch vehicle with solid fuel and liquid propulsion modules.
- 3. Moidams (or Maidams) represent late medieval mound-burial tradition of Tai Ahoms.

**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**

**21. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The IUCN status for Snow Leopards is 'Endangered'.
- 2. SSLV can be assembled both vertically and horizontally.
- 3. The 'Moidams' were first included in the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2021.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**22. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Global Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Infrastructure was recently launched by World Meteorological Organisation.
- 2. H3N2 virus is a type of influenza virus called the influenza A virus.
- 3. Central Electricity Authority has recently made guidelines for electricity lines to protect Great Indian Bustard.

**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**

**23. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. GGGMI will integrate space-based and surface-based observing systems.
- 2. The H3N2 is a combination of the five protein strains of the influenza A virus.
- 3. The Great Indian Bustard is the State bird of Rajasthan.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**



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

**ANSWER: A**

**24. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Integrated Greenhouse Gas Information System (IG3IS) was launched by Global Atmosphere Watch Programme.
- 2. Influenza A viruses are the only influenza viruses known to cause flu pandemics.
- 3. The IUCN red List categorises the Great Indian Bustard as 'Extinct in wild'.

**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. Macquarie Island, seen recently in news, is an oceanic island in the Arctic Ocean.
- 2. A rare moth species *Mimeusemia ceylonica* has been spotted for the first time in India in Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.
- 3. A new superconductor 'Red Matter', which can operate at room temperature and a much lower pressure, has been created recently.

**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**

**26. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Macquarie Island is administered by Finland.
- 2. Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve is located in Tamil Nadu.
- 3. Red Matter was formed by combining Promethium with hydrogen and nitrogen.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**27. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Macquarie Island is the only place on earth where rocks from earth's mantle are being actively exposed above sea-level.
- 2. Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve forms a part of Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve.
- 3. Superconductors are materials that can conduct electric currents without any loss when they are cooled below a critical temperature.

**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**

**28. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Scheme to enhance Domestic and Global Competitiveness of MSMEs through LEAN is an initiative of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- 2. The main theme of 2023 session of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is "Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate".
- 3. Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA) is an alternative system for resolving WTO disputes.

**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**

**29. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. 5S, Kaizen, KANBAN, Poka Yoka etc. are examples LEAN manufacturing tools.
- 2. Goa State Disaster Management Authority and Lunglei Fire Station, Meghalaya won Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2023.
- 3. India not a member of MPIA yet.

**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**

**30. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Quality Council of India is nodal agency for Scheme to enhance Domestic and Global Competitiveness of MSMEs through LEAN.
- 2. Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs for an institution and Rs. 51 lakhs for an individual.

3. MPIA decision supersedes the previous appeal processes and also applies to future disputes among members.

**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**

**31. World's longest railway platform of 1.5 km length has been recently inaugurated in-**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra

**ANSWER: C**

**32. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The Chief Justice of India recently addressed the 18th meeting of the Chief Justices of the Supreme Courts of the SCO member states.
- 2. The 35th meeting of Board of GCF will be held in Kigali, capital of Tanzania.
- 3. Bhutan will become seventh nation to graduate from United Nations' list of Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2023 end.

**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**

**33. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Kazakhstan, China, Uzbekistan, Russia and Tajikistan were original members of the Shanghai Five.
- 2. National Designated Authority for GCF from India is Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change.
- 3. Bhutan was included in the first group of 'Least Developed Countries' in 1971.

**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. The official working languages of the SCO Secretariat are Russian, Chinese and Hindi.

- 2. The Secretariat of GCF is located in Zurich, Switzerland.
- 3. Currently, UN lists 146 countries that qualify as LDCs.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**35. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare recently included sixteen rare diseases under National Policy for Rare Diseases, 2021.
- 2. RBI has granted Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC) status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).
- 3. Global Arms Transfers were published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) recently.

**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**

**36. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. WHO defines rare disease as often debilitating lifelong disease or disorder with a prevalence of 1 or less, per 1000 population.
- 2. For IFC status, a minimum of 25 per cent of the total assets of an IFC-NBFC should be deployed in infrastructure loans.
- 3. As per SIPRI data, USA was world's topmost military importer.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**37. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Wilson's disease is a rare disorder in which sodium is accumulated in vital organs like liver.
- 2. For IFC status, the company should have minimum net-worth of Rs 30 crore
- 3. Russia was the largest supplier of arms to India as per SIPRI reports.

**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**

**38. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Tamil movie 'RRR' is inspired by Indian freedom fighters Alluri Sitharama Raju and Komaram Bheem.
2. Bumchu Festival is celebrated in Tashiding Monastery, located in Arunachal Pradesh.
3. Learning Science via Standards Initiative has been launched by Quality Council of India.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**39. Consider the following statements:**

1. Alluri Sitharama Raju led the Rampa or Manyam Rebellion of 1922.
2. Tashiding Monastery is a sacred Buddhist pilgrimage sites.
3. Bureau of Indian Standards is the national standards body of India established in 1927.

**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. Komaram Bheem belonged to Gond tribe.
2. The Tashiding monastery was founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century on top of a hill between two rivers, Rangit and Rathong.
3. BIS headquarters are located in Mumbai.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**41. Consider the following statements:**

1. The UK Parliament has recently passed a resolution, recognizing McMahon Line as international boundary between China and India.
2. GPT-4 is the latest version of ChatGPT released by Google.
3. The Bar Council of India has permitted foreign lawyers and law firms to practice in India.

**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**

**42. Consider the following statements:**

1. McMahon Line serves as de facto boundary between China and India in the Eastern Sector.
2. Deep learning is a subset of machine learning, which is essentially a neural network with three or more layers.
3. The foreign lawyers/ firms will not be allowed to appear before any courts, tribunals or any other regulatory authorities.

**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. The McMahon line was determined by Sir Henry McMahon, then Foreign Secretary in the Government of British India in 1944 during Simla Convention.
2. GPT-4 supports more languages than earlier versions and is faster and more accurate.
3. The Bar Council of India elects its own chairman and vice-chairman for a period of five years.

**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**

**44. Consider the following statements:**

1. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in southern Rajasthan is being considered for second home for Asiatic Lions in India.
2. National Institute of Ocean Technology is planning set up green self-powered desalination plant in Andaman Islands.
3. Defence Acquisition Council has recently accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 70,500 crore.

**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**

**45. Consider the following statements:**

1. IUCN red list status of Asiatic Lion is 'critically endangered'.
2. Low Temperature Thermal Desalination (LTTD) plants do not require chemical treatment.
3. Under Defence Acquisition Policy, highest priority is accorded to procurement under Buy (Indian-IDD) category.

**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**

**46. Consider the following statements:**

1. Asiatic Lions are found only in India and Iran.
2. The National Institute of Ocean Technology is under Ministry of Fisheries.
3. The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Defence Acquisition Council.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**47. Consider the following statements:**

1. Maat Mons is the second-highest volcano on Mercury.
2. Horseshoe crabs are disappearing from their familiar spawning grounds in Odisha.
3. The President of India recently presented the President's Colour to INS Dronacharya.

**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**

**48. Consider the following statements:**

1. Venus is the sixth-largest planet in the solar system.
2. Horseshoe crabs are considered living fossils.
3. The Indian Army was the first Indian Armed Force to be awarded the President Colour.

**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**

**49. Consider the following statements:**

1. Along with Mercury, Venus spins backwards with respect to other planets.
2. A horseshoe crab's blood contains a special clotting agent limulus amebocyte lysate which can detect endotoxins.
3. The INS Dronacharya is a prestigious gunnery school located in Tamil Nadu.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**50. Consider the following statements:**

1. India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) stretches from Siliguri to Parbatipur.
2. Indian Institute of Millets Research of ICAR has been declared as a Global Centre of Excellence.
3. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana is under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

**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**

**51. Consider the following statements:**

1. IBFPL will be used to supply natural gas from India to Bangladesh.
2. Millets contain nutrients like protein, Vitamin-A, Iron and Iodine, antioxidants etc.
3. PMMSY is being implemented in all States and Union Territories for a period of 5 years.

**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**

**52. Consider the following statements:**

1. The fuel transport deal under IBFPL will be effective for 25 years with option of extension.
2. National Year of Millets was celebrated in 2022.
3. Sagar Parikrama Program has been launched under Ministry of Culture.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**53. Consider the following statements:**

1. International Day of Forests is celebrated each year on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. World Happiness Report is released by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
3. The Synthesis Report for reports of the IPCC's 5th Assessment Cycle was released recently.

**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**

**54. Consider the following statements:**

1. The theme for International Day of Forests 2023 is 'Forests and Food'
2. Norway topped the list in World Happiness Report 2023.
3. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was created by World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme.

**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**

**55. Consider the following statements:**

1. As per India State of Forest Report-2021, forests cover 28.62% of the geographical area of the country.
2. India has been ranked at the 106<sup>th</sup> place in World Happiness Report 2023.
3. The headquarters of IPCC are located in Rome, Italy.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**56. Consider the following statements:**

1. A pilot project to irradiate onions with Gamma rays before sending them into cold storage is in the pipeline.

2. Asia's largest International Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) was recently inaugurated at Ladakh.
3. International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recently cleared a \$30 Billion bailout for Sri Lanka.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**57. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Kharif variety of Onion will be considered for irradiation.
2. LMTs are devices that consist a mirror-made with a reflective liquid, essentially water.
3. IMF's Extended Fund Facility (EFF) is provided when a country faces serious medium-term balance of payments (BoP) problems.

**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**

**58. Consider the following statements:**

1. Gamma ray, X-ray or electrons do not induce any radioactivity in food.
2. LMTs are stationary telescopes that image a strip of sky which is at the zenith.
3. IMF does not lend for specific projects.

**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**

**59. Consider the following statements:**

1. Khandagiri and Udaygiri caves are located in Jharkhand.
2. Technology and Innovation Report 2023 is released by World Trade Organisation.
3. A new International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area office was recently inaugurated in New 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: C**

**60. Consider the following statements:**

1. Khandagiri and Udaygiri caves are associated with Buddhism.
2. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is a permanent body of the United Nations General Assembly.
3. International Telecommunication Union is a specialized agency of UN.

**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**

**61. Consider the following statements:**

1. There are 18 caves in Udayagiri and 15 in Khandagiri.
2. The headquarters of UNCTAD are located in New York.
3. The headquarters of ITU are located in Geneva.

**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**

**62. The 'Call before U dig' app. is an initiative of-**

- A. Department of Telecommunications
- B. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**63. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sarus Crane (Grus Antigone) is world's tallest flying bird.
2. Vedic Portal, launched recently, aims to communicate message enshrined in the Vedas.
3. World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**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**

**64. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sarus Crane is classified as endangered on the IUCN Red list.

2. Vedic portal has over 18 thousand mantras of the four vedas with a duration of over 550 hours.
3. Theme for World TB Day 2023 is "Yes! We can end TB!"

**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**

**65. Consider the following statements:**

1. Samaspur Bird Sanctuary is located in Bihar.
2. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is the nodal coordinating agency for Project Mausam under Ministry of Tourism.
3. Tuberculosis is an infection caused by a virus called Rhinovirus.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**66. Consider the following statements:**

1. Lok Sabha has recently passed the bill for formation of GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT).
2. Lake Natron, seen recently in news, is located in Uganda.
3. Tanzania has recently confirmed its first-ever outbreak of Marburg virus.

**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**

**67. Consider the following statements:**

1. GSTAT benches would be set up in every state with two judicial members and two technical members.
2. Lake Natron is an alkaline lake.
3. Marburg and Ebola viruses are members of the Filoviridae family (filovirus).

**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**

**68. Consider the following statements:**

1. GSTAT principal bench will be in Mumbai.
2. Lake Natron supports marshy ecosystems and a healthy population of Flamingoes.
3. Marburg virus disease was initially detected in 1967 in United Kingdom.

**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**

**69. Consider the following statements:**

1. Aravalli Green Wall Project covers four states - Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi.
2. Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) in its sixth consecutive successful flight placed 36 satellites of OneWeb into Geo transfer Orbit.
3. A statue of Lord Basaveshwara was recently inaugurated in Bengaluru.

**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**

**70. Consider the following statements:**

1. Aravalli Green Wall Project aims to create 50 km green buffer area across Aravalli Hill Range.
2. LVM3 is a three-stage rocket.
3. Basavanna spread social awareness through his poetry, popularly known as Vachanaas.

**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**

**71. Consider the following statements:**

1. Highest peak in Aravalli range is Guru Shikhar.
2. LVM3 has a carrying capacity of 8 tonnes to LEO and 4 tonnes to Geo Transfer Orbit.
3. Basava Purana which holds full account of Basavanna's life and ideas was written by Palkuriki Somanatha in 13<sup>th</sup> century.

**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**

**72. Consider the following statements:**

1. Atmospheric rivers are relatively long, narrow regions in the atmosphere that transport water vapour outside of tropics.
2. Barda in Madhya Pradesh has been recognized as potential site where Asiatic lions can be introduced.
3. Parole and furlough are reformatory processes covered under the Prisons Act of 1894.

**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**

**73. Consider the following statements:**

1. An atmospheric river called the "Pineapple Express" picks up warm, moist air in Atlantic Ocean.
2. Asiatic Lion is found in India and Iran only.
3. Furlough is given to a prisoner for a specific reason.

**Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**74. Consider the following statements:**

1. Most Atmospheric Rivers are weak systems that often provide beneficial rain or snow that is crucial to the water supply.
2. The IUCN status for Asiatic Lion is Critically Endangered.
3. The period of furlough granted to a prisoner is treated as remission of his sentence.

**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**

**75. Consider the following statements:**

1. Institution of Eminence Scheme aims to establish 30 prestigious institutions.
2. A decision was recently taken to release one tigress each to Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve and Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve.
3. SMILE and SHRESHTA scheme are under Ministry of Home Affairs.

**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**

**76. Consider the following statements:**

1. Institution of Eminence Scheme introduced by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2017.
2. The Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve is located in Rajasthan's Kota district.
3. SHRESHTA scheme aims to provide quality education and opportunities to Scheduled Caste students.

**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**

**77. Consider the following statements:**

1. For IoE certification, an institute must be in top 50 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in their category.
2. The Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve is situated in the southwestern part of Madhya Pradesh.
3. SMILE scheme includes a subscheme - 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in Begging'.

**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**

**78. A new book titled 'Basu Chatterji: And Middle-of-the-Road Cinema' has been released by-**

- A. Manav Oberoi
- B. Aniruddha Bhattacharjee
- C. Kamal Hassan
- D. Rana Sangha

**ANSWER: B**

**79. Consider the following statements:**

1. Asia-Africa Legal Consultative Organisation was established in 1996 as the outcome of Bandung Conference.
2. The NGT has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes.
3. Saudi Arabia has approved to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as a fulltime member.

**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**

**80. Consider the following statements:**

1. Asia-Africa Legal Consultative Organisation assists member states in drafting constitutions, model legislations and bilateral agreements.
2. Vembanad is a Ramsar site and is the longest lake in India.
3. SCO member comprise 20% of the global population and nearly 40% of the global GDP.

**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**

**81. Consider the following statements:**

1. Asia-Africa Legal Consultative Organisation is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.
2. Ashtamudi lake is known as gateway to Kerala backwaters.
3. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) headquarters are located in Astana, Kazakhstan.

**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**



## HIMACHAL PRADESH PRACTICE MCQS

1. **Sujanpur Holi Utsav, celebrated in Hamirpur, was started 300 years ago by-**

- A. Katoch Dynasty
- B. Surya Dynasty
- C. Veer Dynasty
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

2. **The three day Tshechu fair recently began at Rewalsar in \_\_\_\_\_ district.**

- A. Una
- B. Mandi
- C. Shimla
- D. Lhaul Spiti

**ANSWER: B**

3. **Recently Rs 1,311.20 crore under the phase-1 of the proposed infrastructure development investment programme has been approved by-**

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

4. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The Himachal Pradesh Sadhbhawana Legacy Cases Resolution Scheme 2023 will be notified for three months initially.
- 2. Interest and penalty have been waived in the 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**

5. **IIT Mandi was set up in the year-**

- A. 2008
- B. 2009
- C. 2013
- D. 2014

**ANSWER: B**

6. **Who has been appointed as Director of the CSIR-IHBT, Palampur?**

- A. A P Singh
- B. Prabodh Kumar Trivedi
- C. Sanjay Kumar

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

7. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Gaggal Airport is located in Kangra district.
- 2. Social Impact Assessment for airport expansion was ordered 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**

8. **The number of government run schools in Himachal Pradesh is around-**

- A. 5000
- B. 15000
- C. 25000
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

9. **Himachal Pradesh Loktantra Prahri Samman scheme provided for monthly pension to-**

- A. Freedom fighters
- B. Disabled
- C. Activists against emergency in 1975
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

10. **The amount awarded under the 'Himachal Pradesh Mahila Vikas Protsahan Puraskar' has been increased to-**

- A. 50 thousand
- B. 70 thousand
- C. 90 thousand
- D. 1 lakh

**ANSWER: D**

11. **A world-class cancer hospital will be set up in -**

- A. Solan
- B. Hamirpur
- C. Kangra
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Who has been elected as chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Himachal Pradesh?**

- A. Gagan Kapoor
- B. Anirudh Prabhakar
- C. Bhawani Singh
- D. Pritam Sharma

**ANSWER: A**

**13. A double-lane bridge will be built over the Beas at Pirdi in-**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Nurpur was formerly known as \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Dhamera, Solan
- B. Dhamera, Kangra
- C. Thumari, Kangra
- D. Thumari, Solan

**ANSWER: B**

**15. The second edition of snow marathon is going to be held at-**

- A. Sissu
- B. Mandi
- C. Udaipur
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**16. The Tibetan Uprising Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ and the headquarters of Tibetan government in exile are located in\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. March 8<sup>th</sup>, Shimla
- B. March 9<sup>th</sup>, Dalhousie
- C. March 10<sup>th</sup>, Dharamshala
- D. March 11<sup>th</sup>, Dharamshala

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Which university emerged overall winner in All-India Inter-University Powerlifting (Women) Championship 2022-23 held in Dharamshala?**

- A. University of Calicut
- B. Kolkata university
- C. Panjab University
- D. College of Physical Education, Pune

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Foundation of an Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre has been recently laid in-**

- A. Kullu
- B. Solan
- C. Shimla
- D. Lhaul Spiti

**ANSWER: A**

**19. The maximum number of migrants having double ration cards has been reported in-**

- A. Nalagarh
- B. Lhaul spiti
- C. Nurpur
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Chakki rivulet is a tributary of -**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**21. Baba Balak Nath Temple is located in which district?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**22. An open state MTB (Mountain Biking /Cycling) championship is slated to be held in-**

- A. Lhaul Spiti
- B. Kangra
- C. Shimla
- D. Paonta Sahib

**ANSWER: C**

**23. Who is known as Millet Man of Himachal?**

- A. Nek Ram Sharma
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**ANSWER: A**

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**ANSWER: A**

**25. Consider the following statements:**

1. According to the recent economic Survey, the per capita income (PCI) at current prices is estimated at Rs 222,227 in 2022-23.
2. Himachal's PCI is more than national average.

**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. Nalwari Fair is celebrated in-**

- A. Bilaspur
- B. Kangra
- C. Kinnaur
- D. Una

**ANSWER: A**

**27. NotOnMap H2O House was awarded the "Gold Award" under the IRTA-2023 in the Sustainable Leadership Homestay category. It is located in-**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**28. A Butterfly Museum has been set up Sihunta in Bhattiyat. It is located in-**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**29. The 'Hategi Fulnu, Lautegi Charagah' campaign is aimed to draw awareness towards-**

- A. Forest fires
- B. Floods
- C. Deforestation
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**30. A mild intensity earthquake of 2.8 magnitude hit the state with epicentre in-**

- A. Kinnaur
- B. Solan
- C. Shimla
- D. Una

**ANSWER: A**

**31. The Himachal Pradesh Government's proposal to impose water cess on hydropower projects has been opposed by legislative assemblies of-**

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B

**ANSWER: C**

**32. The Centre has rejected the Rs 22-crore project for the revival of the dried Dal Lake. It is located in-**

- A. Dharamshala
- B. Solan
- C. Shimla
- D. Una

**ANSWER: A**

**33. The length of proposed Shimla Ropeway Project will be-**

- A. 1.4 Km
- B. 14.13 Km
- C. 1.3 Km
- D. 13.14 Km

**ANSWER: B**

**34. Balh Valley is located in -**

- A. Shimla
- B. Solan
- C. Mandi
- D. Lhaul Spiti

**ANSWER: C**

**35. A World Bank-funded ambitious Road Safety Enforcement Project (RSEP) has been approved for-**

- A. Manali
- B. Kullu
- C. Nurpur
- D. Chamba

**ANSWER: C**

**36. The observation that the number of transistors in an integrated circuit (IC) doubles about every two years is called-**

- A. Moore's Law
- B. Bellet's Law
- C. Mook's Law
- D. Cook's Law

**ANSWER: A**

**37. Muskan, who resigned recently, was the youngest Zila Parishad (ZP) chairperson in Himachal Pradesh from-**

- A. Bilaspur
- B. Solan
- C. Kasauli
- D. Shimla

**ANSWER: A**

**38. The Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR) and DME (Distance Measuring Instrument) systems has been recently commissioned for airport in-**

- A. Bhuntar
- B. Kangra- Gaggal
- C. Jubbarhatti
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**39. Shinku La connects Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul Valley and \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Spiti Valley
- B. Zaskar Valley
- C. Kangra Valley
- D. Parvati Valley

**ANSWER: B**

**40. Which of the following has become the lone government college in the state to secure an 'A' grade from NAAC?**

- A. Government Post Graduate College, Sinjauli
- B. Government College, Chamba
- C. Shree Guru Gobind Singh Ji Government College, Paonta Sahib
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**



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