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POLITY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The 79th Amendment of Constitution in 1991 inserted Article 239AA to give National Capital of Delhi special status.
2. Article 239AA, empowers the L-G to refer a difference of opinion on 'any matter' with the Council of Ministers to the Parliament.

Which 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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Committee of Privileges in both houses consists of 15 members.
2. Parliamentary privileges do not extend to the president.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

3. The first fully 'e-governed state' in India is -

- A. Kerala
- B. Gujarat
- C. Goa
- D. Sikkim

ANSWER: A

4. The term 'forum shopping', seen recently in news, is associated with-

- A. Increased consumerism
- B. Share market 'insider trading'
- C. Journalism
- D. Judiciary

ANSWER: D

ECONOMY

1. The tax on industry for an "unearned, unanticipated gain in income through no additional effort or expense" in economic terms is called-

- A. Rainfall Tax
- B. Bonus Tax
- C. Lucky Tax
- D. Windfall Tax

2. ANSWER: DAs per recent records, the total gold reserves held by RBI is-

- A. 700 tonnes
- B. 800 tonnes
- C. 900 tonnes
- D. 1100 tonnes

ANSWER: B

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Bank for International Settlements is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland.
2. It acts as a bank for central banks.

Which 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. India's first International Multimodal Logistics Park is to come up in Meghalaya.
2. It is being constructed by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

5. A class of debt instruments, the proceeds of which are used to fund a firm's shift towards a reduced environmental impact are called-

- A. Green bonds

- B. Amber bonds
- C. Phase Bonds
- D. Transition bonds

ANSWER: D

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Project SMART stands for Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail.
- 2. Recently a MoU was signed for development of four high-speed stations — Mumbai, Surat, Virar and Ahmedabad.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Financial Stability and Development Council is a non-statutory body under Ministry of Finance.
- 2. It is chaired by Prime Minister.

Which 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. The nodal Ministry for implementing Deep Ocean Mission is-

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Earth Sciences

ANSWER: D

9. Chheligada Irrigation Project, seen recently in news, is being built on river-

- A. Godavari
- B. Cauvery
- C. Badjhore
- D. Tapi

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Central Consumer Protection Authority is regulatory authority set up under Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
- 2. It functions under the 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: D

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Syndicate Bank was the first Regional Rural bank in India.
- 2. RRBs' capital is contributed by Government of India, State Government and Sponsor Bank in proportion of 50:35:15.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

12. LIBOR, in economics, stands for

- A. Lebanon Interbank Offered Rate
- B. Louisiana Interbank Offered Rate
- C. Lucknow Interbank Offered Rate
- D. London Interbank Offered Rate

ANSWER: D

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Ministry of Finance has established the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE).
- 2. It aims to smoothen the exit process for companies.

Which 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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. T P Rajendran committee and Anupam Varma committee are associated with review of pesticides.

2. The central govt. recently banned 27 pesticides.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

15. Which state has the maximum number of GI tags?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: D

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sanchar Saathi Portal was launched recently by Ministry of Electronics and IT .
- 2. It has been developed by C-DoT under the Department of Tele-communications.

Which 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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Smt. Ravneet Kaur has become the first woman chairperson of CCI.
- 2. Competition Commission of India is an affiliated office with Ministry of Corporate 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: C

18. The Supreme court-appointed expert panel in the Hindenburg-Adani case was headed by-

- A. Justice A.M. Sapre
- B. Nandan Nilekani
- C. K.V. Kamath
- D. Somasekhar Sundaresan

ANSWER: A

19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Open Network for Digital Commerce is an open source network set up modelled after the Unified Payments Interface.
- 2. It is an initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Which 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. New Development Bank has announced the launch of its Indian Regional Office in GIFT City.
- 2. GIFT City is located in Ahmedabad, 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: A

21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Germany is world's third largest and Europe's largest economy.
- 2. A recession is identified by three consecutive quarters of decline in a country's real GDP.

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

22. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A special ₹75 coin has been launched to commemorate the inauguration of India's new parliament building.

2. It is made of alloy of gold, silver, copper, nickel and Zinc.

Which 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. SAMARTH campaign to promote digital transactions at the Gram Panchayat level was recently launched by -

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Rural development
- C. Ministry of MSME

D. Ministry of Panchayati Raj

ANSWER: B

24. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Gongadi shawls are found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- 2. The wool of the indigenous sheep Nalla Goraae is used to weave these shawls.

Which 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. Sun Halo occurs when sunlight passes through unique hexagonal ice crystals in the atmosphere.
- 2. Hexagonal ice crystals are found in cumulus clouds.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER:

2. AConsider the following statements:

- 1. Gum arabic is a natural gum originally consisting of the hardened sap of two species of the Acacia tree.
- 2. It is only found in the Arabian Peninsula.

Which 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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The aurora was captured on camera in India for the first time in Arunachal Pradesh.
- 2. In the Northern Hemisphere, the aurora is called the aurora borealis.

Which 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. Yanomami Territory, seen frequently in news, is indigenous land in -

- A. Brazil
- B. China
- C. Indonesia
- D. Mongolia

ANSWER: A

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Cyclone Mocha, a tropical cyclone, has developed in Arabian Sea.
- 2. It has been named by Oman.

Which 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

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Lithium reserves were recently discovered in Rajasthan.
- 2. Argentina, Brazil and Chile are part of Lithium Triangle.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The Sahel is the eco-climatic and biogeographic realm of transition in Africa.
2. The name is derived from the Arabic term for "desert".

Which 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. Mount Etna volcano is located in Sicily, Italy.
2. It is the tallest active volcano in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Which 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. Shabelle River, seen recently in news due to flash floods, is located in-**

- A. Brazil
- B. South Africa
- C. Somalia
- D. France

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Dakshin Gangotri was the 1st Indian permanent research station in Arctic established in 1983.
2. Bharti research station is located in Norway.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Hmar, Kuki, Mizo, and Zomi are tribes from Mnaipur.
2. The tribals Nagas and Kukis live mostly in the Imphal Valley whereas Meiteis live in the hill districts.

Which 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

ART AND CULTURE

- 1. The Jantar Mantar in _____ is the largest sundial in the world.**

- A. Delhi
- B. Ujjain
- C. Mathura
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Kondh tribe in Madhya Pradesh celebrate Bihan Mela or the seed festival.
2. The seed festival was initiated by Nirman, a non-profit organization.

Which 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. Channapatna toys are a particular form of wooden toys manufactured in Kerala.
2. They received the geographical indication (GI) tag in 2005.

Which 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. Lord Buddha was born as Prince Siddhartha Gautama on the full moon day in 563 BC at Sarnath.
2. In Hinduism, Buddha is considered as the ninth avatar of Lord Vishnu.

Which 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. Tungnath Temple in _____ has recently been declared as a national monument.

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Ladakh

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Malcha Mahal, a of haunted heritage site, is located in Bhopal.
2. It was built by Feroz Shah Tughlaq in the 14th century.

Which 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. Maharana Pratap was a Rajput King who belonged to Sisodiya clan of Rajputs.
2. He won the battle of Haldighati against Mughals in 1576.

Which 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. Cham Dance is a masked dance unique to Tibetan Buddhism.
2. Padma Sambhava, the founder of Nyingmapa is believed to have started the Cham Dance tradition.

Which 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. Kheer Bhawani Mela is annually celebrated in -

- A. Haryana
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: B

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Optical tweezers grab particles, atoms, molecules, and living cells with their laser beam fingers.
2. Arthur Ashkin won Nobel Prize for inventing Optical Tweezers.

Which 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. Fluhorse, seen recently in news, is a-

- A. Malware
- B. Disease in horses and other equine species
- C. Mini-satellite by Saudi Arabia
- D. Food delicacy in Iran

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Molecular motors are a class of proteins that convert mechanical energy to chemical energy.

2. Disruption or deregulation in these processes can lead to different 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

4. Watsonx is a new artificial intelligence and data platform launched by-

- A. IBM
- B. HCL
- C. Infosys
- D. Microsoft

ANSWER: A

5. The first state in the country to launch a state robotics framework is -

- A. Telangana
- B. Karnataka
- C. Goa
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: A

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Molybdenum-99 production facility was recently inaugurated in Bengaluru.
- 2. Molybdenum-99 is the parent isotope of technetium-99m, which is used in medical imaging.

Which 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. National Hadron Beam Therapy Facility was launched in Navi Mumbai.
- 2. In Hadron Beam therapy, the irradiating beams are made of Xrays.

Which 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. The AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' has been ranked 75th in the world in Top 500 Global Supercomputing List
- 2. It has a remarkable speed of 13170 petaflops.

Which 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. Jugalbandi, a generative AI-driven multilingual chatbot has been launched recently by-

- A. Google
- B. Microsoft
- C. Infosys
- D. HCL

ANSWER: B

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. In Narco tests, physiological responses of person are measured against assumption that these are different when a person speaks truth or is lying.
- 2. In Lie Detector Test, a person is sedated into hypnotic state where he/she is understood as being incapable of lying.

Which 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

DEFENSE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Project 15B involves manufacturing of indigenous conventional submarines.
2. INS Vishakhapatnam, INS Mormugao, INS Imphal and INS Surat are part of Project 15B.

Which 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. Bluebugging, seen recently in news, is related to-

- A. Environment protection
- B. Fish farming
- C. Ocean acidification
- D. Cyber crime

ANSWER: D

3. An integrated surveillance and firepower training exercise 'Buland Bharat' was conducted in

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Manipur
- C. Ladakh
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER: D

4. Indian army's Battlefield Surveillance system is being developed under-

- A. Project Sanjay
- B. Project Ajay
- C. Project Vijay
- D. Project Digvijay

ANSWER: A

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21s are double engine, single-seater multi-role fighter aircraft.
2. MiG 21 fighter aircrafts were first inducted by India in 1949.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

6. India's first Indian Air Force Heritage Centre was recently inaugurated in-

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Bhopal
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Delhi

ANSWER: C

7. Cyber Surakshit Bharat is an initiative of -

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Operation Samudragupt is associated with rescue of Indian migrants from Sudan.
2. Golden crescent comprises of Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan.

Which 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. Exercise Samudra Shakti is a bilateral naval exercise between India and

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Myanmar
- C. Indonesia
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Operation Dhvast was recently carried out by National Investigation Agency.
2. NIA operates under the Ministry of Home 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: C

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Zorawar Tank is a light weight tank developed by DRDO and L&T.
2. The tank has been named after the legendary General Zorawar Singh Kahluria who served under Jammu's Raja Gulab Singh.

Which 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. GBU-57, seen in news recently, is an earth-penetrating strike weapon.
2. B-2 stealth bomber is the only aircraft that can deploy the bomb.

Which 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. INS Sindhuratna, which has been retrofitted recently from Russia, is a/an

- A. Frigate

- B. Submarine
- C. Aircraft carrier
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: B

14. Kheiber missile has been recently tested by-

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Pakistan
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

15. USA has recently approved the sale of \$285 million worth NASAMS Air Defence System to-

- A. India
- B. Sudan
- C. South Korea
- D. Ukraine

ANSWER: D

16. Exercise Al Mohed Al Hindi is a bilateral naval exercise between India and -

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

ANSWER: D

SPACE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Starberry sense is a low cost sensor recently launched in space by ISRO.
2. It is designed to quickly calculate the orientation of a spacecraft by identifying stars in its field of view.

Which 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. START- Space Science and Technology Awareness Training programme has been launched by Ministry of Education.
2. It is aimed at post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology.

Which 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. A semi-cryogenic engine uses refined kerosene instead of liquid hydrogen.
2. However, refined Kerosene occupies more space and thus has fuel carrying capacity constraint.

Which 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. XPoSat is world's second polarimetry mission to study X-rays after Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE) of European Space Agency.
2. X-rays are low energy radiations with longer wavelengths.

Which 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

ENVIRONMENT

1. Consider the following statements:

1. National Green Hydrogen Mission was launched in 2021.
2. Blue Hydrogen is produced using electrolysis of water with electricity generated by renewable energy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

2. Achanakmar Tiger Reserve is located in-

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

ANSWER: A

3. 'Fit for 55' programme for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, is an initiative of-

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. European Union
- D. African Union

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Hijol, or Indian oak, is a medium-sized deciduous tree.
2. It is commonly found in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna basin.

Which 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. River Cities Alliance is a joint initiative of Ministry of Jal Shakti &

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- D. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Gangetic Dolphin is the national aquatic animal of India.
2. Its IUCN status is critically 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: A

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Kali Tiger Reserve is located in Maharashtra.
2. It is part of the Western Ghats.

Which 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. Consider the following statements:

1. Ozone pollution refers to stratospheric ozone.
2. It is formed when oxides of nitrogen & Volatile Organic Compounds react in the presence of sunlight.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Already more than 50000 water bodies have been rejuvenated under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
2. Mission Amrit Sarovar aims to develop minimum 100 Amrit Sarovar in every district of the country.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

10. Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary is located in-

- A. Bihar
- B. West Bengal
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Assam

ANSWER: D

11. Consider the following statements:

1. "Meri LiFE" app aims to encourage and facilitate youth participation in combating climate change.
2. It has been launched by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Which 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. Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
2. It was notified as the 46th Tiger Reserve of India in 2013.

Which 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. Sea butterflies are holoplanktonic creatures that spend most or all of their life cycle solely within the water column.

2. Sea butterflies are herbivorous organisms that feed primarily on phytoplankton.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in Kerala.
2. It is situated at the confluence of the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats.

Which 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

15. A 5,000-year-old tree, nicknamed "Great Grandfather" is located in which country?

- A. Argentina
- B. Bolivia
- C. Chile
- D. Paraguay

ANSWER: C

16. Consider the following statements:

1. World Metrological Organisation is a specialized agency of UN.
2. Its headquarters are located in Rome, Italy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Mexican axolotls are able to regenerate lost body parts like limbs, gills, eyes etc.
2. Its IUCN red list status 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: A

18. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has established an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee headed by-

- Brijesh tripathi
- Anant bishnoi
- Rajesh gopal
- None of the above

ANSWER: C

19. The first-ever Urban Climate Film Festival is going to take place in

- Mumbai
- New Delhi
- Bengaluru

D. Kolkata

ANSWER: D

20. Consider the following statements:

- Odisha houses all three species of crocodiles- Gharial, Mugger and Saltwater crocodiles.
- IUCN red list status of Gharial is 'Endangered'.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

INTERNATIONAL

1. Consider the following statements:

- About 19 nations have recently shown interest in joining BRICS.
- BRICS headquarters are located in Cape Town.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

2. Asia Initiative or Bali Declaration, seen recently in news, is associated with-

- Environment protection
- Taxation
- Disaster management
- Illegal smuggling of arms and ammunition.

ANSWER: B

3. Consider the following statements:

- Painted Storks (*Mycteria leucocephala*) are birds endemic to India only.
- Its IUCN Status is 'Near Threatened'.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following statements:

- The G-7 does not have a formal constitution and is headquartered in New York.

- Russia joined G7 in 1996 and group was called G8 till 2014.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

5. "Laundromat" countries are countries that buy _____ oil and sell processed products to European countries.

- Afghanistan
- Russian
- North Korean
- Iranian

ANSWER: B

6. A statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was recently revealed in-

- Tanzania
- Mauritius
- Nyanmar
- Bhutan

ANSWER: B

7. Project Dantak of Borders Road Organisation is aimed to construct motorable roads in

- Tibet
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Bhutan

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

1. I2U2 is a grouping formed by India, Indonesia, the UAE, and the USA.
2. It is also referred to as the West Asian Quad.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

9. Sittwe Port that has been constructed with financial aid from India is located in-

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Myanmar
- C. Djibouti
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: B

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The 6th edition of Indian Ocean Conference is being held in New Delhi, India.
2. Its theme is "Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future".

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Amy E. Pope of Italy has been elected the next Director General of International Organization for Migration.
2. World Migration Report is published annually by IOM.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

12. India has initiated '50 Startups Exchange Programme' with which of the following countries?

- A. USA
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. UAE

ANSWER: B

13. Fathi Bashagha has been recently expelled from the post of Prime minister of-

- A. Sudan
- B. Libya
- C. Democratic Republic of Congo
- D. Ivory Coast

ANSWER: B

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Rasht-Astara railway connects the countries of Iran and Armenia.
2. It is part of International North-South Transport Corridor.

Which 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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. A bust of Mahatma Gandhi was recently inaugurated in Hiroshima, Japan.
2. Hiroshima was the site of world's first nuclear bomb nicknamed Fat Man.

Which 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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. India has launched Operation Dhvast to aid those affected by Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar.
2. The name 'Mocha' has been suggested by Yemen.

Which 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. Indian Railways has recently handed over 20 broad gauge locomotives to-

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bhutan
- C. Myanmar
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: D

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Eurasian Economic Union has accelerated efforts on proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India.
2. Its member states are Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz, and Russia.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

19. Consider the following statements:

1. The Anti-Corruption Working Group meeting under the G20 India Presidency was held in Mumbai.
2. The ACWG is chaired by the Presidency of the G20 and a co-chair.

Which 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. A \$17 billion project named Route of Development project has been launched by-

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

ANSWER: A

21. Consider the following statements:

1. CAG of India has been re-elected as External Auditor of the World Health Organization.
2. He has been elected for a 5-year term.

Which 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

DAYS TO REMEMBER

1. Maharashtra and Gujarat were established by dividing Bombay state on May 1st in

- A. 1958
- B. 1959
- C. 1960
- D. 1961

ANSWER: C

2. World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on

- A. May 1st
- B. May 2nd
- C. May 3rd
- D. May 4th

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

1. International Leopard Day is observed on May 3rd.
2. IUCN Red list categorizes Leopard as '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: A

4. International Firefighters Day is observed each year on

- A. May 1st
- B. May 2nd
- C. May 3rd
- D. May 4th

ANSWER: D

5. World Athletics Day is observed every year on

- A. May 5th
- B. May 6th
- C. May 7th
- D. May 8th

ANSWER: C

6. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated every year on-

- A. May 5th
- B. May 6th
- C. May 7th
- D. May 8th

ANSWER: D

7. The theme for International Nurses Day 2023 is

- A. Nurses Care.

- B. Our Nurses. Our Future.
- C. Thank the Nurse.
- D. My Nurse. My Friend.

ANSWER: B

8. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on second Saturday of _____

- A. May
- B. October
- C. June
- D. Both A and B

ANSWER: D

9. The theme of International Day of Families 2023 is.

- A. Family comes first
- B. Demographic Trends and Families
- C. Family is the building block of world
- D. Family is foundation in character

ANSWER: B

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed on May 17th.
- 2. International Telecommunication Union headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

11. World Hypertension Day 2023 was observed on

- A. May 15th
- B. May 16th
- C. May 17th
- D. May 18th

ANSWER: C

12. The theme for International Museum Day 2023 is-

- A. Museum for future
- B. Museums, Sustainability and Well-being
- C. Museum- learnings from past
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

13. World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed on -

- A. May 15th
- B. May 16th
- C. May 17th
- D. May 18th

ANSWER: D

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Bee Day is annually held on May 20th.
- 2. Its theme this year is "Engaging in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production."

Which 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 Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed on-

- A. May 18th
- B. May 19th
- C. May 20th
- D. May 21st

ANSWER: D

16. World Metrology Day is celebrated on 20th May. Its theme this year was-

- A. Measurements supporting the global food system
- B. Measurements to attain Sustainable Development Goals
- C. Measurements- the right amount, Every time!
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

17. World Turtle Day is an annually observed on-

- A. May 20th
- B. May 21st
- C. May 22nd
- D. May 23rd

ANSWER: D

18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Schizophrenia Awareness Day is observed every year on May 24th.
- 2. Men are twice as likely to develop schizophrenia as compared to women.

Which 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. The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2023 is-

- A. "Say no to Tobacco"
- B. "Tobacco kills families"

- C. "Tobacco is delayed death"
D. "We need food, not tobacco"

ANSWER: D

PERSON NEWS

1. Ranajit Guha, who passed away recently, was a famous-

- A. Cricketer
B. Painter
C. Politician
D. Historian

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Karaikudi R Rani who passed away recently, was a renowned Mridangam player.
2. Mrindangam is one of the oldest Indian string instruments.

Which 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. Robert E Lucas, who passed away recently, won the Nobel Prize for _____ in 1995.

- A. Medicine
B. Peace

- C. Chemistry
D. Economy

ANSWER: D

4. Sarath Babu, who passed away recently, was a renowned-

- A. Actor
B. Cricketer
C. Painter
D. Musician

ANSWER: A

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Mohammad Iqbal wrote the famous song 'Saare jahan se achha'.
2. He was also decorated as Knight by King George V.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

INDEX AND REPORTS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. World Press Freedom Index is released by Reporters Without Borders.
2. India's rank improved from 160th to 151st in this year's 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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. 'The Race to Net Zero: Accelerating Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific' report was recently released by UNESCAP.
2. UNESCAP headquarters are located in Manila, Philippines.

Which 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. Consider the following statements:

1. Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has secured the 2nd position in recent Data Governance Quality Index
2. Data Governance Quality Index is released by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Which 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. 'Incentivising the Development of New Antibacterial Treatments 2023' Report has been released by-

- A. G20
- B. World Bank
- C. United Nations Environment Programme
- D. World Health Organization

ANSWER: D

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. "Thriving: Making Cities Green, Resilient, and Inclusive in a Changing Climate" report was

recently released by United Nations Environment Programme.

- 2. As per the report, cities in lower-income countries account for 54% of global urban CO2 emissions.

Which 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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Who has been appointed as the next Central Bureau of Investigation director?

- A. Manav Agnihotri
- B. Jayant Naralikar
- C. Parveen Sood
- D. Deepak Singhania

ANSWER: C

1. Who has been recently appointed as the new UPSC Chairman?

- A. Manoj Soni
- B. Smita Nagaraj
- C. Rajiv Nayan Choubey
- D. Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

ANSWER: A

1. Who has been appointed as new chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India?

- A. Deepak Ramania
- B. Aniket Jiaswal
- C. Harsh Jain
- D. none of the above

ANSWER: C

POLICY AND PROGRAMME

1. Consider the following statements:

1. National SC-ST Hub recently crossed 1 crore registrations.
2. It is implemented by National Small Industries Corporation under Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

Which 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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Mission Karmayogi aims to prepare Civil Servants for the future.
2. It seeks to shift the focus from role-specific to rule-specific.

Which 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. Consider the following statements:

1. National Centre for Good Governance trains civil servants from other countries as well.
2. NCGG is governed by a Governing Body, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

Which 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. Raising and Accelerating MSMEs Performance Program is an International Monetary Fund backed scheme.
2. The National MSME Council has been set up to oversee inter-Central Ministerial/Departmental coordination.

Which 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. As per recent statistics 'One station one product' Scheme covers 728 railway stations in 21 states and 3 union territories.
2. All the stalls are designed by the National Design Institute.

Which 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. Rehabilitation Council of India is a statutory body under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
2. It is under the purview of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Mega textile parks under PM MITRA scheme will be set up in each coastal state.
2. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is the nodal ministry for this scheme.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

8. e-Malkhana, seen recently in news, is associated with-

- A. Promoting sport of Pole Mallakhamba
- B. Dairy producers to promote butter production
- C. Property seized and evidences collected from the crime scene
- D. None of the above

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

1. REWARD is an Asian Development Bank assisted Watershed development program.
2. It is being implemented in the States of Karnataka and Odisha.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

SOCIAL EDUCATION HEALTH

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Fabry Disease, seen in news, is a rare inherited neurological disorder.
2. It belongs to a group of diseases known as lysosomal storage disorders.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. The dengue virus belongs to the family Flaviviridae and has four serotypes.
2. It is an illness spread by the bite of infected Anopheles mosquitos

Which 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. CU– Chayan, a unified faculty recruitment portal has been recently launched by-**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. All India Council for Technical Education
- C. University Grants Commission
- D. National Council of Educational Research and Training

ANSWER: C**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Food Street Project' aims at developing 1000 healthy and hygienic food-streets across the country.
2. The National Health Mission will provide assistance of 2 crore rupees per food street.

Which 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**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. Arexvy is a vaccine recently approved by USFDA for Respiratory Syncytial Virus.
2. There is no people to people transmission of RSV.

Which 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. SAKSHAM: Learning Management Information System was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. SAKSHAM is a dedicated and unified platform for providing online training and medical education to all health professionals in the country.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C**7. The 75/25 initiative seen recently in news, is associated with-**

- A. Non communicable diseases
- B. Air pollution
- C. Cube satellites
- D. Artificial intelligence

ANSWER: A**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. Lump Skin Disease is an acute to chronic, highly infectious bacterial disease.
2. The first reported outbreak of LSD occurred in Zambia in 1929.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Changathi project is under the Kerala Literacy Mission.
2. It aims at teaching migrant labourers how to read and write in Malayalam only.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Dengue has recently breached the country's last bastion, Ladakh.
2. The vector for dengue virus is majorly Female Anopheles mosquito.

Which 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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Disease X is a hypothetical, unknown pathogen that could cause a future epidemic.
2. Disease X could also be zoonotic, emerging from animals and spreading to humans.

Which 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

SPROTS

1. Who recently won the World Snooker Championship?

- A. Mark Selby
- B. Ronnie O'Sullivan
- C. Pankaj Advani
- D. Luca Brecel

ANSWER: D

2. Praveen Chithravel has recently broken the national record in the sports of-

- A. Half marathon
- B. Discus throw
- C. 400m hurdles
- D. Triple jump

ANSWER: D

3. The Doha Diamond League is associated with the sport of-

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Athletics
- D. Football

ANSWER: C

4. The Men's World Boxing Championship is being held in-

- A. Turkmenistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Tajikistan
- D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: D

5. Sarabjot Singh and TS Divya, seen in news recently, are associated with sport of-

- A. Table tennis
- B. Shooting
- C. Golf
- D. Snooker

ANSWER: B

6. Vuppala Praneeth who has become India's 82nd Grandmaster, hails from-

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

AWARDS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Maria Stepanova was recently awarded the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023.
2. She won the award for her poetry 'Girls Without Clothes' about hidden violence against the female body and the power imbalance.

Which 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. UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize 2023 has been awarded to Niloofar Hamed, Elaheh Mohammadi and Narges Mohammadi from-

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Sudan
- C. Pakistan
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

3. Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award is given for excellence in the field of-

- A. Astronomy
- B. Acting
- C. Cricket
- D. Writing

ANSWER: A

4. Who has been recently awarded Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur award?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. N. Chandrasekaran

ANSWER: D

5. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Shiksha Puraskar' and the 'Hinditar Bhashi Hindi Lekhak Puraskar' are given by Ministry of Culture.
2. These have been recently discontinued.

Which 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. Georgi Gospodinov's novel _____ has won the International Booker Prize 2023.

- A. Time Shelter
- B. The hero of this book
- C. Vladimir
- D. Young Mungo

ANSWER: A

7. The Dag Hammarskjold Medal is the highest honor awarded to-

- A. Cricketers
- B. Un peacekeepers
- C. Journalists
- D. Photographers

ANSWER: B

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTION

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Raja Ravi Varma was born in present day Uttar Pradesh.
2. World's second-deepest blue hole was recently discovered in Pacific Ocean.
3. National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22 was undertaken by Department of Science and Technology and World Bank.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Raja Ravi Varma was the first Indian artist to use oil paints.
2. Blue holes are large, undersea vertical caves or sinkholes found in coastal regions.
3. Gujarat ranked highest on NMIS score.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Raja Ravi Varma was awarded Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal in 1914 by British government.
- 2. Water circulation in Blue holes is poor, and they are commonly anoxic below a certain depth.
- 3. Headquarters of UNIDO are located in New York, USA.

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

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) initiative doesn't apply to domestic flights.
- 2. International Labour Day is observed on May 1st every year.
- 3. Yellow fever occurs in 47 endemic countries in Africa in Central and South America.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) was established in 1947 by Washington convention.
- 2. International Congress of Socialist parties met in Paris and decided to celebrate Labour Day or Worker's Day on May 1 in 1889.
- 3. The yellow fever is caused by bacteria and is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes.

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

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. HQ of International Air Transport Association (IATA) is located in Montreal, Canada.
- 2. The first Labor Day in India was celebrated on May 1, 1921.
- 3. A single dose of yellow fever vaccine, 17D, provides life-long immunity against the disease.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Methyltransferase protein helps the monkeypox virus to escape human immunity and causes monkeypox disease.
- 2. Simlipal Tiger Reserve is located in Chattisgarh.
- 3. The first ever ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2023) is being held in Brunei.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The first human case of mpox was recorded in 1970 in Botswana.
- 2. Simlipal is part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves by UNESCO.
- 3. With AIME-2023 India becomes the 4th ASEAN dialogue partner, after Russia, China and the US to hold the ASEAN+1 maritime exercise.

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

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Human-to-human transmission also occurs in monkeypox.
- 2. Simlipal TR is only landscape in the world that is home to melanistic tigers.
- 3. ASEAN was established in 1967 with the signing of the Jakarta declaration.

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) is under the purview of Ministry of Finance.
2. Star Campaigners are nominated by the Election Commission of India.
3. Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific (IF-CAP) has been recently announced by New Development Bank.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. An Experts Advisory Committee (EAC) has been created by DPIIT to execute and monitor the SISFS.
2. Model Code of Conduct stays operational from the date of election schedule announcement until the date of elections.
3. IF-CAP is a multi-donor financing partnership facility with goal of scaling-up finance for accelerated action against climate change.

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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Individual entrepreneurs are also eligible to apply for support under the SISFS scheme.
2. A 'recognised' National or State party declared as such by the ECI can nominate a maximum of 20 star campaigners.
3. Asian Development Bank headquarters are located at Manila.

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

13. High Commission of _____ in India has announced its Government Grant for a 'Return to Roots' project in Kargil.

- A. Australia
- B. USA
- C. New Zealand
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Ajay Banga has been appointed as World bank President.
2. The Meitei people represent 83% of Manipur's population.
3. Archeologists have unearthed 2,000-year-old society from tiger reserve in Bandhavgarh National Park.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. President of the World Bank is selected to serve for 4 year renewable term.
2. Meitei people are divided into clans, the members of which do not intermarry.
3. Bandhavgarh National Park is spread across the Vindhya hills in Umaria district in Madhya Pradesh.

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

16. Consider the following statements:

- A. India is not a member of International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes.
- B. A majority of Meitei population follow Christianity.
- C. Bandhavgarh National Park has streams like Johilla, Janadh, Charanganga etc which merge into the Chambal river.

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. None of India's national sports federations have an internal complaints committee required under PoSH act.
2. According to World Bank's Logistics Performance Index, 2023, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority has a turnaround time of just 22 hours.
3. Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve is located in Madhya Pradesh.

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. An Internal Complaints Committee is mandatory in every private or public organisation that has 20 or more employees.
2. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata is the only major riverine port in India.
3. Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve consists of Darrah wildlife sanctuary, Chambal wildlife sanctuary and Jaswant Sagar wildlife sanctuary.

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. The ICC should consist of at least four members of which at least 50% should be women.
2. Kolkata port is oldest operating port in India constructed by the British East India Company in 1870.
3. Mukundra Hills tiger reserve was once a hunting preserve belonging to the Maharaja of Bhopal.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

20. Consider the following statements:

1. Only 7 out of 28 states in India have a Legislative Council.
2. Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) is under process to create technical and scientific terminology for dictionaries in 10 Indian languages.
3. World Thalassaemia Day is observed on May 8th.

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

21. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 159 leaves the choice of having a Vidhan Parishad to individual states.
2. The dictionaries by CSTT will be in digital, searchable format, and free of cost.
3. Theme for International Thalassaemia Day 2023 is "Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap."

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

22. Consider the following statements:

1. 1/12th members of Legislative Council are appointed by the Governor for distinguished services in various fields namely, literature, science, art, cooperative movement and social service.
2. Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology is under Ministry of Science and Technology.
3. Thalassaemia is a genetic neurological disorder affecting the brain and spinal cord.

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

23. Consider the following statements:

1. Arab league members have recently readmitted Iran into the grouping.
2. Electoral Bonds were introduced in 2017-18.
3. After independence, Indian Territorial Army was established in 1949.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B**24. Consider the following statements:**

1. Arab League was established in Cairo in 1965.
2. Electoral Bonds are valid for 25 calendar days.
3. Any citizen between the ages of 18-60 years can be a part of the Territorial Army.

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**25. Consider the following statements:**

1. Headquarters of Arab League are located in Dubai, UAE.
2. Reserve Bank of India is the only bank authorised to sell electoral bonds.
3. The motto of the Territorial Army of India is 'Savdhani Va Shoorta'.

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**26. Consider the following statements:**

1. Samarth Ramdas or Ramdas Swami was a devotee of Lord Krishna.
2. Maximum permissible monthly pension under Atal Pension Yojana is Rs 6000.
3. Galapagos Islands are an archipelago of volcanic islands belonging to Chile.

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**27. Consider the following statements:**

1. Swami Ramdas was an exponent of Bhakti Yoga or the path of devotion.
2. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana is offered by General Insurance Corporation of India.
3. Galapagos islands became UNESCO's first World Heritage Site.

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**28. Consider the following statements:**

1. Swami Ramdas published two books based on his experiences, "Asmani Sultani" and "Para chakra niroopan".
2. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana provides for Rs. 5 lakh compensation for accidental death and permanent full disability.
3. The British naturalist Charles Darwin described Galapagos islands as a "world in itself".

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A**29. Consider the following statements:**

1. Rabindranath Tagore was the first Asian to win Nobel Prize across any discipline.
2. National Technology Day is celebrated in India on May 11th.
3. Human rights group has recently accused Myanmar's military of using thermobaric bomb.

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**30. Consider the following statements:**

1. Rabindranath Tagore wrote Amar Sonar Bangla, the national anthem for Bangladesh.
2. Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory-India (LIGO-India) is an upcoming project in Tamil Nadu.
3. A thermobaric bomb consists of a fuel container with three separate explosive charges.

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Rabindranath Tagore was awarded a knighthood in 1919.
2. This year's theme for National Science Day is 'School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate'.
3. There are no international laws specifically banning use of thermobaric bombs.

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to US for first official state visit in June 2023.
2. Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi Scheme was recently launched by Ministry of Health and Family welfare.
3. 'Harit Sagar' guidelines were recently released by Ministry of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

33. Consider the following statements:

1. The last state visit to the US by an Indian was by PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

2. Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi Scheme aims to improve health and education of teenage adolescent girls.
3. Under Harit Sagar guidelines, ports must meet at least 60% of electricity needs via renewables by 2030 and 90% by 2047.

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. State visits are visits to foreign countries led by a head of state/government, acting in their sovereign capacity.
2. Anganwadi centers in India are established under Integrated Child Development scheme.
3. Global Reporting Initiative secretariat is located in Rome, Italy.

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: A

35. _____ has become the first state to implement the 'right to walk'.

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Punjab

ANSWER: D

36. Consider the following statements:

1. The LIGO-India facility is being constructed in Hingoli district in Maharashtra.
2. Baobab trees are native to Europe.
3. World Health Organization has recently ended the global health emergency for Mpox.

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Gravitational Wave Observatories are currently operational in USA, Spain and Japan.

- About 1,000 Baobab trees are found in Madhya Pradesh's Mandu district.
- The first human cases of Mpox were reported in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1970.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

38. Consider the following statements:

- LIGO India will be funded by Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Science and Technology.
- The IUCN Status of Baobab tree is vulnerable.
- Currently there is no approved anti-viral treatment for Mpox.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

39. Consider the following statements:

- Carbon-12, an isotope of carbon, is radioactive and is used in carbon dating.
- RBI has decided to join first ever Greenwashing TechSprint, hosted by World Bank.
- Indore recently became first Indian city to track progress in attaining SDGs.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: D

40. Consider the following statements:

- Half-life of Carbon-14 is 5,730 years.
- Global Financial Innovation Network was launched in 2019.
- The UN Habitat III conference in 2016 was held in Quito, Ecuador

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

41. Consider the following statements:

- Determining age of things that are more than 40,000-50,000 years is not possible with carbon dating.
- Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) framework was made mandatory by SEBI for top 100 listed entities.
- Headquarters of UN Habitat are located in Gland, Switzerland.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

42. Consider the following statements:

- India's proposal for Digital Public Infrastructure was adopted recently by BRICS.
- Palghat Gap is a geological shear zone that runs from east to west.
- India Pavilion at Cannes film festival is inspired by Saraswati Yantra from Mundaka Upanishad.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

43. Consider the following statements:

- Digital Public Infrastructure refers to a set of shared digital building blocks like applications, systems, and platforms, powered by interoperable open standards or specifications.
- The Bharathappuzha river flows through Palghat gap.
- The Upanishads were written over a time period ranging from 700 to 400 B.C.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

44. Consider the following statements:

1. India Stack is a set of Application Programming Interface (APIs) that allows access to only governments.
2. The vegetation in the Palghat Gap is classified as dry deciduous forest.
3. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning 'the world is family' is derived from Mundaka Upanishad.

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. Gharials are crocodilian species found in the brackish waters of the northern part of India.
2. For the first time in India, Gujarat has launched a welfare fund for MGNREGA workers.
3. A 'large-scale' outbreak of the Moroccan locust is reported from Iran recently.

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

46. Consider the following statements:

1. IUCN status of Gharial is 'critically endangered'.
2. Any MGNREGA worker, between the age of 18 and 65, can take the membership in the welfare fund board for.
3. Moroccan locusts are known as the most economically damaging plant pests worldwide.

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. Kukrail gharial rehabilitation centre is located in Bihar.
2. Under MGNREGA welfare fund scheme of Kerala, a member who has paid the contribution for at least 10 years will be eligible for pension.

3. 4 species of locusts have been reported 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

48. Vigyan Vaibhav portal has been developed by-

- A. The Energy and Resources Institute
- B. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- C. National Council of Educational Research and Training
- D. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

ANSWER: D

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Trimbakeshwar temple is the abode of one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva.
2. Khasi tribe's major chunk of population is found in Mizoram.
3. Endosulfan is sprayed on crops like cotton, cashew, fruits, tea, paddy etc.

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. The Trimbakeshwar temple is built of black stone in the Dravidian style of architecture.
2. The eldest daughter or "Ka Khadduh" inherits the property in a Khasi household.
3. Supreme Court banned production and distribution of endosulfan in 2021.

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

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Sun temple at Konark is an example of Nagara Style of Architecture.
2. As per matrilineal tradition of Khasi tribe, the mother's surname is taken by children.

3. Endosulfan is listed under both the Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Convention.

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

52. Consider the following statements:

1. National Productivity Council is under the purview of Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
2. Presence of snow leopard has been confirmed through camera trap photographs in Kishtwar High Altitude National Park recently.
3. National Medical Commission has been constituted under National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

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

53. Consider the following statements:

1. National Productivity Council is a constituent of the Tokyo-based Asian Productivity Organisation.
2. Kishtwar High Altitude National Park is located in UT of Ladakh.
3. National Medical Commission headquarters are located in Allahabad.

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

54. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana is being implemented by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
2. IUCN status of Snow Leopard is 'Endangered'.
3. National Medical Commission has five autonomous boards under it.

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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. INS Vagsheer is the 6th submarine of the first batch of six Kalvari-class submarines.
2. The Himalayan Chandra Telescope is highest optical telescope in the world.
3. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development was founded in 1991.

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

56. Consider the following statements:

1. The six Kalvari-class submarines are being manufactured under Project 15b.
2. Himalayan Chandra Telescope is located in Hanle, Ladakh.
3. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development headquarters are located in Paris.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

57. Consider the following statements:

1. India's submarine fleet is based at Visakhapatnam and Goa.
2. GROWTH-India is India's first fully robotic optical research telescope.
3. India has been a founding member of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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

58. Consider the following statements:

1. Arsenic is an odourless and tasteless metalloid widely distributed in the earth's crust.
2. Greater flamingo, the tallest of all flamingos, is the state bird of Gujarat.

3. International Tea Day is observed annually on May 21st.

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. Long-term exposure to arsenic from drinking-water and food can cause cancer and skin lesions, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.
- 2. IUCN Red list status of Greater flamingo is vulnerable.
- 3. Tea is a beverage made from the Camellia sinensis plant.

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

60. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Shallower aquifers generally contain lower amounts of arsenic than deeper groundwater aquifers.
- 2. The Najafgarh Lake is fed by Sahibi River.
- 3. Darjeeling Tea also known as "Champagne of teas," was the 1st GI tag product 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

61. Who is the author of book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life"?

- A. Vikram Seth
- B. Anita Desai
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Ruskin Bond

ANSWER: D

62. The innovative "Patch Reporting App" to report potholes has been launched in the state of-

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Madhya Pradesh

- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: A

63. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The 3rd Forum for India-Pacific Islands cooperation (FIPIC) summit was held recently in New Delhi.
- 2. Orang National Park is located on north bank of the Brahmaputra River.
- 3. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is located in Aravali ranges of Rajasthan.

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

64. Consider the following statements:

- 1. FIPIC was established by PM Modi in November 2014.
- 2. Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park, as it was formerly known, is also 49th Tiger Reserve of the country.
- 3. White Tigers, were first discovered in Rewa.

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

65. Consider the following statements:

- 1. FIPIC is a multinational grouping for cooperation between India and 40 Pacific Islands nations.
- 2. Orang National Park is the only stronghold of rhinoceros on the north bank of the Brahmaputra river.
- 3. Badhavgarh national park was the former hunting preserve of the Maharaja of Jodhpur.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

66. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Juna Khatiya Harappan site is located in Rajasthan.

2. Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program is joint programme of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and World Bank.
3. Annual ISO COPOLCO Plenary event is being hosted by Bangladesh this year.

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

67. Consider the following statements:

1. Juna Khatiya is considered to be the largest pre-urban Harappan cemetery.
2. All north eastern states are covered under STARS Program.
3. ISO COPOLCO plenary meeting is hosted by Quality Council of India.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

68. Consider the following statements:

1. A necropolis is a large, designed cemetery with elaborate tomb monuments.
2. PARAKH stands for Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Higher education development.
3. International Standards Organisation headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

69. Consider the following statements:

1. A new established a "National Capital Civil Service Authority" comprises of the CM Delhi and two senior ministers.
2. National Green Tribunal (NGT) has recently restricted mining in the Son river bed in district Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh

3. The National Campaign for Updation and Verification of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) was launched in Goa.

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

70. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 123 of the Constitution deals with the "Power of President to promulgate Ordinances during recess of Parliament".
2. Son river originates near Amarkantak Hill in the Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district of Madhya Pradesh.
3. Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) are created under Forests rights act 2006.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

71. Consider the following statements:

1. An ordinance can be retrospective in nature.
2. Son river joins the Ganga near Danapur in Patna district of Bihar.
3. BMCs are entrusted with preparation of the People's Biodiversity Registers.

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. UN-GANHRI has given accreditation to National Human Rights Commission of India.
2. International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) has recently recommended the inclusion of Santiniketan in UNESCO's World Heritage List.
3. Sengol, the spectre, seen recently in news was crafted by Vummidi Bangaru Chetty.

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

73. Consider the following statements:

1. Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions headquarters are located in Paris, France.
2. There are total 38 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India.
3. The presenting of Sengol was inspired by a ceremony for transfer of power performed during Chola dynasty.

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

74. Consider the following statements:

1. NHRC of India is an independent statutory body established in 1993
2. International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.
3. C. Rajagopalachari was the last Governor-General of India.

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

75. Consider the following statements:

1. The Transport Outlook 2023 report was recently released by International Transport Forum.
2. Insurance Information Bureau of India is an autonomous body established by IRDAI.
3. Ministry of AYUSH has approved a grant under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram for Unani Medicine facilities.

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

76. Consider the following statements:

1. Germany holds the current Presidency of the annual summit of International Transport Forum.
2. Insurance Information Bureau of India headquarters are located in Bengaluru.
3. PMJKV is a centrally sector scheme under Ministry of minority affairs.

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

77. Consider the following statements:

1. International Transport Forum is based at OECD Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.
2. Insurance Information Bureau of India maintains a Registry of all Hospitals in the Network of Insurance (ROHINI).
3. There are six minority communities notified under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992

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

78. Consider the following statements:

1. M-sand is produced by crushing rocks, and quarry stones to a stipulated size of 15 microns.
2. Chilika lake is the second largest saltwater lagoon in the world.
3. Atal Bhujal Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

79. Consider the following statements:

1. Sand is classified as a 'minor mineral' under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957.

- Satapada side of Chilika lake is best place to observe Irrawaddy dolphins.
- Atal Bhujal Yojana is implemented in water stressed districts in all states/UTs of India.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

80. Consider the following statements:

- M-sand contains zero silt content and doesn't require washing before use.
- Currently, two wetlands of India - Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) and Loktak Lake (Manipur) are in Montreux record.
- Atal Bhujal Yojana funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

81. Consider the following statements:

- The 2nd Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) ministerial meeting was recently held in New Delhi.
- FSSAI has prescribed micronutrients (Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12) to normal rice for fortification in the ratio of 1:10.
- Mahakaleshwar Temple is located in Ujjain, MP.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

82. Consider the following statements:

- India is member of all four framework pillars of IPEF.
- Fortified rice is almost similar to traditional rice in terms of taste, aroma and texture.
- Mahakaleshwar Temple is the only jyotirlinga facing the south.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1 & 2 only
- 2 & 3 only

- 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: B

83. Consider the following statements:

- India, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam are Asian members of IPEF.
- Fortified rice can be stored upto 12 months.
- Mahakaleshwar Temple is one of the twelve Jyotirlingams of Lord Shiva.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: A

84. Consider the following statements:

- NVS-01 is first of the India's second-generation satellites envisaged for NavIC.
- India will train women personnel from Shanghai Cooperation Organization for UN Peace Keeping missions.
- In paddy transplantation method, the standing water acts as herbicide and prevents growth of weeds.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

85. Consider the following statements:

- NavIC has a constellation of 7 satellites with 3 in geosynchronous orbit and 4 in geostationary orbit.
- UN Peacekeeping operations get their mandates from UN General Assembly.
- Direct Seeding of Rice increases methane emissions from the fields.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: D

86. Consider the following statements:

1. For the first time, an indigenously developed Rubidium atomic clock is flown in NVS-01.
2. International Day of UN Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29th May every year.
3. The seed requirement for DSR is lower than transplanting method.

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH PRACTICE MCQS****1. The state government has decided to regularise the services of the contractual employees who have completed _____ years of service.**

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Five

ANSWER: A**2. The town of Yol recently shed its tag as cantonment town. It is located in-**

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

ANSWER: D**3. Which of the following towns failed to secure AMRUT funding?**

- A. Theog
- B. Solan
- C. Sunni
- D. Dalhousie

ANSWER: B**4. Darla Heliport is poised to come up in -**

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

ANSWER: A**5. Under Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi, a monthly incentive of Rs _____ has been announced for women in the Spiti Valley.**

- A. 500
- B. 1500
- C. 2500
- D. 5000

ANSWER: B**6. The Old Pension Scheme will cover _____ state government employees.**

- A. 1.26 lakh
- B. 1.30 lakh
- C. 1.36 lakh
- D. 1.40 lakh

ANSWER: C**7. Project Chambyal of district administration Chamba is aimed to-**

- A. Preserve traditional art and culture
- B. Preserve forest
- C. Preserve water resources
- D. Preserve pahadi languages

ANSWER: A**8. The Centre has recently fixed Minimum Import Price (MIP) for apple at _____ per kg.**

- A. Rs 20
- B. Rs 30
- C. Rs 40
- D. Rs 50

ANSWER: D**9. CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology is located in-**

- A. Palampur
- B. Shimla
- C. Solan
- D. Lhaul spiti

ANSWER: A**10. The cancer prevalence rate in the state is _____ against national average of _____.**

- A. 1.5%, 0.5%
- B. 3.2%, 1.6%
- C. 2.9%, 0.9%
- D. 2.2%, 0.6%

ANSWER: D**11. Consider the following statements:**

1. The population of the Himalayan monal in Great Himalayan National Park has increased.
2. IUCN status of Himalayan Monal 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: A

12. Him Data Portal aims to -

- A. Integrate data of all organisations for welfare schemes
- B. Gather 24-hour weather data for state
- C. Amalgamate crime statistics of the state
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. Who has been elected as Mayor of Shimla?

- A. Uma Kaushal
- B. Surender Chauhan
- C. Disha Bhalla
- D. none of the above

ANSWER: B

14. The newly appointed CBI Director, Parveen Sood, hails from which district in the state?

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

ANSWER: A

15. Who heads the Ministry of Cooperation in Himachal Cabinet?

- A. Chander Kumar
- B. Jagat Singh Negi
- C. Rohit Thankur
- D. Mukesh Agnihotri

ANSWER: D

16. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) would set up an ethanol plant

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

ANSWER: A

17. A centre for research on extended reality (XR) and artificial intelligence (AI) was inaugurated recently at-

- A. Shoolini university
- B. IIT Mandi
- C. IIIT Una
- D. NIT Hamirpur

ANSWER: A

18. A centre of excellence for sports has been announced in-

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

ANSWER: D

19. The state's first Education Web-3 Metaverse event was organised in-

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

ANSWER: B

20. Kangra tea was given GI status by Registrar of Geographical Indicators in the year

- A. 2005
- B. 2006
- C. 2007
- D. 2008

ANSWER: A

21. A student delegation from _____ visited the state under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat YuvaSangam' programme recently.

- A. Gujarat
- B. Goa
- C. Punjab
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

22. The heritage structure of Bantony Castle is located in-

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

ANSWER: A

23. The highest peak in Himachal Pradesh is-

- A. Shikhar Beh
- B. Mt Purgyal
- C. Deo Tibba
- D. none of the above

ANSWER: B

24. Shanan Project, seen recently in news, is built on river-

- A. Uhl
- B. Giri
- C. Ghaggar
- D. Parbati

ANSWER: A

25. The location for upcoming the north campus of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) is-

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

ANSWER: C

26. Consider the following matches-

- 1. state bird- Himalayan Monal
- 2. state animal- Snow Leopard
- 3. state flower- Pink Daffodil

- 4. state tree- Deodar

How many of the above matches are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

ANSWER: B

27. Who has sworn in as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court?

- A. Justice Sandeep Sharma
- B. Justice Vivek Singh Thakur
- C. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel
- D. Justice Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao

ANSWER: D

28. The three-day district-level Piplu fair was inaugurated in Kutlehar Assembly of _____ district.

- A. Una
- B. Shimla
- C. Lhaul spiti
- D. Kinnaur

ANSWER: A



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