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## POLITY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution deals with anti defection law.
2. It was included in the Constitution via the 53<sup>rd</sup> Amendment Act, 1985.
3. If any nominated member joins any political party, he/she stands disqualified.
4. If two-thirds of the members agree to a merger with another party, they will not be disqualified.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

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

1. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE'.
2. 'ENCORE' stands for Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.

**Which 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. Any company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, can form an electoral trust.
2. The electoral trusts have to apply for renewal every five financial years.

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

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

- D. Neither 1 nor 2

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

1. National Institute of Disaster Management has been recognised as a World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction.
2. The Prime minister is the President of NIDM.

**Which 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. The Ninth Schedule of the Constitution includes a list of Central and state laws that cannot be challenged in courts.
2. It was added by Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951.
3. In 1992, I R Coelho v. State of Tamil Nadu (2007) Judgement verdict, the Supreme Court had capped reservations for the backward classes at 50%.
4. The Indra Sawhney v Union of India verdict, upheld the authority of the judiciary to review any law even if they have been put in 9th schedule.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A****6. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'FASTER 2.0' portal is designed to promptly inform jail authorities, trial courts, and high courts about court orders for the release of prisoners.
2. A recently released Hindi version of the e-SCR portal allows access to Supreme Court



judgments in Hindi, making legal information more accessible and inclusive.

**Which 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**

## ECONOMY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Central Board of Trustees of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation consists of representatives of Government, Employers, and Employees.
2. EPFO is under the administrative control of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. India debuted its first-ever 50-year bond recently.
2. Prior to this, India's longest tenor government bond was the 30-year paper.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**3. "World Food India 2023", to celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets and showcase India as the "food basket of the world", was recently organized by the-**

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
- B. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. National Cooperative Organics Ltd has been established under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.
2. India ranks 4th globally in organic agricultural land and first in number of producers as per 2020 data.

**Which 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. Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed a low-yielding short-duration variety of paddy called PUSA-2090.
2. This variety matures in only 120 to 125 days as compared to PUSA-44 which takes 155 to 160 days

**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: A**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

1. Annapurna Certificate Programme is an annual program of Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

- 2. ICCR is under the administrative control of the 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: A**

**7. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Onattukara sesame is a GI tagged product from Karnataka.
- 2. Onattukara Sesame contains high levels of Vitamin E and antioxidants.

**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: A**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) is a platform that will act as a 'safety net' for investors in case of technical glitches faced by a trading member.
- 2. It provides for taking fresh positions or orders in case of any technical glitches.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

## GEOGRAPHY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Kawah Ijen Lake is a volcanic crater located in East Philippines.
- 2. It is the largest and most acidic Crater Lake 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. India's only dark sky reserve is located at-**

- A. Rann of Katch
- B. Neil Island
- C. Spiti Valley
- D. Hanle , Ladakh

**ANSWER: D**

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. A new island has emerged near Japan's Ogasawara island chain.
- 2. It took shape through phreatomagmatic eruptions which are actually triggered when magma reacts with seawater.

**Which 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. The formation of new enigmatic layer – E prime layer – has been reported at the outermost part of Earth's crust.
- 2. Earth comprises four primary layers: an inner core at the planet's center, surrounded by the outer core, mantle, and crust.

**Which 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. The cyclonic storm named "Midhili", which impacted the \_\_\_\_\_, was named by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Arabian Sea, Myanmar
- B. Arabian Sea, Bangladesh
- C. Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh

- D. Bay of Bengal, Maldives

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Earth crust uplift during any earthquake produces compressional waves. These have been reported to impact which layer of the atmosphere?**

- A. Troposphere
- B. Stratosphere
- C. Mesosphere
- D. Ionosphere

**ANSWER: D**

## ART AND CULTURE

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Kozikode and Gwalior are the latest additions from India to UNESCO Creative Cities Network.
2. Kozhikode has been given the tag of City of Music, the first to hold the title 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: A**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. A geoglyph in the form of a circle, said to be 3,000 years old, has been unearthed in Telagana.
2. Geoglyphs are a form of rock art, where a design or motif is etched on the ground using stones, iron or some other tools used by prehistoric 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**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. Two Yogini idols have been repatriated to India from Germany.
2. The Yogini Chamunda and Yogini Gomukhi idols were stolen from Lokhari temple in Uttar Pradesh.
3. Yogini' refers to female masters of the yogic arts with 64 divine Yoginis worshipped as goddesses at Yogini temples.
4. These are associated with the Tantrik mode of worship.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. Chhath Puja is a four-day elaborate celebration in honour of the Lord Shiva.
2. The first day of the festival is called Kharna, where those observing it take a meal only after a ceremonial bath in a river or a pond.

**Which 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. The 54<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is held in Goa.
2. It was established in 1992 and stands among the prominent film festivals in Asia.

**Which 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. Kolkali is a popular folk dance of Kerala's Malabar region.
2. In this, dancers move in a circle striking small sticks and keeping rhythm with special steps according to the music.

**Which 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. Bengaluru is hosting its first-ever 3-day Kambala event.
2. Kambala is a traditional buffalo race held in paddy fields filled with slush and mud in coastal Tamil Nadu.

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

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

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

1. Chebrolu, seen in news, is a town in Telangana and is called as land of temples.
2. The town has been ruled by Eastern Chalukya, Velanati Choda, Kakatiya, Pota Rajulu, and Paristchedi dynasties.

**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: A**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Graphene-doped modified silica aerogels (GO-SA) have been developed that can remove trace pollutants from wastewater.
2. Aerogels are referred to as solid air or frozen smoke and can be easily fabricated.

**Which 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. Hemoglobin is an iron-containing protein found in the red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs to the body's tissues
2. All vertebrates except cold-water ice fish transport oxygen via haemoglobin.

**Which 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. Carbon nanoflorets are like tiny marigold flowers made only of carbon.



2. They can convert incident sunlight to heat with upto 67% efficiency.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary is located in northern Goa.
- 2. Its formation made Goa the only state in the country that protects the entire area of the Western Ghats that falls within the state.

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. LaCONES is a CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) laboratory headquartered in Hyderabad.
- 2. Environmental DNA is DNA shed by all organisms into their surroundings through natural processes during their lifetime or after death.

**Which 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. Cattle that are born exhibiting characteristics of both sexes are called freemartins.
- 2. Freemartins are sterile male cattle that result from the twinning of a male and a female within the same uterus.

**Which 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. Fractals are finitely complex patterns that are self-similar across different scales.
- 2. These are created by repeating a simple process over and over in an ongoing feedback loop.

**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: A**

**8. Recently discovered Nitrogen-9 isotope has \_\_\_\_\_protons and \_\_\_\_neutrons.**

- A. Nine , zero
- B. Five, four
- C. Seven, two
- D. Six, three

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. IIT Delhi researchers have found the presence of tantalum, a rare metal, in the Yamuna river sand.
- 2. Tantalum is a rare metal with the atomic number 73.
- 3. It is grey, heavy, very hard, and one of the most corrosion-resistant metals in use.
- 4. Tantalum does not react with bodily fluids and is used to make surgical equipment and implants.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**



**10. Langlands Program, seen recently in news, is associated with-**

- A. Reversing land degradation
- B. Searching for habitable planets in milky way galaxy
- C. Connecting two branches of mathematics
- D. Searching for next possible epidemic

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. A deepfake is a video of a person in which the face or body has been digitally altered so that he or she appears to be someone else.
- 2. These use Artificial Intelligence to manipulate or generate visual and audio content.

**Which 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. Green leaf volatiles (GLVs) are short chain (six carbon atoms) group of alcohols, acetates, and aldehydes.
- 2. These are released during photosynthesis in 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: A**

## DEFENSE

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The S-400 Triumf (or SA-21 Growler) is a mobile, air -to-air missile system.
- 2. It has developed by Lockheed Martin of USA.

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

**2. Which of the following has become the first foreign company that has bagged 100% FDI in India's defence projects?**

- A. Saab
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Rafael
- D. Dassault

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Operation All Clear was undertaken by Myanmar Army to weed out members from Northeast ultras.

- 2. It was undertaken on December 15, 2003 against United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), the National Democratic Front of Bodoland and the Kamatapur Liberation Organization (KLO).

**Which 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. The nuclear capable intercontinental ballistic missile, Bulava, was recently tested by-**

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. 'Pralay' is a surface-to-air short-range missile.
- 2. The solid-fuel, battlefield missile is based on the Prithvi Defence Vehicle.

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: A

6. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bilateral Exercise between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy, BONGOSAGAR-23, was held in-

- A. Goa
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mumbai
- D. Vishakhapatnam

ANSWER: D

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Nirbhay is India's first indigenous cruise missile.
- 2. It has a range of 800-1,000 km while carrying a 450 kg payload.
- 3. It is a long-range supersonic cruise missile capable of deep penetration into adversary territory
- 4. It can also carry a nuclear warhead.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Exercise Mitra Shakti 2023 is being held in Pune.
- 2. It is a bilateral exercise between India and Malaysia.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Army.
- 2. The theme of IPRD-2023 is "Geopolitical Impacts upon Indo-Pacific Maritime Trade and Connectivity".

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: A

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Exercise Vajra Prahar is a joint exercise between India and United Kingdom.
- 2. 'Vajra Prahar 2023' has been conducted in Manipur.

Which 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. Exercise Surya Kiran is a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka.
- 2. Its latest (17<sup>th</sup>) edition was held in Colombo.

Which 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. The National Cadet Corps was formed in 1961.
- 2. NCC functions as a Tri-Services Organisation, encompassing the Army, Navy and Air Force and is headquartered in Mumbai.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

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

**ANSWER: D**

## SPACE

### 1. Consider the following statements:

1. Euclid Mission was designed to investigate how dark matter and dark energy made the cosmos what it is.
2. Euclid Mission was launched by NASA.
3. Euclid will observe the shapes, distance and motions of billions of galaxies out to 1 billion light-years.
4. It will create the largest cosmic 3D map ever made.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

### 2. Consider the following statements:

1. Scientists recently discovered the oldest black hole that dates back to 470 million years after the Big Bang.
2. NASA's James Webb Telescope and Chandra X-Ray Observatory teamed up for the observation.

**Which 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. Scientists have now detected atomic oxygen in a thin layer sandwiched between two other layers of the Venus.
2. Venus is also called Earth's twin and is the hottest planet due to "runaway greenhouse effect".

3. SOFIA observatory is located at Lagrange L1 point and observes infrared spectrum.
4. Venus has a thick and noxious atmosphere dominated by methane.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

### 4. Consider the following statements:

1. Pulsars are highly magnetized, rotating neutron stars that emit electromagnetic radiation.
2. Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST) is 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: A**

### 5. Consider the following statements:

1. Earth's ionosphere is layer of the planet's upper atmosphere that contains electrically charged gases called plasma.
2. The ionosphere is highly sensitive to changing magnetic and electrical conditions in space, usually connected to solar activity.

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

### 6. Consider the following statements:



1. EELS- Exobiology Extant Life Surveyor is a snake-like robot, capable of autonomous exploration in untapped regions on both the Moon and Mars.
2. It has been designed by 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**

**7. Consider the following statements:**

1. NASA's Deep Space Optical Communications (DSOC) experiment has accomplished a groundbreaking "first light" moment.
2. DSOC is aboard the Psyche spacecraft.
3. 'Psyche' spacecraft is on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich comet also named 'Psyche.'
4. 'Psyche' orbits the Sun in Kuiper belt.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. JUICE probe will use double gravity assist, for the first time ever, from Earth and Moon to propel itself towards Jupiter.
2. It was launched to study the planet as well as its three icy and potentially ocean-bearing moons – Ganymede, Callisto and Europa.

**Which 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. Amaterasu is the highest ever energy cosmic particle detected.
2. It is named after the Chinese Sun goddess.

**Which 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. Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary is the southernmost wildlife sanctuary of Kerala.
2. The river Cheenkani flows through this wildlife sanctuary.

**Which 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. Crab-plover normally breeds on sandbars on the west coast of India.

2. It is the only shore bird that lays eggs in self-excavated burrows on sandbanks.

**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: A**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. Rajaji National Park is named after the famous freedom fighter C Rajgopalachari.
2. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2015 as the 48<sup>th</sup> tiger reserve 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: C**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Telangana.
- 2. It is a part of Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR).

**Which 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. Attenborough's long-beaked echidna has been rediscovered after about 60 years in Cyclops mountains, Philippines.
- 2. Its IUCN red list 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: B**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is located in Chandrapur district in Maharashtra.
- 2. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.

**Which 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. *Cyrtodactylus virengtensis* is a recently discovered species of fish.
- 2. It has been discovered from Meghalaya.

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. *Cyrtodactylus virengtensis* is a recently discovered species of fish.
- 2. It has been discovered from Meghalaya.

**Which 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. European Union has allowed use of glyphosate for 10 more years.
- 2. Glyphosate is potassium based acid and odourless white powder.
- 3. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Roundup, the world's most widely used insecticide.
- 4. In India, only restricted use of Glyphosate is allowed.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only

- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Consider the following statements:**

1. The black-spotted croaker, or the ghol fish was declared the state fish of Maharashtra recently.
2. The fish is usually found in the Indo-Pacific region that stretches from the Persian Gulf to the Pacific Ocean.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Consider the following statements:**

1. Indian Green Building Council has launched new green rating tools as part of its Net Zero mission.
2. IGBC was established by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry in 2001.
3. India has largest green building footprint in the world.
4. Net Zero Carbon rating system is a voluntary and consensus-based programme for both new and existing buildings and campuses.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 4 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Consider the following statements:**

1. Deepor Beel is a perennial freshwater lake located in Assam.
2. It is the only Ramsar site in Assam.

**Which 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. Saurauia Punduana plant has been recorded for the first time in Manipur's Tamenglong district.
2. It is listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

## INTERNATIONAL

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Akhaura - Agartala Cross-Border rail link connects India's northeast to Bangladesh by rail for the first time.
2. Maitree is a 1,320 GW super thermal power plant built with Indian assistance.

**Which 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 Legal Identity and Rights-Based Return Management Conference was organized by International Organization for Migration at Stockholm.
2. IOM was established in 1920 to help resettle people displaced by World War I.

**Which 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. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs is led by UN Secretary General.
2. It has two headquarter locations, Geneva and New York.

**Which 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. Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe has been suspended recently.
2. Its purpose was to stop Cold War rivals from building up forces that could be used in a swift assault.

**Which 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 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) was held in New Delhi.
2. ADMM-Plus is a platform comprising 10-nation ASEAN and its 10 dialogue partners.

**Which 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 has signed an MoU for 'Innovation Handshake' with which of the following nations?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Pedro Sanchez has been elected Prime Minister for the second term in-**

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. Portugal
- D. Spain

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Voice of Global South Summit was recently hosted by India.
2. The term 'global South' was first used by Carl Oglesky, a leftist American author and political activist in 1969.

**Which 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. The Nordic Baltic Eight (NB8) consists of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania Norway and Spain.
2. NB-8 was established in 1992 to foster closer ties between the Nordic and Baltic countries.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**10. The world's largest single-site solar power plant has been inaugurated in-**

- A. UAE
- B. USA
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Egypt

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

1. India and Indonesia were the top two beneficiaries of the European Union's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) schemes.
2. GSP was instituted under the aegis of World Trade Organisation.

**Which 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. World Vegan Day is celebrated every year on**

- A. October 30<sup>th</sup>
- B. October 31<sup>st</sup>
- C. November 1<sup>st</sup>
- D. November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ANSWER: C****2. World Biosphere Reserve Day is celebrated annually on**

- A. November 1<sup>st</sup>
- B. November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- C. November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D. November 4<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C****3. The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is observed on -**

- A. November 1<sup>st</sup>
- B. November 4<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 5<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 6<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: D****4. World Radiography Day is observed each year on-**

- A. November 5<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 6<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 7<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 8<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: D****5. The World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated annually on-**

- A. November 7<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 8<sup>th</sup>

C. November 9<sup>th</sup>D. November 10<sup>th</sup>**ANSWER: D****6. World Kindness Day is observed globally on-**

- A. November 12<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 13<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 14<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 15<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: B****7. World Diabetes Day is observed annually on**

- A. November 13<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 14<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 15<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 16<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: B****8. The theme for World Philosophy Day 2023 is-**

- A. "Philosophical Reflection in a tumultuous World".
- B. "Philosophical Reflection in a World of wars".
- C. "Philosophical Guidance in a Unipolar World".
- D. "Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World".

**ANSWER: D****9. National Press Day is annually observed on-**

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

**ANSWER: C****10. National Epilepsy Day is celebrated every year in India on**

- A. November 15<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 16<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 17<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 18<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**11. The theme for International Men's Day 2023**

is-

- A. "Prevent Male Suicide"
- B. "Question Male Suicide"
- C. "Let's talk about Male Suicide"
- D. "Zero Male Suicide"

**ANSWER: D**

**12. World Children's Day is observed annually on-**

- A. November 14<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 16<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 18<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 20<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: D**

**13. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is held on-**

- A. November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- B. November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- C. November 24<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 25<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: D**

**14. India celebrates Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas on-**

- A. January 26<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 25<sup>th</sup>

- C. November 26<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 27<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Consider the following statements:**

1. The first ever World Sustainable Transport Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
2. Its theme was "Sustainable transport, sustainable development".

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**16. National Milk Day in India is celebrated on-**

- A. November 26<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 27<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 28<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 29<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: A**

**17. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed on**

- A. November 27<sup>th</sup>
- B. November 28<sup>th</sup>
- C. November 29<sup>th</sup>
- D. November 30<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**



## PERSON NEWS

**1. Gieves Patel who passed away recently, was a renowned-**

- A. Politician
- B. Poet/writer
- C. Cricketer
- D. Actor

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Brijinder Nath Goswamy who passed away recently, was a renowned-**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. A life-size statue of Sachchidananda Sinha was inaugurated recently in Odisha.
- 2. He served as the provisional president of the Constituent Assembly before Dr. Rajendra Prasad was appointed as 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**

## INDEX AND REPORTS

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Hunger Hotspots report is released by the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- 2. World Food Programme is headquartered in Rome.

**Which 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. 'Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040' report 'was released by United Nations Environment Programme.
- 2. Asper report, in 2022, 21 million tonnes (MT) of plastics leaked into the environment globally.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

## PLACE IN NEWS

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Ben Gurion Canal Project is a planned project that aims to connect Red sea and Persian Gulf.
- 2. It will create an alternative to the Egyptian-controlled Suez Canal.

**Which 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**

## POLICY AND PROGRAMME

### 1. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' is envisioned as a pivotal, technology-driven facilitator for youth development and youth-led development.
2. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry.

Which 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. Scheme to provide financial assistance to poor prisoners has been declared by central government.
2. It aims to provide for families of under trial prisoners.

Which 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. Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program (SVEEP), is the flagship program of the Election Commission of India.
2. As per the strategy document for 2022-25, SVEEP aims to increase voter turnout to 85% in Lok Sabha elections 2024.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

**ANSWER: B**

### 4. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana has been extended till 2030.
2. The PMGKAY covers two types of ration card holders under the NFSA—those falling under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Households.

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: A**

### 5. Consider the following statements:

1. Software Technology Parks of India with Indus Entrepreneurs Delhi-NCR has launched the LEAP AHEAD initiative.
2. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) was set up as an autonomous society under Ministry of Science 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: A**

### 6. Consider the following statements:

1. Kheti 24/7 is the first-ever AI-powered solution for automated agricultural news monitoring and analysis.
2. The tool scans news articles in multiple languages and translates them into English.

Which 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. India recently signed a \$400 billion policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank to develop urbanization.
2. The sub-programme 2 supports investment planning and reform actions at the state and urban local body levels.
3. Asian Development Bank is headquartered at Manila, Philippines.
4. USA and UK are largest shareholders of ADB.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 3 only

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan will work towards protection and nurturing of tribes.
2. PM- Janman has been given a budget allocation of ₹24,000 crore.

**Which 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. Karmayogi Prarambh is an online orientation programme under the Ministry of Labour.
2. It aims to provide all the necessary details related to government policies for newly appointees recruited through Rozgar Melas.

**Which 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. Ministry of Woman and Child Development and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare have jointly launched training programme for 'Krishi Sakhis' to promote natural farming.
2. Krishi Sakhis are Community Agriculture Care Service Providers.

**Which 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. Amplifi 2.0(Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India) was released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. All urban local bodies (ULB) have been on-boarded the platform.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Onchocerciasis is the second leading infectious cause of blindness after Trachoma.
2. It is classified as a neglected tropical disease.
3. It is caused by a virus- Onchocerca volvulus.
4. It is spread by the bites of infected black flies that breed in rapidly flowing rivers.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 2 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 & 4

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) bacteria causes infection in eyes.
2. In India, H. pylori infections affect 60-70% of the population.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Pauradhwani literacy programme has been organized recently by the state of-**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Which nation will issue a national apology for Thalidomide tragedy which resulted in babies being born with birth defects?**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation functions as apex centre for all

India activities for procurement, distribution and registry of organs and tissues donation and transplantation in the country.

2. It is set up under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

1. A paramutation is a small chemical modification of a chromosomal protein: it flips a nearby gene into a silenced state.
2. Paramutations can protect humans against viruses.

**Which 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. Kyasanur forest disease was first reported from Shivamogga in Karnataka.
2. Kyasanur forest disease virus (KFDV) is transmitted through the bite of mosquitoes, and black-faced langur monkeys are highly susceptible.

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Health Organization has confirmed sexual transmission of monkeypox in the Congo for the first time



2. There is no specific treatment or vaccine available for Monkeypox infection.

**Which 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. **Aitana Bonmati won the Ballon d'Or Féminin Award 2023 recently. She belongs to-**

A. USA

B. Spain

C. France

D. Mexico

**ANSWER: B**

2. **Which of the following Sri Lankan batsmen became the first player to be timed out in an international cricket match?**

A. Dushmantha Chameera

B. Dimuth Karunaratne

C. Sadeera Samarawickrama

D. Angelo Mathews

**ANSWER: D**

3. **Who has won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2023?**

A. Lando Norris

B. Max Verstappen

C. Fernando Alonso

D. Sergio Perez

**ANSWER: B**

4. **After the recent win in finals, Australia has won the ICC Men's World cup for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ times.**

A. Five

B. Six

C. Seven

D. Eight

**ANSWER: B**

5. **Who has won the IBSF (the International Billiards and Snooker Federation) World Billiards Championship title recently?**

A. Sourav Kothari

B. Aditya Mehta

C. Pankaj Advani

D. Manan Chandra

**ANSWER: C**

6. **Who has won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023?**

A. Max Verstappen

B. Charles Leclerc

C. Sergio Perez

D. Lewis Hamilton

**ANSWER: A**

## AWARDS

1. **Who has been named the winner of the 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding?**

A. Nandini Das

B. Abhishek Jain

C. Dibakar Mehta

D. Harleen Gill

**ANSWER: A**

2. **Consider the following statements:**

1. The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2022 has been awarded to Covid-19 warriors.

2. It consists of a monetary award of Rs 50 lakh along with a citation.

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

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Sheynnis Palcios, who has been crowned Miss Universe 2023, is from-**

- A. Nicaragua
- B. Tuvalu
- C. Kiribati
- D. Cook Islands

**ANSWER: A**

**4. The 2023 Booker prize, awarded to the best novel of fiction written in English and published in UK and Ireland, has been won by-**

- A. Jeff Kinney
- B. Paul Lynch
- C. Gaur Gopal Das
- D. Vincent Baby

**ANSWER: B**

**MISCELLANEOUS QUESTION**

**1. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Champions of the Earth awards are given by United Nations Development Program.
- 2. It is the UN’s highest environmental honour.
- 3. The 2023 award felicitated persons/ institutions who worked in the field of plastic pollution control.
- 4. The award has been started since COP15 to UNFCCC or The Paris agreement.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. “A Fragile State of Preparedness: 2023 Report on the State of the World’s Preparedness” has been released by Global Preparedness Monitoring Board.
- 2. It reported that world’s capacity to deal with a potential new pandemic threat is inadequate.
- 3. The GPMB was co-convened by the World Health Organization and the United Nations.
- 4. GPMB Secretariat is located in New York, USA .

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. LCH Prachand is India’s first indigenous multi-role combat helicopter, developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- 2. It is fitted with Shakti Engine, which is co-developed by DRDO and France’s Rafael.
- 3. It is the world’s only attack helicopter that can land and take off at an altitude of 5,000 metres
- 4. LCH Prachand successfully carried out inaugural firing of 70 mm rockets and 20 mm turret guns recently.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Consider the following statements about Blue Flag beaches in India and their respective states:**

- 1. Golden Beach- Odisha
- 2. Kasarkod Beach- Karnataka
- 3. Eden Beach- West Bengal
- 4. Radhanagar Beach- Maharashtra

**Which of the above are correctly matched?**

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Sixth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was hosted by France.
2. International Solar Alliance was jointly launched by India and France in Paris.
3. ISA is headquartered at Gurugram.
4. ISA is guided by its 'Towards 100' strategy.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Consider the following statements:**

1. Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Experiment (INFUSE) was launched recently by ISRO.
2. The INFUSE mission will study the Cygnus Loop.
3. Cygnus Loop is a galaxy located in Northern hemisphere's night sky.
4. Cygnus Loop is located 2,600 light-years away.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Consider the following statements:**

1. Dhoolies have been recently seen in Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary, which is in Assam.
2. In India, they are found in three clusters- the Western and Eastern Ghats, central Indian landscape and North East India.
3. Dhoolies are highly social animals and frequently hunt in packs.
4. Its IUCN red list status is 'Vulnerable'.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Consider the following statements:**

1. Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds.
2. Any political party can receive donations through Electoral bonds.
3. The political party has to encash the amount within those 15 days.
4. A company can donate only upto 7.5% of the annual profit to political parties.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 3 only

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Bletchley Declaration' is associated with harmful effects of frontier Artificial Intelligence.
2. "Frontier AI" is defined as highly capable foundation generative AI models that could possess dangerous capabilities.
3. It has been signed recently by more than 100 countries.
4. Bletchley Park is located in Paris, France.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Adaptation Gap Report is an annual publication from United Nations Environment Programme.
2. As per latest report current global adaptation finance gap is \$194-366 billion per year.
3. UNEP is headquartered at Rome, Italy.
4. UNEP was founded in 1992 following UN Conference on the Human Environment.

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

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

- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Consider the following types of hydrogen and their sources:**

1. White hydrogen - naturally occurring form of hydrogen from Earth's crust.
2. Grey Hydrogen - from methane gas with captured emissions.
3. Brown Hydrogen- from electrolysis using nuclear power.
4. Green Hydrogen- produced using renewable energy to split water.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Consider the following statements:**

1. Zika Virus is a mosquito-borne flavivirus first identified in Kenya in 1947.
2. The virus is spread by Anopheles mosquitoes.
3. Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause microcephaly in infants.
4. There is no vaccine or specific treatment available for Zika.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Consider the following statements:**

1. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is promoted by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
2. Under EESL's National Efficient Cooking Programme, 20 lakh induction-based cook stoves will be deployed.

3. Under EESL's Energy Efficient Fans Programme, 2 crore Brush-Less Direct Current ceiling fans will be deployed across India.
4. EESL is a joint venture of 4 public- sector undertakings.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Consider the following statements:**

1. A report titled 'Crowd funding for Terrorism Financing' was recently released by Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
2. The FATF was established in July 1989 by a G-20 Summit in Paris.
3. FATF is headquartered in Paris, France.
4. India has been a founding member of the FATF.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Consider the following statements:**

1. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty (CTBT) bans all nuclear explosions, whether for military or peaceful purposes.
2. CTBT entered into force in 1992 after dissolution of USSR.
3. India has neither signed nor ratified the CTBT.
4. Now, both Russia and USA are signatories but haven't ratified the treaty.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 2, 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Collins Dictionary has declared \_\_\_\_\_ as the Word of the Year for 2023.**



- A. AI
- B. IoT
- C. Crypto
- D. Scandal

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Consider the following statements:**

1. Ecological Threat Report 2023 was recently released by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.
2. As per report, of the 30 hotspot countries that face severe ecological threats, 19 are in sub-Saharan Africa.
3. As per report, Europe and South America are the only two regions where no country currently faced a severe ecological threat.
4. Institute for Economics and Peace is an independent think tank based in Sydney.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Consider the following statements:**

1. Dinkinesh, seen in news recently, is a binary asteroid pair.
2. Lucy mission to study Trojan asteroids, has been launched by European Space Agency.
3. Trojan Asteroids orbit in two "swarms" that lead and follow Saturn in its orbit around the Sun.
4. Lucy also will fly by Earth three times to get a push from its gravity.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Consider the following statements:**

1. Kamakhya Temple is situated on the Nilachal Hill in Guwahati.
2. It is one of the oldest of the 51 Shakti Peethas in India.
3. It is one of the most revered centres of Tantric practices.
4. It follows Nagara style of Temple architecture.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 3 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Consider the following statements:**

1. State of Climate Services report is released by World Meteorological Organization.
2. As per report, 50% of excess mortality attributed to climate change by 2050 is expected to occur in Asia.
3. Only 23% of countries assessed by the report use climatological data to inform their surveillance of potential health risks.
4. WMO is headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**21. Consider the following statements:**

1. Only an Advocate-on-Record (AoR) can file cases before the Supreme Court.
2. The Bar Council of India Rules, 2013 prescribe eligibility criteria for an AoR.
3. The advocate must train with a court approved AoR for at least four years to take up the exam.
4. Under Article 145 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court is empowered to make rules and regulate its own procedure for hearing cases.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**22. Consider the following statements:**

1. Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP5) took place in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. Parties agreed on a 500 mg/kg total concentration of mercury as the threshold for wastes contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds.
3. Minamata disease was reported first Minamata Bay in South Korea.
4. India ratified the Minamata Convention in 2018.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**23. Consider the following statements:**

1. ISRO's Aditya L1 solar probe mission has captured its first high-energy solar flare in X-ray.
2. "Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite" is operated by the India Meteorological Department.
3. Aditya L1 carried total of 6 payloads.
4. Solar flares are our universe's largest explosive events.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 3 only

**ANSWER: D**

**24. Consider the following statements:**

1. Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2023 report has been released by Climate Policy Initiative.
2. As per the report, 98% of all adaptation finance tracked for the report stemmed from public actors.
3. As per the report, Private actors contributed 19% of total climate finance.
4. Climate Policy Initiative is based in New York, USA.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**25. Consider the following statements:**

1. CV Raman was awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1930 for his discovery of the Raman Effect.
2. Raman became the first Asian to receive a Nobel Prize in any branch of science in 1930.
3. CV Raman established the Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru in 1949.
4. He was also awarded Bharat Ratna in 1965.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**26. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Health Organisation recently released the Global TB Report.
2. India carried the highest burden of tuberculosis cases in the world in 2022.
3. Tuberculosis is a viral infection majorly impacting lungs and sometimes brain.
4. TB still remains the world's second leading cause of death from a single infectious agent.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only

- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**27. Consider the following statements:**

1. India Finance Report was published by the Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning.
2. UPI allows third-party vendors to build apps to provide payments as a service.
3. NBFCs are companies registered under the Companies Act 1956 which provide bank-like financial services and hold banking licenses.
4. CAFRAL is an independent body set up by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**28. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Intellectual Property Indicators report was released by World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).
2. The largest number of patents globally was in digital communication.
3. USA accounts for the largest number of patent applications globally.
4. WIPO headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**29. Consider the following statements:**

1. National Education Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

2. He was the first education minister of independent India.
3. The National Education Day 2023 theme is "Embracing Education."
4. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad established the first Indian Institute of Technology – IIT Madras.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**30. Consider the following statements:**

1. J B Kriplani accompanied Mahatma Gandhiji in his campaign in Champaran movement.
2. He was the President of Indian National Congress (INC) at the time Quit India Movement.
3. He moved the first-ever No confidence motion in Lok Sabha in 1965.
4. He earned the moniker 'Acharya' around 1922 when he was teaching at the Gujarat Vidyapith.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**31. Consider the following statements:**

1. DAY-NRLM has signed a MoU with SIDBI recently to promote women-led enterprises among members of Self Help Groups.
2. Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission is under the purview of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. DAY-NRLM adopts a top-down approach and directs states with national poverty reduction action plan.
4. SIDBI is a statutory body set up under Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**32. Consider the following statements:**

1. India has been removed from Review of Significant Trade (RST) for Red Sanders, under CITES.
2. CITES is also known as Bonn Convention.
3. Red Sanders has been listed as Appendix I under CITES since 1994.
4. Red Sanders is endemic to Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**33. Consider the following statements:**

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved Ixchiq, the world's first chikungunya vaccine.
2. Chikungunya was first identified in Libya in 1952.
3. It is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito.
4. Ixchiq is administered as a multiple dose by injection into the muscle.

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

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**34. Consider the following statements:**

1. 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' is celebrated on November 15<sup>th</sup> in memory of Birsa Munda
2. Birsa Munda was a folk hero and a tribal freedom fighter from Jharkhand.
3. Birsa Munda in 1894 declared "Birsait", or revolt, against the British and the outsiders.

4. He created a faith called 'Ulgulan' and protested against conversion of tribals to Christianity.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**35. Consider the following statements:**

1. National Health Authority and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India have launched National Health Claim Exchange.
2. NHCX will serve as a gateway for exchanging claims-related information among various stakeholders.
3. NHA has been set-up to implement the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana at the national level.
4. IRDAI headquarters are located at New Delhi.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 2 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**36. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Climate Changed Child report was recently released by UNICEF.
2. As per the report, about half of the world's children (953 million) were exposed to high or extremely high water stress in 2022.
3. UNICEF was established in 1920 to provide emergency food and healthcare to children in countries that were devastated by World War I.
4. UNICEF headquarters are located at Paris, France.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only



D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**37. Consider the following statements:**

1. NISAR satellite mission is a joint project of NASA and ISRO.
2. The satellite will survey all of earth's land and ice-covered surfaces every 12 months.
3. NISAR is a high earth orbit satellite with a mission life of 3 years.
4. NISAR will carry L and S dual-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR).

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**38. Consider the following statements:**

1. Greenhouse Green Bulletin 2023 was recently released by World Meteorological Organization
2. As per report, Global averaged concentrations of carbon dioxide in 2022 were a full 100% above the pre-industrial era for the first time.
3. Also the warming effect on our climate called radiative forcing by long-lived greenhouse gases increased by 49% in 1990-2022.
4. WMO is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

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

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**39. Consider the following statements:**

1. Adzynma is first and only enzyme replacement therapy approved by USFDA.
2. Adzynma is used to treat patients with congenital thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (cTTP).
3. cTTP is a rare and life-threatening neurological disease.

4. Enzyme replacement therapy is typically used to replace a missing or deficient enzyme in a person with an inherited enzyme deficiency syndrome.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 4 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**40. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Coconut Development Board (CDB) has launched 'Namaste Naariyal' Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT) call centre.
2. It aims to help farmers with coconut harvesting and plant management operations.
3. Coconut Development Board is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Textiles.
4. Coconut Development Board is headquartered in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**41. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Energy Employment (WEE) report was released by International Energy Agency.
2. WEE 2023 includes for the first time employment data for the extraction of selected critical minerals, including copper, cobalt, nickel and lithium.
3. International Energy Agency Headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.
4. A candidate country to the IEA must be a member country of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

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

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

- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**42. Consider the following statements:**

1. Climate Change Action Plan has been recently released for the city of Bengaluru.
2. Urban heat, urban flooding, droughts, thunderstorms, lightning and air pollution have been identified as climate and environmental hazards.
3. C40 is a global network of 40 cities across the globe, that are united to confront the climate crisis.
4. Ten metro cities of India are part of C40 network.

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

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 3 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**43. Consider the following statements:**

1. Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders summit was recently held in New York.
2. Its theme was "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All".
3. APEC is a **regional economic forum** that was **established in 1947**.
4. India is a full time member of APEC.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**44. The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) recently launched a rating and certification initiative to promote eco-friendly construction in residential sector. It is called-**

- A. Nest
- B. Ashiana
- C. Prakariti
- D. Nature Alliance

**ANSWER: A**

**45. Consider the following statements:**

1. Geographical Indication Registry has officially granted the GI tag for 'Ladakh Sea Buckthorn'.
2. GIR operates under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
3. Sea Buckthorn produces berries which are sweet in taste and rich in vitamin C.
4. It is naturally distributed over 11,500 hectares in the Ladakh region.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**46. Consider the following statements:**

1. Wasp-107b is a planet, identified recently by ISRO.
2. Wasp-107b lies 200 light years away in the Virgo constellation.
3. Specks of sand fall as rain on the planet Wasp-107b.
4. It is the first time the chemical composition of clouds on another planet has been identified.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**47. Consider the following statements:**

1. According to report by USCDC and WHO, an estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their crucial first dose of measles vaccine in 2022.
2. Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a bacterium.

3. It spreads easily when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.
4. Measles is preventable with two doses of MR (measles rubella) vaccine.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**48. Consider the following statements:**

1. Emissions Gap Report is released by UN Environment Programme (UNEP).
2. As per report, September was the hottest recorded month ever, with global average temperatures 1.8°C above pre-industrial levels.
3. UNEP was established in 1992 after Rio Earth Summit.
4. UNEP headquarters are located in Paris, France.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**49. Consider the following statements:**

1. The International Space Station (ISS) was launched in 1998.
2. It is a partnership between ESA, NASA, JAXA, CSA, ISRO and Roscosmos.
3. The ISS orbits Earth every 19 minutes at a speed of 8 kilometers per second.
4. Zarya was the first module of ISS, launched from Kazakhstan.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**50. Consider the following statements:**

1. Myristica swamps are found in Eastern Ghats and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. These are naturally patchy habitats with a high number of endemic species.
3. These are a type of brackish swamp forest predominantly composed of species of Myristica.
4. This species has stilt roots, or knee roots that pop up above the water level to breathe.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**51. Consider the following statements:**

1. European Space Agency is set to launch the Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE) to study impact of earth's weather on Space weather.
2. AWE will be launched and mounted on the exterior of the Earth-orbiting International Space Station.
3. Atmospheric Gravity Waves (AGW) are mostly generated when there is an extreme weather event or a sudden disturbance leading to a horizontal displacement of stable air.
4. AGWs continue all the way to Space, where they contribute to the Space weather.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 4 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**52. Consider the following statements:**

1. Eklavya Model Residential Schools scheme was started in 2014-15.
2. EMRS are designed to impart quality education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) children in remote areas.
3. Ministry of Education is the nodal Ministry for EMRS.

4. Non-ST students cannot be admitted in these schools.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

ANSWER: C

53. Consider the following statements:

- 1. SATHEE portal aims to provide coaching to students for entrance exams.
- 2. SATHEE is an open learning platform available to students at no cost.
- 3. Digital learning material on the SATHEE portal is available in all 22 scheduled languages.
- 4. The portal uses AI to customize it for each student's pace of learning.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

ANSWER: D

54. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Punjab Cabinet has passed a resolution seeking special category status to State.
- 2. Special category status is generally granted to States which face geographical and socio-economic disadvantages.
- 3. The 'special category' status to a state was first introduced in 1969 by 4<sup>th</sup> Financial Commission.
- 4. The 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission removed the concept of special category status.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 4 only

ANSWER: D

55. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Mosquito fish are used in freshwater ecosystems to feed on mosquito larvae.
- 2. Gambusia affinis and Gambusia holbrooki have been reported to have invaded various ecosystems across India.
- 3. These species of mosquitofish originated in the Russia.
- 4. Gambusia was first introduced in India during 1970s.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

ANSWER: A

56. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Nidirana noadihing is a newly discovered species of music frog.
- 2. It has been discovered in Meghalaya.
- 3. The discovery has confirmed for the first time that Nidirana genus of frog has been found in India.
- 4. It has a unique call pattern consisting of two-three notes.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

ANSWER: C

57. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The recent 59th session of the International Tropical Timber Council was held in Manila, Philippines.
- 2. ITTO is a treaty-based inter-governmental organisation headquartered in Beijing, China.
- 3. ITTO is focussed on promoting the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests.
- 4. India is a founder member of ITTO.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only



- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**58. Consider the following statements:**

1. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences has launched AGNI initiative.
2. "Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative" (AGNI) aims promoting the culture of evidence-based practice among Ayurveda Practitioners.
3. CCRAS is an apex research organization under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
4. SPARK, SMART and STAR are other programmes initiated by CCRAS.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2, 3 & 4 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**59. Consider the following statements:**

1. Justice Fathima Beevi was the first woman member of the country's Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.
2. She was appointed as a judge in Supreme Court in 1989, a post which she held till 1992.
3. She was the first woman in Asia to be appointed as a judge in her country's apex court.
4. She was appointed as Kerala governor in 1997.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 3 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**60. Consider the following statements:**

1. The brow-antlered deer, commonly known as the Sangai is found exclusively in Keibul Lamjao National Park.
2. Keibul Lamjao in Meghalaya is the only floating national park in India.
3. Sangai Deer is the State animal of Manipur.

4. Loktak Lake was listed under the Montreux Record in 1993.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**61. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sagittarius C is the gargantuan black hole that makes up the central hub of our galaxy.
2. Protostars are stars in the early stages of formation that are still gathering mass.
3. James Webb Space Telescope is the largest, most powerful ultraviolet space telescope ever built.
4. James Webb Space Telescope orbits around the Earth about 1.5 million kilometers away.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1, 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 3 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**62. Consider the following statements:**

1. A digital twin is a virtual representation of a physical object or system from real-time data from sensors, IoT devices etc.
2. Digital twins are static models of physical object or system changes.
3. Survey of India is the National Mapping Agency of India under Department of Science & Technology.
4. Sol maintains an all-India network of transmitters and receivers called CORS (Continuously Operating Reference Stations)

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**63. Consider the following statements:**

1. Delimitation means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province having a legislative body.
2. The 44<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment froze delimitation exercise until the first Census after 2000 was published.
3. Delimitation Commission orders have the force of law and cannot be called in question before any court.
4. However, the legislature can bring about changes in the orders of Delimitation Commission.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

**64. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sant Mirabai was born to Rajput king Ratan Singh of Jodhpur.
2. She was a 16<sup>th</sup> century Hindu mystic Bhakti poet and she was an ardent devotee of Lord Shiva.
3. Mira Bai belonged to Nirguna school of Bhakti Movement.
4. She was a disciple of Saint Kalidasa.

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

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**65. 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. About 80% of the rare diseases are genetic in origin.

3. Gaucher's Disease causes a copper deposit in the liver and psychiatric symptoms.
4. Wilson's Disease causes complex seizure syndromes.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**66. Consider the following statements:**

1. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) was launched in 2014.
2. CGTMSE corpus is contributed by the government and SIDBI in the ratio of 1:4 respectively.
3. Both the existing and the new enterprises are eligible to be covered under the scheme.
4. SIDBI is the principal Financial Institution engaged in the promotion, financing & development of MSME sector.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**67. Consider the following statements:**

1. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary (BWLS) is proposed to be second home to the Asiatic lions.
2. BWLS is located in Rajasthan near Gujarat border.
3. The IUCN red list status for Asiatic Lion is 'critically endangered'.
4. The Asiatic lions at present are restricted to Gir National Park and Sanctuary.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

**68. Consider the following statements:**

1. Article 312 of the Constitution provides for the establishment of All India Judicial Service.
2. AIJS shall not include any post inferior to that of a District Judge.
3. Presently, selection to the district and subordinate judiciary is done by state governments in consultation with Supreme Court.
4. The maximum pending cases are at High court level.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**69. Consider the following statements:**

1. India's first multi-wavelength space telescope, AstroSat, has successfully detected its 6000th Gamma-ray Burst (GRB) recently.
2. AstroSat is the first dedicated Indian astronomy mission aimed at studying celestial sources in X-ray, optical and UV spectral bands simultaneously.
3. Gamma-ray bursts are the universe's most powerful explosions, often associated with the creation of black holes.
4. AstroSat uses 5 payloads for observation and is stationed in an orbit 650km high.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2, 3 & 4 only
- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: C**

**70. Consider the following statements:**

1. Financial Stability Board (FSB) recently published the 2023 list of global systemically important banks (G-SIBs).
2. None of the Indian Banks is on the list.
3. FSB was established in 2009 after the G7 Summit in London.
4. SBI, Axis Bank, and ICICI Bank are identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) in India.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: A**

**71. Consider the following statements:**

1. A report titled Gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) was recently released by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and UNICEF.
2. As per report, globally, nearly 89,000 women and girls were killed intentionally in 2022.
3. Dowry-related reasons consistently topped the list as the leading cause of gender-related deaths in India.
4. UNODC headquarters are located in New York, USA.

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

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 1 & 4 only

**ANSWER: B**

## HIMACHAL PRADESH PRACTICE MCQS

### 1. Consider the following statements:

1. The holy Chintpurni shrine in Una district will soon be connected 11.1 km ropeway.
2. The Chintpurni temple is recognised as one of the Shakti Peeths.

Which 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. The overall winner of Pre-World Cup paragliding championship 2023, Austin Cox, belongs to-

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Switzerland
- D. USA

**ANSWER: D**

### 3. Chaurasi (84) Pauris monument is located in the city of-

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

**ANSWER: B**

### 4. Consider the following statements:

1. Innovative Urban Ropeway Transport Project to decongest Shimla will be funded by Asian Development Bank.
2. It will be 13.65-km ropeway with 13 boarding and de-boarding stations and one turning station
3. It will be the largest urban ropeway network in the world.
4. Each of the 13 stations will have a distance of 1 km to 1.5 km.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 & 4 only
- D. 2 & 4 only

**ANSWER: D**

### 5. \_\_\_\_\_ has pledged \_\_\_\_\_ to propel Himachal Pradesh's 'Green State' vision

- A. New Development Bank, USD 200 million
- B. Asian Development Bank, USD 200 million
- C. International Monetary Fund, USD 200 million
- D. World Bank, USD 200 million

**ANSWER: D**

### 6. Consider the following statements:

1. "Pathron Ka Mela" (stone-pelting fair) is celebrated at Dhami near Shimla.
2. As per traditions, the festival continues till blood starts oozing from the wounds of the injured people.

Which 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 famous international Renuka Ji fair is held in the district of-

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

**ANSWER: B**

### 8. The famous Shikari Devi temple is located in which of the following districts?

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

**ANSWER: D**



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