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POLITY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court in a unanimous ruling upheld the Centre's abrogation of Article 370.
2. It held that President of India had the power to abrogate Article 370 without a prerequisite for a recommendation by the Jammu and Kashmir assembly.
3. The Supreme Court has instructed the ECI to hold the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir latest by December 31, 2024.
4. The judgment also urged for earliest reinstatement of statehood in the Union Territory.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

- D. 1, 2 & 4 only

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Central Water Commission was established as Central Waterways, Irrigation and Navigation Commission.
2. CWC is presently functioning as an attached office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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

ECONOMY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Pressmud is the agricultural waste obtained when cane juice is repeatedly filtered before being sent for extraction of sugar.
2. It can be as a feedstock for biogas production through anaerobic digestion and subsequent purification to create compressed biogas.

Which 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. Pink Bollworm, originally native to Egypt, it is now recorded in nearly all the cotton-growing countries of the world.
2. Pink bollworm is now resistant to first generation transgenic Bt cotton.

Which 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. Sahitya Akademi Awards prize carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh for each winner.
2. MSE Scheme on Online Dispute Resolution for Delayed Payments will be implemented by National Informatics Centre Services Inc.
3. Approved notifications under Bhoomi Rashi portal are electronically transmitted to the Government of India Press via the e-Gazette.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of Textiles launched "Paat-Mitro" - a mobile application for latest agronomic practices and Minimum Support Prices of Cotton.
2. The application is free of cost and available in 16 languages.

Which 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. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a 4.5 km-long six-lane bridge connecting Digha with Sonepur across _____ river in _____.

- A. Ganga, Bihar
- B. Brahmaputra, Assam
- C. Mahanadi, Odisha
- D. Ganga, Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

6. Which state/UT is the largest producer of ball copra in India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil nadu

- C. Karnataka
- D. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

ANSWER: C

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Neora Valley National Park is part of Eastern Himalayas, a global 'biodiversity hotspot'.
2. SBI, IndusInd Bank, and HDFC Bank are categorized as Domestic Systemically Important Banks.
3. Warli Paintings were traditionally practised by men of the Warli tribe.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

GEOGRAPHY

1. The Ibu volcano on Halmahera Island, which erupted recently, is located in-

- A. Malaysia
- B. Philippines
- C. Indonesia
- D. Brunei

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Polar stratospheric clouds, also known as nacreous clouds, usually develop in extremely cold air above the polar regions.
2. These provide a surface for chemical reactions where benign forms of chlorine are converted into reactive, ozone-destroying forms.

Which 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. The term 'Chilla-i-Kalan' is associated with-

- A. Cold weather

- B. Food/ hot beverage
- C. Handmade carpets
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Currently, there is no cure for the Huntington's disease.
2. Lantana Camara is a very adaptable species, which can inhabit a wide variety of ecosystems.
3. The Antarctic Circumpolar Current's westward flow is driven by strong easterly winds.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

ART AND CULTURE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. In Kalbelia dance, women wear black garments and perform snake-like movements to music played by men.
2. Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan are part of its Intangible Heritage List by the UNESCO.

Which 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. Parthenon Sculptures were removed from the Parthenon in the early 19th century by Thomas Bruce and brought to Britain.
2. Parthenon Sculptures originally adorned the walls and grounds of the Parthenon temple in Rome.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The Hump Museum was inaugurated recently in Meghalaya.
2. Military aircraft transported supplies like fuel, food, and ammunition through this treacherous route during 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

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Hornbill Festival is a month long festival celebrated in the state of Nagaland.

2. The Great Hornbill is the State Bird of Nagaland.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Pashupatinath Temple is situated on the banks of the holy River Bagmati.
2. The temple was classified as a World Heritage Site in 1979.

Which 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. Channapatna Toys are famed wooden toys are made by artisans in and around Channapatna town in Kerala.
2. Chemical dye is not used in them and they come without sharp edges.

Which 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. Shar Amartala Torgya Festival is annually celebrated in-

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

ANSWER: B

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Cassini mission was launched in 1997.
2. Kashi Tamil Sangamam aims to further the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.'

3. All four units of Kakrapar Atomic Power Station have capacity of 700 MWe.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Yogmaya Temple in Mehrauli was built by Lala Sidhu Mal.
- 2. He was a noble in the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar.

Which 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. National Culture Fund (NCF) was set up as a Trust in 1996 under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890.
- 2. Donations to the National Culture Fund will be eligible for tax benefit under Income Tax Act.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

11. World’s oldest known fort, which dates back to 8,000 years, was recently discovered in-

- A. Serbia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Madagascar
- D. Siberia

ANSWER: D

12. The International Gita Mahotsav 2023 commenced recently in-

- A. Kurukshetra
- B. Varanasi
- C. Dwarka
- D. Bhopal

ANSWER: A

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The new feature, My iGOT, delivers targeted training courses on home page of individual officer.
- 2. Asteroid Apophis originated in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
- 3. Kozikodhe from Kerala was also added to UNESCO’s Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in 2023 under ‘Crafts and Folk Arts’ category.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Veer Baal Diwas is commemorated on 26th December.
- 2. It marks the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh’s sons- Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sunehri Masjid lies in the heart of Lutyens Delhi, near Udyog Bhavan.
- 2. It was built by Mughal noble Roshan-ud-Daula.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Neora Valley National Park is also an integral part of the Kanchenjunga Landscape.
- 2. D-SIBs are systemically important banks considered too big to fail.
- 3. Jivya Soma Mashe is known as the father of Warli art.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

D. 1, 2 & 3

ANSWER: D

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Scientists have created tiny robots, called anthrobots from stem cells sourced from embryos of the African clawed frog.
2. They hold promise for regenerative medicine, wound healing, and disease treatment.

Which 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. Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC) Society is an Apex Autonomous Society subsuming 14 Autonomous institutions.
2. Department of Biotechnology under Ministry of Science and Technology is functioning as the nodal agency for promotion of Biotechnology 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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Japan recently began commercial operations of the world's first fourth generation, gas-cooled nuclear reactor power plant.
2. It uses nitrogen gas to cool the system.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

1. IIT- Bombay has developed a technology called 'AMRIT' (Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology).

2. It uses nano-scale iron oxy-hydroxide, which selectively removes arsenic when water is passed through it.

Which 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. Vyommitra is a male robot astronaut, that will be launched into space as part of the ambitious Gaganyaan project.
2. The robot's AI-enabled features, enable it to speak, see, express facial emotions, and withstand the rigours of space travel.

Which 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. Bodhicitta permeates every aspect of Hinayana teaching and practice.
2. 'Krutrim' is a large language model (LLM) which has been trained on more than 2 trillion 'tokens'.
3. Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator UAV is designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautical Ltd.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Cassini mission was a joint endeavor of NASA, ESA (European Space Agency), and ISRO.

- Ministry of Home Affairs is the Nodal Ministry for Kashi Tamil Samagam.
- Pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWRs) use natural uranium as fuel and heavy water as coolant and moderator.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

8. Consider the following statements:

- Late Blight Disease primarily affects cotton crop.
- The e-mail system works on Zero Trust Authentication (ZTA) and has been designed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- India saw the highest amount of remittance inflows in the world in 2023 at USD 125 billion.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

9. India's first AI city is coming up in-

- Prayagraj
- Lucknow
- GIFT City
- Bengaluru

ANSWER: B

10. Chameleon Trojan, seen recently in news, is a-

- Newly discovered species of chameleon
- Largest optical telescope in china
- Malware
- Tesla's color changing paint technology

ANSWER: C

DEFENSE

1. Consider the following statements:

- Tritonal is a mix of three parts aluminium and one part trinitrotoluene or TNT.
- It has been reported to been used in Gaza by Israel forces.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

2. Consider the following statements:

- The maiden edition of the MAHASAGAR interaction was hosted by the Indian Navy recently.
- It is a high level virtual interaction between Maritime Heads for Active Security And Growth for All in the Region.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

- INS Sandhayak is the largest survey vessel ever built in India.
- It has been designed and constructed by Mazagaon Dockyard Ltd.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following statements:

- Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) was established by Ministry of Science and Technology.
- It aims to coordinate all activities related to implementation of Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLAT) with other countries related to cybercrimes.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B**5. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Indian Navy conducted a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.
2. The exercise was designed specifically for women officers from the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

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

1. Agni 1 is a short-range cruise missile with range of 700–900 km.
2. It is a dual-stage, solid-fuel missile.
3. It is road-mobile, which gives it a high degree of mobility and makes it difficult for an enemy to target.
4. It originated from India's 1983 Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP).

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**7. Consider the following statements:**

1. Exercise VINBAX is a Joint Military Exercise between India and Vietnam.
2. This year it will be conducted at Chandimandir Military Station.

Which 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. Defence Ministry has approved proposal for buying around 6,400 rockets for Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher systems for Indian Army.
2. The Pinaka MBRL systems will be sourced from Israel and Spain.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only

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

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

1. The Oxygen Generation System in ECLSS, employs cutting-edge electrolysis, separates water molecules into oxygen and hydrogen gas.
2. INS Tarmugli was gifted to Mauritius Naval Defence Forces (MNDF) in 2006.
3. Baba Raghav Das accompanied Gandhiji during Dandi March.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C**10. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sed-Guiyed Monastery is located in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Krutrim also responds to voice inputs, enhancing user interaction and accessibility.
3. The Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator UAV is designed and manufactured with light-weight carbon prepreg composite material developed indigenously.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

1. MPEDA headquarters are located in Kochi.
2. Variant is a genome (genetic code) that may contain one or more mutations.
3. SAMAR employs the IAF's shelf-life-expired Russian Vypel R-73E infrared-guided air-to-air missiles (AAMs).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

12. Operation Prosperity Guardian is associated with-

- A. Providing aid in Gaza strip
- B. Eradicating hunger from southern africa
- C. Prevent merchant ships from attacks in Red sea
- D. None of the above.

ANSWER: C

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. ISRO, previously the Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR), was set up in 1962.
- 2. CISF was established under the recommendation of the Tandon Commission.
- 3. IUCN red list status of white-bellied sea eagle is - 'vulnerable'

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Taraknath Das became a member of Anushilan Samiti at a young age.
- 2. Nampdapha Flying Squirrel IUCN red list is - Endangered
- 3. 'Indian Ocean Naval Symposium' (IONS) was conceived by the Indian Navy in 2008.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Pong Dam is the highest earth fill dam in India.

- 2. INS Imphal is constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers.
- 3. Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) is tasked with imposing fines and penalties on companies engaged in false and misleading advertisements.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Water consumption in Hydroponics is higher than traditional farming.
- 2. Chronic Wasting Disease is also known as 'Zombie Deer Disease' and it leaves animals drooling and confused.
- 3. Information Fusion Centre for Indian Ocean Region currently hosts 12 International Liaison Officers from Indian Ocean Region Littoral states only.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: A

17. Who has become the first woman Director General of CISF?

- A. Nina Singh
- B. Anita Negi
- C. Trideep Kaur
- D. Mahima Singh

ANSWER: A

SPACE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Comet P12/Pons-Brooks was discovered in 1812 and orbits the Sun with a period of 71 years.
2. The Himalayan Chandra Telescope in Hanle, Ladakh, is a part of IIA's Indian Astronomical Observatory.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. A red sprite represents an extraordinary meteorological phenomenon categorized as a Transient Luminous Event.
2. A sprite behaves inversely, ascending into the atmosphere, resembling a form of reverse lightning.

Which 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. Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, Ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission will be launched by European Space Agency in 2024.
2. Aerosols scatter and absorb sunlight, influencing how much solar energy reaches the Earth's surface.

Which 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. Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution or widely known as TEMPO is NASA's first Earth-observation satellite in geostationary orbit.
2. It is first ever space-based instrument to monitor air pollutants weekly across the North American continent during daytime.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Under Mission Karmayogi, there will be more focus on 'on-site learning' in complementing "off-site learning".
2. Asteriod Apophis is a near-Earth object (NEO) majorly composed of carbon.
3. Gwalior is the only City of Music among Indian cities in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Finite Element Analysis of Structures Software has been launched by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) of the ISRO.
2. It is operable in both Windows and Linux operating systems.

Which 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. Smart Lander for Investigating Moon was built and launched by Roscosmos.
2. SLIM was launched together with XRISM, a next-generation X-ray space telescope, onboard an H-2A rocket.

Which 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. Neutron stars are superdense astrophysical objects formed at the beginning of a massive star's life in a supernova explosion.
2. High-energy collisions between neutron stars lead to the formation of heavy elements like gold.

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

ENVIRONMENT

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Bandipur Tiger Reserve is located at the tri-junction area of the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.
2. Bandipur was among the first nine reserves to be brought under the flagship programme 'Project Tiger'.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The mass movement of marine life towards equator is called tropicalisation.
2. The first instance of this process was identified in the Mediterranean Sea, now considered a "tropicalisation hotspot".

Which 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. Loss and Damage Fund is a global financial package to ensure the rescue and rehabilitation of countries facing the cascading effects of climate change.
2. The Global Environment Facility will oversee the loss and damage fund in the beginning.

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. Climate Club, launched at COP28, is aimed at cooperation between countries in decarbonising the industrial sector.
2. India is not a member of the Climate Club.

Which 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. South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) will undertake plantation using the Miyawaki method in Jharkhand.
2. It involves planting native trees, shrubs and groundcover plants within every square meter to create a dense canopy layer.

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. Central government has approved setting up a leopard breeding and conservation centre in Banni Grassland.
2. Banni Grassland spans 2,618 sq km and is located along the northern border of Kutch.

Which 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. UNEP's Generation Unlimited, in collaboration with India's MoEFCC has unveiled the "Green Rising" initiative.
2. The main goal is to mobilize millions of young people worldwide, encouraging their active participation in green initiatives.

Which 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. Impatiens karuppusamyi is a new species of plant from Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.
2. Botanical Survey of India is headquartered at Chennai.
3. Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve is located in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu.
4. KMTR was declared as the "First Tiger Reserve of Tamil Nadu".

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. A royal Bengal tiger has been seen at an elevation of 3640 metres, the highest ever elevation in India.
2. It has been seen at Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. The Pangalokha Wildlife Sanctuary at the tri-junction of Sikkim, Bengal, and Myanmar.
4. The IUCN red list status for Tiger is Critically Endangered.

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations has declared 2023 the International Year of Camelids.
2. As a group Camelids include alpacas, Bactrian camels, dromedaries, guanacos, llamas, vicuñas etc.

Which 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. Under Chandrayaan-3, ISRO managed to place the Pragyaan lander on the lunar surface and roll out the robotic rover, Vikram.
2. CISF also provides security to the protected persons classified as Z Plus, Z, X, Y.
3. The white-bellied sea eagle lives primarily in terrestrial habitats near the ocean, especially coasts, islands, and estuaries.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Pong Dam Lake is formed due to the construction of Pong Dam on Satluj River.
2. INS Imphal is the first warship to have been named after a city from the North East.
3. National Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on December 25th.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

13. Consider the following statements:

- 'Pantoea Tagorei' is a new species of fungi named after Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.
- It solubilises potassium and phosphorus and fixes nitrogen which help promote plant growth.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: A

14. Consider the following statements:

- In Huntington Disease, the patient's carries a mutated version of a gene called HTT.
- Lantana Camara is native to the American tropics and belongs to the Verbenaceae family.

- Antarctic Circumpolar Current is the only current that flows completely around the globe.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

15. The cabinet recently ratified that India will sign Migration and Mobility Agreement with which of the following countries?

- Pakistan
- Bangladesh
- Papua New Guinea
- Italy

ANSWER: D

INTERNATIONAL

1. Which country has become first in South Asia to formally recognize and register a same-sex marriage?

- Thailand
- Bhutan
- Bangladesh
- Nepal

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

- LeadIT was launched by India and Sweden at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019.
- It brings together countries, companies and industry experts to achieve net-zero emissions from heavy industries by 2050.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

- The Global Green Credit Initiative envisions a market-based approach to rewarding individuals, communities, and organisations for undertaking environmentally positive actions.

- Green Credits initiative in India has been notified through Green Credit Rules, 2023 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

4. Consider the following statements:

- Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international food safety and quality standard-setting body created by WHO and FAO in 1963.
- It is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

- India was re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council with the highest tally.

2. International Maritime Organisation is a specialized agency of the United Nations with headquarters in Montreal.

Which 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. International Social Security Association aim is to promote dynamic social security as the social dimension in a globalizing world.
- 2. It is headquartered at 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

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Recently, Italy has decided to leave China's ambitious Belt and Road initiative (BRI).
- 2. Italy and Germany had joined BRI in 2019.

Which 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. Colombo Security Conclave was formed in 2011 as a trilateral maritime security of India, Sri Lanka, and the Mauritius.
- 2. It was later expanded, with Maldives joining as the fourth member and Bangladesh and Seychelles participating as observer 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: D

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. "Operation Storm Makers II" is aimed against fraud schemes fuelled by victims of human trafficking.

2. It was a special mission organized by Interpol.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. ENACT (Enhancing Nature-based Solutions for an Accelerated Climate Transformation) was launched recently at COP28 in UAE.
- 2. ENACT aims to coordinate global efforts to address climate change, land and ecosystem degradation, and biodiversity loss through Nature-based Solutions.

Which 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. COP28 of UNFCCC concluded with world's first 'global stocktake' to ratchet up climate action before the end of the decade.
- 2. Global stocktake is a process for countries to see where they're collectively making progress towards meeting the goals of Paris Agreement.

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

- A. Iceland
- B. Norway
- C. Liechtenstein
- D. Luxembourg

ANSWER: D

13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Zurich topped the Quality of Living Index 2023, recently released by Mercer.
- 2. Bengaluru is the highest placed Indian city in the 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: D

14. Consider the following statements:

1. India's Uma Sekhar was elected to the governing council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).
2. UNIDROIT's core mission involves studying the needs and methods for modernizing, harmonizing, and coordinating private and commercial law among States and groups of States.
3. Its headquarters are located in Paris, France.
4. India has been a member of UNIDROIT since 1926.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is headquartered in Tashkent, Turkmenistan.

2. The primary objective of the SCO is to foster regional cooperation on diverse matters, encompassing security, economics, and cultural exchanges.
3. India joined the SCO in 2015.
4. India, for the first time, held the 22nd summit of the SCO virtually.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Taraknath Das started the publication of an anti-British newspaper, 'Free Hindusthan' in India.
2. Nampdapha Flying squirrels glide between trees and cannot take flight like birds or bats.
3. 'Indian Ocean Naval Symposium' (IONS) is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime co-operation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

DAYS TO REMEMBER

1. Consider the following statements:

1. World AIDS Day is annually celebrated on December 1st.
2. The theme for World AIDS Day 2023 is "Leave no one behind".

Which 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. The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed annually on-

- A. December 2nd

- B. December 1st
- C. December 3rd
- D. November 29th

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Pollution Control Day is observed on December 2nd in observance of Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
2. Bhopal Gas Tragedy took place when a deadly gas, ethyl isocyanate, leaked from Union Carbide India Limited's pesticide facility.

Which 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 Day for Persons with Disabilities is annually observed on-

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

ANSWER: C

5. The World Computer Literacy Day is marked annually on-

- A. December 2nd
- B. December 3rd
- C. December 4th
- D. December 5th

ANSWER: A

6. International Volunteer Day is observed annually on-

- A. December 3rd
- B. December 4th
- C. December 5th
- D. December 6th

ANSWER: C

7. International Civil Aviation Day is observed annually on-

- A. December 4th
- B. December 5th
- C. December 6th
- D. December 7th

ANSWER: D

8. The International Day against Corruption is observed on-

- A. December 9th
- B. December 8th
- C. December 7th
- D. December 6th

ANSWER: A

9. The theme for International Mountain Day 2023 is-

- A. Mountains are essential
- B. Restoring Mountain Ecosystems
- C. Water Sources at mountains
- D. Mountain Health is Human Health

ANSWER: B

10. Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day is observed annually on

- A. December 10th
- B. December 11th
- C. December 12th
- D. December 13th

ANSWER: C

11. National Energy Conservation Day is observed in India every year on-

- A. December 12th
- B. December 13th
- C. December 14th
- D. December 15th

ANSWER: C

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Vijay Diwas is commemorated on December 16th every year.
- 2. It strives to honor the victory of the Indian armed forces over Pakistan in the 1965 war.

Which 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

13. Goa was liberated from the rule of Portuguese on December 19th in

- A. 1960
- B. 1961
- C. 1962
- D. 1963

ANSWER: B

14. International Migrants Day is observed annually on

- A. December 16th
- B. December 17th
- C. December 18th
- D. December 19th

ANSWER: C

15. International Human Solidarity Day is held annually on

- A. December 17th
- B. December 18th
- C. December 19th
- D. December 20th

ANSWER: D

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Mathematics Day (NMD) is observed annually on December 22.

2. It is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

17. National Farmer's Day, or Kisan Diwas, is observed on-

- A. December 20
- B. December 21
- C. December 22
- D. December 23

ANSWER: D

18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Pong Dam Lake was designated a Ramsar site in 2002.
- 2. The INS Imphal is equipped with BrahMos surface-to-surface missiles.

3. The World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15th March.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

19. Good Governance Day is celebrated on-

- A. December 23rd
- B. December 24th
- C. December 25th
- D. December 26th

ANSWER: D

20. The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is observed every year on-

- A. December 24th
- B. December 25th
- C. December 26th
- D. December 27th

ANSWER: D

PERSON NEWS

1. Henry Kissinger who passed away recently was a former secretary of state of-

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

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Shri. Ramasamy Venkataraman was the 8th President of India from 1987 to 1992.
- 2. He was also a member of the constituent assembly that drafted India's Constitution.

Which 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. Pa Togan Nengminza Sangma was a freedom fighter from Meghalaya.

2. He belonged to Khasi tribe and known for his role in the anti-colonial resistance movement in north eastern India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Gaganyaan will be launched in to a low earth orbit by PSLV launch vehicle.
- 2. INS Tarmugli is named after a picturesque island in the Lakshdweep group.
- 3. Baba Raghav Das also took an active part in the 'Bhu-dan' movement started by Binoba Bhawe.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: A

5. Robert M. Solow, who passed away recently, was a renowned-
- Economist
 - painter
 - Cinematographer
 - Cricketer

ANSWER: A

6. Name the former European Commission President who died recently and was a key figure in the creation of the euro currency?
- Leonard Bernstein
 - Jacques Delors
 - Paul Lynch
 - Geert Wilders

ANSWER: B

INDEX AND REPORTS

1. Consider the following statements:

- The assessment for Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report for India was done by jointly by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and States/UTs for the first time.
- The report highlights an increase in the number of 'Over-exploited' units.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

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

- Asia and the Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2023 report was released by UNICEF.
- As per report, 31.7% & 18.7% of children of the country under five years of age suffered with stunting and wasting respectively.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

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

- Late blight is considered a community disease since sporangia from one field may spread to adjacent fields.
- National Informatics Centre works under the purview of Ministry of Science and Technology.
- USA continued to be the largest source of remittances.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

- A report, 'A Green and Sustainable Growth Agenda for the Global Economy' was recently released by World Bank.
- It emphasized on reforming the structure of the Multilateral Development Banks.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B**5. Consider the following statements regarding QS- World University Ranking: Sustainability 2024**

- University of California, Berkeley grabbed the first spot globally.
- IIT Bombay was the topped ranked university from India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

PLACE IN NEWS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Yellow Sea is located in the eastern Pacific Ocean.
2. The golden-yellow colour of the silt is derived from yellowish sand particles originating from the Gobi Desert.

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

2. The city of Khan Yunis, seen recently in news, is located in-

- A. Yemen
- B. Oman
- C. Sudan
- D. Gaza

ANSWER: D

3. Gelephu Smartcity Project' is an upcoming international city project in-

- A. Japan
- B. Bhutan
- C. China
- D. Tajikistan

ANSWER: B

4. A major volcanic eruption of Mount Ulawun took place recently in-

- A. Philippines
- B. Papua New Guinea
- C. Chile

- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: B

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The Strait of Gibraltar separates Africa from Europe.
2. It is located at the southern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula.

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa islands are located in Bab Al Mandeb strait.
2. These islands have been claimed by both Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

7. The Kuril Islands are located in-

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Mediterranean Sea
- C. Indian Ocean
- D. Pacific Ocean

ANSWER: D

POLICY AND PROGRAMME

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USA) aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.
2. It is a central sector scheme that aims to work with 300-plus state universities.

Which 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. The 'City of Lakes' project and "3i model" for Electric Vehicles are initiatives of the government of-

- A. Assam
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat

D. Delhi

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Tiriyani Block from Haryana secured top position in the first delta rankings of Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).
2. 500 blocks from 329 districts across 27 states and 4 Union Territories of India are part of the programme.

Which 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. The total enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed 60 crore.
2. The minimum age of joining the APY is 18 years and the maximum age is 40 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: A

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Sahitya Akademi is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education.
2. SIDBI is the implementing agency for MSME Green Investment and Financing for Transformation Scheme (MSME GIFT Scheme).
3. Compensation for land acquisition is also being paid through Bhoomi Rashi portal.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. PRAYAS (Promoting Regular & Assisted Migration for Youth and Skilled Professionals), was launched by International Organisation for Migration in partnership with the Ministry of Education.
2. IOM headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. PM Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) is a Central Sector scheme, with 100% Central funding.
2. The scheme is "aimed at rapid and holistic development" of the northeast region by "funding infrastructure and social development projects."

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Karmayogi Bharat and NITI Aayog have launched 6 SAMARTH Curated Training Programs on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform.
2. iGOT Karmayogi is a comprehensive online learning platform to guide government officials in their capacity-building journey.

Which 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

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The U.K. detected its first human case of the flu strain A(H1N2)v recently.
2. H1N1, H1N2, and H3N2 are the most common influenza virus strains that infect 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**2. Which state has launched Mission Daksh (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill) to minimise school dropout?**

- A. Punjab
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Bihar

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

1. Pompe Disease is also known as Glycogen Storage Disease Type II.
2. It is a lifestyle disorder caused by a deficiency of the enzyme acid alpha-glucosidase.
3. There is currently no cure for Pompe disease.
4. Progressive muscle weakness is a primary feature of Pompe disease.

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**4. Consider the following statements:**

1. World's first portable hospital, 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube' is designed indigenously under the Project 'BHISHM'.
2. It is tailored to treat up to 200 casualties, emphasizing rapid response and comprehensive care.

Which 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. Norovirus is a contagious virus that causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.
2. There is no vaccine available for norovirus.

Which 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. MPEDA functions under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
2. The JN.1 variant differs from Pirola or BA. 2.86 by only a single mutation in its spike protein.
3. SAMAR provides air defence against low-flying aerial targets with a maximum striking range of 12 km.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

1. MedTech Mitra is an online portal that aims to assist medtech innovators in clinical evaluation, regulatory facilitation, and uptake of new products.
2. It will be coordinated collaboratively by the ICMR and CDSCO, under the guidance of NITI Aayog's AIM.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

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

1. eSoil uses low energy and minimises resource consumption.
2. Vaccines are available against Chronic Wasting Disease.
3. Information Management and Analysis Centre is jointly operated by the Navy and Coast Guard.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

ANSWER: C

SPORT

1. Which Indian player was named the men's FIH Player of the Year at the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2023?

- A. Mandeep Singh
B. Harmanpreet Singh
C. Dilpreet Singh
D. Hardik Singh

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are the winners of prestigious Khel Ratna honour this year.
2. Both of them excel in the sport of Chess and are among of the youngest grandmasters of India.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Pooja Dhanda, a World and Asian medal winning archer, has been suspended by NADA due to whereabouts failures.
2. An Athlete in NADA's Registered Testing Pool is required to provide the whereabouts information every month.

Which 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

AWARDS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Pushpa Bharati's 2016 memoir, "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein", has been selected for the 33rd Vyas Samman.
2. The award is bestowed by the Sahitya Akademi.

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. _____ is to be honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award.

- A. Naseeruddin Shah
B. Gulzar
C. Amitabh Bachan
D. Javed Akhtar

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Professor Savita Ladage has won Royal Society of Chemistry's Nyholm Prize for Education.
2. It recognises a major national or international research or innovation contribution to the field of chemical science education.

Which 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. Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2023 has been jointly awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad.

2. It has been conferred annually since 1986 by Ministry of External Affairs.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Delhi Airport has won "Special Prize for an Interior" at the 2023 Prix Versailles.
2. The Prix Versailles awards are exclusively given to airports around the world for architecture.

Which 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. Sukrita Paul Kumar has recently won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize.
2. The prize is awarded annually by Sahitya Akademi.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTION

1. Consider the following statements:

1. United Nations Environment Program recently published its first ever report on the Ethics of Climate Engineering.
2. Climate Engineering is the intentional large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system to counter climate change.
3. Climate engineering is classified into two groups of techniques i.e. Carbon dioxide removal (CDR) and Solar radiation modification (SRM).
4. As per the report, Geoengineering tools could also have the potential for military or geo-political use.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The 16th Finance Commission will recommend the formula for sharing revenues between the Centre and the States for the five-year period beginning on April 1, 2025.
2. Finance Commission are constitutional bodies set up under Article 280.
3. As per the constitution, the Commission consists of a chairman and four other members.

4. The recommendations of FCs are binding on the Union government.

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: D

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Shettihalli wildlife sanctuary is located in Kerala.
2. It was designated as sanctuary in 1974 but still hasn't been notified of eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) status.
3. ESZ is a designated area around a protected area where certain activities are regulated to minimize human impact and protect the surrounding environment.
4. The Tunga Anicut Dam is situated within the sanctuary.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) is designed to provide support to tribal communities.
2. It aims at uplifting 100 tribal communities identified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
3. The scheme aims to provide crucial interventions such as permanent housing, road connectivity, piped water supply etc.
4. The ₹24,100 crore budget for the scheme will be fully funded by the centre.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Gajraj Suraksha is aimed at preventing elephant deaths in train collisions.
2. It is a kind of Intrusion Detection System or IDS imported from South Africa.
3. It primarily relies on OFCs or Optical Fibre cables for quick transmission of signals.
4. The Indian Railways has chosen the Konkan Railways to pilot this programme.

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: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. The Union Government will provide 15,000 progressive women self-help groups (SHG) with drones.
2. The drone services are envisaged to be used by the farmers for Nano fertilizer and pesticide applications.
3. 1500 drones will be provided by fertilizer companies and rest 13,500 drones will be made available through the Central assistance.
4. The drone pilot will get an honorarium of ₹15,000 and a co-pilot about ₹10,000.

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: C

7. Consider the following statements:

1. 'A Call for Safer and Healthier Working Environments' report was released by International Labour Organization (ILO).
2. India has ratified both ILO Occupational Safety and Health Convention (No. 155) and Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187).
3. As per report, nearly 30 lakh workers die every year globally due to work-related accidents and diseases.
4. ILO was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Telangana and Andhra Pradesh recently clashed over water sharing from Nagarjuna Sagar dam.
2. Nagarjuna Sagar dam is built across Godavari river.
3. It is the largest and highest masonry dam of the world.
4. As per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, the operational control of the Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is with the AP government.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Six sub-Neptune planets have been found orbiting in a rare synchronised dance around a distant star known as HD110067.
2. All six planets lie within the traditional habitable zone of their star.
3. Planets with radii between that of Earth and Neptune are called 'Sub-Neptunes'.

4. An orbital resonance occurs when two satellites have orbital periods that are related by integer relationships.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

10. Consider the following statements:

1. UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has released The Global Drought Snapshot.
2. As per the report, 1.84 billion people are drought stricken globally.
3. UNCCD is one of three Conventions originated at the 1972 Stockholm Summit.
4. UNCCD is a legally binding treaty that obliges national governments to take measures to tackle the issue of desertification.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Navy Day is observed every year on December 4th.
2. It is marked to commemorate the success of Operation Vijay which took place during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.
3. Sindhudurg Fort was commissioned by Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj between 1664 and 1667.
4. The Fort is located on a small island in the Arabian Sea near the shore of Malvan.

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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Hydrogen for Heritage' scheme, is a plan to operate hydrogen-powered trains on all railway routes by 2040.

2. Currently, only USA commercially operates hydrogen-powered trains.
3. India's plan to develop the technology involves retrofitment of hydrogen fuel cells on diesel electric multiple unit (DEMU) rakes.
4. Hydrogen fuel cells use the chemical energy of hydrogen to produce electricity.

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. The annual INTERPOL General Assembly had its 91st session in Lyon, France recently.
2. The International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC) or INTERPOL was founded at a police congress convened in 1923.
3. It is headquartered at Vienna, Austria.
4. The NIA is the National Central Bureau for Interpol in India.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Solar Wind Ion Spectrometer (SWIS), a component aboard the Aditya Solar Wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX) has become operational.
2. Aditya L1 has 7 payloads- three of them carrying out remote sensing of the Sun and four of them carrying in-situ observation.
3. There are five Lagrange points, L1 to L5, between any two-celestial body system.
4. Aditya L1 was launched by GSLV C-57.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. World Health Organization recently released its Annual Malaria Report 2023.
2. As per report, Africa bears the highest malaria burden of both Malaria cases and deaths.
3. Malaria is a life-threatening mosquito borne blood disease caused by flavi-virus.
4. Malaria is spread by the bite of an infected female Aedes mosquito.

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released its annual report on crime in India for the year 2022.
2. The crime rate, or crimes registered per lakh population has increased by 4.5%.
3. Majority of cases under crime against women were registered under 'cruelty by Husband or relatives'.
4. Reporting of cyber crime increased significantly by 24.4 percentage points compared to 2021.

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Financial Reporting Authority was constituted in 2018, by the Government of India under the Companies Act, 2013.
2. Its nodal ministry is Ministry of Finance.
3. It has the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 while trying a suit.
4. Its headquarters are located at Mumbai.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: D

18. Consider the following statements:

1. 'COP28 UAE Declaration on Climate and Health' was unveiled at World Climate Action Summit.
2. It is the first time governments of world acknowledging the growing health impacts of climate change on communities and countries.
3. India has also signed the declaration.
4. For the first time, Health Ministers are attending the annual UN climate conference alongside Environment Ministers.

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Garba of Gujarat' has been added on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.
2. The festival is dedicated to the worship of the Lord Krishna.
3. The inclusion of Garba now makes it India's 15th inscription on the List.
4. Sankirtana from Meghalaya and Ramman form Kerala is also part of the list.

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

20. Consider the following statements:

1. The Global Cooling Watch report 2023 was released by UN Environment Programme-led Cool Coalition.
2. As per report, 82% of global cooling-related GHG emissions came from G20 countries.
3. India Cooling Action Plan aims to reduce cooling demand across sectors by 25% to 30% by 2037-38
4. ICAP also aims to reduce refrigerant demand by 20% to 25% by 2037-38.

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**21. Consider the following statements:**

1. National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) has been established at 1022 locations across the country.
2. It is conceptualized and managed by the NCRB.
3. NAFIS assigns a unique 12-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN) to each person arrested for a crime.
4. Different crimes committed by same person, registered under different FIRs will be linked to the same NFN.

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**22. Consider the following statements:**

1. The National Archives of India is the custodian of the records of enduring value of the Government of India.
2. It was established on 11 March, 1891 at Mumbai as the Imperial Record Department.

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**23. Consider the following statements:**

1. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) has issued an alert regarding the common painkiller, Meftal.
2. The primary constituent of Meftal is Mefenamic acid.
3. The Drug Rash with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS) syndrome is a unique and severe idiosyncratic response to a medication.
4. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission is an autonomous Institution of the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

1. The daily, synchronized movement of marine animals between the surface and deep layers of the open ocean is called diel vertical migration (DVM).
2. This type of migration is the largest animal migration on the planet.
3. The timing of this migration is tuned to the natural rhythms of tides and waves.
4. DVM is also known as diurnal vertical migration.

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**25. Consider the following statements:**

1. Ministry of Rural Development initiative "Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar" seeks to explore the life, history, and ethos of Indian villages.
2. Objective of the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages, spanning 29 states and 7 union territories.
3. It is a crucial component of the National Mission on Cultural Mapping.
4. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Education.

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. Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) was recently released by UNEP.
2. The top three places remain empty as not a single assessed country has taken action in line with the 1.5-degree limit.
3. India has ascended to the 4th position in this year's Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)
4. CCPI assesses countries performance in four categories- GHG emissions, Renewable energy, Energy use, Climate policy.

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

27. Consider the following statements:

1. Dodos were flightless birds that were endemic to the island of Madagascar.
2. They went extinct in 19th century after the Dutch colonist arrived.
3. A genome contains all of the information needed to build that organism and allow it to grow and develop.
4. Primordial germ cells are basically embryonic precursors of a species' sperm and egg.

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: A

28. Consider the following statements:

1. The Human Rights Day is celebrated around the world on December 11th.
2. The theme to celebrate Human Rights Day 2023 is 'Freedom, Equality and Justice for All.'
3. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the League of Nations in 1919 after World War I.
4. National Human Rights Commission is enacted under Protection of Human Rights Act 1993.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

29. Consider the following statements:

1. The Koya tribe have moved on from using traditional Indian Bison horns to palm leaves to craft their traditional flute, Permakore.
2. Indian Bison is the tallest species of wild cattle found in India.
3. Its IUCN Red List status is 'Endangered'.
4. Kota tribal population is mainly found in hilly and forested regions of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

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: D

30. Consider the following statements:

1. The Odisha Government recently invoked the Essential Services (Maintenance) Act (ESMA) prohibiting strikes by paramedical staff.
2. ESMA was enacted under list no. 33 in the 8th schedule under the concurrent list.
3. Each state has its own unique and separate provision of the Essential Services Maintenance Act.
4. It can be imposed for a maximum period of 3 months and can be extended.

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Vishakha Guidelines of 1997 were binding and enforceable in law.
2. All women employees, whether employed regularly, temporarily, contractually are covered under PoSH Act.
3. PoSH Act requires any employer with more than 20 employees to form an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).
4. The Act mandates every block in the country to create a local committee (LC) to receive complaints from women working in firms with less than 10 employees and from the informal 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: A

32. Consider the following statements:

1. A 'Global River Cities Alliance' (GRCA) inspired by India's River Cities Alliance was launched at COP28.
2. GRCA is a unique alliance covering 275+ global river-cities in over 100 countries.

3. National Mission for Clean Ganga and National Institute for Urban Affairs will take on the role of the Secretariat of the GRCA.
4. River Cities Alliance is a joint initiative of Ministry of Jal Shakti & Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has launched the Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme.
2. It offers voluntary third-party certification designed to promote sustainable forest management and agroforestry in the country.
3. Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun will act as the scheme operating agency.
4. National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies under Bureau of Indian Standards will accredit the certification bodies.

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. PM Vishwakarma Scheme is a central sponsored scheme that is aimed at supporting and providing skill-upgradation training to artisans and craftspeople.
2. PM Vishwakarma also provides for collateral-free loans to artisans at lower interest rates.
3. The highest number of applications under PM Vishwakarma Scheme have come from Arunachal Pradesh.
4. The applicants are vetted at three levels - by village committees, district and state levels.

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) registered with the RBI as an Asset Reconstruction Company under SARFAESI Act, 2002.
2. NARCL buys assets with 25% of the agreed price in cash and the remaining 75% will be in the form of "Security Receipts".
3. If borrower fails to repay the installment, interest on principal or principal for 90 days the loan becomes NPA and it is termed as Substandard Asset.
4. Written off assets are those on which the bank or lender doesn't count the money borrower owes to it.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

36. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has reported a significant anthrax outbreak in five countries in East and southern Asia.
2. Anthrax is a highly infectious disease that is caused by the gram-positive, rod-shaped virus known as Bacillus anthracis.
3. Anthrax usually affects livestock like cattle, sheep and goats, as well as wild herbivores.
4. Vaccines against Anthrax are also available for both livestock and humans.

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released its Southeast Asia Opium Survey 2023.
2. As per report, Myanmar is the world's biggest opium producer.
3. Golden Triangle comprises of Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

4. UNODC headquarters are located at Paris, France.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: D

38. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Lok Adalat is a forum where disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled/ compromised amicably.
- 2. Lok Adalats have been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- 3. Appeals can be made against the award by the Lok Adalats in High Courts.
- 4. There is no court fee payable when a matter is filed in a Lok Adalat.

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

39. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Demareosthia alanensis, discovered recently, is a new species of marine amphipod.
- 2. It has been discovered from Chilika Lake.
- 3. Amphipods are only found in warm tropical shallow waters.
- 4. Chilika is World's largest brackish water coastal lagoon.

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

40. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023 was recently released by International Road Transport Union.
- 2. As per report, India registered a 15% decrease in fatalities.
- 3. Maximum road traffic deaths were recorded from African Region.

4. Annual fatality rates per 1 lakh vehicles declined from 79 deaths to 47 deaths.

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: B

41. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit 2023 was hosted by India.
- 2. GPAI has a Council and a Steering Committee, supported by a Secretariat hosted by the OPEC in Rome.
- 3. Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) is a multi-stakeholder initiative which aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI.
- 4. India is a founding member of GPAI.

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

42. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Haemophilia is a rare and usually inherited bleeding disorder.
- 2. It can lead to spontaneous bleeding as well as bleeding following injuries or surgery.
- 3. The gene related with this disorder is carried on the Y chromosome.
- 4. Hemophilia majorly affects the female gender.

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

43. Consider the following statements:

- 1. ISRO will be independently developing the Environmental Control and Life Support System (ECLSS) for the Gaganyaan mission.
- 2. INS Tarmugli is a Fast Attack Craft commissioned into the Navy.
- 3. Baba Raghav Das was popularly known as 'Gandhi of Poorvanchal'.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

44. Consider the following statements:

1. Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) recently launched a programme in Saint Lucia.
2. India has been chosen as the Partner Administration for the first time.
3. TIWB is a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
4. Saint Lucia is an island country of western Pacific Ocean.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

45. Consider the following statements:

1. Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) are government securities denominated in grams of gold.
2. These are issued by the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Government of India.
3. For individual investors and Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) investors, the maximum subscription limit is 2 kg per fiscal year.
4. Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) offer a fixed interest rate of 6.50% per annum on the initial investment amount.

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

46. Consider the following statements:

1. Bodhicitta, or "awakening mind" or "thought of enlightenment," is the commitment to embark on a path of awakening.
2. 'Krutrim,' is India's first full-stack artificial intelligence solution.

3. India recently conducted a pivotal flight trial of its indigenous high-speed flying wing UAV, termed the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

47. Consider the following statements:

1. India became first country to demonstrate the capability of engagement of 4 aerial targets simultaneously with Akash missile system.
2. Akash is a Long Range Surface to Air Missile System to protect vulnerable areas and points from air attacks.
3. Akash weapon system has been configured on mobile platforms.
4. The Akash Weapon System is indigenously designed and developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

48. Consider the following statements:

1. The "Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023" report was recently released by NITI Aayog.
2. LEADS was conceived on the lines of Logistics Performance Index of World Trade Organization.
3. As per report, 23 States/UTs have also notified their State Logistics Polices to align with the National Logistics Policy.
4. Daman & Diu- Dadra & Nagar Haveli is an Achiever under the Union Territory category.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: D

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Cassini mission data has reported presence of hydrocarbons on Enceladus, Jupiter's moon.
2. The first edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam was inaugurated at Namoh Ghat, Varanasi recently.
3. Kakrapar Atomic Power Project is located in Maharashtra.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: D

50. Consider the following statements:

1. Barracuda, launched recently, is India's fastest hydrogen powered boat.
2. The vessel was by can be deployed even in the rough seas as a workboat to ferry up to 12 passengers and cargo.

Which 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

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of Earth Sciences recently flagged off India's first winter scientific expedition to the Antarctic.
2. Since 2008, India operates a research base in the Arctic named Himadri at Arctic.
3. PACER (Polar and Cryosphere) scheme comes under the purview of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
4. Bharati, Dakshin Gangotri and Maitri are three Indian research stations in Antarctica.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

52. Consider the following statements:

1. Sakharam Ganesh Deuskar was born in Pune, Maharashtra.
2. He was a close associate of Sri Aurobindo.

3. His book 'Desher Katha' was based on the exploitation of the Indian economy by colonial British rule.
4. He considered Mahatma Gandhi as his political guru.

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: B

53. Consider the following statements:

1. Late Blight Disease is a viral plant disease.
2. Centre government has set up secure e-mail for 10,000 users in critical ministries.
3. The International Monetary Fund released its latest Migration and Development Brief.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

54. Which Indian airline has become the first Indian airline to carry 100 million passengers in a single calendar year?

- A. Air India
- B. Indigo
- C. Spicejet
- D. Vistara

ANSWER: B

55. Consider the following statements:

1. Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) was adopted at the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) 15th Conference of Parties (CoP15)
2. The 23 targets under KMBGF, have a deadline of 2050.
3. CBD is a legally binding treaty to conserve biodiversity that has been ratified by 196 nations.
4. CBD was adopted in 1973 after Stockholm Summit(1972).

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

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

ANSWER: D

56. Consider the following statements:

1. World Health Organization (WHO) recently added Noma, to its official list of neglected tropical diseases (NTD).
2. Noma is a severe gangrenous disease of the mouth and face.
3. It has a mortality rate of approximately 90 per cent.
4. It mainly affects old aged populations of Central America.

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: B

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Marine Products Export Development Authority is a statutory body established in 1972.
2. A new strain of Covid-19, named JN.1, has been detected in Delhi.
3. The Indian Air Force successfully testfired its SAMAR air defence missile system.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

58. Consider the following statements:

1. National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR) Portal is a comprehensive online platform for accessing, sharing, and analyzing geospatial information across the nation.
2. NGDR initiative is spearheaded by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N).
3. Geological Survey of India (GSI) was set up in 1851 primarily to find petroleum fields.
4. BISAG-N is located in Mumbai.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

- D. 2 & 4 only

ANSWER: A

59. Consider the following statements:

1. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has commercialised the patent-protected technologies of two seaweed-based nutraceutical products.
2. Seaweed comprises of species of marine plants and algae that grow in the ocean as well as in rivers, lakes, and other water bodies.
3. They are the primitive, marine non-flowering marine algae without root, stem and leaves.
4. CMFRI headquarters are located in Chennai.

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 & 4 only

ANSWER: B

60. Consider the following statements:

1. Sahitya Akademi Awards are given for only 8th schedule languages.
2. Raising & Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) program is an Asian Development Bank supported Central Sector Scheme for MSMEs.
3. Bhoomi Rashi Portal provides a single point platform for online processing of land acquisition notifications to accelerate highway infrastructure development projects.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: A

61. Consider the following statements:

1. World Health Organization (WHO) has added the R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine to its list of prequalified vaccines.
2. Prequalification of vaccine is a prerequisite for vaccine procurement by UNICEF and funding support for deployment by Gavi.
3. The R21 vaccine is the first ever malaria vaccine prequalified by WHO.
4. Plasmodium falciparum is the most widespread of all of the malaria species.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

62. Consider the following statements:

1. All "black tigers" in India are exclusively found in Similipal TR.
2. Such Melanism stems from a single mutation in the Transmembrane Aminopeptidase Q (Taqppe) gene.
3. STR is located within the West Bengal.
4. It is also a part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves by UNESCO.

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: D

63. Consider the following statements:

1. ISRO has been awarded the 2023 Leif Erikson Lunar Prize for Chandrayaan 3.
2. Home Ministry has approved the deployment of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in the Parliament complex.
3. The white-bellied sea eagle is a large nocturnal bird of prey.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

64. Consider the following statements:

1. Supreme Court has clarified that tribunals functioning under the strict parameters of their governing legislations can direct the government to make policy.
2. Tribunals are judicial or quasi-judicial institutions established by law.
3. The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal was established in 1961 as the first Tribunal in India.
4. Article 323-A relates to constitution of other tribunals for adjudication of certain subject matters including industrial disputes, taxation.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: C

65. Consider the following statements:

1. Palna Scheme comes under the sub scheme 'Samarthya' of 'Mission Shakti'.
2. National Creche Scheme has been reorganized and renamed into Palna Scheme.
3. Ministry of Education is the nodal ministry.
4. Government aims to establish 170,000 creches in Anganwadi centres across the country under Palna scheme.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

66. Consider the following statements:

1. Taraknath Das was an Indian revolutionary with a global outlook.
2. Nampdapha Flying Squirrel is an arboreal, nocturnal flying squirrel endemic to Tripura.
3. The 8th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs (CoC) was conducted by Pakistan.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

67. Consider the following statements:

1. The Odisha government has declared leprosy, a reportable disease in the state.
2. Leprosy is an infectious disease caused by a virus.
3. India has eliminated leprosy as public health problem at national level.
4. Leprosy is a curable disease with a full course of multi-drug therapy (MDT).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

D. 1, 2, 3 & 4

ANSWER: C

68. Consider the following statements:

1. FAME II scheme is implemented by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
2. Main objective of the scheme is to offer upfront incentives for the purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles, and add more charging stations.
3. Privately owned registered e-2Ws are not covered under the scheme.
4. The deadline for the ongoing FAME II scheme is March 31, 2024.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

69. Consider the following statements:

1. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 has replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860.
2. The new act adds community service as a form of punishment.
3. For the first time, terrorism has been defined in the criminal justice system.
4. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023 has replaced Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

70. Consider the following statements:

1. The first series of 11 volumes of collected works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was released recently both in English and Hindi.
2. It is published by Publications Division under the Ministry of Culture.
3. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was given the title of 'Mahamana' by Syama Prasad Mukherjee.
4. He was conferred with the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 2014.

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

71. Consider the following statements:

1. AstroSat is the first dedicated Indian astronomy mission launched in orbit at 35786 km altitude (geostationary orbit).
2. It can study celestial sources in X-ray, optical and UV spectral bands simultaneously.
3. Astro Sat has 5 payloads cover the energy bands of Ultraviolet (Near and Far), limited optical and X-ray regime (0.3 keV to 100keV).
4. Magnetars are neutron stars distinguished by very little magnetic field.

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: B

72. Consider the following statements:

1. NITI Aayog has launched the Extended Version of Mission Karmayogi.
2. Mission OSIRIS-Rex has been renamed and repurposed as OSIRIS-APEX.
3. A Guinness World Record for largest Tabla ensemble was made in Gwalior.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

73. Consider the following statements:

1. Angola has decided to exit from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).
2. OPEC is a permanent, intergovernmental organization, created at the Baghdad Conference in 1970.
3. OPEC headquarters are located in Dubai, UAE.
4. OPEC uses Brent Crude as a benchmark for quality.

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: D

74. Consider the following statements:

1. Bina Das was an Indian revolutionary and nationalist from West Bengal.
2. She was drawn to the independence struggle during Swadeshi Movement in 1905.
3. She attempted to assassinate the Bengal Governor Stanley Jackson.
4. She was a member of Chhatri Sangha, a semi-revolutionary organization.

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, 3 & 4

ANSWER: C

75. Consider the following statements:

1. eSoil is a low-power bioelectronic growth substrate that can electrically stimulate the root system and growth environment of plants.
2. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a prion disease that affects deer, elk, reindeer, sika deer and moose.
3. Indian Navy's Information Fusion Centre for Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) is located in Mumbai.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

76. Consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has initiated an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign for the PM-JANMAN.
2. PM JANMAN is aimed at providing PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities.
3. There are currently 75 PVTGs in 22,544 villages across 18 states and one Union Territory of India
4. The scheme will be implemented by 9 ministries with Ministry of Tribal Affairs playing the key role.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

D. 1, 2 & 4 only

ANSWER: C

77. Consider the following statements:

1. The government has extended the deadline for completion of the flagship highway development project Bharatmala Phase-I to 2029-30.
2. Bharatmala Pariyojana is an umbrella program for the highways sector envisaged by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
3. In the first phase, the plan was to construct 54,800 km of highways.
4. Till November 2023, 42% of the project has been completed.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

78. Consider the following statements:

1. Huntington Disease (HD) is a progressive genetic disorder which affects the brain.
2. Lantana camara is a newly discovered species of Jumping Spiders from Kerala.
3. An ancient 20 million year old underwater mountain range has been discovered under the Antarctic Circumpolar Current.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

79. Consider the following statements:

1. Russian and the US space agencies have agreed to cooperate on jointly sending crews to the International Space Station (ISS) until at least 2025.
2. ISS was taken into space piece-by-piece and gradually built-in orbit.
3. Zarya was the first module launched in 1988.
4. It orbits the Earth at an average altitude of 35786 kilometers.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

ANSWER: A

80. Consider the following statements:

1. Financial Stability Report was recently released by Reserve Bank of India.
2. As per report, resilience of the non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) sector has worsened.
3. Financial Stability and Development Council was set up in 2010.
4. FSDC is chaired by RBI Governor.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

ANSWER: B

81. Consider the following statements:

1. Neora Valley National Park is located in Sikkim.
2. Reserve Bank of India issued its list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
3. Warli paintings originated in the Sahyadri Mountains in Thane district, Maharashtra.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

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1. Which of the following universities has been honoured with the prestigious 'Green University' award at COP 28 held in UAE?

- A. Shoolini University
- B. NIT Hamirpur
- C. Atal Medical and Research University
- D. IIT Mandi

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. River Chandra alongwith river Bhaga merge to form the Chenab.
2. River Chandra rises in the snows lying at the base of the main Himalayan range in the Lahaul and Spiti district.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

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