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POLITY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Shri Arvind Panagariya has been appointed as the chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission.
2. The deadline for Commission to submit its recommendations is set on 31st October 2026.

Which 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 state song of West Bengal, 'Banglar Mati Banglar Jal', has been written by -

- A. Rabindranath Tagore
- B. Mamta Banerjee
- C. Jibanananda Das
- D. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements regarding rules for allocating common symbols to Registered Unrecognized Political Parties-

1. RUPPs would have to submit their contribution reports and audited annual accounts for the past five financial years.
2. They also would have to submit election expenditure statements of all the elections contested till date.

Which 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. Hepatitis A infection primarily spreads through the fecal-oral route.
2. The world's tallest statue of Dr BR Ambedkar is called "Statue of Social Justice".
3. Prime Minister is the ex-officio Chairman of North Eastern Council.

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

5. On January 21, 1972, which of the following states attained statehood?

- A. Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya
- B. Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland
- C. Nagaland, Sikkim and Meghalaya
- D. Tripura, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER: A

6. Which state has become the second state after Bihar to take up the caste census?

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

ANSWER: A

ECONOMY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Beneficiaries of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme nationwide have been incorporated as merchants eligible for deployment under PIDF.
2. India is not a member of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
3. India is the largest producer of litchi in the world.

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

2. The term 'reverse flipping', seen in news recently, is associated with-

- A. Bringing extinct species back to life
- B. Startups relocating back to origin countries
- C. Decreasing temperature due to greenhouse effect
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

3. Which state has reduced the qualifying age for old-age pension to 50 years for Dalits and tribals?

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

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following GI Tags and states:

GI Tag	State
1. Khajuri Guda -	West Bengal
2. Garad Saree-	Arunachal Pradesh
3. Kachchhi Kharek -	Odisha
4. Ramban Anardana-	Jammu and Kashmir

How many of the above are correctly matched?

- A. Only 1 pair correctly matched
- B. Only 2 pairs correctly matched
- C. Only 3 pairs correctly matched
- D. All 4 pairs are correctly matched

ANSWER: A

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Proba-3 mission is an ambitious project of Canadian Space Agency.
- 2. Sulphur-coated urea facilitates a gradual release of nitrogen.
- 3. SVAMITVA Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme.

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

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The theme of the tenth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit is 'Gateway to the Future'.
- 2. Paradiplomacy denotes the ability of subnational governments to engage in international relations.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

7. The 'Indus Food 2024' exhibition to showcase India's vibrant and diverse food ecosystem is being held in-

- A. Indore
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jaipur
- D. Noida

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Himalayan Wolf has been categorised as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List.
- 2. Green Deposits are not covered by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
- 3. Akash-NG has been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

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

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link is India's longest sea bridge.
- 2. It connects Sewri in the island city of Mumbai to Chirle in Raigad district on the mainland.

Which of 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. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) headquarters are located in New Delhi.
- 2. Punganur cow is among the world's tallest cattle breeds.
- 3. Vadnagar is the Prime Minister's native village.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Tibetan brown bear is characterised by its yellowish scarf-like collar that broadens from the shoulders to the chest.
2. Nipah virus is carried by fruit bats and may also be transmitted by contact with infected animals and from person to another.
3. RFID is a method of wireless communication involving electromagnetic waves.

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. Consider the following statements:**

1. Windfall Tax is a higher tax levied by the government on specific industries when they experience above average profits.
2. It is imposed when there is a sudden increase in an industry's revenue that can be linked to a business strategy or expansion.

Which 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. Consider the following statements:**

1. World Economic Forum has agreed to set up its Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) in the Bengaluru.
2. It will be an autonomous, non-profit organisation with a thematic focus on healthcare and life sciences.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B**14. Which Indian company has been rated as the second most valuable IT services brand in the world in the 2024 Global 500 IT Services Ranking?**

- A. Infosys
- B. Wipro
- C. Tech Mahindra
- D. Tata Consultancy Services

ANSWER: D**15. The largest event in the Civil Aviation sector in Asia, the four-day "Wings India 2024" extravaganza is hosted by-**

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad

ANSWER: D**16. _____ has become India's first state to launch Regenerative Tourism.**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: C**17. Consider the following statements:**

1. India has recently become the 4th largest stock market in the world replacing Japan.
2. The top three stock markets are the US, China, and Germany.

Which 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**18. Consider the following statements:**

1. Homi Jehangir Bhabha was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1978.
2. Equator passes through Lake Victoria.
3. A 'unicorn,' is a privately-owned startup valued at \$10 billion or more.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

ART AND CULTURE

1. Guinness World Record for most people performing 'Surya Namaskar' simultaneously was set at-

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

ANSWER: A

2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sohrai painting is an ancient miniature art practiced in Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal.
- 2. It has been granted GI Tag in the state of Odisha.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Heritage Committee has the final say on whether a property is inscribed on the World Heritage List.
- 2. Chandubi Lake is a natural lake located in Kamrup district of Assam.
- 3. Artemis Lunar Gateway is humanity's first lunar-orbiting space station.

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. Blackfeet language, seen recently in news, is indigenous language of-

- A. South America
- B. North America
- C. Tasmania
- D. Africa

ANSWER: B

1. Consider the following statements:

- 1. PM-JANMAN Solar electrification scheme aims to cover the electrification of 10 lakh un-electrified households in PVTG areas.

2. INS Kabra was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) for the Indian Navy.

3. Karnataka High Court has recently allowed for all-night shows of Kateel Yakshagana Mela.

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

5. Which of the following is a correct group of classical languages?

- A. Tamil, Sanskrit, Odia, Kannada
- B. Malayalam, Telugu, Manipuri, Gujarati
- C. Telugu, Kannada, Sanskrit, Manipuri
- D. Tamil, Sanskrit, Malayalam, Kashmiri

ANSWER: A

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. NAAC conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) such as colleges, universities.
- 2. Panganur cow breed has high resilience to drought and can adapt to low-quality feed.
- 3. Characteristic archaeological artefacts, potteries, copper, gold, silver and iron objects have been found at Vadnagar.

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

7. According to India's National Education Policy-2020, in addition to the 6 classical languages, works of literature of which three languages are to be preserved?

- A. Pali, Persian, and Prakrit
- B. Pali, Portuguese, and Prakrit
- C. Pali, Punjabi, and Prakrit
- D. Pali, Urdu, and Prakrit

ANSWER: A

1. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Pinaka MBRL can strike targets at up to 750-800 Kms.

2. Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) was founded in 1970 at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
3. LEDs can produce all three primary colours – red, green, and blue.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bru or Reang are an ethnic group living in the central India.
2. They are still a nomadic tribe, majorly involved in Jhum Cultivation.

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Guruvayur Temple is known as the Dwarka of the South.
2. Thirukkural, masterpiece by Saint Thiruvalluvar, contains 1330 couplets (kurals) that are divided into 133 sections of 10 couplets each.
3. The United States has the most powerful military globally, as per Military Strength Rankings for 2024.

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. In nuclear battery, decay energy of the radioactive source is converted into electrical current.
2. Future of Growth Report looked at GDP alongside the quality of growth across 107 economies.
3. The Jagannath temple is known as the "White Pagoda".

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

11. The traditional buffalo fight 'Moh-Juj' is primarily seen in the state of-

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Manipur
- D. Mizoram

ANSWER: A

12. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Havisure' has been developed by Bharat Biotech Ltd.
2. The world's tallest statue of Dr BR Ambedkar is taller than the Sardar Vallabhai Patel's Statue of Unity.
3. North Eastern Council is not a constitutional body.

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: A

13. Consider the following statements:

1. This is the first time Khelo India Youth Games is being hosted in South India.
2. There are only 2 last fluent living speakers of Madhika language.
3. The Nodal ministry for Bureau of Police Research and Development is Ministry of Home Affairs.

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

14. Who is the chief architect of the holy Ram Temple at Ayodhya?

- A. Chandrakant Sompura
- B. Subhash Bhoite
- C. Brinda Somaya
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. The idol of five-year-old Ram Lalla has been crafted by sculptor-

- A. Rajesh Sambhu
- B. Arun Yogiraj
- C. Sudarsan Pattnaik
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. The Rusoma Orange festival is annually held in the state of-

- A. Nagaland
- B. Mizoram
- C. Manipur
- D. Tripura

ANSWER: A

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. SKA Project will include a group of radio telescopes operating out of South America and Australia.
2. Using D2M, multimedia content, including live TV matches, can be streamed to phones directly using the internet.
3. UN Statistical Commission headquarters are located in Montreal, Canada.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Sikki is also known as 'Kaincha' or 'Golden Grass' for its colour.
2. Polar bears do not hibernate like the brown and black bears.
3. Fog Pass Device is suitable for train speeds up to 250 KMPH.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Rejupave Technology is developed as a Bio-based eco-friendly product with 100% biooil.
2. Prerna Program will run from a Vernacular School, established in 1888, in Varanasi, UP.
3. Graphene is almost perfectly transparent, as it reflects only 2% of light.

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

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Camptothecin is an anti-cancer drug lead molecule derived from animals.
2. Camptothecin is majorly produced in Southeast Asian region.

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. India's First National Highway Steel Slag Road section was inaugurated on Delhi-Jaipur highway.
2. Steel Slag Road Technology has been developed by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Pinaka MBRL can launch 12 high explosive rockets in 44 seconds.

2. Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace is headquartered at Tokyo, Japan.
3. In P-N junction, when an electron meets and occupies a hole, it releases energy into its surroundings.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The India International Science Festival 2023 is being held under central theme "Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal"
2. India International Science Festival has been organized since 2015.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: C

8. India's first Graphene Centre "India Innovation Centre for Graphene (IICG) has been established at-

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kochi
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Mpemba Effect states that hot water freezes faster than cold water.
2. It is named after Tanzanian student Erasto Mpemba who observed it in 1969.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

DEFENSE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Exercise DESERT CYCLONE is a joint exercise between India and Saudi Arabia.
2. Its inaugural edition is being held in Al Nufud Al Kabir.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

2. The 58th DGSP/IGSP Conference 2023 was recently inaugurated in-

- A. Bhopal
- B. Jaipur
- C. Varanasi
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

3. Consider the following statements:

1. iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. iDEX is funded and managed by a "Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)".

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

4. Consider the following statements:

1. "Tal Shamayim," or "Sky Dew" is one of the largest high-altitude observation balloons and detection radar of its kind.
2. It has been recently deployed by Russia on Ukraine border.

Which 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. Ugram Rifle is a completely indigenous rifle developed in India.
2. The rifle is effective for 1000 metres and the weight of the rifle including the magazine is less than 4 kg.

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. The respective DISCOMs in PVTG area will be the implementing agency for electrification scheme for PVTGs.
2. INS Kakra is named after an island in Lakshadweep archipelago.
3. "Kateel" refers to the town of Kateel in Kerala, which is known for its own unique troupes or 'Melas' performing Kateel Yakshagana form.

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

7. Exercise Sea Dragon is an annual, multinational anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise conducted by naval forces of-

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. France

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

1. African Savanna (or bush) elephant is listed as Critically Endangered in IUCN red list.
2. Drishti 10 'Starliner' has a 450 kgs payload capacity and 36 hours endurance.

3. Aluminium utensils, imported candy, adulterated spices, toxic paints are also sources of lead poisoning.

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Drone Detect, Deter and Destroy system (D4S) is the first indigenously developed anti-drone system to be inducted into the Indian Armed Forces.
2. It has been manufactured by Adani Defence and Aerospace.

Which 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. MILAN 24 is a multi-national exercise hosted by Indian Army.
2. It is a biannual multi-national exercise which started in 1995.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Himalayan Wolf typically hunt in small packs of up to six individuals.
2. Pre-mature withdrawal is not allowed in SBI Green Rupee Term Deposit (SGRTD) scheme.
3. Akash-NG is driven by a dual pulse motor that allows the Akash to vary its speed and conserve fuel for a final furious burst.

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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Astra missile is a beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missile.
2. It has been indigenously developed by DRDO and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

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

13. Exercise 'Ex-Ayutthaya' is the name of inaugural bilateral exercise between India and-

- A. Thailand
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Myanmar
- D. Mauritius

ANSWER: A

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Silambam, a traditional sport of Andhra Pradesh, has been introduced as a demo sport for the first time in the history of Khelo India Youth Games.
2. Madhika language has no script.
3. Bureau of Police Research and Development also assists the States in modernization of the State Police Forces and Correctional Administration.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Exercise 'Khanjar' is a joint Special Forces exercise between India and Kazakhstan.
2. The recent edition is being hosted at the Special Forces Training School in Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh.

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

16. Operation Saravshakti, launched recently, is associated with-

- A. Indian Navy countering pirate ships in the Red Sea region
- B. joint forces exercise in the Bay of Bengal
- C. countering cyber frauds
- D. Indian Army curbing terrorist activities in Pir Panchal range

ANSWER: D

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Exercise Cyclone is a Joint Special Forces exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan.
2. This year, it will be conducted at Mahajan Field Firing Range.

Which 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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Professor Vijay Raghavan committee was set up to revamp the Defence Research and Development Organisation.
2. It has recommended merger of existing over 50 laboratories into around 10 larger ones.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

19. Which countries participated in the recently held 'Exercise Desert Knight'?

- A. India, France, Kazakhstan
- B. India, USA, UAE
- C. India, France, Saudi Arabia
- D. India, France, UAE

ANSWER: D

20. Consider the following statements:

1. In 1921, Lala Lajpat Rai founded Servants of the India Society.

2. The Exam to select students for YASASVI scheme- Yasasvi Entrance Test is conducted by National Testing Agency.
3. BRAHMOS is a two-stage missile with a solid propellant booster engine as its first stage and liquid ramjet for the second stage.

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

21. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Exercise Steadfast Defender 2024 has been launched recently by North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
2. NATO headquarters are located in London, UK.

Which 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

22. Consider the following statements:

1. Exercise Sada Tanseeq is the first Joint Military Exercise between India and UAE.
2. It is being conducted in Al Khatim desert region of UAE.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

SPACE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. World Heritage Committee consists of representatives from 25 of the States Parties.
2. Chandubi Lake was formed in 1897 during the devastating earthquake in Assam.
3. The Artemis program aims to return humans to the Moon, landing the first woman and the first person of colour on its surface.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. International Classification of Diseases is developed and annually updated by the World Health Organization.
2. Indian passport holders have visa-free access to 62 destinations.
3. VIPER will undergo a 1000 days mission to gather data about the characteristics and

concentrations of lunar ice and other possible resources.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Non Resident Indians are also eligible for Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.
2. The 60 Parachute Field Hospital is the sole airborne medical establishment of the Indian Armed Forces.
3. India, USA, France and Russia are the other four countries to have landed on moon.

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

ENVIRONMENT

1. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Devika' river rejuvenation project is North India's first river rejuvenation project.
2. Devika river is considered the sister of the sacred river Ganga and originates in Udhampur 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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Sikki got the geographical identification tag in 2018.
2. Polar Bear is the largest land carnivore in the world.
3. Fog Pass Device is suitable for all types of locomotives and sections like single line, double line, electrified as well as non electrified sections.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Eagle Nest Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Meghalaya.
2. It is situated in the biodiversity hotspot of Eastern Himalayas.

Which 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 9th edition of the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival was held in Nagaland recently.
2. Pakke Tiger Reserve is home to four species of hornbills: Wreathed, Great Indian, Oriental Pied and the endangered Rufous-necked.

Which 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. The Indian vulture or long-billed vulture is a New World vulture belonging to the family of Accipitridae.
2. Its IUCN red list status is 'endangered'.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

6. Which state has sought assistance of Tamil Nadu for making kumki elephants and mahouts available in the wake of worsening human-elephant conflict?

- A. Odisha
- B. Telangana
- C. West Bengal
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: A

7. Which state has announced to set up an exclusive Melanistic (Black) Tiger Safari, the first in the world?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: D

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Homi Jehangir Bhabha was the first person to become Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission of India.
2. Lake Victoria is world's second-largest and the largest freshwater lake in Africa.
3. Krutrim is a large language model (LLM) which has been trained on more than 2 trillion 'tokens'.

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

INTERNATIONAL

1. Consider the following statements:

1. PIDF scheme is designed to offer financial aid to banks and NBFCs for the deployment of point-of-sale terminals and other payment acceptance infrastructure.
2. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is headquartered in Paris.
3. Litchi traditionally grows in the foothills of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East or the UNRWA aims to provide direct relief and works programmes for Palestine refugees.
2. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions from UN Member States.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

3. Consider the following statements:

1. DRDO is the R&D wing of Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. The acronym BRIC was coined in 2001 by economist Logan Paul.
3. Anish Dayal Singh has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force.

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

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear installations and facilities between India and Pakistan came into force in 1991.
2. India and Pakistan inform each other of the nuclear installations and facilities to be covered under the Agreement on the first of January of every calendar year.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Once constructed, the SKA will be the most powerful telescope ever built.
2. D2M technology can be used for disaster management and emergency alerts.
3. UN Statistical Commission consists of 24 member countries of the United Nations elected by the UNECOSOC.

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Nadia Calvino has been recently named as the first female president of the European Investment Bank.
2. European Investment Bank is based in Lichtenstein.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Palace of Aigai is located near Thessaloniki, Greece.
2. It was built by Alexander the Great, more than 2,300 years ago.

Which 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. Who has been recently appointed as the youngest prime minister in France?

- A. Gabriel Attal
- B. Jacques Delors
- C. Mario Zagallo
- D. Romulus Whitaker

ANSWER: A

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Green Fuel Alliance India (GFAI) has been recently launched by Denmark under Green Strategic Partnership.
2. Green Strategic Partnership (GSP) was signed between India and Denmark in 2020.

Which of 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. Which of the following Indian Institutes of Technology is planning to open a campus in Sri Lanka?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Ropar

ANSWER: A

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Apostille Convention is intended to simplify the procedure through which a document,

issued in one of the contracting states, can be certified for legal purposes in the other contracting states.

2. India is not a signatory to the convention.

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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Serum Institute of India (SII) is the world's largest vaccine manufacturer.
2. The G-77 is the largest intergovernmental forum of developing countries in the United Nations system with 77 members.
3. The first-ever National Voters' Day was celebrated on January 25, 2015.

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

13. Which country is about to open its first ever Liquor store?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Sudan
- D. Iran

ANSWER: B

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The Union Cabinet has approved signing of a protocol establishing a Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) between India and Dominican Republic.
2. Dominican Republic is an island nation located in Polynesia, Pacific Ocean.

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

DAYS TO REMEMBER

1. **Global Family Day is celebrated annually on-**

- A. December 30th
- B. December 31st
- C. January 1st
- D. January 2nd

ANSWER: C

2. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. World Braille Day is annually celebrated on January 4th.
- 2. Braille language uses seven dots to represent letters, numbers and even musical, mathematical and scientific symbols.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

3. **World Day of War Orphans is observed every year on**

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

ANSWER: D

4. **National Birds Day is celebrated annually on -**

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

ANSWER: C

5. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on January 9th.
- 2. It was first introduced in 2001 by the then Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Which 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. **World Hindi Day, also called the Vishwa Hindi Diwas, is observed on-**

- A. January 7th
- B. January 8th
- C. January 9th
- D. January 10th

ANSWER: D

7. **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on-**

- A. January 11th
- B. January 9th
- C. January 13th
- D. January 8th

ANSWER: A

8. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Indian Army Day is celebrated every year on 15th January.
- 2. The theme of the Indian Army Day 2024 is "Country First".

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

9. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. National Startup Day is observed in January 16th.
- 2. Startup India Innovation Week 2024 theme is "Startups Unlocking Infinite Potential."

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

10. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The headquarters of Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations-CEPI are located in Tokyo, Japan.
- 2. The Republic of Uganda has taken over the Chairmanship of the G-77 from Cuba.
- 3. The theme for National Voters' Day 2024 is 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure'.

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. International Day of Education is observed on January 25th.
- 2. The theme of the year 2024 is – “Learning for lasting peace”.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Tourism Day in India is marked on 25th January.
- 2. Its theme for 2024 is ‘Travel is a way of Life’.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

13. National Girl Child Day is observed annually on-

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

ANSWER: A

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. International Customs Day is observed on January 26th.
- 2. World Customs Organisation is headquartered at Brussels, Belgium.

Which of 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. International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust is observed on-

- A. January 26th
- B. January 27th
- C. January 28th
- D. January 29th

ANSWER: B

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India's Newspaper Day is celebrated every year on 28th January.
- 2. Hicky's Bengal Gazette, also known as the Calcutta General Advertiser, was the name of the first weekly publication of India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The country observes Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day on January 30th.
- 2. The International Day of Non-Violence is celebrated on Gandhi ji's birth anniversary on 2nd October.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Saturday of January.
- 2. The theme for World Leprosy Day 2024 is “Beat Leprosy”.

Which 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

PERSON NEWS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Francoise Bettencourt Meyers has become first woman to amass a \$100 billion fortune.
2. She along with her family is the largest shareholder of Zara fashion brand.

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. Queen Margrethe of _____ has recently announced her abdication from the throne after 52 years.

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

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Rani Velu Nachiyar was the princess of the Ramnad Kingdom of Ramanathapuram.
2. She is revered as the first queen to fight against the British colonial power in India.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The Belt of Venus is a ring of small asteroids and gases, revolving around the planet Venus.
2. Centchroman', popularly known as 'Saheli' was the world's first and only non-steroidal, non hormonal, once-a-week oral contraceptive pill.
3. Passerine birds are thought to be the reservoir and equine species as intermediate hosts of Western Equine Encephalitis Virus.

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

5. R. Champakalakshmi, who passed away recently, was a renowned-

- A. Cricketer
- B. Carnatic Musician
- C. Chess grandmaster
- D. Historian

ANSWER: D

INDEX AND REPORTS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. World Economic Situation and Prospects 2024 report has been recently released by World Bank.
2. As per report, India remains the fastest-growing large economy in the world.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The "Global Economic Prospects 2024" report was recently released by World Bank.

2. As per report, Global growth is forecast to slow to 6.4% in 2024.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

1. TM-2 module of ICD-11 series has been prepared by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with World Health Organization.
2. India is ranked at 80th position in Henley Passport Index 2024.

3. Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover will land on the moon's equator to study Moon's water and ice composition

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

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Guruvayur Satyagraha was a non-violent protest led by B R Ambedkar.
- 2. Thirukkural is considered one of the greatest works on ethics and morality, known for its universality and secular nature.
- 3. Nepal has the least powerful military in the world, as per Military Strength Rankings for 2024.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Nuclear battery uses Uranium 235 nuclear isotopes compactly arranged within a module.
- 2. Future of Growth Report highlighted a significant economic slowdown, estimated to fall to the lowest rate in three decades by 2030.
- 3. The Jagannath temple is devoted to Lord Jagannath, a form of Shiva.

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: B

PLACE IN NEWS

1. Salton Sea, where lithium reserves have been reported recently, is located in-

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

ANSWER: D

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

- A. Israel
- B. South Sudan
- C. Palestine
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

3. The city of Saqqara, seen recently in news is located in-

- A. Maldives
- B. Ukraine
- C. Japan
- D. Egypt

ANSWER: D

4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Health Organization (WHO) has certified Cabo Verde as a malaria-free country.
- 2. It is the third country to acquire the status in the global health organisation's European region.

Which 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. Willingdon Island is one of the largest natural islands in the country.
- 2. It is also home to the Kochi Naval Base of the Indian Navy and the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology.

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. Lake Retba, better known as Lac Rose (the Pink Lake), is located near Dakar, Senegal.
2. The lake's waters are devoid of life, with the exception of a few microscopic algae and bacteria.

Which of 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. Wadge Bank, a 10,000 square kilometre area of the sea south of Kanyakumari is rich in biodiversity and considered India's richest fishery resource.

2. Low intensity of currents, waves and tides make it an ideal place for building a wealth of nutrients and fish food.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

8. The port city of Ust-Luga is located on the shores of-

- A. Mediterranean Sea
- B. Red Sea
- C. Baltic Sea
- D. Sea of Kamchatka

ANSWER: C

POLICY AND PROGRAMME

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Know India Programme aims at fostering closer connections between Indian diaspora youth and their ancestral homeland.
2. Know India Programme was launched in 2014.
3. KIP nodal ministry is Ministry of Culture.
4. It is open to Persons of Indian Origin (21-35 years) from all the countries, with preference given to youth from Girmitya countries.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Pallas Fish Eagle is a partially migratory species.
2. Prithvi Vigyan (Prithvi) scheme integrates five existing sub-schemes.
3. The Indian Olympic Association is currently governed by a 32-member Executive Council, headed by President.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The two satellites of Proba3 mission will mimic a natural solar eclipse by lining up 144 meters (472 feet) apart in space.
2. Urea Gold is developed by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative-IFFCO.
3. Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal ministry for SVAMITVA scheme.

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

4. The Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan which aims to promote entrepreneurship among women, has been launched by-

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: B

5. Which state has launched the Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Chhattisgarh

ANSWER: D

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Lala Lajpat Rai was elected President of the Indian National Congress in the Calcutta Special Session of 1924.
2. Nodal Ministry for PM YASASVI scheme is Ministry of Education.
3. Brahmos Missile can be launched from land, sea, and air.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The Andhra Pradesh government has announced the launch of LABHA ('Laghu Bana Jatya Drabya Kraya') Yojana.
2. It is a 100% State-funded minimum support price (MSP) scheme for minor forest produce (MFP).

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

SOCIAL EDUCATION HEALTH

1. The first all-girls Sainik School- Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School, has been opened at-

- A. Lucknow
- B. Varanasi
- C. Mathura
- D. Vrindavan

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. 'SMART 2.0'- Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research among Teaching professionals program was launched by Ministry of Health and Family welfare.
2. It aims to promote robust clinical studies in priority areas of Ayurveda with Ayurveda academic institutions/hospitals across the country through mutual collaboration.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: A

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Rejupave Technology has been developed by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI).
2. Prerna Program is a week-long residential program for selected students of class IX to XII.
3. Graphene is stronger than steel and diamond.

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. Both male and female African elephants can have tusks.
2. The Drishti 10 Starliner UAV has been manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
3. As per World Health Organisation report, almost one million people die every year due to lead poisoning across the globe.

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: B

5. College Fagathansi Mission has been launched by the state of-

- A. Manipur
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Mizoram
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

6. Operation Amrith - Antimicrobial Resistance Intervention For Total Health, has been launched by the state of-

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

ANSWER: D

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Tibetan brown bear, also known as the Tibetan blue bear, is an omnivorous species.
2. Nipah virus was first identified in 1998 with outbreaks in Sierra Leone.
3. FASTag employs Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for making toll payments directly while the vehicle is in motion.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Disease X represents an illness which is currently unknown but could pose a serious microbial threat to humans in the future.
2. In 2018, the World Health Organization (WHO) added Disease X to a list of pathogens that are a top priority for research.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

9. Consider the following statements about Arogya Maitri cube:

1. The whole unit contains 72 easily transportable components that can be conveniently carried by hand, cycle, or even drone.
2. The aid cube can be deployed within an 12 minutes.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Hindu Kush Himalayan region spans eight countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Pakistan.
2. In 2016, Saheli was incorporated in the National Family Programme of India.
3. The primary mode of transmission of Western Equine Encephalitis to humans is through sand flies.

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

SPORT

1. Consider the following statements:

1. IUCN Red List status of Pallas Fish Eagle is Critically Endangered.
2. With a budget of Rs 4,797 crore, the PRITHVI scheme is planned for the period from 2021 to 2026.
3. India first participated in the Olympics in 1930 in Athens.

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

2. Football legend Mario Zagallo, who passed away, recently, belonged to-

- A. Argentina
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: D

3. Who has recently become the first men's player to feature in 150 T20 International matches?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Mohammad Shami
- D. Rohit Sharma

ANSWER: D

4. Who has recently become the oldest player to claim the No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings in Tennis, at the age of 43?

- A. Leander Paes
- B. Mahesh Bhupathi
- C. Rohan Bopanna
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

5. Jannik Sinner has won the men's singles Australian Open 2024. He belongs to-

- A. Argentina
- B. USA
- C. Switzerland
- D. Italy

ANSWER: D

APPOINTMENTS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. DRDO headquarters are located in Bengaluru.
2. The BRICS bloc operates by consensus.
3. Rahul Rasgotra has been appointed as Director General of Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The post of Executive Chairman of NALSA is occupied by the second-senior judge of the Supreme Court.

2. Supreme Court Legal Services Committee is constituted under Section 3A of the Legal Service Authorities Act, 1987.

Which of 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. Who has become the first ever female Director General of Police (DGP) of the Maharashtra Police?

- A. Rashmi Shukla
- B. Ravneet Kaur
- C. Savitri Jindal
- D. Nina Singh

ANSWER: A

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Indra Mani Pandey has been appointed Secretary General (SG) of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).
2. The BIMSTEC Secretariat is located in Kathmandu.

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. Who has been recently appointed the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- A. Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- B. Alkesh Kumar Sharma
- C. Dinesh Kumar Shukla
- D. Surinder Chawla

ANSWER: A

AWARDS

1. Who has been recently honoured with the prestigious M.S. Swaminathan Award?

- A. Ashok Gehlot
- B. Brij Kishore Sharma
- C. Dalbir Singh Shergill
- D. B.R. Kamboj

ANSWER: D

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Renowned Hindi writer Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay has been awarded the 2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar.
2. Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar celebrates writers who have made significant contributions to any Indian language.

Which 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 regarding Swachh Survekshan awards 2023:

Winner

Category

1. Cleanest city award and Indore (jointly) Bhopal
2. Cleanest Cantonment Board Cantonment Board Mhow
3. Cleanest Ganga Town Varanasi
4. 4. Best Performing State Madhya Pradesh

How many of the above pairs have been correctly matched?

- A. only 1 pair
- B. only 2 pairs
- C. only 3 pairs
- D. All four pairs

ANSWER: B

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar are annually given by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh and a certificate in case of an individual.
3. Japan has become the fifth country in history to reach the moon.

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

5. Who has been recently conferred the prestigious "Freedom of the City of London Award"?

- A. Perumal Murugan
- B. Ajit Mishra
- C. Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- D. Bhimsen Joshi

ANSWER: B

6. Consider the following Republic Day parade and winners (as per panel of Judges)-

Category	Winner
1. Best Marching Contingent among the three services	Sikh Regiment Contingent

2. Best Tableau among State/UTs	Gujarat
3. Best Tableau among Ministeries/departments	Ministry of Culture
4. Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/ auxiliary forces	Delhi Police Women

	Marching Contingent
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How many of the above are correctly matched?

- A. Only 1 pair correctly matched
- B. Only 2 pairs correctly matched
- C. Only 3 pairs correctly matched
- D. All 4 pairs are correctly matched

ANSWER: C

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTION

1. Consider the following statements:

- South Africa moved the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against Israel for breaching 1948 Genocide Convention.
- ICJ was established in June 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations.
- The hearings of the ICJ are always private and confidential.
- ICJ is composed of 15 Judges with tenure of 5 years, with one third retiring every 3 years.

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: C

2. Consider the following statements:

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has launched the National Transit Pass System (NTPS) pan-India.
- NTPS aims to facilitate the seamless transit of timber, bamboo, and other forest produce across the country.
- Transit permits will be issued for both regulated and exempted tree species.
- Payment can be made online through mobile app/web portal before downloading T.P.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

- State Bank of India has extended the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme until December 31, 2025.
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development was established in 1991 after fall of USSR.
- Litchi is now being cultivated for commercial purposes in 19 states.

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

4. Consider the following statements:

- X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) was recently launched by ISRO.
- XPoSat is the world's first satellite-based mission dedicated to making X-ray polarimetry measurements
- XPoSat comprises two payloads- Indian X-ray Polarimeter (POLIX) and X-ray Spectroscopy and Timing (XSPECT).
- XPoSat is stationed in a precise circular orbit of 35786 km with six-degree inclination.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Pangolins are only known mammals that have scales, over full body, made of keratin.
2. Indian Pangolin and Chinese Pangolin are two species found in India.
3. These are diurnal mammals that dig burrows and feed on ants and termites.
4. Both Indian Pangolin and Chinese Pangolin are listed as critically endangered in IUCN red list.

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Defence Research and Development Organisation DRDO was formed in 1958.
2. BRICS bloc has expanded to include Egypt, Kenya, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates
3. Vivek Srivastava has been appointed as Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The Snow Leopard has now been declared the national symbol of Kazakhstan.
2. IUCN Red List of Snow Leopard is 'Endangered'.
3. The Hemis National Park in Ladakh is called Snow Leopard capital of the world.
4. Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme (GSLEP) is an alliance of 12 snow leopard range countries, multi-lateral institutions, NGOs etc.

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: C

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Bubble Baby Syndrome is a very rare genetic disorder.

2. Bubble Baby Syndrome is also called severe combined immunodeficiency.
3. Without a bone marrow transplant, most children with SCID succumb to infections before reaching their first birthday.
4. Bone marrow transplants from the same person are called allogeneic transplant and from a donor are called autologous transplant.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

9. Consider the following statements:

1. India has declared financial commitment of Rs 1,250 crore for Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project.
2. Direct to Mobile (D2M) Technology is a combination of broadband and broadcast that uses mobile phones to capture territorial digital TV signals.
3. India started its five-year term as a member of the United Nations Statistical Commission recently.

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. New Space India Limited (NSIL) will launch GSAT-20 on-board the Falcon-9.
2. The GSAT-20 is a high- throughput Ka-band Satellite (HTS) which will be fully owned, operated and funded by NSIL.
3. Falcon 9 is a reusable, four-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX.
4. Falcon 9 is the world's first orbital class reusable rocket.

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: D

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Kochi-Lakshadweep Islands Submarine Optical Fibre Connection aims to connect Kochi with all the islands of Lakshadweep.
2. The project is funded by World Bank.
3. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is the Project Executing Agency.
4. Lakshadweep will be connected through Submarine Optic Fibre Cable, for the first time since independence.

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: C

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Sikki grass grows indigenously in the mountainous regions of Uttarakhand and Sikkim.
2. The world's first polar bear death due to H5N1 bird flu virus has been reported in Alaska.
3. Fog Pass Device is a GPS based navigation device which helps the loco pilot to navigate during dense fog conditions.

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

13. _____ has become the first state in India to map all 784 accident black spots on the Mappls App, developed by Map My India.

- A. Punjab
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of Jal Shakti has submitted three nominations from India for Wetland City Accreditation (WCA) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
2. The three cities are Indore, Nagpur & Udaipur.
3. Sirpur Lake is a Ramsar Site located in the city of Bhopal.

4. Pichola, Fateh Sagar, Rang Sagar, Swaroop Sagar, and Doodh Talai are five major wetlands surrounding Udaipur.

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: C

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Quality Council of India (QCI) and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) signed an initial pact to enhance quality of the KVIC's products.
2. KVIC is a statutory body under the Ministry of Rural Development.
3. QCI is a non-profit organization that works under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
4. ASSOCHAM, CII and NASSCOM represent Indian Industry at QCI.

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Rejupave Technology is being used by Border Roads Organisation at high-altitude areas along the IndoChina border.
2. 'Prerana: An Experiential Learning program' has been launched by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
3. Graphene is an allotrope of carbon made of one-atom-thick sheet.

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Somnath temple is located in Prabhas Patan, Veraval in Gujarat.
2. It is believed to be the last of the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.

3. The present Somnath temple was reconstructed in the Māru-Gurjara style of Hindu temple architecture.
4. Māru-Gurjara architecture originated in Gujarat and Rajasthan from the 11th to 13th centuries, under the Kakatiya dynasty.

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: D

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Marine commandos , or Marcos or the marine commando force (MCF) , was formed in 1987.
2. MARCOs are modelled on the Special Boat Service (SBS), United Kingdom.
3. The Motto of MARCOs is - 'The few The fearless'
4. They also engage in collaborative efforts in Jammu and Kashmir.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

19. Consider the following statements:

1. Pallas Fish Eagle was sighted in the Chilika lake after a gap of about 10 years.
2. Prithvi Vigyan (Prithvi) scheme is a comprehensive initiative of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
3. Raghuram Rajan has been appointed as the CEO of Indian Olympic Association.

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

20. Veer Gatha Project is a joint initiative of-

- A. Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Culture

ANSWER: A

21. Consider the following statements:

1. A hog deer has been spotted for the first time in the Rajaji Tiger Reserve.
2. IUCN red list status of hog deer is Critically Endangered.
3. Rajaji Tiger Reserve is spread across Uttarakhand's three districts.
4. Rajaji Tiger Reserve was declared the first Tiger Reserve of India.

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

22. Consider the following statements:

1. ISRO is only the third space agency to station a spacecraft (Aditya L1) at the L1 lagrange point.
2. Aditya L1 mission is the first by any country in Asia to be placed in orbit around the sun.
3. Aditya L1 is carrying 7 payloads- 3 remote sensing payloads and 4 in-situ payloads.
4. Aditya-L1 was launched in 2023 with GSLV Mark II.

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: C

23. Consider the following statements:

1. ISRO will launch Proba-3 mission by PSLV-XL rocket.
2. Urea Gold is created by infusing urea with sulfur.
3. SVAMITVA stands for survey of villages and mapping with improvised technology in village areas.

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

24. The book, Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography, is written by-

- A. General M M Narvane
- B. General Bipin Rawat
- C. General Dalbir Singh Suhag
- D. General J J Singh

ANSWER: A

25. Consider the following statements:

1. HALEU (High Assay Low Enriched Uranium) is Uranium enriched to more than 15 per cent but less than 20 per cent.
2. India has the world's largest reserves of Thorium.
3. ANEEL (Advanced Nuclear Energy for Enriched Life) can be used in the existing Pressurized Heavy-Water Reactors.
4. The spent ANEEL fuel can be used for weapons.

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

26. Consider the following statements:

1. Bharatendu Harishchandra was an Indian poet, writer and playwright.
2. He is considered the father of modern Hindi literature as well as Hindi theatre.
3. He wrote under the pen name "Bhaash".
4. One of the era of Hindi literature in 'Khadi Boli' is also known as 'Bharatendu Yuga' after him.

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

27. Consider the following statements:

1. India will host of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee for the fifth time in 2024.
2. Chandubi Festival is hosted annually in Assam.
3. UAE has become the fifth partner to join Artemis Lunar Gateway.

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

28. Consider the following statements:

1. National Centre for Seismology is the nodal agency of the Government of India for monitoring earthquake activity in the country.
2. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
3. The first seismological observatory of the country was established at Baroda, Gujarat.
4. The magnitude scale for earthquake measurement is known as Mercalli's scale.

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

29. Consider the following statements:

1. The country's first Healthy and Hygienic Food Street 'Prasadam' was inaugurated in Neelkanth Van, Mahakal Lok, in Ujjain.
2. Mahakaleshwar Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva.
3. Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga is the only jyotirlinga facing the north, towards Himalayas, considered abode of Lord Shiva.
4. Mahakaleshwar temple is presently located alongside the holy river Shipra.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

30. Consider the following statements:

1. A new solar scheme worth Rs 515 crore for electrification in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) habitations and villages under the PM-JANMAN has been launched.
2. INS Kabra, seen recently in news is a conventional diesel powered submarine.
3. Yakshagana is a traditional form of theater performance.

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. The 27th National Youth Festival was inaugurated at Nashik, Maharashtra.
2. National Youth Day is observed on January 12th.
3. The death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, and is celebrated as National Youth Day.
4. Swami Vivekananda made a remarkable speech at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1898.

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**32. Consider the following statements:**

1. The World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2024 was recently released by International Labour Organisation (ILO).
2. ILO was created in 1919, as part of the Treaty of Versailles.
3. India joined the ILO in 1946 when it became the specialized agency of the newly formed United Nations.
4. ILO Headquarters are located in Rome, Italy.

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: C**33. Consider the following statements:**

1. African elephants are the largest land animals on Earth.
2. Drishti 10 'Starliner' is first indigenously manufactured Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) for the Air force.
3. Lead contamination in Odisha is primarily attributed to improper treatment of waste from industries and e-waste.

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**34. Who is the author of the book 'Why Bharat Matters'?**

- A. Navtej Sarna
- B. Shashi Tharoor
- C. S Jaishankar
- D. Nirupama Rao

ANSWER: C**35. Consider the following statements:**

1. Anti defection Law was added in the 10th schedule by 52nd amendment.
2. A nominated member is considered disqualified if he/she any joins any political party after 6 months from being elected.
3. By 92nd amendment, the law allows a political party to merge with or into another party provided at least 2/3rd of its legislators is in favour.
4. 4 Speaker's decision under anti-defection law is subject to judicial review, as per Indra Sawhney case.

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: C**36. Consider the following statements:**

1. CLASPEI is the name of recently approved drug for epilepsy.
2. It is a cannabis based drug for epilepsy.
3. The drug contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content near-about 10% by weight.
4. Under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, Sale and production of cannabis resin and flowers is permitted.

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**37. Consider the following statements:**

1. WHO International Classification of Diseases 11 (ICD-11) classification now has classification of diseases used in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems under Traditional Medicine 2 module.

2. 6 countries have together topped the Henley Passport Index 2024.
3. VIPER – short for Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover will be NASA's first robotic lunar rover.

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

38. Who is the author of the recently released book 'Sanskriti ke Ayaam'?

- A. General V.K. Singh (Retd)
- B. General M M Naravane (Retd)
- C. S Jaishankar
- D. Manorama Mishra

ANSWER: D

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The Kalaram temple is located in Panchavati area of Nashik.
2. Kalaram temple derives its name from a black statue of the Lord Ram.
3. The name Panchavati comes from the existence of five banyan trees in the area.
4. In 1930, Mahatma Gandhi and Pandurang Sadashiv Sane led an agitation at Kalaram Temple to demand access for Dalits to Hindu temples.

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

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project has been conceived as a 30-metre diameter primary-mirror optical and infrared telescope.
2. It will be installed on Mauna Loa, an inactive volcano on the island of Hawaii.
3. The telescope will consists of a single piece mirror with 30 meter diameter.
4. India is a Founder-Member country for this project at about 10% level.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

ANSWER: D

41. Consider the following statements:

1. The Himalayan Wolf has been assessed for the first time in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List.
2. State Bank of India (SBI) introduced SBI Green Rupee Term Deposit (SGRTD) scheme.
3. New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) missile is a Surface to Air Missile.

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

42. Who is the author of the new book named "Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns"?

- A. Satish Chandra
- B. Ramachandra Guha
- C. M.J. Akbar
- D. Romila Thapar

ANSWER: C

43. Consider the following statements:

1. The Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) has been marked as India's first Dark Sky Park.
2. It is also the first Dark Sky Park in Asia.
3. The Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) in Hanle is India's first dark-sky preserve.
4. Pench Tiger Reserve is spread across two states- Maharashtra and Goa.

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

44. Consider the following statements:

1. PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme seeks to introduce 10,000 e-buses across 169 cities.
2. The Ministry of Heavy Industries is overseeing this scheme.
3. The scheme is fully funded by the Central government.
4. The scheme empowers state governments to deploy electric buses in cities with a population of 300,000.

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was established in 1994.
2. Punganur cow is rare breed of cows, native to a village by the same name in Tamil Nadu.
3. Recent excavations at Vadnagar has revealed the presence of seven cultural stages.

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

46. Consider the following statements:

1. National Framework of Climate Services was launched by India Meteorological Department.
2. It aims to maximise utilisation of climate information.
3. IMD is an agency of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
4. IMD is one of the six Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres of the World Meteorological Organisation.

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. The Government of India has announced the "Rastriya Vigyan Puraskar" in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation.
2. Vigyan Ratna awards will be given to maximum three awardees to recognize life time achievements & contributions.
3. Vigyan Shri will be given to recognize the distinguished contributions in given field of Science and Technology.
4. Vigyan Team (VT) award will be given to maximum 25 teams comprising of three or more scientists/researchers.

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

48. Consider the following statements:

1. India has recorded its first-ever confirmed record of a rare Tibetan Brown Bear in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Scientists at the University of California have launched first-in-human vaccine trials for the deadly Nipah virus.
3. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched the 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' initiative.

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application was launched recently for revised fund flow procedure under MPLAD Scheme.
2. MPLAD is a Central Sponsored Scheme under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
3. Each year, MPs receive Rs. 10 crore in two installments of Rs. 5 crore each.
4. Funds under MPLADS are non-lapsable.

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. Veerbhadra temple is located in Lepakshi, Tamil Nadu.
2. It is believed to have been built by two brothers, Virupanna Nayaka and Viranna, who were governors under the Vijayanagara Empire.
3. The temple is dedicated to Veerabhadra, an incarnation of Lord Vishnu.

4. Veerabhadra Temple's architecture is a fusion of Vijayanagara and Chalukyan styles.

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

51. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher is named after the bow of God Shiva.
- 2. The 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace was recently held in New Delhi.
- 3. A diode's primary purpose is to allow current to flow in only one direction.

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

52. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Annual Status of Education Report 2023 was released recently by Pratham NGO.
- 2. ASER, initiated in 2005, is a government-led survey offering insights into rural India's children's education.
- 3. As per report, 86.8% of 14-18-year-olds are enrolled in an educational institution.
- 4. As per report, maximum of the students beyond 10th standard are studying agriculture.

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: D

53. Consider the following statements about Scheme for Residential Education for Meritorious Scheduled Caste (SC) Students (SHRESHTA):

- 1. It aims to fill the gap in service-deficient SCs dominant areas through the efforts of grant-in-aid institutions and residential high schools.

- 2. It is overseen by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- 3. The Enrollment under the scheme is designated for students entering Class 10 and Class 12.
- 4. National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts the entrance test to select 30,000 students annually for the scheme.

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

54. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Guruvayur Temple is one of the most famous religious spots located in Tamil Nadu.
- 2. Saint Thiruvalluvar lived during the Sangam era of Tamil classical culture.
- 3. Global Firepower's Military Strength Rankings for 2024 assessed 145 countries.

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

55. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Bharat Electronics Ltd. developed an improvised Distress Alert Transmitter (DAT) called Second Generation DAT (DAT-SG).
- 2. DAT-SG can be connected to mobile phones using Bluetooth interface and the messages can be read in native language using an App in the mobile.
- 3. The first version of DAT has been operational since 1975.
- 4. The services of DAT-SG has been declared operational on a 24 x 7 basis.

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

56. Consider the following statements:

1. Surya Sen was an Indian revolutionary who was influential in the independence movement.
2. He was popularly known as 'master da'.
3. He remarked that "Humanism is a distinctive virtue of a revolutionary".
4. He successfully orchestrated the 1930 Chittagong armoury raid and acquired British munitions.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Betavolt, a Chinese startup has made world's first nuclear battery.
2. The Future of Growth Report was released by the World Bank.
3. A sprawling heritage corridor was unveiled around the Jagannath Temple in Puri.

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. "Conversations with Aurangzeb" is a novel written by-

- A. S Jaishanker
- B. Bhanushree Mitra
- C. R C Majumdar
- D. Charu Nivedita

ANSWER: D

59. Consider the following statements:

1. India has been elected as the First Vice Chair of the Food and Agriculture Organization FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management.
2. Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management is a forum for discussing fisheries management issues at all national, regional and global levels.
3. COFI is a subsidiary body of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Council, was established in 1965.
4. The Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management was established in 1992.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only

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

ANSWER: B

60. Consider the following statements:

1. Scrub typhus is an infectious disease caused by a virus.
2. It is transmitted through infected female Anopheles mosquito.
3. The disease tends to be seasonal in the endemic areas and its incidence is associated with relative humidity, temperature and rainfall.
4. No vaccine is available to prevent scrub typhus.

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: C

61. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine 'Havisure' was launched recently.
2. The Andhra Pradesh government has unveiled the world's tallest statue Dr BR Ambedkar.
3. The 71st plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) was recently held in Shillong.

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

62. Consider the following statements:

1. Rash Bihari Bose was deeply influenced by the 1789 French Revolution.
2. He was the mastermind behind the assassination attempt on the then Viceroy Lord Hardinge in 1919.
3. He was also associated with Gadar Movement.
4. He founded the Indian Independence League in March 1942.

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: C

63. Consider the following statements:

1. Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple is one of the most illustrious Shiva temples in South India.
2. It lies on an island formed by twin rivers- Cauvery and Kollidam.
3. It is often referred to as the world's largest functioning Hindu temple.
4. Naalayira Divya Prabhandam is a collection of 4,000 Tamil verses composed by Nayanars.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B**64. Consider the following statements:**

1. Khelo India Youth Games 2023 are being held in Tamil Nadu.
2. Madhika language is a northeastern language, on the verge of extinction.
3. Bureau of Police Research and Development was set up in 1970 by replacing the Police Research and Advisory Council.

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**65. Consider the following statements:**

1. World's first malaria vaccine 'Mosquirix' program began in Cameroon.
2. The vaccine, also called the RTS,S/AS01 vaccine, has been produced by GlaxoSmithKline.
3. It is more than 80% effective and requires three doses.
4. Malaria is caused by the virus, Plasmodium falciparum.

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: C**66. Consider the following statements:**

1. Parakram Diwas is observed on January 23rd to mark the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
2. His political mentor was Mahatma Gandhi.
3. He formed the Forward Bloc in 1943.
4. He was also elected president of the INC for two consecutive terms in 1938 and 1939.

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**67. Consider the following statements:**

1. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar are given to children in the age group 5 – 14 years.
2. 60 Parachute Field Hospital, Uttar Pradesh, in the Institutional category, has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2024.
3. Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) was successfully landed on the lunar surface by Japan.

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**68. The Centre of Excellence in Digital Forensics has been inaugurated recently at-**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Gandhinagar

ANSWER: D**69. Consider the following statements:**

1. Karpoori Thakur was awarded the India's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna (posthumously) this year.
2. Karpoori Thakur was a two time Chief Minister of Bihar.
3. 'Bharat Ratna' was instituted in the year 1947.
4. The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Cabinet to the President.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

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

ANSWER: A

70. Consider the following statements:

1. Vaishvik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Fellowship Program aims to attract Indian-origin scientists based abroad for long-term collaboration.
2. It is under the purview of Department of Science and Technology.
3. The VAIBHAV Fellows would identify an Indian Institution for collaboration and may spend up to two months in a year for a maximum 5 years.
4. VAJRA - Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty scheme is open to all foreign scientists.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

ANSWER: B

71. Consider the following statements:

1. Serum Institute of India (SII) is joining Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)
2. The G77 grouping was established on 15 June 1964 by 77 developing countries.
3. National Voters' Day is celebrated every year in India on January 25th.

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

72. Consider the following statements:

1. Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease caused by a virus.
2. It predominantly affects the skin and peripheral nerves.
3. Leprosy, as a public health problem, has been eliminated from India.
4. It is fully curable with multi-drug therapy (MDT).

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: D

73. Consider the following statements:

1. National Financial Reporting Authority is country's sole independent audit regulator.
2. It comes under the purview of Ministry of Finance.
3. It has the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
4. The members, including the chairperson, should not be associated with any audit firm during their term of office and 2 years before their term.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: B

74. Consider the following statements:

1. Homi Jehangir Bhabha is regarded as the father of India's nuclear program.
2. Lake Victoria is bordered by Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda.
3. Krutrim has become India's first AI startup to reach the unicorn status.

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

75. Consider the following statements:

1. The All India Survey on Higher Education 2021-22 has been released by Pratham NGO.
2. As per the report, total enrolment in higher education has increased to nearly 4.33 crore.
3. Gender Parity Index (GPI), the ratio of female GER to male GER is above 1 at 1.01, for the first time.
4. There are more male faculty members than females in higher education institutions.

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

76. Consider the following statements:

1. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has removed Aadhaar card as a valid proof for date of birth.
2. Aadhaar is a 14-digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India.
3. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation works under the purview of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
4. In its directive, UIDAI has emphasized that Aadhaar was a proof of identity, not proof of birth.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: C**77. Consider the following statements:**

1. The birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai is observed on January 28th.
2. PM YASASVI is a scholarship program designed for students belonging to Other Backward Class (OBC), Economically Backward Class (EBC), and Denotified Nomadic Tribes (DNT).
3. India is set to export BrahMos supersonic missile systems to Thailand.

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**78. Consider the following statements:**

1. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso have announced they are leaving the Economic Community of West African States.
2. The three countries have also formed a mutual defence pact called The Alliance of Sahel States.
3. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was established by signing of ECOWAS Treaty in 1947.

4. The headquarters of ECOWAS are in Nairobi, Kenya.

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**79. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Digital Supreme Court Reports (SCR) makes Supreme Court judgments available to the citizens of the country free of cost and in electronic format.
2. Article 142 of the Constitution states that "there shall be a Supreme Court of India".
3. The original Constitution of 1950 envisaged a Supreme Court with a Chief Justice and ten puisne judges.
4. The Supreme Court acts as the final court of appeals and the final interpreter of the Constitution.

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**80. Consider the following statements:**

1. Alpenglow typically occurs in the range of colors between red, pink, and orange.
2. Dr Nitya Anand, who discovered India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli', passed away recently.
3. Western Equine Encephalitis is caused by the Western Equine Encephalitis Virus.

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

HIMACHAL PRADESH PRACTICE MCQS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. Himachal Pradesh Government issued a notification granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to the Hattee community.
2. The Scheduled Caste (SC) community has been excluded from the notification.

Which of 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. Ritu Negi from the state has been bestowed recently with the esteemed Arjuna Award for the sport of-

- A. Kabaddi
- B. Archery
- C. Basketball
- D. Table Tennis

ANSWER: A

3. Who has been recently honoured with Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award?

- A. Ajay Thakur
- B. Rishi Dhawan
- C. Praveen Singh Lohia
- D. Dicky Dolma

ANSWER: C

4. The Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation, and Value Addition (HPSHIVA) Project *does not* include the following district?

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

ANSWER: D

5. Which state has become the 'Best Performer' state under the 'State's Start-up Ranking 2022' in B category (having population less than 1 crore)?

- A. Manipur
- B. Goa
- C. Himachal Pradesh

- D. Sikkim

ANSWER: C

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Himachal Pradesh has unveiled the 'My School-My Pride' campaign under the 'Apna Vidyalay' programme.
2. It will encourage active participation from individuals and organisations to adopt schools and contribute to various aspects of students' growth.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

7. The Halda festival is being celebrated in-

- A. Lahaul and Spiti
- B. Kinnaur
- C. Sirmaur
- D. Shimla

ANSWER: A

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Sumdo-Kaza-Gramphu highway will be widened by Border Roads Organisation.
2. It aims to improve connectivity to the Spiti region of Lahaul and Spiti district from Manali and Lahaul.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

ANSWER: C

9. Himachal Pradesh, as a full fledged state, came into being on 25th January in the year?

- A. 1970
- B. 1971
- C. 1972
- D. 1973

ANSWER: B

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