

1. According to the International Food Policy Research Institute study, which of the following is the most crucial parameter which can contribute to reduction of stunting among the children?
  - (a) Women's education
  - (b) Women's body mass index
  - (c) Children's adequate diet
  - (d) Age at marriage
2. Which of the following countries is the host of United Nations World Environment Day event in the year 2018?
  - (a) U.S.
  - (b) Israel
  - (c) India
  - (d) China
3. Which of the following has been envisioned by the recently launched 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme?
  1. Upgradation of 5,00,000 sub-centres into wellness clinics.
  2. Health security to 40% of India's population requiring hospitalisation for up to a sum of 5 lakh rupees per year per family.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which was recently in news, was used in the context of?
    - (a) Constitution of Sri Lanka
    - (b) Constitution of Bhutan
    - (c) Constitution of Nepal
    - (d) Constitution of Maldives
  5. India is negotiating the purchase of 5-400 Triumf air defence missile systems from which of the following countries?
    - (a) Russia
    - (b) France
    - (c) Israel
    - (d) U.S.
  6. India has institutionalised the two-plus-two dialogue mechanism with which of the following countries?
    1. Australia
    2. Japan
    3. Russia
    4. China

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 4 only

7. India has signed which of the following foundational agreements for defence cooperation with the U.S.?

1. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)
2. Logistical Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)
3. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

8. Cyclone Mekunu, which was recently in news, was originated in?

- (a) Pacific Ocean
- (b) Bay of Bengal
- (c) Arabian Sea
- (d) Atlantic Ocean

9. Which of the following has/have been correctly matched?

**Disputed Territory : Disputed In between**

1. Golan Heights: Israel and Jordan
2. Senkaku (Diaoyu) Islands: China and Japan
3. Kuril Islands: China and Vietnam

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

10. Which of the following factors encourage the foreign portfolio investors to leave a host country and invest elsewhere?

1. High interest rate in the host country.
2. Currency depreciation in the host country.
3. Higher inflation in the host country.
4. Higher GDP growth rate of the host country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 4 only

11. Which of the following are among the negative effects of sand mining?

1. Lowered water tables near the streambed.
2. Saline-water intrusion from the nearby sea.
3. Upstream erosion.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above
12. Recently, which of the following state governments has joined hands with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to generate awareness against child abuse?  
(a) Kerala  
(b) Telangana  
(c) Odisha  
(d) West Bengal
13. Which of the following statements is true regarding 'Gaj Yatra'?  
(a) It aims at securing 100 elephant corridors across India.  
(b) It aims at popularising 'Ganesha Festival' to across north-Indian States.  
(c) It aims at showcasing scientific achievements of ancient Indians.  
(d) None of these.
14. Consider the following statements about the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system:  
1. It is an EVM-connected verification printer device.  
2. It allows the voter to verify if their vote has indeed gone to the intended candidate or not.  
3. It generates a paper slip containing the name, serial number and symbol of the chosen candidate which the voter can take with him.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above
15. Consider the following statements:  
1. The Nansen Refugee Award is presented every year to an individual or organisation who has dedicated their time going above and beyond the call of duty to help people forcibly displaced from their homes.  
2. The Award is named after the first High Commissioner for Refugees for the League of Nations.  
3. The first person to win the Nansen Refugee Award was Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of US President Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above
16. Which of the following statements is true about the 'pollution haven hypothesis'?  
(a) Global industries flock to places having low environmental regulation.  
(b) Global industries promote environment to create a positive image among the consumers.

- (c) Global industries create pollution to feed other industries to control the already created pollution.
- (d) Global industries move away from places which are severely polluted.
17. Which of the following schemes have been subsumed into the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme?
1. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
  2. Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme
  3. Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above
18. The Oort Cloud is a region famous for which of the following?
- (a) Nebula
- (b) Asteroids
- (c) Meteoroids
- (d) Comets
19. Consider the following statements:
1. The Bharat Stage norms are based on European regulations.
  2. The Bharat Stage norms are following the European regulations without any time-lag.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. The standards and the timeline for implementation of the Bharat Stage norms are set by?
- (a) Central Pollution Control Board
- (b) Ministry of New and Renewable Resources
- (c) The Energy Resource Institute of India
- (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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