

1. Consider the following statements about 'Red Sanders':
  1. It is found in Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests.
  2. It is a variety of sandalwood that is valued for its fragrance.
  3. In India it is found in very small areas spread over Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
 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
2. Consider the following statements:
  1. Schedule 10 of the Indian Constitution deals with anti-defection.
  2. The Speaker/Chairman of the concerned House has to dispose of petitions on defections within 6 months.
 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
3. The projected global rise in CO<sub>2</sub> levels in 2018 has been driven by:
  1. Appreciable growth in coal use.
  2. Sustained growth in oil and gas use.
 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. Arrange the following countries in decreasing order of their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2018:
  1. U.S.
  2. Russia
  3. china
  4. India
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 

(a) 1>2>3>4	(b) 3>2>4>1
(c) 3>1>4>2	(d) 1>3>4>2
5. Consider the following statements about GSAT-11:
  1. It was India's first six-tonne-class advanced communication satellite.
  2. It was launched by GSLV Mark III.
  3. It will help to provide broadband connectivity to rural and inaccessible village panchayats under Bharat Net project.
 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
6. Consider the following statements:
  1. Peace talks between Yemen's government and rivals (Houthi rebels) aimed at ending four years of devastating war took place in Sweden.
  2. It marked the first ever meeting between Yemen's Saudi Arabia backed government and Houthi rebels, linked to Iran during four years of devastating war.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Delhi has become the first city to introduce Euro-VI grade petrol and diesel from April 1, 2018.
2. Major Indian cities will switch over to cleaner Euro-VI grade fuel from January 1, 2019.
3. The rest of the country will switch over to cleaner Euro-VI grade fuel from April 1, 2019.

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

8. Which of the following allows candidates to contest from two constituencies at a time?

- (a) Constitution of India  
(b) Parliamentary Conventions  
(c) Representation of People Act, 1951  
(d) Election Commission of India

9. Strong El Niños are also associated with which of the following?

1. Below average temperatures in Australia and Southeast Asia.
2. Above-average precipitation in the southern parts of the United States.
3. Drier-than-normal conditions in Indonesia.

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

10. Which of the following statements regarding the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution are true?

1. It deals with provision for the constitution of a Tribes Advisory Council.
2. The Governor has the power to adapt laws passed by Parliament and State legislature in such a way that it suits these areas.
3. It provides Governor with the power to make regulation for good governance and peace for the area.
4. The Fifth Schedule deals with the extension of direction by the Union to a State for the administration of the Schedule Areas.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above

11. Which of the following beaches have been correctly matched with the States they are located in:

1. Karwar: Karnataka
2. RK Beach: Andhra Pradesh
3. Goplapur: Gujarat
4. Elliot's Beach: Goa

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only  
 (b) 3 and 4 only  
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 only  
 (d) 2, 3 and 4 only
12. Consider the following statements about the recently approved Agriculture Export Policy:
1. It aims at increasing India's agricultural exports to \$60 billion by 2022.
  2. It aims at doubling farmers' income by 2022.
  3. It aims to create clusters that can focus on particular crops.
- 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
13. Consider the following statements:
1. Rubella is a contagious disease caused by a virus.
  2. Rubella infected mother have a tendency to give birth to a child with serious birth defects.
  3. In India rubella vaccine has been included in the immunization programme.
- 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
14. Consider the following statements about the 'witnesses protection scheme':
1. It broadly classifies witnesses in need of protection into three types based on the threat assessment.
  2. The Centre and the States will share the cost equally for the implementation of the scheme.
- 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
15. Consider the following statements:
1. The Paris Agreement (PA) went into force in November 2016.
  2. The implementation of the activities for the PA formally begins in 2020.
- 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
16. Which of the following are the members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?
1. Russia
  2. Venezuela
  3. Algeria
  4. Nigeria
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only  
 (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 only

(d) All of the above

17. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Arab Emirates includes Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajmān, Sharjah, Umm al-Qaywayn, Ra's al-Khaymah, and Al-Fujayrah.
2. Dubai is the largest of the emirates.

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, a motion of no-confidence can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha.
2. The Speaker sets up a date for discussion of the motion if minimum of 100 members of the house support the motion.
3. The motion of no-confidence is passed to remove the council of ministers and oust the ruling government from administrative offices.

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

19. Consider the following statements about the National Human Rights Commission:

1. The Commission has its own investigating staff headed by a Director General of Police for investigation into complaints of human rights violations.
2. The Commission can utilise the services of any officer or investigation agency of the Central Government or any State Government.
3. The Commission can associate only Governmental organizations in the investigation work.

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

20. Consider the following statements about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012:

1. Persons below 18 years of age are deemed as children under the Act.
2. The Act stipulates that a case of child sexual abuse must be disposed of within six months from the date the offence is reported.
3. The Act provides punishments graded as per the gravity of offence.

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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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