

1. Which of the following satellites form the Indian HTS quartet?
  1. GSAT-11
  2. GSAT-19
  3. GSAT-20
  4. GSAT-21Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only                      (d) All of the above
2. Consider the following statements about the upcoming 'bullet train' between Mumbai and Ahmedabad:
  1. The train will have a maximum operating speed of 300km/hr.
  2. It will reduce the travel time between the two cities by more than half.
  3. The project is being implemented with the help of Japan International Cooperation Agency.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
3. Consider the following statements:
  1. The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights was signed in Paris.
  2. The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights is not legally binding.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. Consider the following statements about the Universal Periodic Review (UPR):
  1. It is a process under which the human rights record of each of the UN's 193 member countries is peer-reviewed every four or five years.
  2. Under the HRC's UPR, every country has the opportunity to make recommendations on every other country's human rights record.
  3. The first UPR is currently ongoing.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
5. Which of the following treaties/conventions have been both signed and ratified by India?
  1. United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)
  2. United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT)
  3. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC)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. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) recognises which of the following rights?
  1. Human Rights
  2. Civil Rights

3. Economic Rights
4. Social Rights

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. India's national standard for ambient fine particulate matter, or PM<sub>2.5</sub>, is 40 micrograms per cubic metre.
2. The World Health Organisation has set the annual average exposure norm for PM<sub>2.5</sub> at 40 micrograms per cubic metre.

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

8. The Global Burden of Disease 2017 reported on the impact of which of the following on deaths, disease burden, and life expectancy across the states of India?

- (a) Water Pollution                      (b) Air Pollution  
(c) Soil Pollution                      (d) All of the above

9. Which of the following statements is correct:

- (a) The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) can be removed from office in like manner and on the like ground as a Judge of the Supreme Court whereas the Election Commissioners can be removed on the recommendation of the CEC.
- (b) The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) can be removed from office in like manner and on the like ground as a Judge of the Supreme Court whereas the Election Commissioners can be removed in like manner and on the like ground as a Judge of a High Court
- (c) The Election Commissioners are provided with the same protection and safeguard in the matter of removability of from office as is available to the CEC.
- (d) None of these.

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Earth Day is an initiative of the World Wildlife Fund.
2. Participants across the world switch off non-essential lights during this day.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Lingayat worships Shiva as the only deity.
2. The sect is generally regarded as having been founded by Basava in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.
3. The sect is opposed to worship of any image other than the lingam.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Karnataka's Kaiga nuclear power plant has created a world record for the longest uninterrupted operation.
2. Kaiga is an indigenously-built pressurised water reactor (PWR) run by domestic uranium.

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

13. Consider the following statements about the 'Rare Earth Elements' (REEs):

1. The rare earth elements are all metals.
2. These elements have properties that often causes them not to be found together in geologic deposits.
3. They are also referred to as "rare earth oxides" because many of them are typically sold as oxide compounds.

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. Monazite grains are mined for their rare earth and thorium content. These grains can be found in:

1. Granite
2. Pegmatite
3. Schist
4. Gneiss

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

15. Which of the following animals show the behaviour of 'Natal Homing'?

1. Salmons
2. sea Turtles
3. Elephants

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. 'Katas Raj' is a complex of ancient temples that is among the most important Hindu pilgrimage centres in which of the following countries?

- (a) Pakistan                                      (b) Afghanistan  
(c) Cambodia                                      (d) Sri Lanka

17. The facility of 'visa on arrival' scheme can be used for which of the following purposes?

1. Business
2. Tourism
3. Conference

4. Medical

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. The operational requirements of Indian Navy have significantly gone up in recent times because:

- 1. Indian Navy is ensuring the presence of atleast one major ship at all critical choke points in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) under its Mission Based Deployments.
- 2. Indian Navy has significantly increased its military to military engagement with friendly nations.

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

19. Which of the following could result in if a country is placed on the watch-list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

- 1. Enhanced scrutiny level of the financial transactions that the country's banking sector would undertake with the rest of the world.
- 2. Increased cost of opening letter of credits (LC) for trade purposes.
- 3. Decreased score of the international credit ratings.
- 4. Increase cost of borrowings for the government.

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

20. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

- 1. Bohag Bihu: Assam
- 2. Maha Vishuba Sankranti: Odisha
- 3. Vishu: Kerala
- 4. Puthandu: Tamil Nadu

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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