

1. Which of the following correctly defines the term 'rate of investment'?
 - (a) Gross Fixed Capital Formation as a share of GDP.
 - (b) Share of service tax in total tax collection.
 - (c) Total monetary value of borrowing by the private and public sector.
 - (d) None of these.
2. Consider the following statements about the Surrogacy Bill:
 1. Indian infertile couple, married for 5 years or more can go for altruistic surrogacy.
 2. Only close Indian relatives can be surrogate mothers.
 3. It also covers same sex couples.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 the above
3. Consider the following statements about the GSLV-F11 Mission:
 1. It placed the heaviest satellite with indigenous cryogenic stage.
 2. It placed the satellite in super synchronous transfer orbit.
 3. It took a satellite specially for usage of Indian Air Force.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) All of the above
4. Consider the following statements about Asbestos:
 1. It is soft and flexible yet resistant to heat and electricity.
 2. Exposure to asbestos can cause genetic damage to body cells.
 3. Asbestos exposure over a period of time causes cancer.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 the above
5. Consider the following statements about Pheran:
 1. It is a traditional Sikkimese attire.
 2. It is worn by both men and women.
 3. It is worn in both summers and winters.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) All the above
6. Which of the following departments has the anti-dumping unit?
 - (a) Department of Commerce
 - (b) Department of Expenditure
 - (c) Department of Economic Affairs
 - (d) Department of Investment

7. Consider the following statements about the 'smart cities':
1. For North Eastern and Himalayan States, the area proposed to be developed will be one-half of what is prescribed for any of the alternative models - retrofitting, redevelopment or greenfield development.
 2. Smart City aspirants are selected through a 'City Challenge Competition'.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The Consolidated fund of India is defined under article 266 of the Indian Constitution.
 2. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India does not audit this fund.
 3. Only tax revenues are credited to this account.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
9. Consider the following statements:
1. Core inflation is also known as underlying inflation.
 2. It is a measure of inflation that excludes items which face volatile price movement.
 3. It is nothing but Headline inflation minus inflation contributed by food and energy commodities.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Demographic dividend occurs when proportion of working people in the total population is high.
 2. Developed nations of Europe and America have an ageing population because of high birth rates and low mortality rates.
- 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 about the 'Fair Price Shops':
1. The State Government can fix an amount as the fair price shop owner's margin, which may be periodically reviewed for ensuring sustained viability of the fair price shop operations.
 2. The Sale of commodities other than the foodgrains distributed under the Targeted Public Distribution System at the fair price shop are not permitted.
- 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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. National Ambient Air Quality Standards are the standards for ambient air quality set by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) that are applicable nationwide.
2. The power to set the standards for ambient air quality has been conferred by the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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:

1. ASHA must primarily be a woman resident of the village, preferably in the age group of 25 to 45 years.
2. She should be a literate woman with due preference in selection to those who are qualified up to 10 standard.
3. She is paid on the basis of performance for the task she undertakes.

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 Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs)

1. FIIs are allowed to invest only in listed or to-be listed entities and only through stock exchanges.
2. FIIs cannot invest at the time of initial allotment.

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 about the 'Demand for Grants':

1. Estimates of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India in the Annual financial Statement are to be voted in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
2. More than one Demand in respect of one Ministry or Department may be presented according to the nature of expenditure.
3. For Union Territories without Legislature a separate Demand is presented for each Union territory.

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. Consider the following statements about the Eco-mark:

1. Eco-mark is a voluntary labelling scheme for easily identifying environment friendly products.
2. Eco-mark not only ensures that the product have to meet strict environmental requirements, but it also has to meet strict quality requirements.
3. The scheme was launched after the 1992 Rio Summit in which India participated.

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

17. After lead, sulfur content is the most important determiner of fuel quality. The effect of fuel sulfur content is particularly damaging to which of the following after- treatment systems:
1. Diesel particulate filters (DPFs)
 2. Lean oxides of nitrogen traps (LNTs)
 3. Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)
- 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. Consider the following statements regarding electoral bonds scheme:
1. Only registered political parties are eligible for the scheme.
 2. There is no condition on the basis of voted polled in the previous Lok Sabha or Assembly elections.
 3. It is not mandatory for the parties to report the details of donations received through the bonds.
- 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. Arrange the following protected areas in decreasing order of their numbers in India:
1. National Parks
 2. Wildlife Sanctuaries
 3. Conservation Reserves
 4. Community Reserves
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1>2>3>4 (b) 1>3>2>4
(c) 2>4>1>3 (d) 2>1>3>4
20. Consider the following statements about the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016:
1. It establishes the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund under the Public Account of India.
 2. It establishes a State Compensatory Afforestation Fund under the Public Account of each state.
 3. The National Fund will receive 60% of these funds, and the State Funds will receive the remaining 40%.
- 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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