

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The National Voters' Day (NVD) is celebrated every year on 26th January.
 2. The Election Commission of India has selected 'No Voter to be Left Behind' as the theme for the NVD.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
2. 'Swachh Credit', which was recently in news, refers to:
 - (a) Increase in lending in the water and sanitation sectors by large banks and financial institutions.
 - (b) Decrease in non-performing assets of the public sector banks.
 - (c) Subsidised lending to the priority sector identified by the government.
 - (d) Lending to those sector which are implementing climate change related adaptation projects.
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. Gavi is an international global Vaccine Alliance of public and private sectors for creating equal access to new and underused vaccines for children.
 2. Countries are eligible to apply for Gavi support when their Gross National Income (GNI) per capita is below or equal to US\$ 1,580 on average over the past three years.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. Which of the following are the advantages of the 'Microwave' heating?
 1. It requires less time than conventional heating, particularly for solid and semisolid foods.
 2. Microwave heating can also be used to pasteurize the food.
 3. Food heats uniformly during microwave processing.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. Consider the following statements:
 1. Ujwal Bharat is a joint programme of the Ministries of Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy.
 2. The overall aim of the programme is to ensure '24 × 7 Power for All' by 2022.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
6. Consider the following statements about the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA):
 1. It functions as the nodal body for adoption of Indian children.
 2. It is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions.
 3. It is designated as the Central Authority to deal with inter-country adoptions.
 4. It comes under the umbrella of the ICPS (the Integrated Child Protection Scheme) agencies.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. Which of the following are among the 'Core of the Core Schemes' of the central government?
1. National Social Assistance Programme
 2. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme
 3. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
 4. Tribal Education and Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana
- 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
8. Consider the following statements regarding promotion of generic medicines in India:
1. Drugs supplied to Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are compliant with WHO GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) benchmarks.
 2. It has been made mandatory for Medical colleges, hospitals, and doctors across the country to prominently mention Generic Names of drugs along with Brand Names in their prescriptions
 3. All branded drugs, imported or domestically manufactured, should mandatorily contain generic names mentioned in bold letters while packaging.
- 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
9. The latest Forest Survey of India report has changed the calculation methods for India's forest cover to include:
- (a) Tree groves conserved for centuries by the people.
 - (b) Plantations on private lands.
 - (c) Shrubs if their density is beyond certain limit.
 - (d) Trees grown on public lands in urban areas.
10. Which of the following are the objectives of the Unnat Chulha Abhiyan (UCA)?
1. To develop and deploy improved biomass cook-stoves for providing cleaner cooking energy solutions in rural, semi-urban and urban areas using biomass as fuel for cooking.
 2. To mitigate drudgery of women and children using traditional chulha for cooking.
 3. To mitigate climate change by reducing the black carbon and other emissions resulting from burning biomass for cooking.
- 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
11. Consider the following statements:
1. Mahila E-Haat is an online marketing platform for women, where participants can display their products.
 2. It is an initiative for women across the country as a part of 'Digital India' and 'Stand Up India' initiatives.
 3. The platform has been set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK).

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. Which of the following are among the measures taken by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to promote Mobile Governance in India?

1. Web sites of all Government Departments and Agencies shall be made mobile- compliant, using the “One Web” approach.
2. Z Open standards shall be adopted for mobile applications for ensuring the inter- operability of applications across various operating systems and devices.
3. Uniform/single pre-designated numbers (long and short codes) shall be used for mobile-based services to ensure convenience.

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. Which of the following correctly defines the term ‘phenotypic plasticity’?

- (a) Rapid reproduction and growth.
- (b) High dispersal ability.
- (c) Ability to survive on various food types and in a wide range of environmental conditions.
- (d) Ability to adapt physiologically to new conditions.

14. Which of the following are alien species found in India?

1. African Apple Snail
2. Papaya Mealy Bug
3. Cotton Mealy Bug
4. Amazon Sailfin Catfish

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 are among the characteristics of the “Waste-Wise Cities”?

1. Cities that improve their solid waste management.
2. Cities that reduce their expenditure on waste management.
3. Cities that fulfill 33% of their energy needs from solar energy.

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:

1. Each ozone molecule is made of three oxygen atoms.
2. Ozone is formed when ultraviolet radiation causes oxygen molecules in the upper layers of the atmosphere to split apart.
3. While ozone in the stratosphere benefits life on Earth by blocking ultraviolet radiation from the Sun, ozone in the lower atmosphere can trigger health problems.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. There are twenty languages appearing in the language panel of banknotes in addition to Hindi prominently displayed in the centre of the note and English on the reverse of the banknote.
2. The responsibility for coinage vests with the Government of India on the basis of the Coinage Act, 2011 as amended from time to time.

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. Western Ghats passes through which of the following States?

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Goa
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Gujarat

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

19. The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution consists of the which of the following languages?

1. Hindi
2. English
3. Sanskrit
4. Konkani

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Consider the following statements:

1. December 3 is observed every year as International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
2. India is a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities but has not ratified it.

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

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