

1. Which of the following national Parks and/or wildlife sanctuaries are without operational Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs)?
 1. Pobitora Sanctuary of Assam
 2. Hemis High Altitude National Park of Jammu and Kashmir
 3. Jogimatti Sanctuary of Karnataka
 4. Deolgaon Rehekuri Sanctuary of MaharashtraSelect 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
2. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the 'Silent Valley National Park'?
 1. It is situated in the core of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.
 2. The name of the region was attributed considering the relative absence of any human habitation in its core area.
 3. It is home to the largest population of Lion tailed macaques.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. The authorities of which of the following protected areas have joined hands with Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) to provide security to its forests and rich wildlife?
 - (a) Kaziranga National Park
 - (b) Dudhwa Tiger Reserve
 - (c) Silent Valley National Park
 - (d) Simlipal National Park
4. Which of the following tribes, which were recently in news, are among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)?
 1. Santhals
 2. Sahariyas
 3. Sentinelets
 4. MankidiaSelect 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
5. Consider the following statements about 'keystone species':
 1. Keystone species have low functional redundancy.
 2. They are always the largest or the most abundant species in an ecosystem.
 3. Any organism, from plants to fungi, may be a keystone species.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. Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) is a scheme initiated from the Nirbhaya Fund.
2. Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) will act as a link between police and community and help women in distress.
3. Rajasthan was the first state to start the Mahila Police Volunteer scheme.
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
7. Operation Digital Board is aimed at:
(a) Digitalization of all stock-exchanges in India.
(b) Providing better digital education in all schools.
(c) Making all banks and post-offices internet enabled.
(d) Providing broadband facilities in all Gram Panchayats.
8. Which of the following results in the addition of CO₂ into the atmosphere?
1. Plant Respiration
2. Litter Fall
3. Soil Respiration
4. Photosynthesis
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
9. Consider the following statements:
1. The Senkaku/Diaoyu islands are a bone of contention between China/Taiwan and Japan.
2. The Senkaku/Diaoyu islands are located in the South China Sea.
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
10. Which of the following disqualifications for election to Lok Sabha are directly covered by the Article 102 of the Constitution?
1. The person of unsound mind and must not stand so declared by a competent court.
2. The person must not be an undischarged insolvent.
3. The person must not be a member of an association declared unlawful.
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 about the 'Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve':
1. It was the first Biosphere Reserve from India that was included in the UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).
 2. It is one of the highest ecosystems in the world reaching elevations of up to 8,586 m above sea level.
 3. It includes a range of ecolines varying from sub-tropic to Arctic.
- 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 have been correctly matched:
- Protected Area: River**
1. Dudhwa Tiger Reserve: Mohana River
 2. Silent Valley National Park: Kunthipuzha River
 3. Bhitarkanika National Park: Mahanadi
- 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. Match the following:
- Species: Indicators Of**
1. Crayfish: a) Freshwater Quality
 2. Corals: b) Siltation
 3. Peregrine falcons: c) Pesticide Loads
 4. Native Plants: d) Alien Species
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d
(b) 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a
(c) 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
(d) 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
14. The term "16+1" group is used in the context of:
- (a) Countries collaborating in saving Arctic region from exploitation.
 - (b) Countries collaborating in infrastructure ventures.
 - (c) Countries collaborating in creating the world's first nuclear fusion reactor.
 - (d) Countries collaborating in Antarctic Research.
15. Consider the following statements about the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA):
1. It is the oldest preferential regional trade agreement among developing countries in Asia-Pacific.
 2. It is an initiative under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP).
 3. India was a founding member of this agreement.
- 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. Names of the judges for appointment as Supreme Court judges is recommended by a collegium consisting of the Chief Justice of India and four seniormost judges of the Supreme Court.
2. The government may send such names back to the collegium for reconsideration but if the collegium sends the names back again, the government will have to accept the recommendation.

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

17. Which of the following have been correctly matched?

1. Meteor: A piece of interplanetary matter that is smaller than a kilometer.
2. Meteorite: A part of the space debris that lands on Earth.
3. Meteoroid: The flash of light caused by the debris from space.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) All of the above
(d) None of these

18. The 'National Policy on Biofuels' promotes Advanced Biofuels by:

1. Viability gap funding.
2. Higher purchase price as compared to first generation biofuels.
3. Additional tax incentives.

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. The discontinuity between outer core and inner core is known as?

- (a) Weichert-Gutenberg discontinuity
(b) Conrad discontinuity
(c) Lehman discontinuity
(d) Mohorovicic discontinuity

20. Which among the following was the first State in India to pass the social audit legislation?

- (a) Kerala (b) Telangana
(c) Punjab (d) Meghalaya

ANSWER KEYS

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