

1. Consider the following statements about the Composite Water Management Index:
  1. It has been prepared by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
  2. It is an important tool not only to assess but also improve the performance of States/Union Territories in efficient management of water resources.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. Which of the following is a major oil producing country but not a member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?
  - (a) Russia
  - (b) Iran
  - (c) Iraq
  - (d) Venezuela
3. A recently released report says - the world is at risk of entering “hothouse” conditions. The term “hothouse” conditions refers to:
  - (a) Global average temperatures will be 2-2.5 degrees Celsius higher even if emissions reduction targets under a global climate deal are met.
  - (b) Global average temperatures will be 4-5 degrees Celsius higher even if emissions reduction targets under a global climate deal are met.
  - (c) Global average temperatures will be 4-5 degrees Celsius higher if emissions reduction targets under a global climate deal are not met.
  - (d) Global average temperatures will be 2-3 degrees Celsius higher if emissions reduction targets under a global climate deal are not met.
4. Consider the following statements regarding the appointment of judges of the Supreme Court:
  1. The judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the Prime minister after consultation with the Chief Justice of India and such other judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts as he may deems necessary.
  2. The consultation with the Chief Justice of India is mandatory in the case of appointment of a judge other than the Chief Justice.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
5. Which of the following capital instruments are permitted for receiving foreign investment in an Indian company?
  1. Equity shares
  2. Debentures
  3. Preference sharesSelect 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. If U.S. puts economic sanctions on Iran again, then which of the following could be the implications on India?
  1. The Reserve Bank of India might have to increase interest rates.
  2. The Reserve Bank of India might have to decrease the rupee’s value against the U.S. dollar.
  3. Inflation in India may go up.

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. Which of the following could be among the negative effects of 'global warming'?

1. Permafrost thaw
2. Loss of methane hydrates from the ocean floor
3. Weaker land and ocean carbon sinks
4. Loss of Arctic summer sea ice

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

8. According to the International Food Policy Research Institute study, which of the following is the most crucial parameter which can contribute to reduction of stunting among the children?

- (a) Women's education  
(b) Women's body mass index  
(c) Children's adequate diet  
(d) Age at marriage

9. India has institutionalised the two-plus-two dialogue mechanism with which of the following countries?

1. Australia
2. Japan
3. Russia
4. China

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) 2 and 4 only

10. Consider the following statements about the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

1. It has been jointly created by the United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Development Programme.
2. Its assessments are policy-relevant but not policy-prescriptive.
3. The IPCC does not conduct its own research.

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 'Kharai Camel':

1. It is unique for its ability to adapt well to both terrestrial and marine ecosystems.
2. It is found only in the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan.
3. The breed was registered with the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources in 2015.

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 about 'Bugun Liocichla':
1. It is a critically endangered bird.
  2. Just 14 to 20 of these birds are known to exist.
  3. They are found only in the Singchung village of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 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 have been correctly matched?
1. **Operation SAVE KURMA:** To target turtle/tortoises
  2. **Operation BIRBIL:** To target big cats and birds
  3. **Operation WILDNET:** To target lesser known species
  4. **Operation LESKNOW:** To target online wildlife trade
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 3 and 4 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 2 and 4 only
14. Individuals/Organisations from India got the Champions of the Earth Awards in 2018 in which of the following categories?
1. Lifetime Achievement
  2. Policy Leadership
  3. Action and Inspiration
  4. Entrepreneurial Vision
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 3 and 4 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 2 and 4 only
15. Which of the following are among the major departures in the Sendai Framework from the earlier frameworks?
1. For the first time the goals are defined in terms of outcome-based targets instead of focusing on sets of activities and actions.
  2. It places almost equal importance on all kinds of disasters and not only on those arising from natural hazards.
  3. Disaster risk reduction, more than before, is seen as a policy concern that cuts across many sectors, including health and education.
- 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. The superintendence of Central Bureau of Investigation related to investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 lies with the?
- (a) Central Vigilance Commission
  - (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - (c) Department of Personnel & Training
  - (d) National Investigation Agency

17. Consider the following statements about the Maheshwari weaves from Madhya Pradesh:
1. The border of the Maheshwari saree is reversible, therefore one can wear it from either side.
  2. The colors of the Maheshwari saree are made using natural vegetable dyes.
  3. These sarees are extremely lightweight and easy to wear.
- 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. Which among the following are the members of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)?
1. China
  2. U.S.
  3. Russia
  4. South Korea
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (c) All of the above
  - (d) None of these
19. Which of the following acts may lead to a criminal contempt of the Supreme Court?
1. Scandalising or lowering the authority of a court.
  2. Comment on the administrative side of the judiciary.
  3. Interfering with the due course of a judicial proceeding.
- 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. The sporozoites that cause infection when a female Anopheles mosquito bites a human being are formed in:
- (a) Liver of human
  - (b) RBCs of mosquito
  - (c) Salivary glands of mosquito
  - (d) Intestine of human

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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