

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The International Comparison Programme (ICP) is a worldwide statistical initiative led by the International Monetary Fund under the auspices of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
 2. One of its objective is to estimate purchasing power parities (PPPs) of the world's economies.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. Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) is used in which of the following cases for international comparison:
 1. Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations).
 2. Human Development Index (United Nations Development Programme).
 3. Poverty rates at international poverty line (World Bank).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 about the campaign titled 'Darwaza Band':
 1. The campaign has been launched by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission.
 2. The campaign has been supported by the Asian Development Bank.
 3. It is designed to encourage behaviour change in men who have toilets but are not using them.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
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. Mega Food Park Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 2. The minimum land required for a Central Processing Centre in Mega Food Park is 50 acre.
 3. The Mega Food Park project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).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. Muniyara is a region that fascinates anthropologists and archaeologists from around the world because of its legendary Dolmenoid cists. The region is located in which of the following States?
 - (a) Kerala
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Karnataka
 - (d) Maharashtra
6. Consider the following statements about the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) of India with other countries?
 1. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry and the Central authority for seeking and providing mutual legal assistance in criminal law matters.
 2. Cases pertaining to civil and commercial matters are required to be taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs.

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

7. Which of the following are among the sources of Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)?

1. Moth repellents and air fresheners
2. Dry-cleaned cloths
3. Aerosol sprays

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

8. Which of the following statements regarding the four most critically endangered animals in India and their 'range' has been correctly matched?

1. Hangul: Dachigam National Park
2. Sangai: Keibul Lamjao National Park
3. Dugong: Sunderbans

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The main driving force behind the Vaquita's decreasing numbers is Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).
2. Found only in the Gulf of California, Vaquita's swim bladder is valued in TCM.

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. The Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) is/was the 'main' driving force behind the decreasing numbers of which of the following species?

1. Vaquita
2. Javan Rhino
3. Sumatran Tiger

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. Arrange the following biotech crop growing countries in decreasing order of the area they have under biotech crops:

1. USA
2. Argentina
3. Canada

4. India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1>2>3>4 (b) 2>3>1>4
(c) 3>1>2>4 (d) 1>3>2>4

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Bt cotton has been genetically modified by the insertion of one or more genes from a common soil bacterium.
2. Bt cotton occupies greater than 95% of India's cotton acreage.
3. Bt cotton wholly dominates top five biotech crop growing countries' genetically modified crop acreage — this is not the case with major countries.

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. When a scientist performs genetic modification to a plant, they insert a foreign gene (called transgene) in the plant's own genes. This could be introduced from:

1. One plant to another plant.
2. From an animal to a plant.
3. From a microorganism to a plant.

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. Arrange the drainage basin area of the following rivers in the decreasing order:

1. Godavari
2. Indus
3. Krishna
4. Brahmaputra

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1>2>3>4 (b) 2>1>3>4
(c) 3>1>2>4 (d) 1>3>2>4

15. Which of the following animals contribute to pollination?

1. Flies
2. Moths
3. Birds
4. Bats

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is a pension scheme for citizens of India focussed on the unorganised sector workers.
2. Any Citizen of India between 18 -40 years can join APY scheme.
3. To subscribe to this scheme, the person should have a savings bank account/ open a savings bank account.

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. Directorate of Enforcement is a specialized financial investigation agency under which of the following departments of the Ministry of Finance?

- (a) Department of Expenditure
(b) Department of Revenue
(c) Department of Financial Services
(d) Department of Economic Affairs

18. In India, the Air Quality Index is centred around which of the following chief pollutants?

1. Particulate Matter with a diameter less than 10 micrometres (PM10)
2. Particulate Matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5)
3. Ozone (O3)
4. Carbon dioxide (CO2)

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

19. Under the Indian Constitution, which of the following articles deals with office of profit?

- (a) Article 102 (b) Article 103
(c) Article 104 (d) Article 105

20. In respect of Foreign Direct Investment proposals where the Competent Authority proposes to reject the proposals concurrence of which of the following shall compulsorily be sought by the Competent Authority?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
(b) Ministry of Finance
(c) NITI Aayog
(d) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion

ANSWER KEYS

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