

1. The Constitution has given the maximum powers to the Election Commission for conducting free and fair elections. Consider the following statements in this regard:

1. In the process of conducting free and fair elections, the EC can transfer any officials who are engaged in election duty.
2. The State government shall provide a list of officers from the state for effecting any transfer, the EC has to select the officer from the list.

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. The Central Government has declared 10 varieties of millets as “Nutri Cereals”. These include:

1. Sorghum
2. Pearl Millet
3. Foxtail Millet

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:

1. Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain tissue.
2. It can be caused by viruses, bacteria or even fungi.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 148 of the Constitution deals with Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.
2. The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.
3. The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India shall only be removed from office in like manner and on like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

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. Kaziranga National Park is also a Tiger Reserve.
2. Kaziranga National Park is home to approximately 2/3rd of the total world population of Indian one-horned rhinoceros.
3. Kaziranga National Park is a World Heritage Site declared by UNESCO.

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 about the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI):
1. UIDAI has introduced a blue coloured 'Baal Aadhaar' card for children below the age of 5 years.
 2. Blue coloured Aadhaar data does not include biometric information like fingerprints and iris scan.
 3. It is mandatory for children under 5 to get an Aadhaar card.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a statutory authority.
 2. UIDAI functions as an attached office of the NITI Aayog.
 3. UIDAI was created with the objective to issue Unique Identification numbers (UID) to all residents of India.
- 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. If the carbon atoms fixed by producers already have passed through three species, the trophic level of the last species would be?
- (a) Scavenger
 - (b) Tertiary producer
 - (c) Tertiary Consumer
 - (d) Secondary Consumer
9. Consider the following statements about the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA):
1. It is a Centrally Sector Scheme (CSS).
 2. It aims to achieve the target of Gross Enrolment Ratio of 30% by the year 2019-20 with equity and inclusion.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2 only
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. Consider the following statements about the Asteroids and comets:
1. They are both celestial bodies orbiting our Sun.
 2. They both can have unusual orbits.
 3. They are both made from materials from the formation of our Solar System 4.5 billion years ago.
- 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. Black holes were predicted by Einstein's theory of general relativity.
2. Formation of black holes, among others, is associated with death of massive stars.
3. Supermassive black holes can be the most luminous objects in the universe.

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:

1. Hunter Commission was set up to inquire into the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
2. Bhaghat Singh killed Michael O'Dwyer in Caxton Hall of London.
3. Rabindranath Tagore renounced the knighthood that he had received in 1915 to express his anger.

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. Consider the following statements about Nataraja, the dancing form of Lord Shiva:

1. This cosmic dance of Shiva symbolizes the cosmic cycles of creation and destruction.
2. It was developed in southern India by 9th and 10th-century artists during the Chola period.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The collegium system is the system of appointment and transfer of judges and has been a provision of the Constitution.
2. The Supreme Court collegium is headed by the Chief Justice of India and comprises four other seniormost judges of the court.
3. A High Court collegium is led by its Chief Justice and four other seniormost judges of that court.

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

15. Which among the following are correctly matched?

1. First Judges Case: a) a specific procedure called 'Collegium System' for the appointment and transfer of judges in the higher judiciary.
2. Second Judges Case: b) recommendation should be made by the CJI and his four seniormost colleagues, instead of two.
3. Third Judges Case: c) primacy of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) was not really to be found in the Constitution.

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) None of these

16. Recently, which of the following countries circulated a draft resolution to the powerful 15-nation UN Security Council (UNSC) to blacklist Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar?

- (a) Russia
- (b) UK
- (c) US
- (d) France

17. Arrange the following greenhouse gases in terms of their abundance in Earth's atmosphere:

- 1. Methane
- 2. Nitrous oxide
- 3. Ozone
- 4. Chlorofluorocarbons

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. B.R. Ambedkar said that Governor is the representative not of a party; he is the representative of the people as a whole of the State.
- 2. In S.R. Bommai (1994), the Supreme Court affirmed that the "office of the Governor was not subordinate or subservient to the Government of India".

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

19. Which one of the following is not related to the formation or modification of the present atmosphere?

- (a) Solar winds
- (b) Degassing
- (c) Differentiation
- (d) Photosynthesis

20. The Mahadayi river passes through which of the following States?

- (a) Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra
- (c) Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat

ANSWER KEYS

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