

1. Which of the following are among the reasons for the suspension of the cross-Line of Control (LoC) trade in Jammu and Kashmir?
1. Funnelling of illegal weapons, narcotics and fake currency.
  2. To stop evading the higher duty after India withdrew the Most Favoured Nation status to Pakistan.
  3. The trade has changed its character to mostly third party trade and products from other regions, including foreign countries, are finding their way through this route.

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
2. Consider the following statements regarding the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status:
1. It means a special preference for the country given MFN status.
  2. It means the country given MFN status would be treated equally as all others.
  3. It means that if one country is granted a trade concession then all WTO members must be extended the same concessions.

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. Which of the following have been arranged in the decreasing order of their size?
- (a) Gene, Chromosome, Genome
  - (b) Chromosome, Genome, Gene
  - (c) Chromosome, Gene, Genome
  - (d) Genome, Chromosome, Gene
4. Consider the following statements:
1. Each one of earth's species has its own distinctive genome.
  2. Genomes not only belong to species, but they also belong to individuals.

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. Arrange the following organism in the decreasing order of the chromosomes they have:
1. Dog
  2. Humans
  3. Sunflower
  4. Bacteria

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Consider the following statements:
1. INS Chakra is a Russia-made, nuclear-propelled, submarine.
  2. Its ability to stay underwater is restrained only by human endurance to stay underwater.
  3. INS Chakra is one of the quietest nuclear submarines around, with noise levels next to zero.
- 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 are among the objectives of the Project Elephant (PE)?
1. To protect elephants, their habitat & corridors
  2. To address issues of man-animal conflict
  3. Welfare of captive elephants
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Hybridisation means crossing between genetically dissimilar plants.
  2. Cross between two varieties of the same species is called inter specific hybridisation.
  3. Introducing genes of desired character into a plant gives genetically modified crop.
  4. Cross between two species of the same genus is called inter varietal hybridisation.
- 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
9. Consider the following statements:
1. A voter is allowed to cast a vote where someone else representing to be a particular voter has already cast that vote.
  2. A vote casted by a voter where someone else representing to be a particular voter has already cast that vote is called a tendered vote.
- 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. In India, the right to vote is provided by:
1. The Constitution of India
  2. The Representation of People's Act, 1951
  3. The Independence of India Act, 1947
- 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. What are the possible actions an Election Commission can take against candidates and political parties?
1. Election Commission cannot bar candidates or leaders from campaigning for specified periods.
  2. The EC monitors the adherence of political parties and candidates to the 'Model Code of Conduct'.
  3. It can postpone elections to any constituency, cancel an election already notified, but cannot abrogate or annul an election already held.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1, 2
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1, 3
- (d) 3 only

12. Consider the following statements with respect to powers of Election Commission.
1. Election Commission can disqualify candidates who commit electoral malpractices.
  2. The Constitution empowers the Election Commission to decide whether a candidate has incurred disqualification by holding an office of profit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None

13. Consider the following statements about Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).
1. It comprises of eight Member States lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal.
  2. It came into being through the Bangkok Declaration.
  3. It is headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal
  4. In 2018, the 4th BIMSTEC Summit concluded in Kathmandu

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. With reference to the Ryugu asteroid which is currently in news, name the country's scientist who have created an artificial crater on it ?

1. Japan
  2. US
  3. France
  4. Russia
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 3 only
  - (d) 4 only

15. Name the airborne observatory which has detected the first type of molecule ever formed in the universe ?

1. Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy(SOFIA)
2. General Observatory for International Space
3. Indian Space Research Organisation

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

16. Name of the satellite which is recently launched by Nepal ?
1. NepaliSat-1
  2. Nepal SAT
  3. Bird-3
  4. GSAT-1
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) 4 only
17. With reference to the usage of bio toilets in Indian Railways, which of the following statements are correct ?
1. It is the first of its kind, being used by any railroad in the world for on-board accelerated digestion of human waste.
  2. The success of the project depends on the co-operation of passengers by not throwing any inorganic material like bottles, polythene, napkins.
  3. The bacteria converts the human waste mainly into water and small amount of bio-gases, which escape into atmosphere.
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of these
18. Foreigners living in India possess the right to
1. Education
  2. Equality before law
  3. Freedom of Speech
  4. Freedom to start business
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) 4 only
19. With reference to 'Red data book', which of the following endangered species are documented ?
1. Fungi
  2. Animals
  3. Plants
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) All of these (d) None of the above
20. In the context of the power of the state government, which of the following activities of a religious institutions can be restrained?
1. Economic
  2. Political
  3. Academic
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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