

1. Consider the following statements :
 1. India is witnessing a significant change in the nature of cybercrimes; it is now extremely organised and collaborative. The cost of data breach continues to grow year after year.
 2. Data breaches have cost Indian enterprises Rs. 12.8 crore on an average during the first half of calendar 2019, a 7.29% increase compared with a year ago.
 3. Firms with more than 500 employees suffered losses of more than \$2.5 million on an average.Which of the above statements are true ?
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
2. Narmada rises from Amarkantak Plateau near Anuppur district. It forms the traditional boundary between North India and South India and flows westwards over a length of 1,312 km (815.2 mi) before draining through the Gulf of Khambhat into the Arabian Sea.

The river flows through which of the following states of central India?

 1. Rajasthan
 2. Gujarat
 3. Madhya Pradesh
 4. Maharashtra
 5. ChhattisgarhChoose the correct option :
 - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 & 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 & 5 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. Which of the following statements regarding the SAT (Securities Appellate Tribunal) stands true?
 1. The first SAT was formed in 1995, through a notification issued by the Central Government and therefore, is a statutory body established under the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
 2. The Securities Appellate Tribunal has only one bench that sits at Mumbai and has jurisdiction over all of India.
 3. Every proceeding before the Securities Appellate Tribunal is deemed to be a judicial proceeding and the tribunal has all the powers of a Civil Court.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
4. After Chandrayaan-2, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has planned to launch its solar mission, Aditya-L1, during the first half of 2020.

Which of the following statements regarding the same are true ?

 1. The Aditya - L1 is set to launch during 2019-2020 timeframe by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
 2. The Aditya - L1 will be inserted in a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1), which is 1.5 million km from the Earth.
 3. Aditya-L1, with additional experiments, can provide observations of the Sun's photosphere, chromosphere and corona.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
5. Which of the following is the highest mountain in Myanmar forming the tri-point boundary between India, China & Myanmar ?
- (a) Mount Wutai
 - (b) Mount Saramati
 - (c) Hkakabo Razi
 - (d) Mount Popa
6. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Bhabha Kavach'.
- 1. It is jointly being developed by India and Israel.
 - 2. It is an bullet-proof jacket is developed jointly by the Ordnance Factories Board and the public sector metals and metal alloys manufacturer MIDHANI.
- Select the correct statements
- (a) 1 Only (b) 2 Only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. Consider the following statements with respect to 'JATAN'.
- 1. It is used for creating digital collections in various museums and digital archival tools that are used in background for managing National Portal and Digital Repository for Indian Museums.
 - 2. It is developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Select the correct statements
- (a) 1 Only (b) 2 Only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
8. 'Motihari-Amlekhgunj Petroleum Products Pipeline' is associated with India and
- (a) Nepal (b) Bhutan
 - (c) Bangladesh (d) Myanmar
9. The annual Joint Military Exercise 'Hand-in-Hand' between India and
- (a) China (b) Sri Lanka
 - (c) Nepal (d) Bhutan
10. 'Inn Din massacre' is associated with
- (a) Myanmar (b) Sudan
 - (c) Hong Kong (d) Venezuela
11. Which of the following statements regarding the recently tabled RTI amendment bill 2019 stands true ?
- 1. As per the amendment Information commissioners who currently have five-year tenures will have "terms as may be prescribed by the central government" and salaries, instead of being on par with that of Election Commission officials.
 - 2. The Election Commission is a Constitutional body. On the other hand the Central Information Commission and the State Information Commission are statutory bodies established under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
 - 3. The bill removes the provision that the Public information Officers are required to provide information to an RTI applicant within 30 days of the request.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only

- (d) All of the above
12. While taking the shortest possible route, which of the following seas must one cross in order to reach unite kingdom starting from Iran?
1. Mediterranean sea
 2. Red sea
 3. Caspian sea
 4. Black sea
 5. North sea
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 3, 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 1, 3 & 4 only
 - (d) 2 & 4 only
13. The committee set up to look into the legality of cryptocurrencies and blockchain has submitted its report to the Finance Ministry. Which of the following statements regarding its recommendations stands true ?
1. The report recommends banning all kinds of cryptocurrencies in India, whether issued by the central bank or by private players.
 2. The report says cryptocurrencies do not have any intrinsic value of their own and lack any of the attributes of a currency. They neither act as a store of value nor are they a medium of exchange in themselves.
 3. The Committee recommends that the RBI examine the utility of using DLT (distributed ledger technology) based systems for enabling faster and more secure payment infrastructure.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
14. Consider the following statements :
1. In Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu and Others (1991), an Supreme Court Constitution Bench declared that the Speaker's decision was subject to judicial review.
 2. The Speaker of a House does not have the power to review his own decisions to disqualify a candidate. Such power is not provided for under the Schedule
 3. A person shall not be disqualified under defection if his original political party merges with another, and he and other members of the old political party become members of the new political party.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
15. The recently launched project "operation thirst" refers to which of the following ?
- (a) Harnessing the potential of untapped groundwater resources from North eastern region of India
 - (b) Initiative by RPF to crackdown the selling of unauthorised packaged drinking water.
 - (c) to supply water in goods train to water deficit regions of the country.
 - (d) to store rainwater in rain fed regions of the country and to use them during scarcity of rainfall.
16. Consider the following statements about Global Environment Outlook (GEO) Report.
1. It is referred to as UN Environment's flagship environmental assessment, released annually.

2. It provides an integrated analysis of social, economic and environmental trends that have shaped the environment.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
17. Which of the following bodies are headed by the Prime Minister of India?
1. Department of Atomic Energy
2. National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)
3. Department of Space
4. National Security Council (NSC)
5. Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)
Select the correct code:
(a) 1, 2, 3, 5 (b) 1, 3, 5
(c) 1, 3, 4, 5 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
18. Consider the following statements about United Nations Environment Assembly.
1. The United Nations Environment Assembly was created in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
2. The United Nations Environment Assembly is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment.
3. The Assembly meets annually to set priorities for global environmental policies and develop international environmental law.
Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1, 3 (d) 2, 3
19. Gadhika and Naikkar Kali are the tribal art forms of which state
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Odisha
(c) Kerala (d) Telangana
20. Consider the following statements
1. Royal patronage for the construction of Stupas declined after 2nd Century BC for considerable time.
2. The use of stone significantly began from the times of Ashoka.
3. Sanchi stupa is a UNESCO world heritage site.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3

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