

1. Consider the following statements :
 1. Sovereign debt is debt issued by a central government, usually in the form of securities, to finance various development initiatives within a country.
 2. Countries with unstable economies and political systems are choosing for this financing method.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
2. IPS officer V. K. Johri has been appointed as New Director General of
 - (a) CBI
 - (b) SSB
 - (c) BSF
 - (d) CRPF
3. Consider the following statements :
 1. A sovereign bond is a debt security issued by a national government. Sovereign bonds can be denominated in a foreign currency only
 2. India has never resorted to large scale foreign currency borrowing even during the time of the 1991 balance of payments crisisChoose the correct option :
 - (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
4. Consider the following statements :
 1. Mussoorie Resolution 2019 was the outcome of Conclave of Himalayan States
 2. It is for 1st time that states belonging to Himalayan Region have come on a single platform to take a unanimous stand on issue of green bonus and separate ministry for dealing with problems unique to them.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
5. Global Tiger Day is celebrated across the world on
 - (a) 13 July
 - (b) 29 July
 - (c) 28 July
 - (d) 30 July
6. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released draft Model Tenancy act 2019 are true ?
 1. The draft Act is aimed at increasing accountability in the rental home ecosystem.
 2. It addresses factors like the need to have a formal rent agreement, how much security deposit should be paid, rate of rent increase and grounds for eviction.
 3. The government has an opportunity to make this a more comprehensive and enabling legislation to achieve the Housing for All objective by 2022.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
7. Consider the following statements :
 1. Good nutrition in infancy and early childhood remains key to ensuring optimal child growth and development, and to better health outcomes later in life.
 2. The WHO do not want the promotion of breast milk substitutes to end, and recommends that children between six months and two years be fed nutrient-rich foods prepared at home.
 3. Commercial baby foods often contain too much sugar and display confusing ingredient lists, according to a UN report that proposed new guidelines on Monday to improve infant diets.Which of the above statements are true ?
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above

8. With respect to the UN World food programme, which of the following statements stands true ?
1. The report prepared in collaboration between Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and World Food Programme, provides a baseline using the available data from government sources which will be updated to measure the progress over a period of time
 2. As per the report, the average dietary energy intake per person per day was 2500 Kcal for rural India and 2600 Kcal for urban India, which is lower than Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of 2800 Kcal.
 3. The Abhiyaan aims to reduce malnutrition in the Country in a phased manner, through a life cycle approach, by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
9. The term “Bhabhakavach“ refers to which of the following ?
- (a) The subsidy given to Kailash-Mansarovaryatra pilgrims by the central government.
 - (b) India’s first indigenous light bullet proof jacket.
 - (c) The student exchange programme conducted by Bhabha atomic research centre (BARC).
 - (d) Immunisation programme launched by health ministry for HIV patients.
10. Consider the following statements :
1. India has been emerging as one of the world’s most polluted countries, with particulate matter PM 2.5 levels spiking more than 999 microgram per cubic metre in parts of Delhi last year.
 2. The ocean data serves as a memory and large-scale climate patterns like El Nino can tell what the weather conditions and pollution will be, nearly a season in advance
 3. The Antarctic Oscillation acts directly to influence Indian climate and affects the Indian Ocean Meridional Dipole which in turn plays a role in our climatic conditions.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
11. Consider the following pairs of seismic zones of India and their location states :
1. Zone 1 : Kerala
 2. Zone 2 : Tamil Nadu
 3. Zone 3 : Arunachal Pradesh
 4. Zone 4 : Bihar
 5. Zone 5 : Assam

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1 , 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 2 , 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 1, 3 & 5 only
 - (d) All of the above
12. Which of the following statements regarding the newly launched scheme “Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS)” stands true ?
1. The main objective of the scheme is to introduce nation-wide portability of ration card holders under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), to lift their entitlement food grains from any FPS in the country without the need to obtain a new ration card.
 2. Keeping in view the physical progress under ongoing scheme and readiness for implementation of National Portability in few States, it has been decided to implement inter-State/National Portability on a pilot basis in few States shortly via Public Distribution System Network (PDSN).

3. Presently NFSA provides the coverage for about 81.34 Crore persons across the country with Maharashtra having the highest coverage.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

13. With respect to the recently introduced The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2019, which of the following statements are true ?

- 1. The Code repeals and replaces 13 labour laws relating to safety, health and working conditions. These include the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, and the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.
- 2. The Code specifies several duties of employers including providing a workplace that is free from hazards that may cause injury or diseases and providing free annual health examinations to employees,
- 3. Under the act, the employer is required to provide a hygienic work environment with ventilation, comfortable temperature and humidity, sufficient space, clean drinking water, and latrine and urinal accommodations.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

14. The "Prosecco hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene" recently added to the UNESCO world heritage lists belongs to which of the following countries ?

- (a) Russia (b) Italy
- (c) Spain (d) Norway

15. Which of the following statements regarding the Central Sector Scheme "Silk Samagra" are true?

- 1. The main aim of "Silk Samagra" Scheme is to empower down-trodden, poor & backward tribal families through various activities of sericulture in the country including women.
- 2. Under the scheme, race improvement through development of improved host plant varieties and improved disease resistant silkworm breeds through collaborative research with reputed National Research organizations will be carried out as well.
- 3. The scheme also comprises of various beneficiary oriented components to support Mulberry, Vanya and Post Cocoon Sectors.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only
- (d) All of the above

16. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Red Mud is a solid waste generated during the aluminium production process. This is an environmental concern due to presence of impurities such as caustic soda and others minerals.
- 2. Global generation of red mud is more than 150 million tons and there exists a global inventory of more than 3 billion tons.
- 3. Red mud generation increased upto 15 million tons last year thereby leading to its prohibition by the National green tribunal.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
- (c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above

17. Which of the following statements regarding the recently passed The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019 stands true ?
1. It amends the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956. The Act provides for the adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-state rivers and river valleys.
 2. Under the Act, central government may request a state government to refer an inter-state river dispute to a Tribunal for adjudication.
 3. Under the Bill, when a state puts in a request regarding any water dispute, the central government will set up a Disputes Resolution Committee (DRC), to resolve the dispute amicably.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
18. The flagship Motihari-Amlekhgunj petroleum pipeline project, recently seen in news has been successfully completed between India and which of the following countries ?
- (a) Bangladesh (b) Afghanistan
(c) Nepal (d) Iran
19. Which of the following statements regarding the newly passed Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 are true ?
1. The Bill makes only declaration of talaq in written or electronic form to be void (i.e. not enforceable in law) and illegal.
 2. The Bill makes declaration of talaq a cognizable offence, attracting up to three years' imprisonment with a fine.
 3. A Muslim woman against whom talaq has been declared, is entitled to seek subsistence allowance from her husband for herself and for her dependent children.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
20. Consider the following statements regarding India's position in global innovation scenario :
1. India is consistently among the top in the world in innovation drivers such as ICT services exports, graduates in science and engineering, the quality of universities, gross capital formation, a measure of economy-wide investments and creative goods export.
 2. India's hope of increasing the size of the economy to \$5 trillion cannot happen without significant innovation.
 3. India's rise in the innovation rankings has been a consistent trend over the last few years and India has jumped five places to rank 52 in the Global Innovation Index 2019, up from the 57 it had in last year's rankings.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only
(b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only
(d) All of the above

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