

1. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released Sub-national Water Stress Index report stands true ?
 1. The index measures the water consumption rates of households, industries and farm sectors and the available resources in rivers, lakes and streams.
 2. As per the index, 11 of India's 20 largest cities face an 'extreme risk' of water stress and seven are in the 'high risk' category.
 3. The study says that many major Indian cities are projected to experience a higher number of consecutive drought days when precipitation is less than 10mm.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
2. Which of the following are the features of Tropical Deciduous Forests in India ?
 1. Many large trees have massive ridges near the base that can rise 30 feet high before blending into the trunk.
 2. Vegetation that make up the forest shed their leaves during the cold winter and re-grow new leaves in the next spring season.
 3. Prop and stilt roots help give support and are characteristic of tropical palms growing in shallow, wet soils.
 4. In India, Lion, tiger, pig, deer, and elephant are some of the animals that make these forests their homes.
 5. This forest has a distinct ecosystem, understory growth as well as complex soil dynamics.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 & 4 only
 - (c) 2, 4 & 5 only
 - (d) all of the above
3. Consider the following statements regarding the recently passed Companies (Amendment) Bill 2019 :
 1. The Bill seeks to amend the Companies Act, 2013. It aims to tighten Corporate Social Responsibility-CSR compliance, transfer certain responsibilities to National Company Law Tribunal and re-categorise certain offences as civil offences.
 2. The legislation has the provision that any unspent annual CSR funds must be transferred to one of the funds under Schedule 7 of the Act like Prime Minister's Relief Fund within six months of the financial year.
 3. The bill also seeks to empower Registrar of Companies to initiate action for removal of a company's name if the latter is not carrying out business activities as per the Act.Which of the above statements are true ?
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
4. Consider the following statements :
 1. India is one of the world's largest shark fishing nations and Maharashtra and Gujarat together contribute more than 50% of the harvest.

2. A study done in 2014 by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) had pointed out that a quarter of all the sharks, rays and other cartilaginous fish have a high risk of extinction.
3. Various studies have pointed fingers at improved and modern fishing gear, use of trawlers and deep-sea fishing for the loss even though the Indian Wildlife Act of 1972 has given adequate protection to this species.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
5. Indian economic census is the census of the Indian economy through counting all entrepreneurial units in the country involved in any economic activities of either agricultural or non-agricultural sector which engaged in production and/or distribution of goods and/or services not for the sole purpose of own consumption.
The economic census is carried out by which of the following ministries?
- (a) Ministry of Finance
 - (b) Ministry of Corporate affairs
 - (c) Ministry of Statistics and programme implementation
 - (d) Ministry of Commerce
6. Consider the following statements :
1. Under the Consumer Protection Bill, 2019, there is provision for central government to set up a Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).
 2. The authority will have power to impose a penalty on a manufacturer or an endorser of up to 10 crore rupees and imprisonment for up to two years for a false or misleading advertisement.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
7. India has eradicated and eliminated following
1. Small Pox
 2. Polio
 3. Measels
 4. Tetanus
 5. Guinea worm
 6. Yaws
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1, 2, 3, 6
 - (b) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
 - (c) 1, 2, 5, 6
 - (d) All
8. Consider the following statements :
1. Central Wakf Council is a statutory body established in 1964 by the Government of India
 2. It is a permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties for religious education only
- Choose the correct option:
- (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None
9. Consider the following statements :
1. The renaming of a state requires Parliamentary approval under Article 3 and 4 of the Constitution

2. Before the introduction of the bill, the President shall send the bill to the respective state assembly for expressing their views within a stipulated time. The views of the state assembly are not binding, neither on the President nor on the Parliament.

Choose the correct option

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

10. Consider the following statements :

1. International Charter 'Space and Major Disasters' is a non binding Charter
2. Only agencies that possess and are able to provide satellite-based Earth Observation data can be members of the International Charter.

Choose the correct option :

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

11. Consider the following statements :

1. Odisha has bagged the geographical indication (GI) tag for its local version of "Rasagola".
2. It is the first GI tag won by Odisha.

Choose the correct option :

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

12. Benin is located between

- (a) Niger & Chad
(b) Niger & Nigeria
(c) Ghana & Liberia
(d) Nigeria & Togo

13. Consider the following statements :

1. Almost 1,000-year-old Shawala Teja Singh Temple located in Pakistan's Sialkot city .
2. It's temple is dedicated to Hindu deity Shiva, opened after 72 years

Choose the correct option :

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

14. India signs deal to acquire R-27 Air-to-Air Missiles from ?

- (a) Russia (b) Israel
(c) USA (d) None

15. Consider the following statements about National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK).

1. NCSK was constituted as a non-statutory body.
2. It takes suo-motu notice of matters relating to non-implementation of programmes or schemes in respect of Safai Karamcharis.
3. It monitors the implementation of The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements.

1. President of the Servants of the People Society.
2. Participated in the non-cooperation movement and the Salt Satyagraha.
3. Promoted the White Revolution
4. Signed Tashkent Declaration with Pakistan

The above statements are related to :

- (a) Indira Gandhi
(b) Charan Singh
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Lal Bahadur Shastri
17. Consider the following statements regarding the Judges of International Court of Justice (ICJ).
1. Like other organs of international organizations, the Court is composed of representatives of governments.
 2. No Member of the Court can be dismissed unless, in the unanimous opinion of the other Members, he/she no longer fulfils the required conditions.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
18. Which of the following rivers flows through Kaziranga National Park?
1. Brahmaputra
 2. Diphlu
 3. Dharla
 4. Mora Diphlu
 5. Rangpo
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 1, 3, 4, 5
(c) 1, 2, 4 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
19. Consider the following statements about Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna.
1. The Employee's State Insurance (ESI) has approved this scheme for Insured Persons (IP) covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
 2. This scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to the Bank Account in case of unemployment and while insured persons search for new job.
 3. Those who opt for voluntary retirement are also eligible.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 3 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3
20. The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) in which city?
- (a) Moscow (b) Brasilia
(c) Cayenne (d) Buenos Aires

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