

1. Consider the following statements regarding Long Period Average (LPA).
 1. LPA is the average rainfall received by the country as a whole during the entire year, for a 50-year period.
 2. The current LPA is 89 cm, based on the average rainfall over years 1951 and 2000.
 3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) brands the monsoon as 'normal' or 'deficient' based on how it fares against its benchmark Long Period Average (LPA).Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
2. Consider the following statements regarding Zero budget natural farming (ZBNF).
 1. Zero budget natural farming (ZBNF) is a method of chemical free agriculture drawing from traditional Indian practices.
 2. ZBNF method uses intensive irrigation and deep ploughing.
 3. ZBNF method promotes soil aeration, intercropping, bunds and topsoil mulching.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
3. Consider the following statements regarding 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme.
 1. It aims to rapidly transform the districts that have shown relatively lesser progress in key social areas.
 2. NITI Aayog is steering the initiative in all 112 identified districts.
 3. Delta ranking is provided for the Aspirational Districts which measures the incremental progress made by them in areas of Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion, Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
4. e-AUSHADHI portal recently seen in news is related to
 - (a) Monitoring of fixed dose drug combinations (FDCs)
 - (b) Online sale of Generic Drugs by the Jan Aushadhi Kendras
 - (c) Portal on educating citizens on ill effects of Antibiotics
 - (d) Online Licensing System of AYUSH Medicine
5. Larak Island, recently seen in news is located in
 - (a) Gulf of Guinea
 - (b) Mediterranean Sea
 - (c) Caspian Sea
 - (d) Persian Gulf
6. Which of the following statements regarding the newly introduced Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill 2019 stands true ?

1. The bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to provide for road safety. Provisions related to increasing penalties of traffic violations, addressing issues on third-party insurance, regulation of cab aggregators and road safety are proposed in the amendment.
2. The Bill proposes a scheme to allow cashless treatment of victims in a road accident during the golden hour.
3. Even though the Bill proposes to increase the minimum compensation for hit and run cases, it reduces the compensation amount in case of grievous injury from 2 lakhs to 1 lakh.

Choose the correct option :

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

7. Which of the following are the main features of Indian agriculture ?

1. Subsistence agriculture
2. Lesser role of animals in agriculture.
3. Monsoon dependence
4. Monocropping.
5. Predominance of horticulture.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
- (b) 1, 3 & 5 only
- (c) 3, 4 & 5 only
- (d) 2, 4 & 5 only

8. Consider the following statements :

1. Investing in women's capabilities and empowering them were important for propelling economic growth and overall development.
2. India could not neglect the importance of education and the empowerment of the women, especially when it is aspiring to be a 5 trillion-dollar economy and striving to acquire a position of leadership in the world.
3. As per IMF report, if 50% of skilled women could join the workforce, India can scale its growth by 1.5 percentage points to 9% a year.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

9. Which of the following statements regarding India-Africa bilateral relations stands true ?

1. India has become the fifth largest investor in Africa with cumulative investment at over 54 billion US dollars.
2. The African Continent is the largest recipient of Indian overseas assistance.

3. The continental Free Trade Area Agreement launched this month will make Africa the largest free trade area in the world.

Choose the correct option :

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

10. "Agent Smith" recently seen in news refers to which of the following ?

- (a) The U.S secret mission to curb Iranian nuclear enrichment.
- (b) The cooperative mission between South Korea & North Korea to end differences amongst them.
- (c) The newly discovered malware that infected millions of smartphone users, extracting their datas.
- (d) The single window clearance mechanism to facilitate easy start ups for imparting motor skill training under the motor vehicle amendment bill 2019.

11. Which has become the first state to implement Centre's 'Biofuel Policy'?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Assam

12. What is the current repo rate, as per the 3rd bi-monthly policy, released by RBI on August 1, 2018?

- (a) 6.50 %
- (b) 6.25 %
- (c) 6.00 %
- (d) 6.75 %

13. Consider the following statements :

- 1. External commercial borrowing (ECBs) are loans in India made by non-resident lenders in foreign currency to Indian borrowers
- 2. They are used widely in India to facilitate access to foreign money by Indian corporations and PSUs (public sector undertakings)

Choose correct

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

14. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Innovating for Clean Air (IfCA), an initiative that aims to provide a unique measurement system for air quality by integrating satellite and sensor data
- 2. The two-year US-India joint initiative is expected to provide stakeholders of the two countries opportunities to test interventions related to air quality and Electric Vehicle (EV) integration.

Choose the correct option :

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

15. Komodo National Park is located in

- (a) Australia
- (b) Japan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Caribbean island

16. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Sea of galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias

2. It is located between Israel and Syria
Choose correct
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None
17. Equalization levy is
(a) A rebate in taxes to startups
(b) A tax given to govt by MNCs working in India
(c) A surcharge to balance the super rich and middle class citizens
(d) None
18. Consider the following statements :
1. A chit fund is a type of rotating savings and credit association system practiced in India.
 2. Chit funds are not required to be registered under the RBI Act
 3. Chit funds are regulated as Miscellaneous Non-Banking Companies (MNBCs).
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 & 2
 - (b) Only 2 & 3
 - (c) Only 1 & 3
 - (d) All the above
19. Consider the following statements :
1. Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019 proposes that the final award will be delivered in two years and whenever it gives the order, the verdict will be notified automatically
 2. Inter-State River Water Disputes come under original jurisdiction of Central government .
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both (d) None
20. Consider the following statements :
1. A joint venture company namely Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) is to be set up with the participation of three Central Public Sector Enterprises (NALCO, HCL, MECL).
 2. The objective of constituting KABIL is to ensure a consistent supply of critical and strategic minerals to Indian domestic market.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both (d) None

ANSWER KEYS

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