

1. With respect to the Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) programme by the central government, which of the following statements are true?
 1. SANKALP is an outcome-oriented centrally sponsored programme of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with a special focus on decentralised planning and quality improvement.
 2. Under SANKALP four key result areas have been identified viz: (i) Institutional Strengthening (ii) Quality Assurance Quality Assurance of skill development programs; (iii) Inclusion of marginalised population in skill development; and (iv) Expanding Skills through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs).
 3. A robust IT system namely “Skill India Portal” has also been developed under SANKALP to capture and converge skill data.

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 statements regarding the upcoming 2021 census exercise stands true ?
 1. The census enumeration exercise will be done in 3 phases and there will be a third gender category as well from this time.
 2. The Census data would be available by the year 2024-25 as the entire process would be conducted digitally and data crunching would be quicker.
 3. The whole exercise is to be carried out by state government secretarial staffs and district panchayat members.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) all of the above
3. Consider the following statements :
 1. Galaxies of all types, including the Milky Way, began to form relatively soon after the Big Bang explosion that marked the beginning of the universe some 13.8 billion years ago.
 2. The galaxies then formed were larger than what appears today and started shrinking at a rapid rate since then.
 3. The union of the Milky Way and the so-called dwarf galaxy Gaia-Enceladus increased our galaxy’s mass by about a quarter and triggered a period of accelerated star formation lasting about 2 to 4 billion years.

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. The World day against trafficking in persons is observed every year on 31st of July by which of the following global institutions ?
 - (a) World bank

- (b) United Nations
(c) UNICEF
(d) British Red cross
5. Deeksharambh, recently seen in news is related to
(a) PM Modi's first 'PRAGATI' meeting in his second term.
(b) Lunching of Atal Community Innovation Centre.
(c) Launching of electric buses for inter-city operations.
(d) UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme
6. 'Har Medh Par Ped' campaign is related to
(a) Increasing dense forest cover
(b) Promoting export of agricultural products
(c) Tree Planting with Agricultural Crops
(d) Increasing bio-fuel production
7. Consider the following statements regarding Operation Milap.
1. It is to rescue the trafficked or kidnapped children and arrest the kidnappers.
2. It is the exercise of Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. The rescued children are provided free education and cash incentive.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 1, 2
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
8. Consider the following statements.
1. National Dairy Plan is the World Bank assisted programme, implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying to support milk cooperatives and milk producer companies.
2. India ranks first in global milk production.
3. More than 50% of India's milk business is handled by the organised sector
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements regarding Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP).
1. It strives to build the capacity of women in the domain of agro-ecologically sustainable practices.
2. The program is being implemented by DAY-NRLM in partnership with State Rural Livelihood Missions.
3. It aims reach out to the poorest of poor households and expand the portfolio of activities currently handled by the Mahila Kisan.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
10. Project Sampark, sometimes seen in news is associated with
(a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
(c) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
(d) NITI Ayog
11. Consider the following statements about Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).
1. It is a new form of BOT Annuity model.

2. The government will contribute 60% of the project cost in the first five years through annual payments.
3. There is no right to collect toll for the developer.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

12. Consider the following statements regarding Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act).

1. The Act defines a child as any person below eighteen years of age.
2. It is the legal duty upon a person who has knowledge that a child has been sexually abused to report the offence.
3. The POCSO Act is only applicable to child survivors and adult offenders.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements about Basel guidelines.

1. Basel guidelines refer to broad supervisory standards formulated by group of central banks, called the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS).
2. The purpose is to ensure that financial institutions have enough capital on account to meet obligations and absorb unexpected losses.
3. In the recent assessment of compliance with Basel Norms, it was observed that Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) norms on large exposures for banks are not compliant with the Basel requirements, which is leading to high NPAs in the banks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements about North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP).

1. It is a livelihood and rural development project aimed to transform the lives of the poor and marginalized tribal families in North East (NE) India.
2. NERCORMP is a joint developmental initiative of the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of DoNER and World Bank.
3. It involves providing awareness to the communities about different social sector schemes of the Government and its importance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Innocenti Declarations are related with

- (a) Nuclear missiles
- (b) Refugees issues
- (c) Breastfeeding
- (d) Vaccines for Major NCDs

16. Recently Union Cabinet has approved setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at
(a) Bengaluru (b) Theni
(c) Moscow (d) Florida
17. Consider the following statements :
1. In India, 'Urea' is the only controlled fertilizer and is sold at a statutory notified uniform sale price.
2. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approves NBS rates for urea fertilizer
Choose the correct option :
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None
18. The major difference in standards between the existing BS-IV and the new BS-VI auto fuel norms is the presence of which element ?
(a) NO₂ (b) Sulphur
(c) PCH (d) Lead
19. Consider the following statements :
1. The institutes of eminence scheme under the Union human resource development (HRD) ministry aims to project Indian institutes to global recognition.
2. Only higher education institutions currently placed in the top 500 of global rankings or top 50 of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) are eligible to apply for the eminence tag.
Choose the correct option :
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None
20. Consider the following statements :
1. The Bill empowers only the officers of the NIA, of the rank of Inspector or above, to investigate cases.
2. If the investigation is conducted by an officer of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the approval of the Director General of NIA would be required for seizure of properties that may be connected with terrorism.
Choose the correct option under new UAPA Amendment bill 2019
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both (d) None

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