

1. Which of the following organisations has “Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)” as the counter terrorism wing?
  - (a) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
  - (b) Quadrilateral Grouping
  - (c) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**
  - (d) Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO)
2. Consider the following statements regarding Tenth schedule of the Indian constitution.
  1. The Tenth Schedule was inserted in the Constitution in the 42nd Amendment Act, which lays down the process by which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection.
  2. The Supreme Court held that the decision of speaker is final on the question of disqualification on ground of defection.
  3. The law allows a party to merge with or into another party provided that at least one-third of its legislators are in favour of the merger.Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
  - (a) 3 only
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3**
3. Consider the following statements regarding Chandrayaan 2 mission.
  1. It will be India’s first expedition to attempt a soft landing on the lunar surface with home-grown technology.
  2. It comprises of lander, rover and orbiter which will perform mineralogical and elemental studies of the lunar surface.
  3. The lunar south pole has more light compared to the north pole.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 3
  - (b) 1, 2**
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
4. Consider the following statements regarding Geographical indication (GI) tag.
  1. A GI tag conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness, which is essentially attributable to the place of its origin.
  2. Once the GI protection is granted, no other producer can misuse the name to market similar products.
  3. Kerala has the highest number of GI tagged products.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1, 3
  - (b) 2, 3
  - (c) 1, 2**
  - (d) 1, 2, 3**
5. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project.
  1. The scheme is directed to provide piped cooking gas to the households of Varanasi within next two years and to millions others in neighbour states after one more year.
  2. A pipeline of length 2540 km is planned to be laid across the states from Uttar Pradesh to Odisha.Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only

(c) Both (d) None

6. Consider the following statements :

1. The country's dependency on coal based thermal power stations for meeting its energy needs has resulted the environmental concern and focus its efficient and reliable operation.
2. It would cost India's coal-fired power plants at least ₹ 73,000 crore to comply with the government's directive to implement clean technology in existing and new plants.
3. Current rules say that coal-fired power plants have to ensure that they curtail sulphur dioxide and carbon dioxide emissions from their smoke stack by implementing appropriate technology 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 pairs of Indian freedom movement organisations with their founders:

1. Oudh kisansabha : Mahatma Gandhi
2. Servants of people's society : Lala Lajpat Rai
3. Indian Republic Army : Surya Sen

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

Choose the correct option :

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

8. The Forest Department and Act for Moths (an initiative of Act for Butterflies) are gearing up for a unique documentation in the insect world in Tamil Nadu.

Which of the following statements regarding moths are true ?

1. Moths play a major role in food chain even though they are not good pollinators.
2. Moths and their caterpillars are feed for birds and small animals.
3. Several moths in the family Tineidae are commonly regarded as pests because their larvae eat fabric such as clothes and blankets made from natural proteinaceous fibers such as wool or silk.

Choose the correct option :

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

9. Which of the following statements regarding the newly introduced National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, 2019 stands true ?

1. India has a doctor-population ratio of 1:1456 as compared with the WHO standards of 1:1000. In addition, there is a huge skew in the distribution of doctors working in the Urban and Rural areas.

2. Under the NMC Bill, the central government will constitute a Medical Advisory Council. The Council will be the primary platform through which the states/union territories can put forth their views and concerns before the NMC.
  3. Under the Bill, the NMC may grant a limited license to certain mid-level practitioners connected with the modern medical profession to practice medicine. These mid-level practitioners may prescribe specified medicines in primary and preventive healthcare.
    - (a) 1 & 2 only
    - (b) 2 & 3 only
    - (c) 1 & 3 only
    - (d) All of the above**
10. Based on the 2017 elephant census recently released by the ministry of environment, forests and climate change, which of the following states have the highest population of elephants in the country ?
- (a) Tamil Nadu
  - (b) Assam
  - (c) Kerala**
  - (d) Arunachal Pradesh
11. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Global Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators'
1. It was formed in 2016 to follow up on the findings of IPBES assessment on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production
  2. India is a founder member of the Coalition
- Select the correct statements
- (a) 1 Only**
  - (b) 2 Only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. The 'Pacific Ring of Fire' wraps which of the following countries?
1. Canada
  2. New Zealand
  3. Japan
  4. Chile
- Select the correct code:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
  - (b) 2, 3 and 4
  - (c) 1, 3 and 4
  - (d) All of the above**
13. Consider the following statements about National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
1. Environment Protection Act provides for creating the National Tiger Conservation Authority
  2. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
  3. Project Tiger is administered by the National Tiger Conservation Authority

Select the correct statements

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

14. Consider the following statements about 'Jhum Cultivation'

- 1. It is the process of growing crops by first clearing the land of trees and vegetation and burning them thereafter.
  - 2. It is a primitive practice of cultivation in States of Southern India
- Select the correct statements

- (a) 1 Only**
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

15. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

- 1. AGMARK – Agriculture
- 2. RERA – Real Estate
- 3. NPPA – Medicines

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) All of the above**

16. Which of the following can be considered as an import duty?

- 1. Countervailing Duty
- 2. Safeguard Duty
- 3. Anti-Dumping Duty

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3**

17. Consider the following statements with respect to 'External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs)'

- 1. It is governed by the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)
- 2. A limited liability partnership (LLP) cannot raise ECBs

Select the correct statements :

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2**

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

18. Consider the following statements about 'Public Accounts Committee (PAC)'

1. It was first set up in the wake of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms.
2. It is formed every year with all the members from Rajya Sabha.

Select the correct statements :

(a) 1 Only

(b) 2 Only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

19. 'Distance to Frontier' score is associated with which of the following organisations?

(a) World Economic Forum

(b) World Bank

(c) World Trade Organisation

(d) International Monetary Fund

20. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS)'

1. It is being implemented by Department of Fertilizers, under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
2. It ensures sufficient quantity of P&K is available at farmer's disposal at statutory controlled prices.

Select the correct statements

(a) 1 Only

(b) 2 Only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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