

1. Consider the following statements with respect to social evils and their remedial legislations:
  1. The correction of many social evils required the application of criminal laws - from Sati Pratha and child marriages to polygamy and dowry.
  2. The practice of Triple Talaq violates Article 14 of the Constitution - Equality before the law and equal protection of the law.
  3. Under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, a Muslim man pronouncing instant triple talaq attracts life imprisonment and is not entitled to bail.Which of the above statements are true ?
  - (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
2. Which of the following statements best describes the ideal requirements/conditions for the development of mangroves ?
  1. They need average temperatures of the coldest month higher than 20°C. The seasonal temperature range should not exceed 5°C.
  2. They are resistant to freezing.
  3. They need a large tidal range. This causes limited erosion and deposition of sediments.
  4. The shores must have strong wave action and tidal current.Choose the correct option from the following :
  - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
  - (b) 2, 3 & 4 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
3. Which of the following includes the terms of reference of the committee formed to review the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016 and Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2009 ?
  1. To revise the procedures as given in DPP 2016 and DPM 2009, so as to remove procedural bottlenecks and hasten defence acquisition.
  2. Simplify policy and procedures to facilitate greater participation of Indian Industry and develop robust Defence Industrial base.
  3. Wherever applicable, examine and incorporate new concepts, such as life cycle costing, life cycle support, performance based logistics, ICT, lease contracting, codification & standardisation.
  4. Include provisions to promote Indian start-ups and research & development.Choose the correct option from the following :
  - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
  - (b) 2, 3 & 4 only
  - (c) 1, 3 & 4 only
  - (d) All of the above
4. With respect to the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), which of the following statements stands true ?
  1. NCTE was established in 1995 and was tasked with achieving planned and coordinated development of teacher education system throughout the country and maintenance of norms and standards therein.
  2. NCTE also serves as an advisory body to central government but not state government to ensure maintenance of standards and quality in Teacher Education.
  3. NCTE is a statutory body formed under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993.Choose the correct option from the following :
  - (a) 1 & 2 only

- (b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only  
(d) All of the above
5. The “Okjokull” ice sheet which recently lost its status as a glacier due to global warming is located in which of the following countries ?  
(a) Australia (b) Iceland  
(c) Denmark (d) Slovakia
6. Tiger Hill, sometimes in news is located in  
(a) Karnataka  
(b) West Bengal  
(c) Madhya Pradesh  
(d) Jammu and Kashmir
7. Consider the following statements regarding Tarballs, recently seen in news  
1. Tarballs are formed by weathering of crude oil in marine environments.  
2. The presence of several tarballs indicate an oil spill.  
3. There has never been a case of a beach closing down due to tarballs in India.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3  
(c) 2, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
8. Consider the following statements :  
1. The temple is known as the “Khajuraho of Vidarbha”.  
2. The temple belongs to nagara style of temple architecture.  
3. The temple belong to saiva, vaishnava and sakta faith.  
The above statements are associated with :  
(a) Lingaraj Temple  
(b) Mahadeva Temple  
(c) Trikuteshwara Temple  
(d) Markandeshwar temple
9. Consider the following statements regarding Finance Commission of India.  
1. The Finance Commission is constituted by the President , mainly to give its recommendations on distribution of tax revenues between the Union and the States and amongst the States themselves.  
2. It redresses the vertical imbalances between the taxation powers and expenditure responsibilities of the centre and the States respectively.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both (d) None
10. Consider the following statements about Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.  
1. It is a treaty which intends to criminalize all forms of international terrorism and deny terrorists, their financiers and supporters access to funds, arms, and safe havens.  
2. All the BRICS countries have ratified the treaty.  
3. It was proposed by India in 2008 after Mumbai terror attacks.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1, 2 (b) 1 only  
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
11. United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Pretomanid recently. It is a  
(a) Drug for Ebola  
(b) Vaccine for Zika

- (c) Vaccine for dengue  
(d) Drug for Tuberculosis
12. Components of Forex reserve are
1. Special drawing rights (SDR)
  2. Gold reserves
  3. FCA
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2                      (b) 1 & 3  
(c) 2 & 3                      (d) All the above
13. From the following statements :
1. UNCCD, The Convention, is the only convention stemming from a direct recommendation of the Rio Conference's Agenda 21, was adopted in Paris, France on 17 June 1944 and entered into force in December 1996.
  2. Canada is the first country to withdraw from the convention on 28 march 2013.
  3. India will host the latest CoP14 in September 2019
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only                (b) 3 only  
(c) All                          (d) None
14. From the following statements :
1. Aadi Mahotsava is a joint initiative of Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
  2. It is 1st such event in Ladakh since central government announced decision to make Ladakh a Union Territory.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1                      (b) Only 2  
(c) Both                        (d) None
15. From the following statements :
1. Tawlhlohpuan is a medium to heavy, compactly woven, good quality fabric from Mizoram .
  2. Panchamirtham in Palani Town of Kerala also got GI tag with this fabric recently .
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) Only 1                      (b) Only 2  
(c) Both                        (d) None
16. Consider the following statements regarding air pollution :
1. According to the analysis, air pollution is a huge public health concern, with 91 per cent of the world's population living in areas where outdoor air pollution exceeds guideline limits by the World Health Organization (WHO).
  2. Study claims India is the world's largest emitter of anthropogenic sulphur dioxide and greatly contributes to air pollution.
  3. The largest source of SO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is due to stubble burning by farmers in the northern plains of the country.
- Which of the above statements are true ?
- (a) 1 & 2 only  
(b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only  
(d) All the above
17. Which of the following rivers of Nepal are the ones that flows towards India causing floods in the Northern states of the country ?
1. Kosi

2. Manjra
3. Saraswati
4. Sarada
5. Rapti

Choose the correct option :

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

18. Which of the following statements regarding multiplier effect on economy stands true?

1. The Multiplier Effect is defined as the change in income to the permanent change in the flow of expenditure that caused it.
2. Multiplier impact of the central government's capital outlay on aggregate demand is much higher and continues for a much longer period as compared to the revenue expenditure.
3. An injection of extra income leads to more spending, which creates more income, and so on. It emphasizes the effect of an expansionary fiscal policy.

Choose the correct option :

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) :

1. NACIN is the apex training institution of the Government of India in the field of financial investigations and anti-money laundering matters.
2. It is an accredited Regional Training Centre of World Customs Organization for Asia/Pacific Region and also works in collaboration with other international organizations like UNEP, UNODC and SASEC etc.
3. NACIN functions under the Department of financial services, ministry of finance headed by the director general.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

20. Indian prime minister has recently inaugurated the Mangdechhu hydro electric power plant as part of a friendship project in which of the following countries of Asia ?

- (a) Singapore      (b) Mauritius
- (c) Bhutan          (d) Nepal

## **ANSWER KEYS**

01 a    02 c    03 d    04 c    05 b    06 d    07 d    08 d    09 c    10 b  
11 d    12 d    13 a    14 c    15 a    16 a    17 c    18 d    19 a    20 c