

1. 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 SO₂ 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
2. 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. RaptiChoose the correct option :
 - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 3, 4 & 5 only
 - (c) 1, 4 & 5 only
 - (d) 2, 3 & 5 only
3. 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
4. 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
5. 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

6. Dixon Plan of 1950, is associated with
- Radcliffe Line between India and Pakistan
 - Establishment of Election Commission in India
 - Dividing Jammu and Kashmir
 - Integration of Princely States in India
7. Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is a specialized agency in the United Nations system which promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in Member States.
 - UNIDO concentrates its efforts on the development of agro-industries, increasing the participation of women and youth in productive activities.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both
 - None
8. Consider the following statements about recently developed Ramanujan Machine.
- It has been developed by Scientists from Technion — Israel Institute of Technology.
 - The Ramanujan machine is more of a concept than an actual machine—it exists as a network of computers running algorithms dedicated to finding conjectures about fundamental constants in the form of continued fractions .
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both
 - None
9. Consider the following statements regarding reciprocal trade agreements (RTAs).
- Under Reciprocal trade agreements (RTAs), members grant special advantages to each other.
 - Agreements such as preferential arrangements, free trade agreements, customs
 - Unions and common markets constitute Reciprocal trade agreements.
 - In recent years reciprocal trade agreements have become an increasingly prominent feature of the multilateral trading system.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 3
 - 2 and 3
 - 1, 2 and 3
10. Consider the following statements about Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES).
- It is India's only facility for conservation of endangered species.
 - It is a facility of CSIR's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).
 - It has helped to increase the population of mouse deer in Telangana forests.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2
 - 2, 3
 - 1, 3
 - 1, 2, 3
11. Consider the following statements regarding International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation mandated to facilitate cooperation, advance knowledge, and promote the adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy.
 - It is the first international organisation to focus exclusively on renewable energy, addressing needs in both industrialized and developing countries.
 - IRENA provides financial assistance to developing countries to accelerate renewable energy deployment.
 - IRENA is an official International Solar Alliance observer.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 1, 2
(c) 1, 2, 4 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4
12. Consider the following statements about Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) programme.
1. It is an initiative that will enable collection and conversion of used cooking oil to bio-diesel.
 2. It was launched by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
13. Consider the following statements regarding whip in parliamentary parlance :
1. A whip is an official of a political party whose task is to ensure party discipline in a legislature.
 2. In India all parties can issue a whip to their members.
 3. Whip cannot be used in all cases.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3
14. Consider the following statements regarding Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP).
1. The initiative is a first of its kind, aimed at building an ecosystem for women exclusively in rural India to realize their entrepreneurial aspirations.
 2. The platform aspires to substantially increase the number of women entrepreneurs who will create and empower a dynamic New India.
 3. It is an initiative of NITI Aayog.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 (b) 1, 3
(c) 2, 3 (d) 2 only
15. Consider the following statements with respect to bilateral trade between India and Pakistan.
1. Cement is the major import among the items imported from Pakistan.
 2. Recently India revoked Pakistan's most-favoured nation (MFN) status.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None
16. With respect to the recently released report titled 'Skin and Bones Unresolved: An Analysis of Tiger Seizures from 2000-2018' by TRAFFIC (the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network), which of the following statements stands true ?
1. The study reveals that a significant number of tigers from captive sources were seized during this period and that it underpinned the recurrent threat regarding the leakage of captive tigers into the illegal market.
 2. India, with the world's largest wild tiger population, topped in the trafficking of tigers and tiger body parts over 19 years since 2000, the TRAFFIC analysis revealed.
 3. Thailand reported the largest number of tigers seized throughout the 19-year period.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only
(b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only
(d) All of the above
17. Which of the following are the possible countries one would pass through while travelling from Columbia to Mexico via land ?
1. Costa Rica
 2. Jamaica
 3. Honduras
 4. Nicaragua

5. Ecuador
Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
(b) 3, 4 & 5 only
(c) 1, 3 & 4 only
(d) All the above
18. NITI Aayog will release the second Round of Composite Water Management Index (CWMI 2.0) soon, which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
1. The CWMI is an important tool to assess and improve the performance of States and Union Territories in efficient management of water resources.
2. NITI Aayog first launched and conceptualized the Composite Water Management Index in 2018 as a tool to in still the sense of cooperative and competitive federalism among the states.
3. CWMI 2.0 ranks various states for the reference year 2017-18 as against the base year 2012-13.
- Choose the correct option :
- (a) 1 & 2 only
(b) 2 & 3 only
(c) 1 & 3 only
(d) All of the above
19. Consider the following statements :
1. According to Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act, eligible start-ups would be granted a tax deduction equal to 100% of the profits for three consecutive assessment years, out of the first seven years from the date of incorporation of the company.
2. All the start-ups recognised by the DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) which fulfil the conditions specified in the DPIIT notification automatically becomes eligible for the deduction under Section 80-IAC of the I-T Act.
3. As per CBDT, only start-ups with an annual turnover of up to Rs. 25 crore will continue to get a tax holiday as specified in the Income Tax 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
20. A seminar on the cultural traditions of Dard Aryans was organised during Dard Aryan Festival (Aryan Utsav) held in Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) from 16-21 January, 2019. Artists from Dard Aryan Community raised the issues that due to modernization, migration, and religious conversion, etc., their traditions and culture are at threat to the Ministry of tribal affairs. The above said community belongs to which of the following places in India ?
- (a) Kuttch (b) Laddakh
(c) Khasi hills (d) Loktak

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