

1. Consider the following statements :
 1. Under the existing foreign investment policy, 100% FDI is permitted in the manufacturing sector under the automatic route.
 2. A manufacturer is also allowed to sell products manufactured in India through wholesale and retail channels, including through e-commerce, without the government's approval.
 3. The government also allows 100% FDI in contract manufacturing sector.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. The Amazon Basin is the part of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. The river basin covers which of the following countries of South America ?
 1. Brazil
 2. Peru
 3. Paraguay
 4. GuyanaChoose the correct option :
 - (a) 1, 2 & 3 only
 - (b) 2, 4 & 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 & 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. India had become a party to Bonn convention recently, which of the following statements regarding the country's effort to combat desertification stands true ?
 1. India faces a severe problem of land degradation, or soil becoming unfit for cultivation. About 29% or about 96.4 million hectares are considered degraded.
 2. At the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) 2015 in Paris, India also joined the voluntary Bonn Challenge and pledged to bring into restoration 23 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030.
 3. India for the first time will be hosting the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) next month.Choose the correct option :
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
4. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released report on child well-being index by World Vision India and research institute IFMR LEAD stands true ?
 1. The dimensions of the index include healthy individual development, positive relationships and protective contexts.
 2. The report, calls for States to look at their respective scores on the dimensions of child well-being, and to prepare for priority areas of intervention with specific plans of action.
 3. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry topped the charts in the child well-being index, while Meghalaya, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh featured at the bottom of the list.
 - (a) 1 & 2 only
 - (b) 2 & 3 only
 - (c) 1 & 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
5. The recently launched mobile application "Jan aushadhi Sugam" serves which of the following purposes ?
 - (a) It helps to get discounts/offers while ordering Jan Aushadi medicines online.
 - (b) It will enable people to search Jan aushadhi generic medicines and the stores at the tip of their fingers.
 - (c) It will help entrepreneurs to establish Jan aushadi stores without any bottlenecks.
 - (d) It facilitates comparing generic medicines with medicines in overseas markets and promotes import.
6. Consider the following statements regarding Right to Information (RTI) :

1. The Central government established an online RTI portal whereby any Indian citizen, including Non-Residential Indians (NRIs), can apply for information under the RTI Act with the desired Ministry or Department under the Central government.
2. Filing RTI application online is free of cost.
3. More than half of Indian states have established Right to Information (RTI) web portals to file RTI applications online.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements :

1. India's population growth rate peaked between 1961 and 1971 and has been falling since.
2. In the last two decades, while Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in rural areas remains higher than in urban areas, it has been declining at a faster rate than the latter, according to National Family Health Surveys.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements :

1. Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards since its inception in 2016, has been recognising and celebrating stories of exemplary women from across India.
2. NITI Aayog has launched the Fourth Edition of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards, in collaboration with the United Nations.
3. The Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) is a Government of India initiative by NITI Aayog to promote and support aspiring as well as established women entrepreneurs in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. 'Momentum for Change' is an initiative of :

- (a) UN Climate Change secretariat (b) UNEP
(c) World Bank (d) UNICEF

10. Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary standing committees :

1. Members of the committee are bound by party whips.
2. Once the Bill is disposed of, the select committee constituted to deliberate on the particular bill ceases to exist.
3. They also help in obtaining public feedback and building political consensus on contentious issues.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. The joint military exercise "Shaheen VIII" which took place between Pakistan and China at the Chinese city of Holton, is closer to which of the following places in India ?

- (a) Gangtok (b) Dipu
(c) Ladakh (d) Darjeeling

12. Consider the following statements with respect to the commonwealth parliamentary association :

1. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), previously known as the Empire Parliamentary Association, is an organisation which works to support good governance, democracy and human rights.

2. The Association's supreme authority is the General Assembly, constituted by delegates to the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference. The business and activities of the CPA are managed by an Executive Committee, which reports to the General Assembly.

3. The CPA Headquarters Secretariat is based in Geneva.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

13. India's proposal to upgrade the protection of star tortoises, (the smooth-coated otter) and small-clawed otters (*Anoxy cinereus*) in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species on Wild Fauna and Flora) have been approved.

Which of the following statements regarding the same are true ?

1. These species have been listed under Appendix I of CITES and will now enjoy the highest degree of protection as there will be a complete international ban enforced on their trade.
2. Appendix I of CITES lists species that are the most vulnerable among CITES-listed animals and plants.
3. The star tortoises which are categorized as 'vulnerable' by the International Union of Conservation of Nature will witness a decline greater than 30% by 2025 if the exploitation continues or expands.

Choose the correct option :

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

14. Consider the following pairs of countries with their parliaments :

1. Afghanistan : Shora
2. Libya : Seimas
3. Bangladesh : Jatia Parliament
4. France : National assembly
5. China : National congress

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

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

15. The government has commissioned a ₹ 9.3 crore study to assess the microbial diversity along the entire length of the Ganga. Which of the followings statements regarding the same stand true ?

1. The aim of the mission is to indicate the type of "contamination" (sewage and industrial) in the river and "threat to human health (antibiotic resistance surge)".
2. According to earlier studies, the levels of resistance genes that lead to "superbugs" in river Ganga were about 60 times greater during the pilgrimage months of May and June than at other times of the year.
3. Ganga is also said to have the presence of E.coli bacteria which are largely harmless, though some species have been linked to intestinal disease as well as aggravating antibiotic resistance.

Choose the correct option :

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

16. Which of the following cities hosted the recently concluded G7 summit 2019 ?

- (a) Shanghai (b) Lisbon
(c) Johannesburg (d) Biarritz

17. Higher levels of physical activity, regardless of intensity, are associated with a lower risk of early death in middle aged and older people, says a study. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity each week for adults aged between 18 and 64 years.
2. After adjusting for potentially influential factors, the researchers found that any level of physical activity, regardless of intensity, was associated with a substantially lower risk of death.
3. The study found that Indians are amongst the most active population around the globe in the age group of 20-45yrs.

Choose the correct option :

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

18. Consider the following statements :

1. The Central government established an online RTI portal whereby any Indian citizen, including Non-Residential Indians (NRIs), can apply for information under the RTI Act.
2. Centre has even offered to provide technical support for this purpose through the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to the States.
3. However currently only 25 states have established Right to Information (RTI) web portals to enable citizens, especially those living abroad, to file RTI applications online.

Which of the above statements are true ?

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding national parks in India :

1. Hemis national park is the largest national park in India.
2. India has more national parks than wildlife sanctuaries.
3. Gulf of Mannar is the first marine national park of India.
4. Punjab does not have a single national park within its territory.
5. Madhya Pradesh is the state having the maximum number of national parks.

Which of the above statements are definitely true ?

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only (b) 1, 4 & 5 only
(c) 2, 3 & 5 only (d) All of the above

20. Which of the following statements regarding the recommendations of Bimal Jalan committee formed by RBI to review its economic capital framework and suggest the quantum of excess provision to be transferred to the government, stands true ?

1. The committee's recommendations were guided by the fact that the RBI forms the primary bulwark for monetary, financial and external stability.
2. The 'Surplus Distribution Policy', as recommended by the committee, says entire net income will be transferable to the Government without any conditions.
3. This risk provisioning made primarily from retained earnings is cumulatively referred to as the Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB) and has been recommended to be maintained within a range of 6.5% to 5.5% of the RBI's balance sheet.

Choose the correct option :

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

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