

1. NITI Aayog to organize North East Sustainable Development Goal Conclave 2020 in Assam. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
  - 1) NITI Aayog has the mandate of overseeing the adoption and monitoring of SDGs at the national and sub-national level.
  - 2) Progress in the northeast region is crucial in this decade of action for the country to achieve the SDGs by 2030. This conclave is part of the NITI Aayog's continuous efforts towards fostering partnerships at the sub-national level.
  - 3) The three-day event will see representations from the North Eastern states, Central Ministries, academia, civil society and international development organizations.

Choose the correct option:

a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
2. Which of the following animal/plant species are endemic to the tropical rainforest vegetation in India:
  - 1) Golden langur      2) Malabar giant squirrel      3) Reticulated python
  - 4) NilgiriTahr      5) Slow loris

Choose the correct option:

a) 1, 2 & 3 only      b) 2, 3 & 4 only      c) 1, 3 & 5 only      d) All of these
3. The monsoon in Sunder bans is likely to last longer and get more intense, according to a fact sheet titled The Sunder bans and Climate Change. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
  - 1) The document highlights the need for "long term coastal planning to ensure that these critically important intertidal habitats with their unique flora and fauna and local inhabitants have a space to retreat inland.
  - 2) The fact sheet points out that large parts of Sunder bans, which are designated as 'Ramsar Sites', are highly susceptible to flooding.
  - 3) The report highlights that Bengal tiger is the only species which could survive climatic situations due to abundance of prey.

Choose the correct option :

a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
4. Consider the following statements regarding the geological survey of India :
  - 1) The Geological Survey of India (GSI), founded in 1891, is a Government of India Ministry of Mines organisation and is the oldest of such organisations in India.
  - 2) In 19th and early 20th century GSI made important contributions to Seismology by its studies and detailed reports on numerous Indian earthquakes.
  - 3) It is headquartered in Kolkatta.

Which of the above statements stands true?

a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
5. The international judicial conference was recently hosted in which of the following cities?
  - a) Paris      b) New delhi      c) Cape town      d) Tokyo
6. Consider the following statements regarding Loktak Lake.
  1. Loktaklake is the largest freshwater lake in India and is famous for the phumdis floating over it.
  2. Keibul Lamjao National Park located here is the only floating national park in the world.
  3. The park is the last natural refuge of the endangered Sangai.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2      b) 1, 3      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
7. Consider the following statements regarding Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.
  1. Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals functions under the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).
  2. Appendix-I lists species in need of global cooperation for favourable conservation status, while Appendix-II lists those threatened with extinction.
  3. If listed on Appendix-I, it would facilitate trans-boundary conservation efforts of those species.

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 regarding Bengal florican.
  1. Bengal florican is a bustard species native to the Indian subcontinent.
  2. Its habitat includes Terai and Dooars grassland regions of the Indo-Gangetic and Brahmaputra floodplains.
  3. Recently India proposed the inclusion of Bengal florican on Appendix-I of Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Recently Indian Air Force's An-32 aircraft used a 10% blend of Indian bio jet fuel. Consider the following statements regarding Bio jet fuel.
1. Bio jet fuel is prepared from non-edible tree borne oil, and is procured from various tribal areas of India.
  2. This fuel is made from Jatropha oil.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only                      b) 2 only                      c) Both 1 and 2                      d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. Consider the following statements regarding the Judges of International Court of Justice (ICJ).
1. Like other organs of international organizations, the Court is composed of representatives of governments.
  2. No Member of the Court can be dismissed unless, in the unanimous opinion of the other Members, he/she no longer fulfils the required conditions.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only                      b) 2 only                      c) Both 1 and 2                      d) Neither 1 nor 2
11. Atal Innovation Mission, the flagship initiative of NITI Aayog, has contributed immensely to promote innovation and entrepreneurship across the country. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?
- 1) The cabinet gave approval for the establishment of Atal Innovation Mission on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of swami vivekananda.
  - 2) The Mission is establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories in schools across India to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds and inculcate skills such as design mindset and computational thinking.
  - 3) The Atal Tinkering Labs are dedicated innovation workspaces of 1200-1500 square feet where kits on the latest technologies like 3D Printers and Robotics are installed using a grant of 20 lakh rupees from the government.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only                      b) 2 & 3 only                      c) 1 & 3 only                      d) All of these
12. Consider the following pairs of GI tagged products and their locations :
- 1) Bhagalpur silk : West Bengal
  - 2) TirupathiLaddu :Tamilnadu
  - 3) JohaRice : Assam
  - 4) Kalahanditurmeric :Odisha
  - 5) Kathputlis : Rajasthan
- Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- a) 1, 2 & 3 only                      b) 3, 4 & 5 only                      c) 1, 3 & 5 only                      d) All of these
13. Centre has released 50,850 crore rupees to farmers under the PM KISAN scheme. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
- 1) The scheme initially provided income support to all small and marginal farmers' families across the country, holding cultivable land up to two hectares.
  - 2) However, its ambit was later expanded to cover all farmer families in the country irrespective of the size of their landholdings.
  - 3) Affluent farmers have been excluded from the scheme such as income tax payers in the last assessment year.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only                      b) 2 & 3 only                      c) 1 & 3 only                      d) All of these
14. Which of the following statements regarding the recently launched 5G hackathon stands true?
- 1) The 5G technology provides quantum leap over 4G in terms of speed, peak data rate, latency, spectrum efficiency and connection density.
  - 2) The 5G Hackathon is open to developers, students, start-ups, SMEs, academic institutions and registered companies in India and NRIs. Stakeholders can participate as individuals or as a team to present use cases for the 5G network in the Indian context.
  - 3) The Hackathon was organised by department of science & technology.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only                      b) 2 & 3 only                      c) 1 & 3 only                      d) All of these
15. "Shanidar cave" recently in news is an archaeological site famous for Neanderthal remains. It is located in which of the following countries?
- a) Iran                      b) Iraq                      c) Afghanistan                      d) Egypt
16. Mangdechhu hydroelectric power plant, funded by India is developed in which country?
- a) Bangladesh                      b) Afghanistan                      c) Nepal                      d) Bhutan

17. Idlib, recently in news lies between  
a) Aleppo and Damascus                      b) Turkey and Iran  
c) Syria and Iraq                                d) Damascus and Amman
18. National Health Profile (NHP) is an annual publication released by  
a) NitiAyog  
b) Ministry of Women and Child Development  
c) Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI)  
d) Both b and c
19. Consider the following statements regarding Uniform Civil Code.  
1. A Uniform Civil Code is one that would provide for one law for the entire country, applicable to all religious communities in their personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance and adoption.  
2. Article 44 of the Constitution lays down that it shall be the obligation of the state to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
a) 1 only                      b) 2 only                      c) Both 1 and 2                      d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. Consider the following statements.  
1. President of the Servants of the People Society.  
2. Participated in the non-cooperation movement and the Salt Satyagraha.  
3. Promoted the White Revolution  
4. Signed Tashkent Declaration with Pakistan  
The above statements are related to  
a) Indira Gandhi                      b) Charan Singh                      c) Jawaharlal Nehru                      d) Lal Bahadur Shastri

**ANSWER KEYS**

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