

1. The countries bordering Turkey are  
 1. Greece      2. Lebanon      3. Georgia      4. Iran      5. Syria  
 Select the correct answer code:  
 a) 1, 2, 3, 5      b) 1, 3, 4, 5      c) 2, 3, 4, 5      d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2. Consider the following statements regarding Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).  
 1. Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is caused due to a type of coronavirus, called the SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV).  
 2. SARS is believed to be an animal virus, possibly transmitted from bats to civet cats to human beings.  
 3. There are no antibiotics or safe and effective vaccines that work against it.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2      b) 1, 3      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
3. Consider the following statements regarding Jet Streams.  
 1. Jet streams are narrow bands of strong winds that flow over thousands of kilometres predominantly from east to west.  
 2. Major jet streams are found near the upper levels of the atmosphere, around 9 to 16 km from the earth's surface.  
 3. In India, the Tropical jet stream influences the formation and duration of the summer monsoon.  
 4. Jet streams aid in the faster travelling of Aircrafts.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2, 3      b) 1, 3, 4      c) 2, 3, 4      d) 1, 2, 3, 4
4. Consider the following statements regarding Exclusive economic zone (EEZ).  
 1. Exclusive economic zone (EEZ) is a sea zone prescribed by International Maritime Organization over which a state has special rights regarding the exploration and use of marine resources.  
 2. It stretches from the baseline out to 200 nautical miles from the coast.  
 3. In the exclusive economic zone, the coastal State shall have the exclusive right to construct and operate artificial islands.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2      b) 2, 3      c) 1, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
5. Consider the following statements regarding Long Period Average (LPA).  
 1. LPA is the average rainfall received by the country as a whole during the entire year, for a 50-year period.  
 2. The current LPA is 89 cm, based on the average rainfall over years 1951 and 2000.  
 3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) brands the monsoon as 'normal' or 'deficient' based on how it fares against its benchmark Long Period Average (LPA).  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 a) 1, 2      b) 1, 3      c) 2, 3      d) 1, 2, 3
6. Which of the following statements with respect to Pandemic bonds stands true?  
 1. In 2016 the World Bank developed the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF), which created, in part, a pandemic catastrophe bond to help provide capital in the event of another disease outbreak in West Africa.  
 2. Catastrophe bonds are high-risk investments – hence the high yields they pay to investors to compensate for that risk.  
 3. Since pandemic bonds are not triggered by losses, but rather by the actual, real-time spread of the disease, capital can flow much faster than if it had to wait until insurance losses began rolling in.  
 Choose the correct option:  
 a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
7. Which among the following rivers in India's eastern coast do not form deltas :  
 1) Mahanadi      2) Godavari      3) Krishna      4) Pennar  
 Choose the correct option:  
 a) 1, 2 & 3 only      b) 4 only      c) 3 & 4 only      d) All of these
8. Which of the following statements regarding the recently released global report titled "A Future for the World's Children?" on child health and survival stands true?  
 1. The index shows that children in Norway, the Republic of Korea and the Netherlands have the best chance at survival and well-being, while children in the Central African Republic, Chad, Somalia, Niger and Mali face the worst odds.  
 2. In the report assessing the capacity of 180 countries, India stands 77th (sustainability index) and is at 131st position on a ranking that measures the best chance at survival and well-being for children.

3. The report claims that presently India's spending on health and sanitation are adequate enough for improving the health and survival status of children.  
Choose the correct option:  
a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
9. Asian Elephant, Indian Bustard and Bengal Florican were declared as "Endangered Migratory Species" at the CMS COP 13 recently. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?  
1) India declared Indian Elephant as "National Heritage Animal". This provides highest degree of legal protection to the animal under Schedule I of Wildlife protection act.  
2) According to the Wildlife Institute of India, there are only 150 Great Indian Bustards left in the country.  
3) Majority of the Bengal Floricans in the country breeds outside their protected areas.  
Choose the correct option:  
a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
10. The "Food Planet Prize", which aims to address the climate change threats towards food supply all over the world was launched by which of the following countries recently?  
a) Norway      b) United states      c) Sweden      d) Brazil
11. Which of the following statements regarding the global MICS programme stands true?  
1. The Global MICS Programme was developed by UNICEF in the 1990s. It collects internationally comparable data on a wide range of indicators on the situation of children and women for use in policies, programmes, and national development plans.  
2. The survey also records improvement in access to and use of toilets, birth registration, ante-natal care coverage, institutional deliveries and similar other parameters indicating an overall improvement in child and mother health in the country.  
3. As per the report, the child malnutrition rate in India has declined sharply over the last six years.  
Choose the correct option:  
a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
12. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) was established as the specialised agency in 1945 which leads international efforts to defeat hunger.  
Which of the following are its objectives?  
1) Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.  
2) Reduce urban poverty.  
3) Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable.  
4) Promotion of village cooperatives.  
Choose the correct option:  
a) 1 & 2 only      b) 3 & 4 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
13. Consider the following statements regarding current status of Indian banking sector:  
1. Capital position of banks had improved on account of recapitalisation of public sector banks by the government and capital raising efforts by private sector banks.  
2. At the same time, proper due diligence and risk pricing in lending is of prime importance so that the health of the banking sector is not compromised while ensuring adequate flow of credit to productive sectors of the economy.  
3. As far as regulation of banks was concerned, the RBI was focussing on a sharper and more forward-looking off-site surveillance framework, apart from on-site supervision.  
Which of the above statements stands true?  
a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
14. Which of the following statements regarding Indian demography stands true?  
1. India's population is among the youngest in an ageing world. By 2022, the median age in India will be 28 years; in comparison, it will be 37 in China and the United States.  
2. However India's non-working age population has numerically outstripped its working age population.  
3. There is consensus now that among other factors, it was the demographic dividend that powered respectively the Asian economies of Japan, China, and South Korea to spectacular growth.  
Choose the correct option:  
a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
15. 'Yodhavu' (Warrior), a mobile application for curbing drug menace was recently launched by which of the following Indian states?

- a) Telangana      b) Karnataka      c) Kerala      d) Tamil Nadu
16. Union Minister for Rural Development has said, after evaluating the success rate of urban Clusters scheme, government is intending to move ahead to construct 1,000 more urbanized clusters in rural areas. Which of the following statements regarding the scheme stands true?
1. SPMRM is a scheme launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in 2016 to deliver integrated project based infrastructure in the rural areas, which will also include development of economic activities and skill development.
  2. The central government identifies the clusters in accordance with the Framework for Implementation prepared by the MoRD.
  3. As per Census of India, the rural population in India, stands at 833 million, constituting almost 68% of the total population.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
17. Which of the following tiger reserves of India and their corresponding location states are correctly matched?
- 1) Melghat : Maharashtra
  - 2) Palamau : Jharkhand
  - 3) Amrabad :Telangana
  - 4) Bor : Assam
  - 5) Buxa : Bihar
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1, 2 & 3 only      b) 3, 4 & 5 only      c) 1, 2 & 4 only      d) 2, 4 & 5 only
18. Consider the following statements with respect to the MoU signed between NMCG, Uttarakhand Govt & Indorama Trust for development of Ghats at Gangotri and Badrinath recently:
1. Rivers in India have always been considered sacred and the Ganga River in particular, is the identity and lifeline of India.
  2. Ghats and Crematoria are part of the lifestyle of people and pilgrimages to visit the holy river Ganga play a vital role in strengthening the People-River Connect.
  3. This MoU is a significant step for improving amenities and sanitation at these holy locations with the underlying spirit of partnership and of private corporates taking responsibility by contributing to the National Mission: Rejuvenation of the sacred river Ganga.
- Which of the above statements stands true?
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
19. With respect to India-U.S relations, which of the following statement stands true?
1. The U.S. is the second-largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India, with a cumulative capital stock of \$28 billion.
  2. The presence of U.S. companies is found across diverse sectors of the Indian economy including defence and aviation, agriculture, health, education, and insurance.
  3. A recent CII survey indicate that nearly 86% of U.S. firms are ‘very bullish’ or ‘moderately bullish’ about India’s economic outlook, with approximately 73% of U.S. firms surveyed viewing India as a favourable investment destination and planning to invest more in the next 12 months.
- Choose the correct option:
- a) 1 & 2 only      b) 2 & 3 only      c) 1 & 3 only      d) All of these
20. Which of the following states have recently launched a drive to destroy cultivation of “Thai Mangur fish” also known as Thai Catfish as it is a danger to bio-diversity of water bodies and is also highly carcinogenic?
- a) Assam      b) Odisha      c) Maharashtra      d) Telangana

**ANSWER KEYS**

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