

1. Evidence of colistin resistant bacteria in the gut was found in Indian patients in a study recently. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) The main cause of colistin resistance in food is due to the rampant use of colistin in poultry.
 - 2) The cause of colistin resistance in majority of bacteria of food origin in human gut is due to mgrB gene mutation.
 - 3) Colistin-resistant bacteria can be of hospital origin or food origin. Colistin-resistant bacteria of food origin do not respond to any of the antibiotics.

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 products in India are GI (Geographical indication) tagged?
 - 1) Kangra Paintings 2) Marayoorjaggery
 - 3) Kadaknath chicken 4) Kancheepuram silk

Choose the correct option:

a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 1, 3 & 4 only c) All of these d) 2, 3 & 4 only
3. India was one of the most dollarised countries in the world, following Brazil, Pakistan and Indonesia, in the share of imports and exports invoiced in dollars. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) While international reserves are held in Euro, dollar is a vehicle currency on the foreign exchange market.
 - 2) One can also see the U.S. as an insurer, since the value of its external dollar liabilities such as Treasury bills and U.S. government bonds held by the rest of the world tend to appreciate in bad times.
 - 3) The dollar is becoming more unstable over time as the relative size of the U.S. shrinks in the world economy while the stock of dollar liabilities in the rest of the world keep growing.

Choose the correct option:

a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of these
4. Which of the following statements regarding the utilisation and prospects of India's demographic dividend stands true?
 - 1) India's population is among the youngest in an ageing world. The strategy and vision for the education of the youth will decide how successful India will be in converting the country's demographic advantage into a rich dividend.
 - 2) A certain percentage of reservation for women may be helpful but political parties should give them the chances to contest the elections on their own.
 - 3) India's greatest asset is its tremendous diversity, and the time-tested bonds of unity are deeply rooted in it.

Choose the correct option:

a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of these
5. "Baba Baidyanathdham temple" recently in news is located in which of the following states/UT's?
 - a) Assam b) Jharkhand c) Karnataka d) Odisha
6. The central government is set to review the list of monuments under Archaeological Survey India (ASI). Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true?
 - 1) There is a ban on construction within 100 metres of a centrally protected monument and regulated construction within 100-200 metres under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
 - 2) At present, 3,691 monuments nationwide are protected by the ASI, with the highest number, 745, in Madhya Pradesh.
 - 3) The list of centrally protected monuments can go up to 10,000. In Tamil Nadu alone, there are about 7,000 temples, many of which are hundreds of years old. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 protects monuments and sites that are over 100 years old.:

Choose the correct option:

a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of these
7. Which of the following pairs of crops and their respective hybrid varieties are correctly matched?
 - 1) Maize : African tall 2) Sorghum : CSH-15R 3) Bajra : NH-44
 - 4) Cotton :Savitri 5) Paddy :Varlaxmi

Choose the correct option:

a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 2, 4 & 5 only c) 1, 2 & 4 only d) all of these
8. Which of the following statements regarding the recently held study of Himalayan water crisis stands true?

- 1) Although only 3% of the total Hindu Kush Himalayan population lives in larger cities and 8% in smaller towns, projections show that over 50% of the population will be living in cities by 2050, placing “tremendous stress” on water availability.
- 2) Eight towns in the Himalayan region of Bangladesh, Nepal, India and Pakistan were nearly 20%-70% deficient in their water supply.
- 3) Unplanned urbanisation and climate change are the key factors responsible for the state of affairs, the study underlines.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of these

9. Which of the following statements regarding the state of economy and its comparison with the previous decade stands true?

- 1) India has become the world’s 5th largest economy and in the next five years, the target is to make India among the top three economies of the world.
- 2) FDI inflows during the last five years (2015-2020) into the country far exceeds the FDI during the 10 years starting from 2004.
- 3) However the fiscal deficit which used to be 3.3% in 2004-2014 period has increased to around 5.2% during the last 5 years.

Choose the correct option:

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of these

10. Which of the following countries had recently withdrawn from a United Nations resolution investigating alleged war crimes?

- a) Pakistan b) Srilanka c) United States d) Myanmar

11. Consider the following statements regarding ‘State of India’s Birds 2020’ report.

1. It is the first comprehensive assessment of range, abundance and conservation status of birds in India, that was released during the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP13).
2. The report is prepared by BirdLife International.
3. Much of the data is based on citizen science, that is information provided by birdwatchers through various platforms.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Seymour Island, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Greenland b) Sumatra c) Madagascar d) Antarctica

13. With a view to providing a greater measure of protection to depositors in banks the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation, has raised the limit of insurance cover for depositors in insured banks to ₹ 5 lakh per depositor. In this regard, consider the following statements.

1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India.
2. Depositors holding more than Rs 5 lakh in their account have no legal remedy in case of the collapse of the bank.
3. It will not have any impact on the operating expenses of banks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements regarding Finance Commission.

1. The 15th Finance Commission has reduced the share of tax revenues that the Centre shares with the states from 42% to 40%.
2. The 15th Finance Commission has considered the 2011 population along with forest cover, tax effort, area of the state, and demographic performance to arrive at the states’ share in the divisible pool of taxes.
3. Finance Commission can suggest measures to maintain a stable fiscal environment consistent with equitable growth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources scheme.
1. Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources scheme aims to ensure speedy development of infrastructure in the Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts.
 2. Both physical and social infrastructure sectors are considered for providing support under the Central Pool.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both d) None
16. Consider the following statements regarding Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM).
1. Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) is of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) for the purposes of implementing the countervailing measures.
 2. According to the ASCM, developing countries are allowed to grant higher levels of subsidies as compared to the developed countries before countervailing duties (CVD) can be imposed.
 3. The agreement stipulates that any countervailing duty investigation for a developing country must be terminated if the subsidies granted are found to be de minimis.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 2 only
17. Consider the following statements.
1. WTO uses the factors of trade and the level of economic development of a country as the criteria for making a distinction between a developed and a developing country member.
 2. World Bank uses per capita incomes as the criteria to classify countries as developed and developing countries.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements regarding National Population Register (NPR).
1. It is mandatory for every usual resident of India to register in the NPR.
 2. A usual resident is defined as a person who has resided in a local area for the past 6 years or more or a person who intends to reside in that area for the next 6 years or more.
 3. The NPR is undertaken under the provisions of The Citizenship Act, 1955.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3
19. Qatar is a country located in Western Asia. Qatar shares its land border with
- a) Saudi Arabia b) United Arab Emirates c) Kuwait d) Both a and b
20. Consider the following statements regarding UN-SPIDER.
1. It is a platform which facilitates the use of space-based technologies for disaster management and emergency response.
 2. It was established under the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).
 3. It aims to enable developing countries to use all types of space-based information in all phases of the disaster management.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3

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