

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 31 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. Recently, India has signed an agreement on mutual recognition of educational degrees with which of the following countries?
(a) UK (b) Australia
(c) Russia (d) France

2. Which among the following are States whose share of India's total population has declined between 1971 and 2011?
1. West Bengal
2. Goa
3. Himachal Pradesh
4. Punjab

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

3. Which among the following are members of the 15th Finance Commission?
1. Shaktikanta Das
2. Anoop Singh
3. Ashok Lahiri
4. Rajiv Kumar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

4. The 15th Finance Commission may consider proposing measurable performance-based incentives for States, at the appropriate level of government, in which of the following areas:
1. Efforts made by the States in expansion and deepening of tax net under GST.
2. Efforts and Progress made in moving towards replacement rate of population growth.
3. Achievements in implementation of flagship schemes of Government of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

5. Consider the following statements:
1. At replacement level fertility a population replaces itself from one generation to the next, without migration.
2. This rate is roughly 2.1 children per woman for all countries.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statements:
1. Bohag Bihu : Assam
 2. Maha Vishuba Sankranti : Odisha
 3. Vishu : Kerala
 4. Puthandu : Tamil Nadu
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
13. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY):
1. It aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services.
 2. It aims to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
14. The 15th Finance Commission may consider proposing measurable performance-based incentives for States, at the appropriate level of government, in which of the following areas:
1. Progress made in bringing in behavioural change to end open defecation.
 2. Control or lack of it in incurring expenditure on populist measures.
 3. Provision of grants in aid to local bodies for basic services.
 4. Progress made in promoting ease of doing business.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
15. Which of the following Articles of the Constitution says that the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India?
- (a) Article 44
 - (b) Article 45
 - (c) Article 46
 - (d) Article 47
16. Consider the following statements:
1. GreenCo Rating System is a first-of-its-kind rating in the world that facilitates companies in improving their overall green performance.
 2. GreenCo Rating System has been developed by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
17. Indian Railways have commissioned and operating certain sections as Green Corridors. Which of the following statements are correct in this regard?
1. All the trains plying on these sections are running with all the coaches equipped with bio-toilets.
 2. There is no direct discharge of human waste from the trains running on these Green Corridors.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

18. Consider the following statements about the "Bio-Toilet project" of Indian Railways:

1. This technology is first of its kind being used by any railroad in the world for On-board accelerated digestion of human waste.
2. Under this project, the human waste is acted upon by a colony of anaerobic bacteria that convert human waste mainly into water and small amount of biogases.
3. It is one example where the technology developed for defence applications has been utilised for civilian purpose.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. The CHILDLINE 1098 is a national 24-hour toll free emergency phone service for children in distress.
2. The Helpline for Children is currently operational in more than 400 locations across the country.
3. The CHILDLINE provides assistance to children in distress by way of tele-counselling only.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Consider the following statements about the POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) E-box:

1. POCSO e-Box is an online complaint management system for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children and timely action against the offenders under POCSO Act 2012.
2. POCSO e-Box has been launched by the Ministry for Women and Child Development.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER KEYS

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