

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 33 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. Simultaneous elections were held in India up to 1967 after independence.
 2. Simultaneous elections at the center and in one or more States have never happened in the last two general elections.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
2. Which of the following recommendations can help in holding simultaneous elections of Lok Sabha and State Assemblies in India?
 1. The leader of the majority party is elected as Prime Minister or the Chief Minister by the entire House (Lok Sabha or Assembly).
 2. In case a government fails mid-term, the term of the new government would be for the remaining period only.
 3. A no-confidence motion against the government should be followed by a confidence motion.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
3. Which of the following were the characteristic features of the Neolithic Period?
 1. Megalithic architecture
 2. Spread of agricultural practices
 3. Use of polished stone toolsSelect 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
4. Which of the following can be the benefits of periodic/limited forest fires?
 1. Promotion of flowering, branching and seedling establishment.
 2. Heating of the soil may result in helpful microbial activity.
 3. Heating of the soil can hasten decaying processes that are useful for the vegetation.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 about the 'Panic Switch on Phones Project':
 1. The Justice Verma Committee constituted after the 2012 Delhi gang rape had recommended setting up of a public emergency response system.
 2. Panic switch on phones uses the GPS in phones to work.
 3. Panic switch on phones can work only on smart phones.

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

6. In recent months, which of the following States have sought to amend the law to prescribe the death penalty for the rape of a minor below the age of 12?

- 1. Madhya Pradesh
- 2. Rajasthan
- 3. Haryana
- 4. Arunachal Pradesh

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

7. At which of the following places, the 18th mid-term ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was concluded in early April 2018?

- (a) Azerbaijan
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Cairo
- (d) Dhaka

8. Which of the following Atomic Power Stations have been correctly matched with the States where they are located?

- 1. Narora Atomic Power Station: Uttar Pradesh
- 2. Kakrapur Nuclear Power Station: Gujarat
- 3. Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant: Karnataka
- 4. Tarapur Atomic Power Station: 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

9. Consider the following statements about the World Economic Outlook:

- 1. It is released by the World Bank annually.
- 2. It has projected more growth for India than China in the next two years.
- 3. According to the report, demonetisation and goods and services tax (GST) has resulted in a slight lower growth rate for India in 2017.

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

10. For declaring onset of Northeast Monsoon which of the following criteria may be considered:

- 1. Withdrawal of south west Monsoon upto 15° N.
- 2. Onset of persistent surface westerlies over Tamil Nadu coast.
- 3. Fairly widespread rainfall over the coastal Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas.
- 4. Onset is not to be declared before 10th October even if the conditions described above exist.

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) 1, 2 and 4 only

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. BCCI is considered as a 'State' under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution.
- 2. BCCI is amenable to writ jurisdiction.

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 about the draft National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):

- 1. It envisions setting up of only automatic air-quality-monitoring stations so as to increase the quality of the data collected.
- 2. It also, for the first time, plans to set up pollution-monitoring stations in rural areas.

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

13. Consider the following statements about the Gangotri National Park:

- 1. The Gaumukh glacier, the origin of river Ganges, is located inside the park.
- 2. It shares its international boundary with China as well.
- 3. The blue sheep, known locally as Bharal, is also found in this park.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme is jointly supported by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the German Development Bank (KfW).
- 2. The programme not only aims to save tigers in the wild and their habitats but also supports human populations in key locations throughout Asia.

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

15. Consider the following statements about the 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' Scheme:

- 1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- 2. The Scheme seeks to support the conservation of wildlife lying outside the Protected Areas network of India.
- 3. The Scheme also aims for affecting the recovery of critically endangered species in the country.

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

16. Which of the following are critically endangered species in the country?

- 1. Malabar Civet
- 2. Hangul
- 3. Blue Sheep (Bharal)

4. Olive Ridley turtles

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 3 and 4 only

17. Which of the following contaminants (presence in higher level than the permissible limits) are found in ground water in selected areas in India?

- 1. Fluoride
- 2. Arsenic
- 3. Salinity
- 4. Iron

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. High fluoride content in the ground water is often detected from which of the following symptoms among the people who consume it?

- 1. Yellowing of teeth
- 2. Damaged joints
- 3. Bone deformities

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. Which among the following States leads all other Indian States in the generation of solar power?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Maharashtra

20. Consider the following statements about the Nor'wester (Kal-Baishakhi):

- 1. Nor'westers are special type of thunderstorms of Gangetic plains of India.
- 2. The main reasons behind the Nor'wester is the mixing of two dissimilar air masses.
- 3. Nor'westers generally originates over West Bengal and Orissa and strike Bihar and Jharkhand.

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

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