

PRELIMS SPECIAL – 41 (FOR UPSC CSE 2018)

1. The Kuthiyottam ritual, which was recently in news is associated with which of the following States?
 - (a) Kerala
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Tamil Nadu
 - (d) Telangana
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. Cyclone is any large system of winds that circulates about a centre of low atmospheric pressure.
 2. Cyclones circulate in a clockwise direction north of the Equator and in a counterclockwise direction to the south.
 3. Cyclones occur chiefly in the middle and high latitude belts of both hemispheres.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. Consider the following statements:
 1. Hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons are all tropical storms.
 2. They are all the same thing but are given different names depending on where they appear.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
4. India and Russia have signed a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the construction of the Rooppur nuclear power plant. This power plant is located in:
 - (a) Maldives
 - (b) Bangladesh
 - (c) Nepal
 - (d) Bhutan
5. Danger Islands were recently in news because:
 - (a) Scientists have discovered previously unknown dinosaur species.
 - (b) Scientists have announced the discovery of a previously unknown super colony of more than 1,500,000 Adélie Penguins.
 - (c) A nuclear accident had occurred there.
 - (d) It is about to submerge due to sea-level rising.
6. Which of the following correctly defines the term 'ecological niche'?
 - (a) the surface area of the ocean.
 - (b) an ecologically adapted zone.
 - (c) the physical position and functional role of a species within the community.
 - (d) formed of all plants and animals living at the bottom of a lake.
7. Formation of tropical forests needs mean annual temperature and mean annual precipitation as:
 - (a) 18—25°C and 150—400 cm
 - (b) 5—15°C and 50—100 cm
 - (c) 30—50°C and 100—150cm
 - (d) 5—15°C and 100—200 cm

8. What will happen to a well growing herbaceous plant in the forest if it is transplanted outside the forest in a park?
- It will grow normally.
 - It will grow well because it is planted in the same locality.
 - It may not survive because of change in its micro climate.
 - It grows very well because the plant gets more sunlight.
9. What parameters are used for tiger census in our country's national parks and sanctuaries?
- Pug marks only
 - Pug marks and faecal pellets
 - Faecal pellets only
 - Actual head counts
10. Amensalism is an association between two species where:
- one species is harmed and other is benefitted.
 - one species is harmed and other is unaffected.
 - one species is benefitted and other is unaffected.
 - both the species are harmed.
11. Consider the following statements in the context of a NITI Aayog report:
- The number of boys born is naturally lower than the number of girls.
 - Male babies are biologically weaker than females babies.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
12. On 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 3 March as UN World Wildlife Day. It is the day of signing of which of the following Conventions:
- the Convention on international Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
 - Bonn Convention
 - Ramsar Convention
 - Convention on Biological Diversity
13. Consider the following statements about the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES):
- It is an international regulatory treaty between 182 member states.
 - It does not allow the international trade in over 35,000 wild species of plants and animals.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
14. Coffee Board has applied for registration under Geographical Indications to protect the unique identity of the coffee grown by the tribal communities of Araku Valley. The Valley is in which of the following States?
- Sikkim
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Andhra Pradesh
 - Himachal Pradesh

15. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Mission for Manuscripts has been launched by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.
2. The motto of National Mission for Manuscripts is 'conserving the past for the future'.
3. The Mission aims to digitize both Indian as well as foreign manuscripts.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. A total of 13 Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) elements from India have been inscribed till date on the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
2. The Ministry of Culture has appointed the Sangeet Natak Akademi as nodal office for matters relating to the intangible cultural heritage including for preparation of the nomination dossiers for the Representative List of UNESCO.

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. Which of the following organisations are involved in preservation and propagation of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) elements from India?

1. Centre for Cultural Resources & Training
2. Zonal Cultural Centres
3. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya
4. Anthropological Survey of India

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

18. Which of the following Intangible Cultural Heritage elements from India have been inscribed on UNESCO's List?

1. Tradition of Vedic chanting
2. Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre
3. Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana
4. Gayatri Mantra

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

19. In the year 2017, which of the following Intangible Cultural Heritage elements from India has been inscribed on UNESCO's List?

- (a) Yoga
- (b) Kumbh Mela
- (c) Chhau dance
- (d) Mudi yettu

20. Lichens are the associations of:
- (a) bacteria and fungus.
 - (b) algae and bacterium.
 - (c) fungus and algae.
 - (d) fungus and virus.

ANSWER KEYS

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