

1. The principle objection of India to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is:
 - (a) It passes through the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.
 - (b) It involves taking large scale loan from the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
 - (c) Its negative impact on the environment is very high.
 - (d) It has led to large scale displacement of people in the Baluchistan.
2. The 'Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action' was recently in news in the context of which of the following?
 - (a) Iran Nuclear Deal
 - (b) China's Belt and Road Project
 - (c) Sanctions against Russia
 - (d) Melting of Arctic Sea ice
3. 'Strategy 2030' was recently in news in the context of:
 - (a) New Development Bank
 - (b) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - (c) Asian Development Bank
 - (d) None of these
4. Which of the following statements is true regarding 'e-baalnidaan'?
 - (a) It is an online platform to help children deal with the exam related stress.
 - (b) It is an app to search missing children.
 - (c) It is an online complaint system to report child sexual abuses.
 - (d) It is an online platform to help faster adoption of children.
5. Recently, World Bank aided 'National Hydrology Project for Real Time Decision Support System' to facilitate optimum operation of reservoirs was successfully completed in the context of which of the following:
 - (a) Bhakra-Nangal Project
 - (b) Hirakud Dam
 - (c) Sardar Sarovar Dam
 - (d) Damodar Valley Corporation
6. Consider the following statements about the 'sea tinkle':
 1. It is a parasitic algae and occurs in patches in the Northern Arabian Sea.
 2. They glow at night due bioluminescence.
 3. Their recent bloom near Mumbai beaches was due to industrial pollution.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
7. Which of the following are among the important feature of the draft 'National Digital Communications Policy 2018'?
 1. Attract \$100 billion investments into the country's digital communications sector.
 2. Provide broadband access for all with 50 mbps speed.

3. Ensure that the principles of net neutrality and privacy are upheld.

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

8. Which of the following statements are true regarding Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche scheme?

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- 2. It is being implemented only in urban areas, especially in the industrial towns.
- 3. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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

9. Consider the following statements about the 'red sanders':

- 1. Red sanders is a rare kind of sandalwood.
- 2. It is found in Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests.
- 3. They grow well in water-logged conditions.

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. Under the Adopt a Heritage Scheme, heritage sites/monuments and other tourist sites can be entrusted to?

- 1. Private sector companies
- 2. Private sector companies
- 3. Individuals

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

11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Goods & Services Tax (GST) Council is a constitutional body.
- 2. The Prime Minister is the chairman of the Council.
- 3. The decisions of the GST Council are made by three-fourth majority of the votes cast.

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
12. The Vice-President of India is on tour to the South American countries of Guatemala, Panama and Peru.
Consider the following statements in this context:
1. Guatemala has supported India's permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council.
 2. Panama was the first Central American nation to establish diplomatic relations with India.
 3. India is celebrating 55 years of diplomatic ties with Peru.
- 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
13. Consider the following statements about the river 'Cauvery'?
1. The Cauvery is a perennial river.
 2. It is the largest river in the South India.
 3. It is also known as 'Daksina Ganga'.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 only
(d) All of the above
14. Recently, hundreds of people were killed and hundreds of thousands were displaced in East Africa. This was because of:
- (a) Military coup in an East African Nation.
(b) Anti-piracy operations by a group of foreign countries in East Africa.
(c) Spreading of a new virus previously unknown to humans.
(d) Weeks of torrential rain followed by floods.
15. For the first time in almost 70 years, there will be no Nobel Prize in 2018 in which of the following categories?
- (a) Literature (b) Physics
(c) Peace (d) Biology
16. 'Kilauea volcano' is one of the most active volcanoes in the world which was recently erupted. This is located
- (a) Java (b) Sumatra
(c) Iceland (d) Hawaii
17. Which of the following gases are released during a volcanic eruption?
1. Nitrogen compounds
 2. Sulphur compounds
 3. Chlorine

4. Hydrogen

5. Argon

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only

(b) 2, 3 and 5 only

(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) All of the above

18. Consider the following statements about the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES):

1. It is an agreement between a group of international organisations to conserve endangered fauna and flora.

2. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not take place.

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

19. Consider the following statements about Chikungunya:

1. Chikungunya is caused by virus.

2. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat Chikungunya.

3. It can spread from an infected person to a healthy person through mosquitoes.

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. Which one of the following earthquake waves is more destructive?

(a) P-waves

(b) S-waves

(c) Surface waves

(d) None of the above

ANSWER KEYS

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