

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. The idea of creating an anti corruption ombudsman, in the form of a Lokpal, was first conceptualized in 1968 in the fourth Lok Sabha.
 2. Both the first and second administrative Reforms Commissions recommended appointment of Lokpal.
 3. All expenses of Lokpal are charged to the Consolidated Fund 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
2. More than two-third of the ST population is concentrated only in the seven States of the country. Which of the following States is not a part of this group?
 - (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Gujarat
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Haryana
3. Consider the following statements regarding the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2018 passed recently by the Lok Sabha?
 1. Bribe-givers have also been included in the legislation for the first time.
 2. The trial in cases pertaining to the exchange of bribe and corruption should be completed within two years.
 3. The Bill covers bribe-giving charitable institutions to be liable for punishment or prosecution.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
4. Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) is a project of:
 - (a) International Monetary Fund
 - (b) World Trade Organisation
 - (c) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
 - (d) Asian Development Bank
5. Consider the following statements regarding 'Mutual Legal Assistance Requests' in the context of international relations:
 1. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry and the Central authority for seeking and providing mutual legal assistance in criminal law matters.
 2. Cases pertaining to civil matters are required to be taken up with the Ministry of Law & Justice.
 3. Cases pertaining to commercial matters are required to be taken up with the Ministry of Commerce.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. Which of the following are among the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchal Yojana (PMKSY)?

1. Attract greater private investments in irrigation.
2. Exploring the feasibility of reusing treated municipal waste water for pen-urban agriculture.
3. Enhance the adoption of precision-irrigation and other water saving technologies.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. GDP deflator is a measure of inflation.
2. GDP deflator is the ratio of the value of goods an economy produces in a particular year at current prices to that of prices that prevailed during the base year.
3. GDP deflator is available only on a quarterly basis along with GDP estimates.

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 among the following birds migrate to India during winters?

1. Grey Pelicans
2. Night Herons
3. Open Billed Storks
4. Eurasian Golden Oriole

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 4 only (d) All of the above

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Women Transforming India Awards were launched by Ministry of Women's and Child Development, in partnership with the UN in India and MyGov.
2. Women Transforming India Awards aim to recognize the transformational impact of work undertaken by women across India's villages only.

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Most committees of Parliament include MP5 from both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
2. A Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is set up for a specific object and duration.
3. Joint committees are set up by a motion passed in one house of Parliament and agreed to by the other.

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. Which of the statements are true regarding the Sun-synchronous orbits?

1. These orbits are also referred to as “Low Earth Orbit (LEO)”.
2. They enable the on-board camera to take images of the earth under the same sun-illumination conditions during each of the repeated visits.
3. The satellite in this orbit makes over the same area on ground thus making the satellite useful for earth resources monitoring.

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. Which of the following factors can affect the working of ground based telescopes?

1. Cloudless skies
2. Low water vapour levels
3. Low population densities

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. Which of the following could provide relief to a snake-bite victim?

1. Allowing the victim to rest and restricting his movements.
2. Sucking blood from the wound.
3. Giving food or water to the victim.
4. Applying tight tourniquet near the wound.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. Which of the following statements are true regarding Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)?

1. ARCs have to register with the SEBI which has got the power to regulate the ARCs.
2. ARCs have to maintain a capital adequacy ratio of 9% of its risk weighted assets just like the scheduled commercial banks.

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. Which of the following statements are true regarding Payments Banks?

1. Can Accept remittances and demand deposits, with a maximum balance of Rs. 1,00,000 per individual.
2. Can issue ATM/Debit and credit cards.
3. Can act as Business Correspondents of another bank.

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 about the 'Lagrange point':
1. It is place in space at which due to the delicate balance of gravitational forces, the satellite will require very little energy to maintain its orbit.
 2. There are five Lagrange points around major bodies such as a planet or a star.
- 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. Consider the following statements about ISRO's upcoming Solar mission 'Aditya-L1':
1. This will be the first experiment to measure the coronal magnetic field from a space platform.
 2. It will be the first 100% Indian mission which will not only negotiate a challenging orbit, but will also benefit the global scientific community in understanding the sun.
- 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:
1. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) is a member of the World Trade Organisation.
 2. MIGA promotes foreign direct investment (FDI) into developing 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
19. The 'Student READY' programme aims:
1. To provide rural entrepreneurship awareness.
 2. Practical experience in real-life situation in rural agriculture.
 3. Creating awareness to undergraduate students about practical agriculture and allied sciences.
- 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 among the following sites is said to represent the only breeding ground outside of China for one of the most endangered cranes, the Black-necked crane?
- (a) Surinsar-Mansar Lakes
(b) Hokersar
(c) Wular Lake
(d) Tsomoriri

ANSWER KEYS

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