

1. Which of the following is NOT followed in the System of Rice Intensification (SRI)?
 - (a) Reduced plant density
 - (b) Improved soil conditions through enrichment with organic matter
 - (c) Submerged paddy fields
 - (d) Transplanting seedlings of rice plants
2. Figures of which of the following animals cannot be found in the state emblem of India?
 - (a) Elephant
 - (b) Deer
 - (c) Bull
 - (d) Horse
3. The World Bank aims to
 1. Improve health care, nutrition, childhood development and education
 2. Strengthen social security, pension and legal systems
 3. Protect and empower the most vulnerable groups of society, including women and the poor in rural areasSelect the correct answer using the codes below.
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
4. Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) is a global partnership that helps governments cost, plan and pay for action on biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use. The initiative is run by the
 - (a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - (b) World Bank
 - (c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - (d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
5. The World Development Report is annually published by
 - (a) World Bank
 - (b) UNECOSOC
 - (c) Oxfam India
 - (d) G-20
6. Consider the following about the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) in India.
 1. It is a not-for-profit public interest research and advocacy organisation.
 2. It provides grants to Central Universities for research in ecology and zoology.
 3. It publishes “Down to Earth” on a regular basis.Select the correct answer using the codes below.
 - (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 1 and 2 only

7. Whitley Commission established in British India was mandated to report on the
- Existing conditions of labour and to make recommendations
 - Police and military reforms needed in the wake of the 1857 mutiny
 - Financial reforms needed in British administration
 - Trade and commerce within the princely states

8. Which of the following diseases is/are infectious?

- Chikungunya
- Malaria
- Leishmaniasis
- Dengue

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 1 and 3 only

9. Who among the following is/are associated with Buddhist Councils?

- Ashoka
- Kanishka
- Ajatashatru
- Mahapadma Nanda

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 3 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

10. Which of the following is/are 'state intervention(s)' in the field of agricultural marketing?

- Provision of physical Infrastructure
- Cooperative marketing for realising fair prices for farmers' products
- Assurance of minimum support prices (MSP)
- Maintenance of food buffer stocks by Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- 2 and 4 only
- 3 and 4 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

11. Brundtland Report is usually associated with

- Non-Aligned Movement
- Sustainable Development
- Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence – India and China
- Boundary dispute between India and Pakistan

12. Nutriepigenomics is the study of
- Contribution of potential genetic and environmental risk factors to human birth
 - Human skin diseases caused due to lack of nutrition
 - Food nutrients and their effects on human health through epigenetic modifications
 - Top layer of soil and the genetic changes it can bring to a standing crop
13. India agreed to the conditionalities of World Bank and IMF and announced the New Economic Policy (NEP) 1991 to avert
- A Balance of Payments (BoP) crisis
 - A situation of hyperinflation in the economy
 - A situation of monetary depression in the Indian economy
 - The ill spread effects of the Asian Financial Crisis
14. Consider the following statements. India Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)
- Was setup in accordance with the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol
 - is an information exchange mechanism established to assist Parties to share information and experience with Living Modified Organisms (LMOs)
- Which of the above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - None
15. What is the purpose behind awarding "India Handloom" tags by the government?
- To create a brand for promoting traditional hand woven heritage of India
 - To allow only certain category of India handicrafts to be exported abroad
 - To protect selected tribal handloom mills in remote areas of the country
 - To reduce dependence on powerlooms in view of the employment generation potential of handlooms
16. The first Law Commission in India was established by the
- Interim Cabinet before India's independence
 - Charter Act of 1833
 - First Cabinet after India's independence
 - Supreme Court of India in 1951
17. As per the views of John Rawls the only way we can arrive at a fair and just rule is
- If we imagine ourselves to be in a situation in which we have to make decisions about how society should be organised without presuming our position
 - If we do not look at the means and stress at the ends reached by any exercise in rule making
 - If we take care of the needs of not only our own community but also communities and individuals dependent on us
 - If we first define what kind of society we want ourselves to be and then fix the position and status of each individual in the society

18. In which of the following states/UTs you are most likely to find tropical forests as well as sub-tropical forests, bamboo forests, pine forests, temperate forests and alpine forests all?
- Kerala
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Karnataka
 - Mountain ranges and plains of Andaman
19. The structural part of the Constitution is largely derived from the
- Cabinet Mission Plan
 - Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress (INC)
 - Regulating Act of 1858
 - Government of India Act of 1935
20. Which of the following is/are right(s) given to citizens to ensure social or political equality?
- Right to vote to all eligible citizens
 - Freedom of expression
 - Freedom of religious belief
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1 only
 - 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER KEYS

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11 b 12 c 13 a 14 b 15 a 16 b 17 a 18 b 19 d 20 d