

1. Consider the following statements:
  1. The number of taxpayers has increased drastically over the last four years.
  2. Over the last five years, the share of the richest top 1% in the total tax collected has increased.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 countries jointly face a threat from Kurdish separatism?
  - (a) Syria and Jordan
  - (b) Jordan and Turkey
  - (c) Iran and Turkey
  - (d) Iran and Jordan
3. Which of the following are among the reasons of recent deterioration of bilateral relationship between U.S. and Turkey?
  1. Major differences in their approach to the Syrian Kurds.
  2. Turkey's decision to buy the 5-400 anti-missile defence systems from Russia.
  3. The outbreak of the Arab Spring in 2011.
  4. U.S. tilts toward Riyadh.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
4. Consider the following statements:
  1. The Houthi rebels in Yemen are in control of the southern areas including Aden.
  2. The Houthi rebels are backed by Saudi Arabia as they represent Shia minority against the Sunni rulers.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
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. Delhi and Varanasi are among the 14 Indian cities that figured in a list of 20 most polluted cities according to the data released by the WHO.
  2. The 14 Indian cities are included in the list on the basis of severe water pollution recorded by the deteriorated water quality in the rivers.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 come under 'Securities Transaction Tax' (STT)?

1. Futures and stocks
2. Mutual funds
3. Exchange traded funds

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

18. Catalytic converters are designed to reduce which of the following pollutants?

1. Carbon monoxide
2. Volatile organic compounds
3. Nitrogen oxides
4. Ozone

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. People are mainly exposed to ethylmercury, an organic compound, when they eat fish and shellfish that contain the compound.
2. Ethylmercury is used as a preservative in some vaccines and does not pose a health risk.

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

20. The Government had approved the Discovered Small Field policy in 2015 with its main objective to:

- (a) More incentives to private companies to discover smaller fields.
- (b) Bring discovered small fields to production at the earliest so as to enhance the domestic production.
- (c) Hand over small fields to one big company rather than isolated companies to increase production.
- (d) Use oil produced in such fields only for local purposes.

## **ANSWER KEYS**

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