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## 1. Economy

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding E-commerce sector in India

1. Marketplace model is where goods sold on the portal is owned or controlled by the ecommerce company.
2. Inventory-based model is where the e-commerce firm simply acts as a platform that connects buyers and sellers.
3. 100% FDI is allowed in e-commerce companies in marketplace model.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Financial Stability Report (FSR).

1. FSR is one of the most crucial documents on the Indian economy as it presents an assessment of the health of the financial system.
2. FSR assess the macro-financial risks in the economy.
3. It is released by the Ministry of Finance, twice each year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 3) The Financial Stability Report by RBI looks at which of the following aspects?

1. Do Indian banks (both public and private) have enough capital to run their operations.
2. Are the levels of bad loans (or non-performing assets) within manageable limits.
3. Are different sectors of the economy able to get credit for economic activity.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 4) Consider the following statements.

1. State governments raise their own funds largely through taxes on liquor, property, road and vehicles.

2. Uttar Pradesh which has largest population, contributes maximum tax revenue to the Central Government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding Repco Bank.

1. Repco Bank is a multi-state cooperative finance and development bank controlled by the Union Finance Ministry.
2. It was established by the central government for rehabilitation of repatriates from Myanmar and Sri Lanka.
3. It is operated only in the South Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 2 only

- 6) Consider the following statements regarding REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust).

1. REITs are investment vehicles that pool investor money like mutual funds and use it to buy real estate assets.
2. REITs can invest in all kinds of income-generating properties like — residences, offices, hotels, malls and warehouses.
3. Majority of the portfolio of a REIT should be invested in completed and rent-generating properties.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding Small Savings Schemes (SSS).

1. The Central Government operates Small Savings Schemes (SSS) through the network of post offices, Public-Sector Banks and select private sector banks.
2. National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) was established within the Public Account of

India for pooling the money from different SSSs.

3. In the last 5 years the Central Government's reliance on Small Savings Schemes for financing its deficit has been decreasing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

8) Which of the following departments come under the ambit of Union Ministry of Finance?

- 1. Department of Economic Affairs
- 2. Department of Financial Services
- 3. Department of Investment and Public

Asset Management

- 4. Department of Public Enterprises

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

9) Consider the following statements regarding National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL).

1. National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) also called as bad bank is given legal recognition by the Corporate Affairs Ministry.

2. The Government of India has the maximum equity contribution to NARCL.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 2. Ecology and Environment

1) Consider the following statements.

1. The productivity of the Oceans increases when the carbon emission from the atmosphere are sunk by it.

2. The ocean warming increases the frequency of tropical cyclone winds and rainfall.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

2) Consider the following statements regarding 'Last Ice Area', recently seen in news

1. The 'Last Ice Area', is located in the Arctic's Ice north of Greenland.

2. The area has stooped melting of Ice and is strong enough to withstand the effects of global warming.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

3) Consider the following statements regarding Summer Solstice.

1. During summer solstice, the Earth's axis is tilted in a way that the North Pole is tipped towards the sun and the South Pole is away from it.

2. The amount of incoming energy the Earth received from the sun is higher at the North Pole than at the Equator.

3. At the Arctic Circle, the sun never sets during the summer solstice.

4. Summer solstice will bring the earliest sunrise or latest sunset for all the places in the Northern Hemisphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

4) Consider the following statements regarding Heat Pumps, recently seen in news.

1. Heat pumps are used both to cool and warm a place.

2. Heat pumps work by creating heat and make the place warmer.

3. They are most efficient in moderate climatic conditions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

5) Consider the following statements.

1. A hot spell is labelled as a 'Heat Wave' only when temperatures are above the historical average in an area for more than one week.

2. Heat waves begin when high pressure in the atmosphere moves in and pushes warm air toward the ground.

3. When heat waves occur, the wind and cloud cover are minimised, which makes the air hotter.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 2, 3

6) Buxwaha forest, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Madhya Pradesh

7) Consider the following statements regarding methanogens.

1. Methanogens are microorganisms that are capable of generating methane as a metabolic byproduct.

2. They are found in swamps, dead organic matter, and even in the human gut.

3. They cannot survive in high temperatures.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

8) Lemru Elephant Reserve, a proposed Elephant Reserve is located in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Assam

9) Consider the following statements regarding transgenic crop.

1. In India there is no commercial cultivation of transgenic crops.

2. Transgenic crops are more toxic and always proliferate in the environment.

3. Transgenic crops can bring new gene combinations which are not found in nature.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

10) Balukhand Wildlife Sanctuary, sometimes seen in the news, is located in

- a) Bihar
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Andhra Pradesh

11) Consider the following statements regarding 're-wilding' of wild animals.

1. Re-wilding means reintroduction of the cub into the wild after a certain time when it appears that the cub is capable of surviving in the wild independently.

2. Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 does not provide any procedures or guidelines for the 're-wilding' of wild animals.

3. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has been working towards successfully introducing the endangered gyps species into the wild.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

12) Consider the following statements regarding Coal Bed Methane (CBM).

1. Coal Bed Methane (CBM) is an unconventional form of natural gas found in coal deposits or coal seams.

2. CBM can be used as feedstock for fertilisers and as compressed natural gas (CNG) auto fuel.

3. India has the largest CBM reserves in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

13) Consider the following statements.

1. Lightning is a very rapid and massive discharge of electricity in the atmosphere, some of which is directed towards the Earth's surface.

2. It is generated in giant moisture-bearing clouds, whose base typically lies above 10 to 12 km from the Earth's surface.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

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14) Consider the following statements regarding Sargasso Sea.

1. The Sargasso Sea is located entirely within the Pacific Ocean.
2. It is the only sea without a land boundary.
3. It is bounded by four ocean currents forming an ocean gyre.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2, 3
- b) 3 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) Consider the following statements regarding Tiger tracking.

1. In India Tigers are tracked only by using Radio collars that are put around its neck.
2. Radio collars help in studying the Tiger's behaviour, their feeding and movement patterns.
3. Tiger tracking is done both in protected areas (PAs) and non- protected areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 2, 3

16) Seaweeds are macroscopic algae usually found in oceans. In this context, which of the following can be the possible benefits of it?

1. It is a vital food for marine organism.
2. It can be used as fertilizer for plants.
3. It reduces coastal eutrophication.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

17) Consider the following statements regarding Operation Olivia.

1. Operation Olivia is undertaken by the Ministry of environment forest and climate change.
2. It helps protect Olive Ridley turtles as they congregate along the Odisha coast for breeding and nesting from November to December.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

18) Consider the following statements.

1. The Olive Ridley Turtle is listed as Critically Endangered under the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red list.

2. All five species of sea turtles found in India are included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

3. Olive Ridley Turtle's mass nesting is called as arribada.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

19) Consider the following statements regarding microplastics.

1. Microplastics are fragments of plastic less than 5 mm in length.

2. Microplastics are ingested by marine habitants including fish, planktons and sea mammals and are then carried further into the food chain.

3. Corals are the only exception where microplastics are not ingested by them.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

20) Consider the following statements regarding Great Indian Bustards (GIBs).

1. GIBs are the largest among the bustard species found in India.

2. GIBs are considered the flagship bird species of grassland and hence barometers of the health of grassland ecosystems.

3. In India, majority of the GIBs are found in Gujarat.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

21) Consider the following statements.

1. The standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) approves the diversion of wildlife habitat for projects such as roads, railways and transmission lines.

2. The geographical expanse of India's protected areas including national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is greater than the globally recognised Aichi Biodiversity Target.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only



- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 22) Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary and Mollem National Park is located in
- a) Goa
  - b) Andhra Pradesh
  - c) Maharashtra
  - d) Madhya Pradesh

### 3. Government Schemes and Programmes

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Deep Ocean Mission.
1. The Ministry of Earth Sciences will be the nodal Ministry implementing this mission.
  2. It involves developing a submersible vehicle that will allow a crew to search the ocean floor for precious metals.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. In the last two decades, the prevalence of anaemia among Indian women of reproductive age has decreased and is less than the world average.
  2. Reduction of anaemia is one of the important objectives of the POSHAN Abhiyaan.
  3. The major cause for anaemia is the deficiency in Iron and folate.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2
  - b) 1, 3
  - c) 2, 3
  - d) 3 only
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding One Nation, One Ration Card (ONORC) system.
1. The ONORC scheme is aimed at enabling migrant workers and their family members to buy subsidised ration from any fair price shop anywhere in the country under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
  2. ONORC is based on technology that involves details of beneficiaries' ration

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- card, Aadhaar number, and electronic Points of Sale (ePoS).
3. Till date, less than half of states and Union Territories have joined the ONORC.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 2 only
  - b) 1, 2
  - c) 1, 3
  - d) 1, 2, 3
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) project.
1. ONDC project was announced by the Ministry of Finance to address the issue of digital monopolies on e-commerce platforms.
  2. It will allow sellers to be discoverable across multiple e-commerce platforms for a wider reach to customers instead of available to customers on only one particular e-commerce platform.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 5) Which of the following are the components of Deep Ocean Mission?
1. Developing Ocean Climate Change Advisory Services.
  2. Explore and identify potential sources of hydrothermal minerals.
  3. Preparing engineering design for offshore Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) powered desalination plants.
  4. Searching for deep sea flora and fauna, and studying ways to sustainably utilise them.
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 1, 2, 3
  - b) 1, 3, 4
  - c) 1, 2, 4
  - d) 1, 2, 3, 4
- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB).
1. SGBs are government securities denominated in grams of gold.
  2. Bonds are issued by Non-Banking Financial Institutions and Private Banks in India
  3. Eligible investors include individuals, trusts, universities and charitable institutions.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 1, 2
  - c) 1, 3

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d) 1, 2, 3

7) Consider the following statements.

1. Retail and wholesale traders are included in the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) classification.

2. Retail and wholesale traders are not eligible for priority sector lending under RBI framework.

3. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) includes support to MSMEs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 3 only

b) 1, 3

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

8) In its present form, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act contains which of the following?

1. Punishment for terrorist acts and activities.

2. Punishment for acts threatening India's security, including its economic security.

3. Provisions to prevent the use of funds for terrorist purposes, including money laundering.

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 1 only

d) 1, 2, 3

9) Consider the following statements regarding the recently launched NIPUN Bharat Mission.

1. The Mission has been launched under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha Scheme.

2. It focus on providing access and retaining children in foundational years of schooling.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

10) Indian Ordnance Factories functions under the

a) Ministry of Home Affairs

b) Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

c) Ministry of Defence

d) None of the above

1) Monoclonal antibodies have been used in the treatment of

1. Covid-19

2. Ebola

3. HIV

Select the correct answer code:

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 1 only

d) 1, 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements regarding Peter Pan Syndrome.

1. People with Peter Pan Syndrome develop behaviours like living life carefree and finding responsibilities challenging in adulthood.

2. It can affect anyone, irrespective of gender, race or culture.

3. World Health Organization recognise Peter Pan Syndrome as a health disorder

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

b) 1, 2

c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

3) Consider the following statements regarding Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).

1. SSLV is a small-lift launch vehicle being developed by ISRO and marketed by New Space India Limited (NSIL).

2. It has the payload capacity of 500 kg.

3. It can launch satellites only to Low-earth orbit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2

b) 2, 3

c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

4) Consider the following statements.

1. Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) is India's first uncrewed flying testbed developed for ISRO's Reusable Launch Vehicle Technology Demonstration Programme.

2. GSLV Mark II uses an Indian cryogenic engine and is capable of launching 2500 kg into geostationary transfer orbit.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only



- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

5) Consider the following statements regarding Zoonotic Diseases.

1. Zoonotic diseases have impacted humankind since the beginning of its association with animals.
2. Out of all the human disease-causing pathogens identified so far, only around 10% are of animal origin.
3. Increased incidences of zoonotic diseases in recent times are a direct consequence of Large-scale deforestation and encroachment of pristine natural ecosystems.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) EnVision mission is an orbital mission to Venus being developed by

- a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- b) European Space Agency (ESA)
- c) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

7) Consider the following statements regarding 'Agni Prime' Missile.

1. It is a canisterised missile with range capability more than 5,000 kms.
2. It is nuclear-capable ballistic missile.
3. It is an advanced version of Agni-1 missile along with high level of accuracy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

8) Rare earth elements, sometimes seen in news are used in

1. Air pollution control
2. Illuminated screens on electronic devices
3. Defence equipments
4. Space shuttle components

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

9) Consider the following statements regarding Melamine.

1. Melamine is an organic base chemical rich in nitrogen.
2. It is usually added to increase the taste of the food.
3. It can cause bladder stones in animals.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

10) Consider the following statements.

1. The Global Malaria Report 2020 is released by World Health Organisation.
2. India shared one third of the total global malaria cases in 2019.
3. Recently China was declared malaria-free.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) Consider the following statements.

1. India is among the world's 'high malaria burden' countries.
2. India is a signatory to National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) aiming for malaria elimination by 2030.
3. Malaria is included in the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

12) Consider the following statements.

1. Malaria is a viral disease transmitted by the infective bite of Anopheles mosquito.
2. Dengue is transmitted by the infective bite of Aedes Aegypti mosquito.
3. Kala-azar is caused by a protozoan parasite of genus Leishmania.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

13) Consider the following statements.

1. Doppler radars are crucial for gauging the intensity of rainfall and the impact area in real-time.

2. Doppler radars can carryout weather surveillance only upto 50 to 100 Kms radius from its location.

3. India's east coast, which is frequently affected by cyclones formed in the Bay of Bengal, has more Doppler radars than West coast.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Consider the following statements regarding Doppler radars.

1. Doppler radars forecast weather by using the mechanism of radio waves.

2. They track the movement of weather systems and cloud bands, and thus gauge rainfall over an area.

3. They cannot detect thunderstorms and lightning.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) Consider the following statements regarding Ultraviolet Radiation.

1. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is naturally emitted by the Sun.

2. The wavelength range of Ultraviolet Radiation is higher than that of visible light.

3. All Ultraviolet Radiations are transmitted through our atmosphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements regarding Ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

1. UV-C radiation can be used to disinfect the air and also in water treatment.

2. UV-A rays can penetrate the middle layer of human skin and can cause aging of skin cells and damage the cells' DNA.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

17) A planetary-mass object is recognised as Dwarf planets if it satisfies which of the following conditions?

1. It must be in direct orbit of the sun.

2. It must be massive enough for it to have become spherical in shape under its own gravity.

3. It must have cleared the neighborhood around its orbit.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

18) Ceres, Haumea and Eris sometimes seen in news are

- a) Cryptocurrencies
- b) Near-Earth asteroids
- c) Genetically modified organisms
- d) Recognised Dwarf Planets

19) Nauka, a space laboratory was recently launched by

- a) Japan
- b) India
- c) Russia
- d) China

20) Consider the following statements.

1. A space station is essentially a large spacecraft that remains in low-earth orbit for extended periods of time.

2. International Space Station is a collaborative effort between five space agencies from United States, Russia, Japan, Europe and China.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 5. International Relations and Organisations

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is an arms control treaty administered by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

2. Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) is not administered by any body or organisation.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

2) Consider the following statements regarding Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

1. IOC is the only island driven organisation in the Indian Ocean bringing together the African islands of Comoros, Madagascar, Seychelles and Mauritius.

2. India and United Nations are observers of the IOC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

3) Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in

- a) United Kingdom
- b) India
- c) United States
- d) South Africa

4) Consider the following statements regarding Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

1. It is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal being their total elimination.

2. For those nations that are party to it, the treaty prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, and use of nuclear weapons.

3. More than half of the nuclear weapons nations have signed the treaty.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3

- c) 2, 3
- d) 3 only

5) Istanbul Convention, sometimes seen in news is regarding

- a) Protection of Ozone layer
- b) Protecting Cultural and natural heritage
- c) Criminalising acts of financing of terrorism
- d) Preventing Violence Against Women

6) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index evaluates progress of states and Union Territories (UTs) on which of the following parameters?

- 1. Gender
- 2. Education
- 3. Economic growth
- 4. Climate change

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

7) Rotterdam Convention, often seen in news, is related to

- a) Prohibition of the usage of biological weapons by the member countries
- b) Promote shared responsibility among State Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals
- c) Prevention of the proliferation of ballistic missiles
- d) None of the above

8) Currently India has Border Haats along the borders of which of the following countries?

- 1. Bangladesh
- 2. Bhutan
- 3. Myanmar

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

9) Consider the following statements regarding South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

- 1. SAARC maintains permanent diplomatic relations at the United Nations as an observer.
- 2. Its secretariat is based in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 3. Afghanistan is the last country to become the member of SAARC.

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

10) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

1. UNGA is the only deliberative, policy-making, and representative organ of the UN.
2. UNGA is responsible for appointing the non-permanent members to the UN Security Council.
3. The UNGA is the only UN organ wherein all member states have equal representation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) India and South Africa are both members to which of the following organisations / grouping?

1. G20
2. Indian Ocean Rim Association
3. BRICS
4. IBSA

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 3, 4
- b) 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

12) Consider the following statements.

1. India has been allotted space in the Central Indian Ocean Basin (CIOB) by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea for exploitation of polymetallic nodules (PMN).
2. Polymetallic nodules are rocks scattered on the seabed containing iron, manganese, nickel and cobalt.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

13) Consider the following statements regarding Stockholm Convention.

1. The Stockholm Convention, is a global treaty to protect human health and environment from Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).
2. The Stockholm Convention seeks the elimination of production and use of intentionally produced POPs.

3. Under the Convention, India has completely banned the use of DDT.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Consider the following statements regarding Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

1. Universal Periodic Review (UPR) involves a review of the human rights records of all UN Member States.
2. It is a State-driven process, under the auspices of the Human Rights Council.
3. It address human rights violations wherever they occur.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

15) Which of the following countries are members of BIMSTEC?

1. Bhutan
2. Nepal
3. Thailand
4. Sri Lanka
5. Cambodia

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 2, 3, 4, 5
- b) 1, 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

16) Consider the following statements regarding Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

1. BIMSTEC is a sector-driven cooperative organization.
2. The main objective of BIMSTEC is having technological and economic cooperation among South Asian and Southeast Asian countries along the coast of the Bay of Bengal.
3. Till now, India has hosted the BIMSTEC Summit only once.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

17) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Taiwan relations.

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1. India and Taiwan do not have formal diplomatic ties.

2. India has endorsed the "one-China" policy.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

18) Consider the following statements regarding BASIC countries.

1. BASIC countries are group of four countries consisting of Brazil, South Africa, India and China.

2. BASIC countries work together to fight climate change and carry out negotiations within the UNFCCC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

19) Consider the following statements regarding International Court of Justice (ICJ).

1. In order to ensure a degree of continuity, one fourth of the Court is elected every three years.

2. Once elected, a Member of the Court is a delegate neither of the government of his own country nor of that of any other State.

3. Member of the Court can be dismissed in the unanimous opinion of the other Members.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

20) Consider the following statements regarding 1967 Outer Space Treaty.

1. The treaty forbids countries from deploying "nuclear weapons" in outer space.

2. The treaty prohibit the launching of ballistic missiles through space.

3. According to the treaty, no nation may claim sovereignty of outer space or any celestial body.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

21) Consider the following statements regarding International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations advocating for a strong and effective nuclear weapon ban treaty.

2. It received Nobel Peace Prize for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons.

3. India is not a member of ICAN.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

22) Consider the following statements regarding Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

1. Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is tripartite in nature, bringing together representatives of Government, Business and Academia, for promoting co-operation and closer interaction among them.

2. It is based on the principles of Open Regionalism for strengthening Economic Cooperation.

3. The Coordinating Secretariat of IORA is located in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

23) Consider the following statements regarding Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI).

1. GAVI is an international organisation working towards creating equal access to new and underused vaccines for children living in the world's poorest countries.

2. GAVI has observer status at the World Health Assembly.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

24) kafala system sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Improved weather, climate and ocean forecast and services
- b) IAEA safeguards to deter the spread of nuclear weapons

- c) Standardised system of laws that apply to all Central Asian Countries
- d) Monitor migrant laborers working in Gulf countries

25) Consider the following statements.

1. ASEAN is an official United Nations observer.
  2. Not all members of ASEAN are part of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).
  3. India is part of ASEAN Plus Three forum.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

26) Consider the following statements.

1. India is not a signatory to the United Nations Refugee Convention of 1951.
  2. Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the right of persons to seek asylum from persecution in other countries.
  3. In India both Central and State Governments can grant "refugee status to any foreigner".
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

27) Which of the following are the functions of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)?

1. APEC projects provide digital skills training for rural communities and help indigenous women export their products abroad.
2. Increase energy efficiency and promote sustainable management of forest and marine resources.
3. Ensuring disaster resilience and addressing terrorism.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

28) Consider the following statements regarding Singapore Convention on Mediation.

1. It is the first UN treaty to be named after Singapore.
2. The Convention will apply to international settlement agreements that are concluded in the

course of judicial proceedings and which are enforceable as a court judgment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

29) Consider the following statements regarding Partners in Population and Development (PPD).

1. It is international NGO promoting south-south cooperation in the fields of population, and development.
2. It stresses the need to establish mechanisms to promote development through the sharing of experiences in reproductive health (RH) and family planning (FP).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

30) Consider the following statements regarding Open Skies Treaty.

1. The treaty was signed between NATO members and former Warsaw Pact countries following the demise of the Soviet Union.
2. It allows members to fly unarmed reconnaissance flights over any part of their fellow member states.
3. Under the treaty, a member state can "spy" on any part of the other member nation, without the latter's consent.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

31) Consider the following statements regarding Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

1. It is an international coalition of countries, United Nations (UN) agencies, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and academic institutions.
2. It was launched by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).
3. It is a platform where knowledge is generated and exchanged on different aspects of disaster and climate resilience of infrastructure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only



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- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

32) Consider the following statements regarding UNESCO World Heritage sites.

1. The main criterion for nomination is that the site must have outstanding universal value.
  2. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) is responsible for recommending cultural and natural sites.
  3. UNESCO World Heritage Committee determine whether or not to inscribe each nominated property on the World Heritage List.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

33) Consider the following statements regarding One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance.

1. One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance was launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
  2. It seeks to catalyze global attention and action to preserve antimicrobial medicines and avert the disastrous consequences of antimicrobial resistance.
  3. The group must provide regular reports on the science and evidence related to antimicrobial resistance to the UN member states.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

34) Consider the following statements regarding New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty).

1. It is a global nuclear arms reduction treaty.
  2. The treaty calls for halving the number of strategic nuclear missile launchers.
  3. It does not limit the number of operationally inactive nuclear warheads that can be stockpiled.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

35) Sendai Framework is related to

- a) Banning of chemical weapons

- b) Regulate international trade in conventional weapons
- c) Limiting the spread of nuclear weapons
- d) None of the above

36) Consider the following statements regarding UN arms trade treaty.

1. It is a multilateral treaty that regulates the international trade in conventional weapons.
  2. The treaty calls for the international sale of weapons to be linked to the human rights records of buyers.
  3. The treaty regulate the domestic sale or use of weapons in any country.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

37) Consider the following statements regarding Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Working Group of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

1. Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) is a quality system, evolved by OECD to ensure that safety data generated on various chemicals like industrial chemicals and pharmaceuticals can be relied upon by regulatory authorities.
  2. India has been designated the 'Vice-Chair' of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Working Group of the OECD.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

38) Consider the following statements regarding Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

1. The NPT is a multilateral treaty aimed at limiting the spread of nuclear weapons.
  2. Both India and Pakistan have not signed the treaty.
  3. The Treaty does not affect the right of state parties to develop, produce, and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

## 6. Polity

- 1) The judges recuse themselves from hearing cases in which of the following instances
1. When a judge holds shares in a company that is a litigant.
  2. When a judge is having personal association with a party involved in the case.
  3. When an appeal is filed in the Supreme Court against a judgement of a High Court that may have been delivered by the Supreme Court judge when he/she was in the High Court.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 2) Match the following:

**Union Territory**

**High Court**

A. Puducherry

1. Kerala High Court

B. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2. Bombay High Court

C. Lakshadweep

3. Madras High Court

D. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

4. Calcutta High Court

5. Guwahati High Court

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- a) 3 4 1 2
- b) 1 3 4 2
- c) 1 5 3 4
- d) 1 5 3 2

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding the functions of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

1. CDS heads the Department of Military

Affairs.

2. It commands organisations related

to cyber and space.

3. Function as the Military Advisor to the Nuclear Command Authority.

4. CDS does not come under the Right to Information Act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Electoral Bonds.

1. Electoral Bonds have a maximum limit of Rs. 1 crore.

2. These Bonds can be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India.

3. These Bonds cannot be purchased only when the Model Code of Conduct is into effect.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

- 5) Consider the following statements.

1. The right to freedom of expression is recognized as a human right under Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

2. The Constitution of India imposes reasonable restrictions upon the freedom of speech and expression in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 6) Under Article 19(2) of the Indian constitution, the legislature can impose certain restrictions on free speech in the interests of

1. Security of the State
2. Friendly relations with foreign States
3. Contempt of court
4. Incitement to an offence

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 2, 4
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding Right to be forgotten.

1. The right to be forgotten is the right to have information about a person removed from public access.

2. The supportive argument for this right is that Persons cannot be perpetually stigmatised for past conduct.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Consider the following statements.

1. Tulu is a Dravidian language spoken mainly in the coastal districts of Karnataka and Kerala.
2. It is included in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.
3. It has been granted the official language status.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

9) Consider the following statements.

1. National Health Policy of 2017 proposed to raise public health expenditure by Government to 2.5 % of the GDP by 2025.
2. The right to equality guaranteed under Article 15 upholds non-discrimination on the basis of health status of an individual.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

10) Consider the following statements.

1. In Lok Sabha and state legislatures, the President and Governor respectively sets the date for the election of the Speaker.
2. The Constitution specifies that the Speaker should be elected within 6 months from the formation of new Government.
3. Usually, the Speaker comes from the ruling party.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

11) Consider the following statements.

1. Speaker decides the date for the election of the Deputy Speaker.
2. The Deputy Speaker is subordinate to the Speaker.
3. When a resolution for removal of the Speaker is up for discussion, the Constitution specifies that the Deputy Speaker presides over the proceedings of the House.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

12) Consider the following statements regarding by-polls as stated under Representation of the People Act, 1951.

1. The Act mandates that a byelection for any vacancy should be held within six months of that vacancy arising, provided the remainder of the term is not less than one year.

2. The act bars a byelection when the remaining term of the assembly is less than one year.

3. Byelection may not be held if the Election Commission of India and the Centre feels that holding the Byelection is difficult.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

13) The Article 19(2) of the Constitution of India imposes restrictions on free speech under which of the following situations?

1. Interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India
2. For friendly relations with foreign states
3. Preventing incitement to the commission of an offence

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) 97th Constitution Amendment, recently seen in news is related to

- a) Formation of a National Judicial Appointments Commission.
- b) Right to form Cooperative societies
- c) Constitutional status to National Commission for Backward Classes
- d) A maximum of 10% Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs)

## 7. History, Art and Culture

- 1) Consider the following statements.
1. Dholavira, the archaeological site of a Harappan-era city is located in Haryana.
  2. Dholavira is the first site of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) in India to get the UNESCO world heritage site tag.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 8. Agriculture

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding Alternate wetting and drying (AWD) technique.
1. Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) is a water-saving technology that farmers can apply to reduce their irrigation water consumption in rice fields.
  2. The number of days of non-flooded soil between irrigations cannot be more than 2 to 3 days.
  3. One disadvantage of AWD technique is that the yield is reduced substantially compared to traditional methods of rice cultivation.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2
  - b) 1 only
  - c) 1, 3
  - d) 1, 2, 3
- 2) For the FY 2020-21, arrange the following agri-exports from India in increasing order in terms of its value.
1. Spices
  2. Rice
  3. Raw cotton
  4. Vegetable Oil
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 3-4-1-2
  - b) 4-3-2-1
  - c) 4-3-1-2
  - d) 3-4-2-1
- 3) An Agricultural produce market committee (APMC) is established by the
- a) Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)
  - b) Authorized Local area Vendors (ALAVs)

- c) State Government
- d) Local Government

- 4) Consider the following statements:
1. Minimum Support Price (MSP) may be both lower or higher than the prevailing market price of the particular crop.
  2. All food grain procurement operations in India are undertaken by the Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 9. Defence and Security

- 1) The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) can designate individuals as "terrorists" under which of the following provisions
- a) National Security Act, 1980
  - b) Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002
  - c) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019
  - d) Only organisations can be designated as terrorist and not individuals

## 10. Reports and Indices

- 1) 'Global Economic Prospects' report is released by
- a) World Economic Forum (WEF)
  - b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
  - c) World Bank
  - d) The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- 2) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21, was released by
- a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
  - b) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - c) NITI Ayog
  - d) United Nations Development Programme

## 11. Maps / Places

- 1) Arrange the following places from South to North.

1. Port Blair
2. Diglipur
3. Car Nicobar
4. Campbell Bay

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 4-3-2-1
- b) 4-3-1-2
- c) 3-4-1-2
- d) 3-4-2-1

- 2) Which of the following passes is/are located in Ladakh?

1. Nathu La
2. Baralacha La
3. Zoji La
4. Chang La

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Canary Islands

1. It is located in the Atlantic Ocean
2. The Canary Islands are a French archipelago.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Diego Garcia, sometimes seen in news

1. Diego Garcia is an island and an overseas territory of the United Kingdom.
2. It is located in South Atlantic Ocean.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 5) Consider the following pairs

**Sea** **Shares border with**

1. Black Sea : Turkey and Russia
2. Red Sea : Saudi Arabia and Oman
3. Aral Sea : Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 3

- 6) Bagram airbase, is located in

- a) Iran
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Qatar

- 7) Gulf of Aden forms a natural sea link between

- a) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea
- b) Red Sea and Arabian Sea
- c) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
- d) Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

- 8) Reed Bank is a disputed area in the

- a) East China Sea
- b) Caspian Sea
- c) Mediterranean Sea
- d) None of the above

- 9) West Bank is bordered by

1. Jordan
2. Mediterranean Sea
3. Israel
4. Dead Sea

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

- 10) Haiti is located in the archipelago of

- a) Mediterranean Sea
- b) Black Sea
- c) Caribbean Sea
- d) Red Sea

- 11) Which of the following countries doesn't open out to the Caspian Sea?

- a) Russia
- b) Iran
- c) Kazakhstan
- d) Turkey

- 12) Consider the following statements regarding Southern Ocean.

1. It is the smallest of all the five principal Oceans.
2. Unlike other oceans, the boundaries of Southern Ocean are not defined by the surrounding continents.

3. The Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) is the strongest current system in the world oceans, linking the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific basins. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- d) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

## 12. Miscellaneous

1) Consider the following statements regarding Cooperative societies in India.

- 1. Cooperatives are enterprises which are owned, controlled and run by its members.
- 2. The cooperative societies emerged only after Independence in India.
- 3. In India, majority of the cooperative societies are governed by laws in their respective states.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements.

- 1. The labour force participation rate essentially tells what percentage of the population want to be part of the workforce.
- 2. A low labour force participation rate means fewer people are making themselves available for economic activity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2