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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS BASED PRELIMS QUESTIONS**

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**1.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Community Radio Stations”.

- 1.** Community radio is a type of radio service that caters to the interests of a certain area, broadcasting content that is popular to a local audience.
- 2.** Recently the Election Commission of India has reached out to over 150 Community Radio stations from across the country to help educate and inform the voters.
- 3.** It should only broadcast programmes that cater to the educational, developmental, social and cultural needs of the community.

Choose the correct code:

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

**2.** Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “International Solar Alliance”.

- 1.** The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an alliance of more than 122 countries initiated by India.
- 2.** Recently Bolivia has joined the International Solar Alliance by signing the framework agreement on International Solar Alliance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**3.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)”.

- 1.** The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) is a U.N trade program designed to promote economic growth in the developing and under developed countries by providing tariff free trades.
- 2.** Recently India becomes part of it and by this tariff preference helps new exporters to penetrate a market and established exporters to increase their market share.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA)”?

1. Its objective is of ‘protecting and improving’ the quality of the environment and ‘controlling environmental pollution’ in the country.
2. EPCA is Supreme Court mandated body.

Choose the correct code:

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

5. Consider the following statement is/are correct regarding “Toluene”.

1. It is one of the petrochemical wastes.
2. It gets released without treatment from industries such as refineries, paint, textile, paper and rubber.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Recently the new species of birds spotted were namely Woolly-necked Stork and White-bellied Drongo were found in which of the following state of the county?

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka

3. Orissa

4. Northeast states

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) Only 1
- (c) Only 3
- (d) 3 and 4

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “EMISAT MISSION”?

1. EMISAT is an advanced electronic intelligence (ELINT) satellite developed by DRDO.
2. EMISAT is in signal intelligence intercepting signals broadcasted by communication systems, radars, and other electronic systems.

Choose the correct code:

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

8. Consider the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “a self-regulatory organisation (SRO)”.

1. The role of SRO is developmental, regulatory, related to grievance redressal and dispute resolution as well as taking disciplinary actions.
2. It is an extension of the regulatory authority of the SEBI and would perform the tasks delegated to it by the SEBI.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Lithium Reserves”.

1. Bolivia is known to have one-fourth of the world’s lithium reserves.
2. Recently India and Bolivia have signed an agreement for the development and industrial use of lithium, a prime component used to power electric vehicles and cell phones.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. “KandhamalHaldi” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The golden yellow spice, named after the district where it is produced, has been cultivated since time immemorial and is known for its medicinal value.
2. Telangana’s KandhamalHaldi (turmeric), famous for its healing properties, has received GI tag.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements with reference to the “GI tag”.

1. GI is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product like handicrafts and industrial goods originating from a definite geographical territory.
2. Once the GI protection is granted, no other producer can misuse the name to market similar products.
3. GI is covered as element of intellectual property rights (IPRs) under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
4. It is governed by the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**12.** 'Café Scientifique' was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It is a grassroots public science initiative based on the French Café Philosophique model.
- 2.** 'Café Scientifique' is the first of its kind initiative in the IIT Delhi with collaboration of Ministry of Science and Technology aimed at popularising Science.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**13.** Choose the correct statements from the following regarding 'AUSINDEX-19', which was recently seen in news?

- 1.** It is the third edition of 'AUSINDEX-19' (Australia India Exercise), bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy is being held at Visakhapatnam.
- 2.** The exercise seeks to 'strengthen and enhance mutual cooperation and interoperability between both Navies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**14.** Consider the following statements with reference to the "Global Report on Food Crises 2019".

- 1.** The report is released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- 2.** According to the report, nearly two-thirds of those facing acute hunger come from African Countries.

Choose the correct code:

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**15.** Consider the following statements with reference to the "Ways and Means Advances (WMA)".

- 1.** The WMA scheme was designed to meet temporary mismatches in the receipts and payments of the government.
- 2.** This facility can be availed by the government if it needs immediate cash from the RBI.
- 3.** Interest rate for WMA is currently charged at the repo rate.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

**16.** “BS norms” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** The major difference in standards between the existing BS-IV and the new BS-VI auto fuel norms is the presence of sulphur.
- 2.** Recently NCR districts switch to Euro-VI grade fuels (BS-VI fuels).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**17.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “24 MH 60 helicopters”.

- 1.** The MH-60 Romeo Seahawk helicopter is considered to be the world’s most advanced maritime helicopter.
- 2.** Recently Russia approves sale of 24 MH 60 helicopters to India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**18.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)”?

- 1.** The Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) is an indicator of business activity in the Manufacturing sector.
- 2.** Economists consider the manufacturing growth measured by the PMI as a good indicator of industrial output, for which official statistics are released later.

Choose the correct code:

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**19.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs)”.

- 1.** An APA is an agreement between a taxpayer and the tax authority determining the Transfer Pricing in E-form.
- 2.** The progress of the APA scheme strengthens the government’s resolve of fostering a non-adversarial tax regime.
- 3.** The Indian APA programme has been appreciated nationally and internationally for being able to address complex transfer pricing issues in a fair and transparent manner.

Choose the correct code:

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

**20.** “NuGen Mobility Summit 2019” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Summit will be organised by the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in association with many institutions including NATRiP.
2. The NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 will be held during November at Manesar, National Capital Region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**21.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Universal health coverage (UHC)”.

1. It is about ensuring all people and communities have access to quality health services where and when they need them, without suffering financial hardship.
2. It is best based on a strong primary health care system.

**3.** Achieving UHC is one of the key targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**22.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Health Day”.

1. April 7 of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day.
2. This year theme of World Health Day 2019 is Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**23.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Asian Development Outlook 2019”.

1. Since oil prices rose and Asian currencies depreciated, inflation edged up last year but remained low by historical standards.
2. Asian Development Bank publishes Asian Development Outlook 2019.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**24.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “State of Global Air-2019 Report”.

1. World Health Organisation recently released a detailed report on quality of the global air with title, “State of Global Air-2019”.
2. India and China are collectively accounted for more than 50% of global 5 million deaths due to air pollution.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**25.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Global Cooling Coalition”.

1. The Global Cool Coalition is a unified front that links action across the Kigali Amendment, Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.
2. Besides the UN, it is supported by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, the Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program and Sustainable Energy for All (SE for ALL).

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**26.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “FAME 2 scheme”.

1. FAME 2 scheme aims to boost electric mobility and increase the number of electric vehicles in commercial fleets.
2. The government will offer the incentives for electric buses, three-wheelers and four-wheelers to be used for commercial purposes.
3. This scheme is launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**27.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Green Urban Areas”.

1. Green urban areas facilitate physical activity and relaxation and form a refuge from noise.
2. Green spaces such as parks and sports fields as well as woods and natural meadows, wetlands or other ecosystems, represent a fundamental component of any urban ecosystem.



Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**28.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Enemy properties”?

1. Enemy properties are those properties that were left behind by the people who took citizenship of Pakistan and China.
2. The government has vested these properties in the Custodian of Enemy Property for India, an office instituted under the Central government.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**29.** “Service Voter” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Service voter belonging to NRI, defence and paramilitary forces have the option of either voting through postal ballot or through a proxy voter duly appointed by him/her.
2. A service voter may appoint any person as his / her proxy to give vote on his / her behalf and in his / her name at the polling station.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**30.** Which of the following is/are not the objectives of the “Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana”?

1. Preventing young children from significant number of acute respiratory illnesses caused due to indoor air pollution by burning the fossil fuel.
2. Reducing the serious health hazards associated with cooking based on fossil fuel.

Choose the correct code:

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

**31.** “Neelakurinji” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Kurinji or Neelakurinji is a shrub that is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in South India.
2. The Paliyan tribal people living in Tamil Nadu used it as a reference to calculate their age.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**32.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Homoeopathy Day 2019”.

1. World Homoeopathy Day 2019 will be observed across the world on April 10, 2019.
2. A convention is being organised by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an autonomous research organisation, Ministry of AYUSH on the occasion of the World Homoeopathy Day.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**33.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “NIRF 2019 rankings”.

1. NIRF outlines a methodology to rank educational institutions across the country.
2. This year as well, educational institutions across the country were ranked in nine categories – overall, universities, engineering, colleges,

management, pharmacy, medical, architecture and law.

3. The rankings assume significance as performance of institutions has been linked with “Institutions of Eminence” scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**34.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Institutions of Eminence scheme”?

1. It aims to project Indian institutes to global recognition.
2. The institutes of eminence scheme under the NITI Aayog.
3. The private Institutions of Eminence can also come up as greenfield ventures provided the sponsoring organisation submits a convincing perspective plan for 15 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**35.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Online Harms White Paper”.

1. It is type of the Digital Currency for eg Bitcoin.
2. Online Harms White Paper is being released by the US Government.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**36.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Periyar River”.

1. The source of the Periyar lies high in the Western Ghats.
2. The upper part of the Periyar basin extends across the Cardamom Hills

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**37.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Small finance banks”.

1. The small finance bank will primarily undertake basic banking activities of acceptance of deposits and lending to unserved and underserved sections.
2. The phenomenal growth of small finance banks has come on a very small base which is why bigger banks and NBFCs don't see them as competition yet.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**38.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Dhanush artillery guns”.

1. It is the first ever indigenous artillery gun of this calibre, is classified as ‘medium artillery’.
2. Dhanush has been designed and developed by the Ordnance Factory Board at the Gun Carriage Factory at Jabalpur based on the Bofors drawings.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**39.** What are VVPAT machines, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail is a method that provides feedback to voters.
2. It enables authorities to count the votes manually if there is a dispute in the electronically polled votes.
3. It operates under a Direct Recording Election system (DRE) which detects fraud and existent malfunctions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**40.** “Currency chest” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Currency chests are branches of selected banks authorized by the Government of India to stock rupee notes and coins.
2. The Government has, however, reserved the right to determine the amount of coins that must be minted.
3. The central bank advises the Centre on the number of notes to be printed, the currency denominations, security features and so on.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**41.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “CRISPR Technology”.

1. CRISPR-Cas9 technology behaves like a cut-and-paste mechanism on DNA strands that contain genetic information.

2. CRISPR technology is basically a gene-editing technology that can be used for the purpose of altering genetic expression.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**42.** ‘Bold Kurukshetra 2019’ was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. 12th edition of ‘Bold Kurukshetra 2019’, a India- Japan joint military exercise, began at Babina Cantonment, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
2. The Exercise is aimed at attaining a high level of interoperability between the armies of both the nations through mutual understanding with each other’s operational procedures and equipment.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**43.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “International Maritime Organisation (IMO)”.

- 1.** The International Maritime Organization – is the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.
- 2.** IMO is governed by an assembly of members and is financially administered by a council of members elected from the assembly.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**44.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “International Finance Corporation (IFC)”?

- 1.** The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is an international financial institution that offers investment, advisory, and asset management services to encourage private sector development in developing countries.
- 2.** It is a member of the IMF.
- 3.** The IFC is owned and governed by its member countries but has its own executive leadership and staff that conduct its normal business operations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

**45.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Black holes” which was recently seen in news?

- 1.** A black hole is an object in space that is so dense and has such strong gravity that no matter or light can escape its pull. Because no light can escape, it is black and invisible.
- 2.** The gases in that accretion disk are heated up as they accelerate toward the black hole, causing them to glow extremely brightly.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**46.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Electoral bond scheme”.

- 1.** Political Parties polled in the last Lok Sabha elections or the State Legislative Assembly are eligible to receive the Electoral Bonds.
- 2.** The electoral bonds are aimed at rooting out the current system of largely anonymous cash donations made to political parties which lead to the generation of black money in the economy.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**47.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Summit on the Information Society Awards”.

1. WSIS is, at global level, the world’s largest annual gathering of the ‘ICT for development’ community.
2. The WSIS Forum is co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**48.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “RailWire Wi-Fi”.

1. RailWire is a retail Broadband initiative of the RailTel.
2. RailTel Corporation a “Mini Ratna(Category-I)” PSU of Ministry of Railways, is the largest neutral telecom services providers in the country.

3. Wi-Fi connections at 200 stations were provided with support from the Universal Service Obligatory Fund of the Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**49.** Consider the following statements regarding “Global Water Summit” which was recently seen in news?

1. Global Water Summit is the annual business conference for the water industry worldwide.
2. The summit provides a platform for connecting the public sector for accelerating change and innovation within the sector.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**50.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “India’s Official Secrets Act”.

1. The law meant for ensuring secrecy and confidentiality in governance, mostly on national security and espionage issues.
2. One of the main purposes of the Act was to muzzle the voice of nationalist publications.
3. The Indian Official Secrets Act, 1904 was enacted during the time of Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India from 1899 to 1905.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**51.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “e-cigarettes”.

1. An electronic cigarette (or e-cig) is a battery-powered vaporizer that mimics tobacco smoking.
2. It works by heating up a nicotine liquid, called “juice.”
3. Recently the Commerce Ministry has asked the Health Ministry to frame a law banning manufacture and sale of e-cigarettes in the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**52.** Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Bold Kurukshetra-2019”.

1. Bold Kurukshetra is a Joint Military Exercise of India and US.
2. The latest edition is being held at Babina Cantonment of Jhansi.
3. The joint exercise is aimed at developing military technology, enhance the maritime security and bolster the nations’ fight against terrorism.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**53.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “International Day of Human Space Flight”.

1. The day celebrates the anniversary of the first ever human space flight undertaken by Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet Union citizen then.
2. The spacecraft was launched by Vostok-K launch vehicle.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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



**54.** Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “first drone delivery service”.

1. It was launched by the Google ‘Wing’.
2. It’s began delivering first orders to customers in Canberra, Australia through flying drones.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**55.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Bamboo rice”.

1. Bamboo rice is special rice that is grown out of a dying bamboo shoot.
2. The rare variety, which was last harvested in Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**56.** Consider the following the statements with referenceto the “Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)”.

1. It has asked commonly used antibiotics manufacturers to ensure its details be made available to the general public.
2. CDSCOis under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India is the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of India.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**57.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Homo luzonensis”.

1. Homo luzonensis is an extinct species of primitive human in the genus Homo.
2. Recently an unknown human species that lived on an island in Philippines some 50,000 years ago– Homo luzonensis.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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



**58.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific (RCAP) Congress”.

- 1.** It is organized by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) in association with South Delhi Municipal Corporation.
- 2.** It is the annual global platform for urban resilience and climate change adaptation.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**59.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Unified Payments Interface (UPI)”.

- 1.** Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application.
- 2.** UPI platform outperforming e-wallets in terms of the value of transactions done, but it is also eating away at e-wallets’ market share in specific areas such as person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**60.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)”.

- 1.** The Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART, is a spacecraft designed to determine whether an asteroid can be redirected with a high-speed collision.
- 2.** SPACEX to launch NASA’S ASTEROID-SMASHING MISSION.
- 3.** DART would be NASA’s first mission to demonstrate what’s known as the kinetic impactor technique

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 2 and 3
- (c)** 1 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

**61.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Yangtze giant softshell turtles”.

- 1.** It is also known as the Red River giant softshell turtle, Shanghai softshell turtle, Swinhoe’s softshell turtle or speckled softshell turtle.
- 2.** It is listed as critically endangered in the IUCN Red List.
- 3.** It is the largest living freshwater turtle in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 2 and 3
- (c)** 1 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

**62.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Nirbhay missile”.

1. Nirbhay is a long range, all-weather, subsonic cruise missile.
2. It is a two-stage missile powered by Solid rocket motor booster.
3. The missile designed and developed in India by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with the USA.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**63.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “BBIN initiative” which was recently seen in news?

1. It is an initiative of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for its member countries.
2. The main objective of the agreement is to provide seamless people-to-people contact and enhance economic interaction by facilitating cross border movement of people and goods.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**64.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Central Monitoring Committee to check river pollution”.

1. The committee has been composed to monitor pollution of rivers, as it has caused serious threat to the safety of water and environment.
2. This committee is formed by the Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Urban Development.
3. The Chairman of CPCB will be the nodal authority for coordination.
4. The chief secretaries of the states will act as the nodal agency at the state level.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**65.** “SaraswatiSamman” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. SaraswatiSamman is the annual award given to an outstanding literary work in any Indian language mentioned in Schedule VIII of the Constitution.
2. The award is presented by the KK Birla Foundation, a literary and cultural organization.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

**66.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Non-Core Assets”.

1. Non-core assets are assets that are either not essential or simply no longer used in a company’s business operations.
2. Recently the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) issued guidelines for monetisation of non-core assets of CPSEs.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**67.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Indo-Pacific division”.

1. India is planning to put greater energy to the IORA because the heart of its Indo-Pacific policy is rooted in the Indian Ocean.
2. This integrates the blue economy part of the Indian policy with the security part.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**68.** What is the Shangri-La Dialogue, consider the following statements with reference to it?

1. The dialogue also called as IISS Asia Security Summit was launched in 2002 by British think tank the International Institute for Strategic Studies and the Singaporean government.
2. This annual dialogue brings together defence ministers and military chiefs from 28 Asia-Pacific countries to talk about security in the region.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**69.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) programme”.

- 1.** The GSLV Programme – Phase 4 will enable the launch of 2 tonne class of satellites for Geo-imaging, Navigation, Data Relay Communication and Space Sciences into the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).
- 2.** The first stage comprising a solid booster with four liquid strap-on motors, each weighing 40 ton.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**70.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Assam Rifles”.

- 1.** The administrative control of Assam Rifles lies with the Home Ministry, while the operational control is with the Defence Ministry.
- 2.** A plea filed in the court alleges the dual control as the violation of the rights of the troopers of Assam Rifles.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**71.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Kepler Space telescope”.

- 1.** The Kepler mission is specifically designed to survey our region of the Milky Way galaxy to discover hundreds of Earth-sized and smaller planets in or near the habitable zone.
- 2.** It was launched by the NASA.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**72.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Haemophilia Day”.

- 1.** Haemophilia is a medical condition, mostly inherited, in that the ability of blood to clot is severely reduced, so that even a minor injury can cause severe bleeding.
- 2.** World Haemophilia Day observed on 17<sup>th</sup> April of every year.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 nor 2

**73.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Great Indian Bustards (GIB)”.

1. The bird is a critically endangered species listed in the International Union for conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) Red List.
2. It is listed in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and in the CMS Convention and in Appendix I of CITES.
3. It has also been identified as one of the species for the recovery programme under the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**74.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Exercise ‘SEA VIGIL’.

1. The maiden national level Coastal Defence Exercise SEA VIGIL was conducted recently by the Indian Navy.
2. The exercise witnessed the simultaneous activation of the coastal security apparatus across the country involving maritime stakeholders at the Centre and all the 13 Coastal States and Union Territories.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**75.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Indian Forest Act amendment”.

1. As per the new draft, forest officials have not been given any authority to shoot tribals for “violation of laws”.
2. If a forest guard kills an “offender”, the move will invite no prosecution by the state governments without first initiating an inquiry into the matter under an executive magistrate.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**76.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Heritage Day”.

1. A World Heritage site is classified as a natural or man-made area or a structure that is of international importance, and a space which requires special protection.
2. These sites are officially recognised by the UN and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation, also known as UNESCO.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**77.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Western Disturbance”.

1. It is an extratropical storm originating in the Mediterranean region that brings sudden winter rain to the north-western parts of the Indian sub-continent.
2. It is a non-monsoonal precipitation pattern driven by the westerlies.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**78.** Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘Raavana-1’ satellite.

1. Sri Lanka has launched its first satellite ‘Raavana-1’ into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia’s East Shore.
2. ‘Raavana 1’ weighs around 1.05 kg. The lifespan of the satellite is around one and a half years.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**79.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Permanent Establishment (PE) in India”.

1. Permanent Establishment in India is a fixed place of business, wholly or partly carried out by a foreign enterprise operating in India.
2. PE makes a foreign companies’ Indian income taxable in India.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**80.** Consider the following statement with reference to the “UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)”.

1. It is established for the development of infrastructure and military force in South Sudan.
2. It supports the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in exercising its responsibilities for conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution and protect civilians.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**81.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB)”.

1. DTAB is highest statutory decision-making body on technical matters related to drugs in the country.
2. It is part of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**82.** “Bubble boy disease” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Bubble boy disease is caused by mutations in a gene called IL2RG on the X chromosome.
2. If a child tests positive for the disease at birth, they can’t necessarily do activities that other children can do.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**83.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)”, which was recently seen in news.

1. It is also known as green energy certificates or tradable renewable certificates are proof that energy has been generated from renewable sources such as solar or wind power.
2. Each REC represents the environmental benefits of 1MWh of renewable energy generation.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

**84.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Press Freedom Index 2019”.

1. It is published annually by Reporters Without Borders since 2002, the World Press Freedom Index measures the level of media freedom in 180 countries.
2. As per the index the press freedom in India is violence against journalists including police violence, attacks by Maoist fighters, criminal groups and corrupt politicians.



Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

**85.** “NepaliSat-1” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. NepaliSat-1 is a Nepal’s first satellite.
2. It is launched into space from the Virginia-based station of the NASA in the US.
3. NepaliSat-1 will collect information about the country’s topography and Earth’s magnetic field.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**86.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Asian Tea Alliance (ATA)”.

1. Asian Tea Alliance (ATA) is a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries.
2. The members of the alliance are the Indian Tea Association, China Tea Marketing Association, Indonesian Tea Marketing Association, Sri Lanka Tea Board and Japan Tea Association.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**87.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “FAME-II Scheme”.

1. FAME 2 scheme aims to boost electric mobility and increase the number of electric vehicles in commercial fleets.
2. FAME India is a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**88.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “SEEDS”.

1. SEEDS, a nonprofit voluntary organization, is a collective endeavor of young professionals drawn from development related fields.
2. It originated as an informal group of likeminded persons, getting together for the purpose of creative research projects of academic interest.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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



**89.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Olive Ridley Turtle”.

1. The olive ridley sea turtle are the second smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world.
2. The olive ridley is predominantly carnivorous, especially in immature stages of the lifecycle.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

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

**90.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Indian bullfrogs”.

1. The Indian bullfrog is native to the Indian subcontinent. It is a large species of frog found in mainland Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nepal.
2. They prefer freshwater wetlands and aquatic habitats and generally, they avoid coastal and forest areas.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**91.** Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘Imphal’.

1. Imphal is the third ship to be launched under Project 15B.
2. It is the Indian Navy launches Guided missile destroyer.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**92.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)”.

1. It is launched by the AYUSH ministry and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
2. The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) is an Indian digital knowledge repository of the traditional knowledge, especially about medicinal plants and formulations used in Indian systems of medicine.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**93.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Earth Day”.

1. It is an annual event, organized to show support for environmental protection around the world on April 22.
2. The theme of Earth Day 2019 was “Protect Our Species”.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**94.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Garia festival”.

1. Garia festival is an important festival for the Tripuri tribal community.
2. The Garia Puja is usually held from the beginning of the last day of the month of Chaitra till the seventh day of the month of April (Vaishakha).
3. They offer prayers to a bamboo pole whom they considered as their Lord Garia and sought His blessings for a good and prosperous life.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**95.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Authority”.

1. It was set up under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India as a statutory body under Companies Act 2013.
2. It aims to administer the Investor Education and Protection Fund with the objective of promoting Investor’s Education, Awareness and Protection.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**96.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Melamine”.

1. Melamine is an organic base chemical most commonly found in the form of white crystals rich in nitrogen.
2. The government has extended the ban on import of milk and its products, including chocolates, from China because Melamine are found in all these products.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**97.** “StartupBlink’s Startup Ecosystem Ranking” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements regarding it.

1. It aims of this report is to feature and rank hundreds of startup hubs instead of highlighting a few globally recognized winners.
2. India ranked 17 among 100 countries, based on the strength of its startup ecosystem.
3. Bangalore, New Delhi and Mumbai were the top cities in the Indian startup ecosystem.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**98.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Immunization Week 2019”.

1. The week aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people against various diseases.
2. The theme for this year’s immunization week is – Protected Together: Vaccines Work!

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**99.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Housing Bank”.

1. NHB is an All India Financial Institution (AIFI), set up in 1988, under the National Housing Bank Act, 1987.
2. It is an apex agency established to operate as a principal agency to promote housing finance institutions both at local and regional levels.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

**100.** Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India, was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It aims to harness and reinforce research in coordinated and combinatorial ways in order to achieve a tangible impact on malaria elimination.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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