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1. With reference to the 'Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS)' scheme, which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Under NBS, a fixed amount of subsidy decided on an annual basis, is provided on each grade of subsidized Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers depending on its Nutrient Content.
3. The scheme was sought to deregulate subsidy on urea fertilizers.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) program is an initiative under Skill India Mission.
2. The purpose of ACIC is to enable establishment of socially inclusive innovation ecosystem.
3. An important objective of ACIC establishment is to evolve a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model with participation from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to 'United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements (UNISA)', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The convention is named as the "Singapore Convention on Mediation".
2. It has been designed to become an essential instrument in the facilitation of international trade and in the promotion of mediation as an alternative and effective method of resolving trade disputes.
3. The Convention ensures that a settlement reached by parties becomes binding and enforceable in accordance with a simplified and streamlined procedure.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

4. With reference to the 'Komodo Dragon' (AMBIS), consider the following statements:

1. The Komodo dragon is the largest living species of lizard.
2. They are listed as endangered by the IUCN.
3. The dragon has venom glands, which are loaded with toxins that lower blood pressure and induces shock.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, the e-commerce company Amazon has launched the 'Samarth' initiative.
2. Initiative 'Samarth' will support the artisans, weavers and makers of handicrafts to sell their products online.
3. The initiative will also leverage the increasing internet penetration in rural India to boost entrepreneurship.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. With reference to the 'International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It has been founded by Atish Dabholkar, a theoretical physicist from India.
2. Its mandate is to provide education and skills to scientists from developing countries for their productive careers.
3. It has helped in stemming the scientific brain drain from the developing world.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The study 'Economic Valuation of Tiger Reserves in India: A Value+ Approach' is released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
2. The study is authored by the Centre for Ecological Services Management at the Indian Institute of Forest Management.
3. The Indian Institute of Forest Management is an autonomous institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, established in 1982.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. With reference to 'Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) cells', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. They are pluripotent stem cells i.e. capable of becoming any cell in the human body.
2. They are generated from adult cells by reprogramming them.
3. iPSCs can self-renew and differentiate into extra-embryonic cells.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9. The 'Hope Probe', sometimes mentioned in the news is a
- Emirates Mars Mission
 - First Indian mission to study the Sun
 - NASA's Mercury Mission
 - Japan mission to clean the space-debris

10. Consider the following statements:

- In multi cropping system, farmers grow two or more crops on farmland in one calendar year.
- A multi cropping system, includes inter-cropping, mixed-cropping and relay cropping.
- Intercropping involves growing more than one crop simultaneously without any distinct row arrangement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. With reference to scheme 'Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP)', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

- It is an outcome-oriented scheme of Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- It is a Central Sector Scheme being implemented in mission mode through United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- The scheme aims to implement the mandate of the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only

12. Consider the following statements:

- The next census of India will be conducted in 2021 with March 1, 2021 as the reference date, covering entire India.
- The Census 2021 will be conducted in all 22 scheduled languages of the constitution.
- The first synchronous census in India was held in 1881.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements:

- Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) scheme is a World Bank assisted project.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aims to improve the skill training provided through vocational institutes.
- Centrally Sponsored Scheme is 100% funded by the Union government and implemented by the Central Government machinery.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. The 'Fit and Proper' Criteria, sometimes mentioned in the news is related to

- Elected Directors of Public Sector Banks
- Voluntary Retirement Scheme
- Procurement Rules for Local Authorities
- Recruitment in Armed Forces

15. Consider the following statements:

- Indian journalist Ravish Kumar has been awarded the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The award is internationally-recognized as the Nobel Prize counterpart of Asia.
- It is named after Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Republic of the Philippines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. With reference to the project 'Livelihoods in Full Employment (LIFE)', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

- The project has been formulated by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship under Skill India Mission in April 2015.
- The project aims to promote self-reliance and improving the skill base of MGNREGA workers.
- Under the project, the government provides training to eligible workers in the age group 15-35 years.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only

17. With reference to 'Inter-University Accelerator Centre (IUAC)', which of the following statements is/are correct?

- It is an autonomous research centre under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- It was formerly known as the Nuclear Science Centre.
- The basic objective of the centre is to provide front ranking accelerator based research facilities to create possibilities for internationally competitive research within the university system.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first Human Genome Mapping project will be implemented by the Department of Science and Technology.
2. The Project involves scanning of 20,000 Indian genomes in order to develop diagnostic tests and effective therapies for treating diseases such as cancer.
3. According to the Epidemiological Transition Level concept (ETL), cancer patients started to decrease in India with an increase in life expectancy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. 'Storm Area 51' is Facebook event, promising to storm the alleged secret US military base in the Nevada desert.
2. Officially known as the Nevada Test and Training Range, Area 51 is part of the Nellis Air Force Base.
3. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been using the facility since 1955 to develop and test supersonic aircraft and stealth fighter jets

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. The 'Urkund', sometimes mentioned in the news is a -

- (a) Anti-plagiarism software
(b) Women safety App
(c) Russia's Mars Mission
(d) Unmanned aerial vehicle

21. With reference to 'Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage), Act 2019', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. The Act makes all declaration of talaq, including in written or electronic form, to be void and illegal.
2. The Act makes the declaration of talaq a non-cognizable offence, attracting up to five years imprisonment with a fine.
3. Under the Act, a Muslim woman against whom talaq has been declared, is entitled to seek custody of her minor children.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

22. With reference to 'Pathamadai Silk Mat', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The handmade mat is made up of Korai grass, a montane grass found only in Kerala.
2. The mat has been granted Geographical Indication (GI) status.
3. These mats are made specially for child birth ceremonies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

23. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is not a legally binding agreement .
2. India, for the first time, will host the 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of UNCCD in September, 2019.
3. India did not join the Bonn Challenge, a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 371 provides special provisions mostly for the northeastern states in India.
2. Special provisions under Article 371 are granted to preserve tribal culture of these states.
3. Article 371F mandates a five-year term for the Sikkim state assembly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following pairs:

| Strait | Connected Water bodies |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Strait of Magellan | Atlantic and Pacific Oceans |
| 2. Strait of Hormuz | Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea |
| 3. Strait of Gibraltar | Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman |

Which of pairs given above is/are matched correctly?

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

26. With reference to 'Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It was launched by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in April 2017.
2. It measures quarterly changes of various labour market statistical indicators in urban areas and generates annual estimates of these indicators for both rural and urban areas.
3. According to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18, 6.1% of India's labour force, and 17.8% of young people in the labour force are unemployed.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

27. With reference to 'Aquaponics', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is an ecologically sustainable model that combines Hydroponics with Aquaculture.
2. By using this model, both fish and plants can grow in one integrated ecosystem.
3. It needs much lesser initial startup costs compared with soil production or hydroponics.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

28. Consider the following statements:

1. Although nitrogen is abundant in the atmosphere as nitrogen gas (N₂), it is largely inaccessible in this form to most organisms.
2. Only when nitrogen is converted from nitrogen gas to ammonia (NH₃) it becomes available to primary producers, such as plants.
3. Nitrification process converts nitrogen gas (N₂) into biologically available nitrogen i.e. ammonia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first national Time Release Study (TRS) is being conducted by the Ministry of Shipping.
2. TRS is specifically referred to in Article 7.6 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) as a tool for Members to measure and publish the average release time of goods.
3. TRS is an internationally recognized tool advocated by the World Meteorological Organization to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of international trade flows.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements:

1. India has been ranked thirteenth out of 17 most water stressed countries as per the data released by World Resources Institute. (WRI).
2. Chandigarh tops the WRI list, followed by Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

31. With reference to 'Vikram Sarabhai Journalism Award', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. The award has been announced by the Press Trust of India (PTI).
2. The award will recognize and reward journalists who have actively contributed towards the field of space science, applications, and research.
3. The Award nominations are open to all Indians who have a good experience in journalism.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

32. With reference to 'Tardigrades', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. They are marine creatures found only in great depths of the oceans.
2. Also known as water bears or moss piglets, they are capable of surviving in extreme temperatures.
3. They are microscopic, multicellular, and one of the most durable forms of life on planet Earth.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the world's largest recycler and scrap metal importer of the world.
2. Recently, China has emerged as the world's second-largest scrap importer of steel.
3. National Steel Policy (NSP) 2017 aims a per capita steel consumption of 158 Kgs by 2030-31.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Shipping.
2. ICZM project attempts to achieve sustainability through the integrated management of the coast.
3. The National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, is providing scientific and technical inputs for the project.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. The 'Heracles Inexpectatus', sometimes mentioned in the news is a -

- (a) Giant extinct Parrot
(b) Greek divine hero
(c) NASA's space Mission
(d) Endangered Macaque

36. With reference to 'Enforcement Directorate', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It is a specialized financial investigation agency under the Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance.
2. It enforces the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).
3. It is not empowered to arrest an accused without a warrant under the PMLA Act, 2002.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

37. With reference to the report, "Climate Change and Land", which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a special report of the World Bank, focuses on the contribution of land-related activities to global warming.
2. The report says the global food production system could account for 16 to 27 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions.
3. According to the report, the mean land surface air temperature between 2006 to 2015 was about 1.53 degree Celsius above the average pre-industrial period of 1850 to 1900.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

38. Consider the following statements:

1. A futures contract is a legal agreement to buy or sell a particular commodity or asset at a predetermined price at a specified time in the future.
2. Futures contracts can not be used as hedging instruments in agricultural commodities.
3. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is the regulatory authority for commodity futures market in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) was observed from 1st to 7th August 2019.
2. The theme of WBW 2019 is "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding".
3. 'Mothers Absolute Affection (MAA)' is a programme of Ministry of Women and Child Development to promote breastfeeding in the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

40. With reference to 'Angel Tax', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It is a tax on the excess capital raised by an unlisted company through the issue of shares over and above the fair market value of those shares.
2. The tax was introduced in the 2012 Union Budget by the finance minister to arrest laundering of funds.
3. The tax most commonly affects start-ups and the angel investors who back them.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

41. With reference to 'Indian star tortoise', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. Indian star tortoise is found only in India, more specifically, in the Central and Southern parts of the country.
2. It is protected under Schedule IV of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972
3. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has listed it under the endangered category.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

42. With reference to the 'Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Its secretariat is administered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and is located at Geneva, Switzerland.
2. The convention is legally binding on the Parties and it takes the place of national laws.
3. Appendix I of the convention includes species threatened with extinction.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

43. Consider the following statements:

1. International Day of Indigenous People is observed every year on August 9 to raise awareness about the needs of indigenous people.
2. The theme of International Day of Indigenous People, 2019 is 'Indigenous People's Languages'.
3. In 2019 on International day of indigenous people, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched a new programme, 'Leather Mission'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Biofuel Day is observed every year on August 30 to create awareness about conventional fossil fuels.
2. Any hydrocarbon fuel that is produced from an organic matter (living or once living material) in a short period of time is considered as biofuel.
3. Third generation biofuels are produced from non-food crops or portions of food crops that are not edible and considered as wastes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. With reference to 'Minamata Convention', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of arsenic and its compounds.
2. The convention entered into force in August 2017
3. More than 50 countries including India have not ratified the Convention.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

46. With reference to 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It aims to draw up District Development Plans in the country.
2. It is an intensive and structured exercise for planning at district level through convergence between urban local governments and concerned departments of the State.
3. The entire exercise is meant to identify the gaps at the Gram Panchayat level, make an assessment of where it stands, and accordingly plan the interventions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

47. With reference to 'National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Established in 1968, the Institute is located at Nagpur in Maharashtra.
2. In addition to the main campus, this Institute has North-Eastern Regional Centre at Guwahati, Assam to meet the NE-regional needs.
3. It is recognized internationally as one of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Centres of Excellence.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

48. Consider the following statements:

1. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative.
2. RUCO will enable collection and conversion of used cooking oil to biodiesel.
3. Recently, on the occasion of World Biofuel Day, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas released the Expression of Interest (EOI) for procurement of biodiesel made from Used Cooking Oil (UCO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Total Fertility Rate (TFR) indicates the average number of children expected to be born to a woman during her reproductive span of 15-49 years.
2. In Bihar, the TFR of women who have not completed primary schooling is more as compared to illiterate women.

3. At the all-India level, the TFR for women with below primary education is less as compared to illiterate women.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. With reference to 'Customer Hiring Centres (CHCs)', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Customer Hiring Centres (CHCs) are basically a unit providing insurance services to marginal farmers.
2. Ideally, the CHCs should be located within a radius of 5 to 7 kms of land holdings.
3. CHCs aims to reduce the transport cost and time of transport of agricultural machinery.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

51. With reference to 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. The scheme has been launched to augment the income of the Small and Marginal Farmers.
2. It is a voluntary and contribution based pension scheme.
3. Those farmers who are of the age of 18 years and above and upto 40 years are eligible to join the scheme.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

52. With reference to 'Fishing Cats', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. In India, fishing cats are mainly found in the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans, and in the Western Ghats.
2. It is listed as Critically Endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of threatened species.
3. It is included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 of India, and thereby protected from hunting in the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

53. Consider the following statements:

1. Biosphere reserves are areas comprising terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems.

2. Biosphere reserves are nominated by national governments and remain under the sovereign jurisdiction of the states where they are located.

3. The transition area of a Biosphere reserve adjoins the core areas, and is used for activities compatible with sound ecological practices.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements:

1. The Zonal Councils are the constitutional bodies.
2. The States Reorganisation Act of 1956, divided the country into six zones and provided a zonal council for each zone.
3. Western Zonal Council comprises Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and the Union Territories of Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. With reference to the project 'City Knowledge and Innovation Clusters', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The project is led by the NITI Aayog on a priority basis.
2. The project will assist industries in gaining access to existing technology, and help academic institutions and R&D facilities commercialise this technology.
3. Under the project each city cluster will have a nodal office headed by a Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who will be selected by the stakeholders.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

56. With reference to 'Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)', which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. It traces its origin to the Special Police Establishment (SPE) which was set up in 1941 by the Government of India.
2. It functions under the superintendence of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in all matters.
3. Its Director has been provided with two year security of tenure.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

57. Consider the following statements:

- Articles 92 and 160 of the Constitution of India provides for readjustment (Delimitation) and the division of each State into territorial constituencies on the basis of the 2001 census.
- According to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of the UT of J&K would be increased from 107 to 114.
- The Act also specifies that delimitation will be based on the 2001 census till 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements:

- Under the Partial Guarantee Scheme, Public Sector Banks can purchase securities of financially-sound non-banking finance companies (NBFCs).
- Under the scheme, NBFCs are not required to maintain the regulatory minimum Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) while exercising of the option to buy back the assets.
- CAR is a measure of a bank's available capital expressed as a percentage of a bank's risk-weighted credit exposures.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. With reference to 'National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS)', which of the following statements is/are correct?

- Established in 1978, the institute is located at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
- It operates by the Earth System Science Organization under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- It fosters multidisciplinary research in emerging areas of solid earth science by utilizing the knowledge for earth science applications.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

60. Consider the following statements:

- Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the 'Swachh Survekshan 2019', themed "Cleanliness is Necessary".
- MoHUA has conducted its first Swachh Survekshan survey for ranking 73 cities in January 2016, under the ambit of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).
- The Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) launched on 2nd October 2014 aims at making urban India free from open defecation and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answers

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| 1. (c) | 2. (c) | 3. (d) | 4. (b) | 5. (c) | 6. (a) | 7. (d) | 8. (b) | 9. (a) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (c) | 13. (a) | 14. (a) | 15. (d) | 16. (a) | 17. (c) | 18. (b) | 19. (d) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (b) | 23. (b) | 24. (b) | 25. (a) | 26. (a) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (b) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (c) | 33. (c) | 34. (c) | 35. (a) | 36. (d) | 37. (c) | 38. (d) | 39. (b) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (d) | 42. (c) | 43. (b) | 44. (b) | 45. (c) | 46. (b) | 47. (d) | 48. (d) | 49. (b) | 50. (d) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (c) | 53. (a) | 54. (d) | 55. (d) | 56. (b) | 57. (c) | 58. (c) | 59. (d) | 60. (d) |