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1. World's first graphene electronic paper has been developed by which country?
(a) India (b) Brazil
(c) Japan (d) China
2. India signed MoU with which country to provide \$100 million credit line for infrastructure fund?
(a) Nepal (b) Indonesia
(c) Papua New Guinea (d) New Zealand
3. Which Indian-American journalist has won the 2016 Edgar A Poe award?
(a) K.P. Bagchi (b) Rina Khan
(c) Kalyani Mukherjee (d) Neela Banerjee
4. Which Indian power company has recently received in-principle approval for LNG-based power plant in Bangladesh?
(a) NTPC Limited
(b) Reliance Power
(c) Jindal Steel and Power
(d) Tata Power
5. The 2016 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) prize in e-Agriculture category has been won by which state of India?
(a) Kerala (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Punjab (d) Odisha
6. Consider the following statements.
1. Union Government's National LED programme - Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) was launched on 30th April in Madhya Pradesh.
2. The scheme is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Urban Development.
3. UJALA will not only help reduce consumers their electricity bills but also contribute to the energy security of India.
4. The UJALA scheme is being monitored in a transparent manner through a national dashboard (www.delp.in).
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
Codes:
(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4
(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
7. Consider the following statements.
1. May 3, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.
2. The theme for 2016 is "Let Journalism Thrive! Towards Better Reporting, Gender Equality, & Media Safety in the Digital Age".
3. It is an opportunity to: celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom; assess the state of press freedom throughout the world; defend the media from attacks on their independence; and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
Codes:
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of these
8. Consider the following statements.
1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia 1st May.
2. The scheme aims to provide cooking gas connections to five crore below-poverty-line beneficiaries over the next five years.
3. The ambitious Rs 8,000 crore scheme will partly be funded using the money saved from 1.13 crore cooking gas users voluntarily giving up their subsidies through PM's Sahaj scheme.
4. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana scheme provides a financial support of Rs 1,600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
Codes:
(a) 1 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4
(c) 1 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
9. Consider the following statements.
1. Scientists have discovered the world's tiniest engine which is powered by light and may help develop nano-machines that can navigate in water, sense the environment around them, or even enter living cells to fight disease.
2. The prototype device is made of tiny charged particles of gold, bound together with temperature-responsive polymers in the form of a crystal.
3. Jeremy Baumberg from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who led the research, named the devices 'ANTs', or Actuating Nano-transducers.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
Codes:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of these
10. Consider the following statements.
1. Gujarat government announced that it will bring an ordinance to provide 10 per cent reservation for economically backward classes (EBC) among upper castes on May 2, the state's Foundation Day.
2. Families that earn less than Rs 5 lakh per year will qualify for the quota.
3. The Anandiben administration has followed Haryana and Rajasthan governments which recently announced special quotas for Jats and Gujjars respectively.
Codes:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 only (d) None of these
11. Consider the following statements.
1. Supreme Court paved the way for National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) this year for admission into medical colleges.
2. The apex court agreed with the schedule put before it that the first phase of the NEET will be on May 1, while the second will be held on July 24.

3. NEET, which was declared illegal and unconstitutional by SC in 2012, was restored on April 11 after a five-judge Constitution bench recalled the earlier verdict and allowed the Centre and the Medical Council of India (MCI) to implement the common entrance test till the court decides afresh on its validity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 only (d) None of these

12. Consider the following statements regarding Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.

1. Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 came into force on May 1, 2016 setting in motion the process of making necessary operational rules and creation of institutional infrastructure.
2. Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has notified 69 of the total 92 sections of the Act on culminating the eight year long efforts in this regard.
3. Rules under the Act have to be formulated by the Central and State Governments within a maximum period of three months under Section 84 of the Act.
4. A proposal for a law for Real Estate was first mooted at the National Conference of Housing Ministers of States and Union Territories in January, 2009.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

13. Consider the following statements.

1. President Pranab Mukherjee presented the 15th Set of FIEO "Niryat Shree" and "Niryat Bandhu" Awards.
2. The awards were given to companies from various sectors of exports besides service providers, banks, various facilitating agencies promoting exports during the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) in Mumbai.
3. Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) was set up in 1965 has completed 50 years of its service to the exporting community.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) None of these

14. Consider the following statements.

1. Parliament passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2016.
2. The Bill amends the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1954.
3. The Bill allows for the transfer of mining leases which have been granted through procedures other than auction, and where the minerals are used for captive purpose.
4. The Bill adds a definition of mining area, as the area within which mining operations can be undertaken. This will also include the non-mineralised area required for the activities defined under mine in the Mines Act, 1952.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 3 and 4 (d) All of them

15. Consider the following statements.

1. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has entered into collaboration with German Government for a special programme on 'Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security'.
2. The programme is part of the German government's recently introduced special initiative 'One World, No Hunger' initiative.
3. India is the second country in Asia after Afghanistan to be chosen for this initiative.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) None of these

16. Who authored the book "Shashi Kapoor - the Householder, the Star"?

- (a) Srikanth Raghwan (b) Esther David
(c) Milind Kumar (d) Aseem Chhabra

17. Which kabaddi team has won the 2016 Asian Kabaddi championships?

- (a) India (b) Pakistan
(c) Turkmenistan (d) Iran

18. Which denomination banknotes with insert 'R' will be issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) Rs. 50 (b) Rs. 100
(c) Rs. 500 (d) Rs. 1000

19. Which city has been named as the world's most polluted city, as per recently released urban air quality database of World Health Organization (WHO)?

- (a) Al Jubail (b) Riyadh
(c) Zabol (d) Delhi

20. Who has been appointed as the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) in the Supreme Court of India?

- (a) Rajdeep Mehta (b) Ashok Rastogi
(c) Atma Ram Nadkarni (d) Sanjay Jain

21. Consider the following statements in the context of the "World Economic Outlook, April 2016" report published by IMF.

1. The IMF's latest World Economic Outlook now predicts global growth of 3.5% in 2016 and 3.7% in 2017.
2. India will be the fastest growing major economy in 2016-17 growing at 7.5%, ahead of China, at a time when global growth is facing increasing downside risks.
3. According to the IMF the growth rate of the Indian economy is driven by private consumption and an increase in industrial activity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

22. Consider the following statements.

1. The communication satellite of Japan, JCSAT-14 was launched aboard Space-X's Falcon 9 launch vehicle.
2. It was launched from the Cape Cod Air Force Station in the U.S. state of Florida.
3. The satellite was placed into its intended preliminary geostationary transfer orbit (GTO) by Space-X Falcon 9 rocket after 32 minutes of flight.

4. JCSAT-14 is equipped with 26 C-band transponders and 18 Ku-band transponders. It will use these to provide telecommunications services across Asia, Oceania, the Pacific Islands, and Russia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

23. Consider the following statements.

1. HDFC Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a strategic partnership with the New Development Bank (NDB).
2. The two banks will consider each other as preferred partners and will harness their respective resource advantages and professional expertise.
3. NDB is a multilateral development bank promoted by BRICS nations viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. It is outcome of 6th BRICS Summit being held in Fortaleza, Brazil.
4. Pravin Jammadas Gordhan, from India, is the first elected president of the NDB.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

24. Consider the following statements.

1. India is ranked ninth in crony-capitalism with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), according to a new study by The Economist.
2. Russia tops the list with wealth from the country's crony sectors amounts to 18 per cent of its GDP, followed by Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore.
3. France was ranked lowest and was found out to be the cleanest country, where just few of the country's billionaires derive their wealth from crony sectors.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

25. Consider the following statements.

1. The World Migratory Bird Day 2016 was celebrated on 10th May.
2. The theme for WMBD 2016 is Energy - make it bird-friendly!
3. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) was initiated in 2006 and is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

26. Consider the following statements.

1. Rajya Sabha passed the major economic reform Bill moved by the Government i.e. 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
2. The essential idea of the new law is that when a firm defaults on its debt, control shifts from the shareholders / promoters to a Committee of Creditors, who have 120 days in which to evaluate proposals from various players about resuscitating the company or taking it into liquidation.

3. The objective of the new law is to promote entrepreneurship, availability of credit, and balance the interests of all stakeholders.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) None of these

27. Consider the following statements.

1. The multilateral Red Flag Aerial combat exercises was held between US, ANZUS and allied forces and India Air Force (IAF).
2. The four-week long aerial combat exercises were held at the Altus Air Force Base, Altus.
3. This was the second time India had participated in such an exercise after 2008.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

28. Consider the following statements.

1. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), launched Shourya, the fifth of a series of six Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), designed in-house and being built by GSL, for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
2. This 105-metre new generation OPV was launched by the Governor of Goa, Om Prakash Kohli.
3. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) is one of India's best shipyards and designated "mini-Ratna" by the Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

29. Consider the following statements.

1. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a special drive 'One Employee-One EPF' to encourage EPF members to consolidate their multiple accounts.
2. The drive has been launched by Union Labour and Employment Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in New Delhi.
3. With consolidation, a member can have partial control of his EPF account apart from accessing variety of IT enabled services such as email/sms alerts, access to e-pass book etc.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

30. Consider the following statements.

1. Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.
2. The Agreement between the two countries will be for duration of 10 years after which it will be automatically extended for another five years.
3. It provides for promoting cooperation through short and medium term programmes within the framework of the joint activities mentioned in the Agreement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Codes:

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

31. Recently India and WHO signed a landmark agreement. Which of the following statements about the agreement are correct?

1. Cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine.
2. Project collaboration Agreement (PCA) was signed between WHO and AYUSH, India.
3. It has been signed for the year 2016–2018.
4. The PCA will deliver for the first time WHO benchmark document for training in Yoga, and WHO benchmarks for practice in Ayurveda, Unani and Panchakarma.

Choose the correct option.

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

32. Consider the following statements and choose the correct ones from given options.

1. United States has activated a land based missile defence station in Poland.
2. The missile defence station is a part of NATO's larger European shield to protect member countries from short and medium range missiles, particularly from the Middle East.
3. The defensive umbrella will stretch from Greenland to the Azores.
4. It uses powerful computer and radar technology to track and guide weapons to destroy enemy targets.
5. The command and control of the site run from a US air base in Netherlands.

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

33. Who will become the first Indian to be honoured with the 2016 International Astronautical Federation's 'Hall of Fame' Award?

- (a) UR Rao (b) K. Radhakrishnan
(c) G. Madhavan Nair (d) A.S. Kiran Kumar

34. Consider the following statements about Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile test fired by India recently.

1. Indigenously developed AAD interceptor missile, Ashwin was successfully test fired.
2. The missile was test fired from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh.
3. It has been indigenously developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
4. It is capable of destroying any incoming hostile ballistic missile.
5. It is 7.5 meter long and weighs around 1.2 tonnes.
6. The missile also has its own mobile launcher, secure data link for interception, independent tracking and homing capabilities and sophisticated radars.

Which of the above statements are correct ?

Choose the correct option.

- (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 1, 2, 3, 4
(c) 2, 3, 5 and 6 (d) 1, 4, 5 and 6

35. Which is the rank of India in the category of Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index reported by EY?

- (a) 3rd (b) 4th
(c) 11th (d) 12th

36. Consider the following statements about world's first Scanning Helium Microscope.

1. Japanese researchers have built the world's first Scanning Helium Microscope.
2. This microscope will be used to study human, animal and plant samples, as well as computer chips and pharmaceutical drugs, without damaging or changing them.
3. The new findings has implications for major industries like solar energy, defence and information technology.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

37. Recently Income Tax (IT) department has launched e-portal.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. IT department has launched electronic grievance redressal portal called 'e-samadhan'.
2. This e-portal clear taxpayers grievances and ensure early resolution of their complaints in fast track route.
3. It integrates all online and physical complaints gathered by the department at this platform which will be monitored by the Assessing officer..

Choose the correct option.

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

38. Who has won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for the year 2016?

- (a) Han Sang (b) Han Kong
(c) Han Kong (d) Han Mong

39. Consider the following statements and choose the correct option.

1. Cab aggregator Ola has signed a MoU with National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).
2. It focuses on building a sustainable framework by supporting entrepreneurship, Skill development training and self-defence courses for Safai Karamcharis and Scavengers.
3. This initiative is in line with government's mission to up-skill drivers and create an ecosystem that is conducive for them to grow as entrepreneurs.

Which of the above statement/s is/are incorrect?

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

40. Recently eight Himalayan brown bears were spotted in India.

Consider the following statements about these brown bears.

1. Himachal Pradesh Wildlife Department has spotted eight Himalayan brown bears in Spiti district.
2. It is first ever sighting of a group of bears. No such sighting has ever been reported from Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where these animals are distributed.

3. Himalayan brown bear is also Known as the Himalayan red bear and Isabelline bear.
4. In the IUCN list of 'endangered' category animals the bear is included.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 4
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 3 and 4
41. Assembly Elections 2016 results of five states are declared recently. Consider the following statements about results.
1. Assam: BJP gains the position for the first time.
 2. Kerala: Congress headed UDF wins the election.
 3. Tamil Nadu: AIADMK retains the position.
 4. West Bengal: Mamta Banerjee retains the position.
 5. Karnataka: DMK succeeds.
- Which of the above results is/are correct?
- Choose the correct option.
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
(c) 2, 4 and 5 (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5
42. Who has won the 2016 formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix?
- (a) Kimi Raikkonen (b) Nico Rosberg
(c) Lewis Hamilton (d) Max Verstappen
43. Consider the following statements about the three IT initiatives launched by Union Government.
1. Union Government has launched INFRACON, e-PACE and up-Scaled INAMPRO-initiatives in road transport sector.
 2. These innovative IT initiatives were developed by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd..
 3. INFRACON is National Portal for Infrastructure Consultancy firms and key personnel.
 4. INAM PRO is a web-based application for infrastructure and Material providers.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 3 and 4
44. Recently Union Government has constituted a committee to review and give recommendations on the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM). Which of the following statements are correct?
1. It is a 6 member committee.
 2. Headed by N.K. Singh.
 3. Review the working of the FRBM Act 2005 and suggest the way forward.
 4. Consider the possibility of replacing absolute fiscal deficit targets with a target range that may be adjusted in line with the overall credit trends in the economy.
- Choose the correct option.
- (a) 2 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 2, 3 and 4
45. Which country hosted the 2016 Women Economic Forum (WEF)?
- (a) South Africa (b) Russia
(c) India (d) Brazil
46. Which country has recently hit by the tropical cyclone 'Roanu'?
- (a) Russia (b) United States
(c) Japan (d) India
47. Consider the following statements about the first World Conference on Tourism for Development.
1. It was held in Malaysia
 2. The theme was 'Tourism for Peace and Development'.
 3. It was organised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO).
 4. Its focus was on discussion to align national development strategies of countries with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the role of Public and private partnership (PPP) in the 2030 SDGs.
- Which of the above statements are correct? Choose from the given options.
- (a) 1, 2, and 3 (b) 2 and 4
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
48. Which of the following statements is/are correct about G7 Finance Summit ?
1. It was held in France.
 2. Its aim is to give fillip for balancing the growth of the global economy amid the slowing down of the Chinese economy and those of other emerging countries.
 3. This is the first such meeting where macro-economic challenges to inspire growth and check instability in markets by pooling together macro economic agendas.
 4. The G7 countries were represented by Prime Ministers.
- Choose the correct option.
- (a) 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) only 1
49. Recently a Fast Attack Craft joined the Indian Navy. Which of the statement is/are correct?
1. The Indian Navy commissioned indigenously built Fast Attack Craft INS armugli.
 2. It will be used for deployment of coastal patrol and surveillance operations along the west coast of India.
 3. This is the second follow – on Water Jet Fast Attack Craft.
 4. It was named after a pretty island in the Andaman Islands group
- Choose the correct option.
- (a) 1 and 4 (b) only 2
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3
50. Who is the author of the recently released two new books – 'My Favourite Nature Stories' and 'The World Outside My Window'?
- (a) Madhavan (b) Arundhati Roy
(c) Chetan Bhagat (d) Ruskin Bond
51. Recently India bans nationals from travelling to Libya. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect ?
1. Indian Home Ministry has banned Indian nationals from travelling to Libya.
 2. The decision is taken in view of prevailing security situation in the country.
 3. This move comes after reports of a Libyan former minister being killed in clashes between unity government forces and fighters of the ISIS group.
- (a) only 3 (b) only 2
(c) only 1 (d) 2 and 3

52. Consider the following statements about recently launched India's largest online repository of dictionaries.
1. The Union HRD minister has launched a multilingual knowledge portal with over 130 dictionaries, glossaries and terminology books in text and PDF formats.
 2. It is named as Bharat Jigyasa Kosh.
 3. The Central Institute of Indian languages, Mysuru is implementing this project.
 4. The portal has been launched in 12 scheduled languages.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
53. Consider the following statements about recently held World Humanitarian Summit.
1. The World Humanitarian Summit was held for the first time to address the extraordinary challenges to the current international humanitarian system.
 2. This historic summit was held in Iran.
 3. The UN Secretary General has called for humanity – people's safety, dignity and the right to thrive — to be placed at the heart of global decision making.
 4. The World Bank Group announced the launch of a new fund 'Education Cannot Wait' fund at the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS).
- Which of the above statements are correct ?
- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
54. Recently Cabinet has approved National Capital Goods Policy 2016. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?
1. This is second policy for Capital goods sector since 2006.
 2. It is framed by Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
 3. Main objectives include increase production of capital goods, raise direct and indirect employment and increase exports.
 4. Help in realising the vision of 'Building India as the world class hub for Capital Goods'.
- Choose the correct ones from given options.
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 and 4
55. Which country has won the 2016 Thomas Cup tournament?
- (a) Indonesia (b) Denmark
(c) India (d) China
56. Consider the following statements about the ASSOCHAM – KPMG study on E – waste.
1. India has emerged as the world's seventh largest electronic waste producer.
 2. India being world's second largest mobile market with 1.03 billion subscribers, nearly 25% of it end up in e-waste annually.
 3. The unorganised sector in India is estimated to handle around 95% of the e – waste produced in the country.
- Which of the above statement is/are incorrect?
- (a) only 3 (b) only 2
(c) only 1 (d) 2 and 3
57. Who has won the 2016 Millennium Technology Prize?
- (a) Frances Arnold (b) Bill Gates
(c) Tim Berners – Lee (d) Stuart Parkin
58. Consider the following statements about NASA study on Antarctica. Choose the correct statement/s from given options.
1. NASA – led study has found that sea ice cover surrounding Antarctica has been increasing slightly.
 2. The inverse rise of the sea ice cover was observed as a result of geology of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean .
 3. Geological factors including Ocean currents and winds to drive the formation and evolution of sea ice cover and making to sustain it.
- (a) only 1 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) only 3
59. Consider the following statements about National Investment and Manufacturing Zone.
1. Union government has approved to set up NIMZ in West Bengal.
 2. It will create employment opportunities.
 3. It will help the state grow as a manufacturing hub and also help Kolkata seaport's growth.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct? Choose from the given options.
- (a) only 1 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) only 2
60. Recently the Pakke Tiger Reserve has won the '2016 India Biodiversity Award'. In which state of India it is located?
- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Madhya Pradesh
61. Consider the following statements about RTI memorial unveiled recently in a state.
1. A distinctive memorial celebrating the Right to Information has come up at Wardha in Maharashtra.
 2. Hundreds of people thronged at Chang Gate in Beawa town to venerate the historic 40-days dharna of 1996 for RTI.
 3. The iconic movement enforced the state government to pass the state RTI Act in 2005, after which parliament enacted the RTI Act in 2008.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct? Choose from the given options.
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
62. Recently, a state in India has carried out survey that enters into the history of Limca Book of Record. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct about this survey?
1. Jharkhand government has carried out the house-to-house survey in a single day.
 2. It gathered entire information of people.
 3. The survey was carried out to ascertain the social and economic status of citizens.
 4. The survey was carried out to identify the real beneficiaries of the government welfare schemes.
- Choose the correct ones from given options.
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) Only 1
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 2
63. Consider the following statements about BrahMos missile test-fired recently.
1. Indian Air force successfully tested BrahMos air-attack missile system at Abdul Kalam Island
 2. It is an advanced version of world's fastest anti-ship cruise missile developed jointly by India and Russia.

3. The name comes by forming the names of two rivers, the Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva of Russia.
4. The missile range is 390 km.
Which of the above statements are correct ?
(a) 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 4
(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4
64. Consider the following statements about International Day of United Nations Peace-Keepers. Which of the following statement/s is/are incorrect?
1. The International Day of United Nations PeaceKeepers was observed on 30th May.
2. It is observed to honour the work of UN PeaceKeepers.
3. The 2016 theme was 'Courage for Peace'.
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3
65. Who is the head of the committee which has recently submitted its report on New Education Policy?
(a) TSR Subramanian (b) Ashok Dalwai
(c) S Rajput (d) Sudhir Mankad
66. Which of the following statements are correct about Highspeed Talgo Train Launched in India?
1. German train Talgo put to the test in India for the first time.
2. Lightest and fastest mode of transportation.
3. Without deceleration of speed the train moves on the curved tracks.
4. Initiated the experimental run between Bareilly and Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh.
Choose the correct option.
(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 4
67. Recently IMD World Competitiveness Scoreboard 2016 was released. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?
1. The rankings of the countries are framed on the basis of – economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency, infrastructure.
2. India ranked at 31st position.
3. Hong Kong takes the place of US as the World's most competitive economy.
(a) Only 1 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 2
68. Consider the following statements about Plain Packaging of tobacco products.
1. It prohibits or restricts the use of logos, brand images, colours and promotional information on packaging.
2. It allows only the brand and product names displayed in a standard colour and font style.
3. Plain packaging has been recommended in WHO framework Convention on Tobacco Control guidelines as part of a comprehensive approach to tobacco control.
4. Northern Ireland was the first country to fully implement plain packaging in 2012.
Which of the above statements are correct ?
(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 3 and 4
(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 3
69. What is the rank of India in steel importers released by the World Steel Association at global level?
(a) 10th (b) 11th
(c) 12th (d) 13th
70. Consider the following statements about recently signed agreement for Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service Project.
1. The Union Government of India and Spain have signed an agreement for the Efficient and Sustainable city Bus Service Project.
2. It aims at improving the efficiency and attractiveness of city bus transport and reduce GHG emissions.
3. It will introduce modern management information systems and Intelligent Transport Systems.
Choose the correct statement from given options.
(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 2 (d) 1 and 3
71. Who is the author of the book "Green Signals : Ecology, Growth and Democracy in India"?
(a) AK Antony (b) MS Swaminathan
(c) Amartya Sen (d) Jairam Ramesh
72. Consider the following statements about recently inaugurated World's longest and deepest rail tunnel.
1. It was inaugurated in Sweden.
2. It is 67-Kilometer long.
3. It connects Northern and Southern Europe.
4. It increases total transport capacity across the Alps, especially for freight.
Which of the above statements are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
73. In which country Asia's largest technology trade show COMPUTEX was held?
(a) Japan (b) Taiwan
(c) China (d) India
74. Recently India has joined the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC). What is Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation?
1. The HCoC is a legally binding international confidence building measure.
2. It was established on 25 September 2000.
3. The HCoC doesnot ban Ballistic Missiles, but it calls for restraining their production, testing, and export.
Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
(a) Only 3 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 2 (d) Only 1
75. Which country has been ranked number 1 in the Football rankings announced by FIFA?
(a) Colombia (b) Belgium
(c) Germany (d) Argentina
76. Consider the following statements about 2015 Good Country Index (GCI).
1. The GCI seeks to measure how countries contribute to the global good.
2. The countries are ranked by taking 15 different OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) indices into account.
3. India has been placed at 70th position in the list of 163 countries.
4. The list has been topped by Netherlands as the best country in the world.
5. Libya was ranked as the least good country in the world in 2015 GCI.
Which of the above statements are correct?
(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 3 and 5
(c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 4 and 5

77. Consider the following statements about Bionic Leaf. Which of the following Statements is/are incorrect ?
1. A team of scientists from California Institute of Technology has created a unique bionic Leaf.
 2. It uses sunlight to split water molecules into oxygen and hydrogen and hydrogen-eating bacteria to produce liquid fuels from CO₂.
 3. Scientists had used a new cobalt-phosphorous alloy catalyst for this experiment in order to increase efficiency.
 4. This natural photosynthesis system can be used to generate usable fuels at industrial levels.
- Choose from the given options.
- (a) 1, 2, and 4 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 4 (d) only 2
78. World Environment day is celebrated annually on June 5. Which of the following statements are correct about 2016 world Environment day?
1. The 2016 theme is "Go Green for Life"
 2. Brazil is host nation for this year.
 3. Indian Union Ministry of Railways has launched Tiger Express on the eve of World Environment Day to spread awareness among people on tiger conservation.
 4. This year the day focuses on the illegal trade of wildlife
- Choose the correct ones from given options.
- (a) 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
79. Recently RBI released its second bi-monthly monetary policy review for the year 2016-17. Which of the following key rates is/are correct ?
1. Repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility- 6.50%.
 2. Cash Reserve Ratio 1N 5.0%
 3. Statutory Liquidity Ratio 1 N 12%
- Choose the correct option.
- (a) Only 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) Only 1
80. Which state government launched Asia's first Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme ?
- (a) Haryana (b) Odisha
(c) Punjab (d) Madhya Pradesh
81. Consider the following statements about the artifacts returned to India recently.
1. The UK government returned various cultural artifacts to India at a ceremony in London.
 2. These artifacts returned included religious statues, bronzes and terracotta pieces, some 2000 years old that were looted from India's most treasured religious sites.
3. The items being returned include bronze sculpture of Lord Ganesh, statue of Saint Manikkavichavakar etc.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct ?
- (a) Only 1 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3
82. Consider the following statements about World Energy Report 2015.
1. India becomes fifth largest oil consumer.
 2. U.S. ranks first and China ranks second for large oil consumption.
 3. Oil remained the world's leading fuel, accounting for 32.9% of global energy consumption.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct ?
- (a) Only 1 (b) 2 and 3
(c) Only 2 (d) 1, 2 and 3
83. Recently Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved \$100 million loan to a state in India. Which of the following statements are correct ?
1. ADB has approved loan to reduce water-scarcity problem in Orissa.
 2. The loan funds seeks to support both physical improvements and stronger water management to give sufficient boost to the lives of coastal communities who donot have sufficient irrigation water.
 3. ADB is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.
- Choose the correct option.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 2 and 3
84. Consider the following statements about new Print Media Advertisement Policy.
1. The policy has classified newspaper and journals into two categories, small and big.
 2. It focuses on streamlining release of Government advertisements.
 3. The objective of the policy is to promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in print media.
 4. For the first time it has introduced a New Marking System for newspapers to incentivize Newspapers.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 4.
85. In which country was Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue inaugurated ?
- (a) Singapore (b) Japan
(c) Malaysia (d) Iraq

ANSWERS KEY

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| 3 | (d) | 11 | (a) | 19 | (c) | 27 | (c) | 35 | (a) | 43 | (b) | 51 | (c) | 59 | (d) | 67 | (b) | 75 | (d) | 83 | (d) |
| 4 | (b) | 12 | (b) | 20 | (c) | 28 | (c) | 36 | (c) | 44 | (a) | 52 | (b) | 60 | (b) | 68 | (d) | 76 | (b) | 84 | (c) |
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