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Q.1) 'Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)' is associated with which of the following organisations?

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

Q.2) 'Pensi-la' (Pensi Pass) is located in

- Sikkim
- Ladakh
- Jammu & Kashmir
- Arunachal Pradesh

Q.3) 'Bru people' live in which of the following countries, apart from India?

- Vietnam
- Thailand
- Laos
- Bangladesh

Select the correct code:

- 1, 2 and 3
- 2, 3 and 4
- 1, 3 and 4
- None of the above

Q.4) The term 'Adjusted gross revenue (AGR)' is often seen in news with respect to which of the following sectors?

- Telecom Sector
- Solar Energy
- Coal Sector
- Oil and Gas

Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Blue Dot Network'

- It was launched to promote high-quality, trusted standards for global infrastructure development.

2. It was launched by the 'QUAD' grouping in response to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Select the correct statements

- 1 Only
- 2 Only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Q.6) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Model Code of Conduct (MCC)'

- Maharashtra was the first state to adopt a code of conduct for elections.
- MCC has been legally enforceable by law since 2019 General Elections.

Select the correct statements

- 1 Only
- 2 Only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Q.7) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT)'

- It is a two-way ground station that transmits and receives data from satellites.
- It can only handle data signals and not voice and video signals.

Select the correct statements

- 1 Only
- 2 Only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Q.8) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)'

1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Renewable Energy.
2. It is the Central Nodal Agency to facilitate installation of Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles throughout the country.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.9) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Special Leave petition (SLP)'

1. Through the SLP, an aggrieved party can appeal to higher authorities against any judgement passed by any court or tribunal.
2. It is discretionary power vested in the Supreme Court of India under Article 141 of the Constitution of India.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.10) 'Biligiriranganatha Swamy Temple Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

Q.11) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Treaty of Yandabo' is correct?

- a) It is a treaty that established the boundary line of Nepal, between the

East India Company and King of Nepal following the Anglo-Nepalese War of 1814-16.

- b) It is a treaty signed in 1910, under which Britain guaranteed Bhutan's independence, granted Bhutanese Royal Government an increased stipend, and took control of Bhutanese foreign relations.
- c) The treaty brought peace between East India Company and the King of Ava that ended the first Anglo-Burmese war.
- d) None of the above.

Q.12) Which of the following countries are members of the 'East Asian Observatories Consortium'?

1. India
2. China
3. Japan
4. Taiwan

Select the correct code:

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

Q.13) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT)'

1. It is a proposed large telescope at Atacama Desert in Chile.
2. It is being funded by India through the Department of Science and Technology.

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only

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

Q.14) Which of the following statements with respect to '1t.org project' is/are correct?

1. It aims to unite governments, non-governmental organisations, businesses and individuals in a "mass-scale nature restoration".
2. It was launched by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Select the correct statements

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

Q.15) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Mineral Accretion Technology'.

1. It is a method that applies safe, low voltage electrical currents through seawater.
2. The technology speeds up coral growth in damaged areas and restore authentic coral reef habitat and species.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.16) Which of the following are products/byproducts of 'Polycrack Technology'?

1. Liquid fuel
2. Liquefied petroleum gas
3. Petroleum Coke

- 4. Water

Select the correct code;

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

Q.17) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Sagarmatha Sambaad'

1. It is global dialogue initiated by the Himalayan Countries to deal with climate change.
2. The first ever dialogue will be held in Ladakh in 2020.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.18) Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

- | Wetlands | State |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Keshopur-Miani | – Uttar Pradesh |
| 2. Nandur Madhameshwar | – Maharashtra |
| 3. Sarsai Nawar | – Rajasthan |

Select the correct code:

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

Q.19) Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

1. Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary - Madhya Pradesh
2. Velavadar National Park - Gujarat
3. Tal Chapar sanctuary – Rajasthan

Select the correct code:

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

Q.20) 'Operation Vanilla' was launched by Indian Navy, is associated with which of the following countries?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Madagascar
- c) Maldives
- d) Sri Lanka

Q.21) Consider the following statements with respect to the 'Siddi' Community.

- 1. They were brought to India by Portuguese merchants.
- 2. They primarily live in the state of Maharashtra.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.22) 'Oyilattam' is a folk dance associated with which of the following states?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Q.23) 'Orchha' is on the tentative list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites and was also awarded the best heritage city by the Ministry of Tourism. Where is it located?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand

Q.24) Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to 'Cornelia Sorabji'?

- 1. She worked alongside Pandit Ramabhai.
- 2. She was the first female advocate in India and was also the first woman to practice Law even in Britain.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.25) 'Dnyanganga Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in which of the following states?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Q.26) 'Senna Spectabilis' was in news in the context of

- a) Anti-Malarial Drug
- b) Ethanol Blending
- c) Invasive Species
- d) Water Purification

Q.27) Under 'National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)' the majority of the fund is allocated to

- a) Digital Infrastructure
- b) Roads
- c) Conventional Energy
- d) Renewable Energy

Q.28) 'Anchar Lake' which was in news recently, is located in?

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Manipur
- c) Odisha

d) Sikkim

Q.29) Which of the following countries is the largest aluminum producing country?

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

Q.30) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Water PLUS Protocol'

1. It aims to provide a guideline for cities and towns to ensure that no untreated waste-water is released into the environment thereby enabling sustainability of the sanitation value chain.
2. It was launched as part of an Indo-Dutch collaboration called LOTUS-HR Project.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.31) 'Juang' people primarily live in the state of

- a) Telangana
- b) Manipur
- c) Odisha
- d) Tripura

Q.32) 'Sonowal Kacharis' primarily live in the states of

- a) Odisha
- b) Assam
- c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- d) Lakshadweep Islands

Q.33) Consider the following statements

with respect to 'Drosophila'

1. It is an ideal organism for the study of animal development and behavior, neurobiology, and human genetic diseases and conditions.
2. They are sexually monomorphic.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.34) 'Camp Simba' is US military base located in

- a) Somalia
- b) Kenya
- c) Iraq
- d) Afghanistan

Q.35) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)'

1. It will help in tracking and be constantly in touch with Indian satellites, in particular those in low-earth orbits which have limited coverage of earth.
2. It reduces the dependence on the ground stations in tracking satellites.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.36) 'Yuelu Proclamation' is associated with

- a) UNESCO
- b) SCO
- c) ASEAN

d) QUAD

Q.37) Consider the following statements with respect to 'DigiLocker'

1. It is an online service provided by Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) under its Digital India initiative.
2. The issued documents in DigiLocker system are deemed to be at par with original physical documents.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.38) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Jallikattu'

1. It is practiced in Karnataka as a part of Pongal celebrations.
2. It involves the traditional buffalo race among the farmer community.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.39) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Great Indian Bustard'

1. In India, it is only found in Rajasthan.
2. It is 'Critically Endangered' according to the IUCN Red List.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.40) Consider the following statements with respect to 'One Hundred and Third Amendment of the Constitution of India'

1. It is states' prerogative to provide 10% economic reservation in government jobs and admission to education institutions.
2. Private minority educational institutions are not covered under this Act.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.41) Consider the following statements with respect to 'GOCO model'

1. In GOCO model, the assets owned by government will be operated by the private industries.
2. The GOCO model was one of the recommendations of the K. Subrahmanyam Committee re-balancing defence expenditure.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.42) 'Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara' was in news recently. Where is it located?

- a) Australia
- b) Venezuela
- c) Russia
- d) Indonesia

Q.43) India recently signed a 'Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement' with

which of the following countries?

- a) France
- b) Sweden
- c) Netherlands
- d) Japan

Q.44) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Madrid Protocol'

1. It provides for comprehensive protection of the Antarctic environment and dependent and associated ecosystems.
2. India is a signatory to the Protocol.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.45) 'Mollem National Park' is located in

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Goa
- c) Lakshadweep
- d) Puducherry

Q.46) The book, 'India Wins Freedom' is written by

- a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- b) Zakir Hussain
- c) Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- d) Aruna Asif Ali

Q.47) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Indian Skimmers'

1. The conservation status of the Indian Skimmer is 'vulnerable', according to the Red List of the IUCN.
2. Indian skimmers are only found in the Western Ghats.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.48) 'Sea Guardian' is bilateral naval exercise between

- a) India and China
- b) India and Sri Lanka
- c) Pakistan and China
- d) Pakistan and Saudi Arabia

Q.49) The 'Taal Volcano' was in news recently. Where is it located?

- a) Philippines
- b) Japan
- c) Indonesia
- d) Papua New Guinea

Q.50) 'Al-Shabaab' is a fundamentalist group from

- a) Somalia
- b) Syria
- c) Myanmar
- d) Palestine