

Weekly Quiz

(9th -15th November 2020)

Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to **saffron**

- 1) The pH level of the soil is an important factor for saffron production.
- 2) Areas in Jammu & Kashmir are the only places in India suitable for saffron cultivation.
- 3) Kashmiri Saffron was given geographical indication tag by the geographical indications registry in 2015

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to **Tarballs**

- 1) They are small light-absorbing, carbonaceous particles
- 2) They are formed from black carbon, emitted during the burning of biomass
- 3) They get deposited on snow and ice and could potentially contribute to hastening of glacial melt and global warming

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)**

- 1) It aims to achieve 20% to 30% reduction in Particulate Matter concentrations by 2024 keeping 2017 as the base year.
- 2) The program focuses specifically on the non-attainment cities identified based on the air quality data.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.4) Union Government has recently announced **Production Linked Incentives for which of the following sectors?**

- 1) Pharmaceuticals
- 2) Advance Chemistry Cell Battery
- 3) Solar PV

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)**

- 1) It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce
- 2) It is a unified authority for regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding **Operation Greens (TOP to TOTAL) scheme**

- 1) It aims to protect the growers of fruits and vegetables from making distress sale due to lockdown and reduce the post-harvest losses.
- 2) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides subsidy for transportation and hiring storage facilities for eligible crops.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.7) Which of the following institution(s) is/are organizing the **India Mobile Congress 2020?**

- 1) Department of Telecom
- 2) Cellular Operators Association of India
- 3) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.8) Which of the following country(s) is/are **members of the SCO**?

- 1) Tajikistan
- 2) Turkmenistan
- 3) Kyrgyzstan

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 1 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

Q.9) Consider the following statements with respect to **Sarna Tribals**

- 1) It is a religious faith followed by the people in the areas of Jharkhand.
- 2) The followers of Sarna faith pray to the trees and hills while believing in protecting the forest areas.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.10) Consider the following statements with respect to **Food Coalition Initiative**

- 1) It is a voluntary multi-stakeholder and multi-sector alliance that ensures global food access to prevent potential food crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2) It was proposed by Italy and led by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.11) Consider the following statements with respect to **Wastelands of India**

- 1) Wasteland is a degraded land which can be brought under vegetative cover, with reasonable effort.
- 2) 17% of India is classified as wasteland according to the Wasteland Atlas of India 2019

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.12) **AIM–Sirius Innovation Program**, sometimes seen in the news recently, is a bilateral youth innovation initiative between India and:

- a) U.S.A
- b) Russia
- c) Poland
- d) France

Q.13) Which of the following country(s) **border the Caspian Sea?**

- 1) Georgia
- 2) Armenia
- 3) Azerbaijan

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 3 only
- d) All of the above

Q.14) Consider the following statements with respect to **Other Service Providers (OSPs) in India**

- 1) These are companies or firms which provides services such as telemarketing, tele-banking or telemedicine for various companies, banks or hospital chains.
- 2) The registration of every OSP is mandatory under the Companies Act, 2013.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.15) Which of the following country(s) is/are members of the **East Asia Summit**?

- 1) United States of America
- 2) China
- 3) India

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 1 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

Q.16) Consider the following pairs

- 1) Kari Ishad : A water bird
- 2) Gajani Kagga: A Mango Variety
- 3) Bellakki : A Salt tolerant paddy variety

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) None of the above

Q.17) The report '**Assessment of climate change over the Indian region**' has been released by which of the following institution/organisation

- a) Geological Survey of India
- b) Indian Metrological Department
- c) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- d) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Q.18) Which of the following is incorrect with respect to **A68a**, sometimes seen in the news recently?

- 1) It is the world's biggest iceberg that is heading towards the British Overseas Territory of South Georgia
- 2) It separated from the Larsen C ice shelf on the Antarctic Peninsula in 2017
- 3) It has been called a graveyard for Antarctica's icebergs

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) All of the above

Q.19) Consider the following statements regarding **use of Sulphur in agriculture**

- 1) Sulphur fertilization helps plants to grow and develop properly and improves utilization of nutrients.
- 2) High content of Sulphur in soil causes soil acidification.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.20) Consider the following statements regarding the **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**

- 1) It is not bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
- 2) It does not have jurisdiction over the offences in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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