

- 1. Consider the following statements about the European Union
  - 1) The council is a decision making branch of the EU
  - 2) All the 28 members have to agree for a decision to be taken.

Which of the following is/are correct?

- a) 1
- b) 1 and 2
- c) 2
- d) None of Above
- 2. What is the feature of the Second Train connecting India and Bangladesh?
  - a) Known as a Bandhan Express.
  - b) Runs between Kolkatta to Khulna.
  - c) Inaugurated in Nov. 2017.
  - d) Hoisted the green flag by both Prime Ministers through video-conferencing.

Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?

- a) Only A
- b) Only A and B
- c) A,B and C
- d) A,B,C,D
- 3. Consider the following statements regarding the Demographic Transition Theory:
  - 1) It is a theory that throws light on changes in birth rate and death rate and consequently on the growth rate of the population.
  - 2) Population explosion implies that the death rate is decreasing while birth rate is increasing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 4. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect regarding depreciation?
  - 1) It is an allowance for wear and tear of a capital good and durable consumer goods.
  - 2) It takes into account unexpected or sudden destruction or disuse of capital.
  - The value of the replacement of existing capital goods is subtracted from net investment to get the gross investment.

Select the correct answer from using the code given below:

- a) 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3
- 5. The aggressive interest-rate increase by the US Federal reserve's had impact on which of the following.
  - 1) Outflow of Foreign investments from India.
  - 2) Inflation may be controlled in US economy.
  - 3) Fall in the stock market prices for a small period of time.

Select the correct answer from using the code given below:

- a) 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3
- 6. The government of India recently launched a scheme named as assured written plan of PFRDA in final stages. In context of this which among the following statements is correct
  - The option of offering a fixed the minimum return or benchmark the returns to a realtime open rate is present
  - 2) It is an assured return investment plan under the NPS architecture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 7. Recently the government of India has approved for nano urea. Consider the following statements regarding nano urea
  - 1) It is a fertilizer patented and sold by Indian farmers fertilizer cooperation Ltd.
  - 2) It substantially reduces the import bill of government
  - 3) Several experts have questioned the signs underlying its efficiency.

Select the correct answer from using the code given below:

- a) 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3
- 8. Consider the statements regarding agriculture in Maharashtra :
  - 1) Soil erosion is not a serious problem of agriculture.
  - 2) Soil erosion takes place due to flooding in rivers, forest cutting and uncontrolled grazing.
  - 3) Soils are saline due to over-irrigation.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a) 2 and 3 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) 1 and 3 only
- 9. Which of the following statements are correct about Bhabhar Plains?
  - 1) The porosity is very high and hence small rivers disappear.
  - 2) The Bhabhar tract is suitable for crops.
  - 3) The inhabitants of the Bhabhar Plains are cattle-keeping Gujjars

Select the correct answer from using the code given below:

a) 2 only

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding tracks of diplomacy.

- 1) Track 1 diplomacy: Official discussions
- 2) Track 2 diplomacy: Unofficial dialogue
- 3) Track 3 diplomacy: People-to-people diplomacy.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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