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1. With reference to casual workers employed in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. All casual workers are entitled for Employees Provident Fund coverage.
- 2. All casual workers are entitled for regular working hours and overtime payment.
- 3. The government can by a notification specify that an establishment or industry shall pay wages only through its bank account. Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer-d

2. R2 Code of Practices' constitutes a tool available for promoting the adoption of

- (a) environmentally responsible practices in electronics recycling industry
- (b) ecological management of 'Wetlands of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention
- (c) sustainable practices in the cultivation of agricultural crops in degraded lands.
- (d) 'Environmental Impact Assessment' in the exploitation of natural resources

Answer-a

3. What is blue carbon?

- (a) Carbon captured by oceans and coastal ecosystems
- (b) Carbon sequestered in forest biomass and agricultural soils
- (c) Carbon contained in petroleum and natural gas
- (d) Carbon present in atmosphere

Answer-a

4. Consider the following statements

- 1. St. Francis Xavier was one of the founding members of the Jesuit Order.
- 2. St. Francis Xavier died in Goa and a church is dedicated to him there.
- 3. The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is celebrated in Goa each year.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer-c

5. With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Mitakshara was the civil law for upper castes and Dayabhaga was the civil law for lower

castes.

- 2. In the Mitakshara system, the sons can claim right to the property during the lifetime of the father, whereas in the Dayabhaga system, it is only after the death of the father that the sons can claim right to the property.
- 3. The Mitakshara system deals with the matters related to the property held by male members only of a family, whereas the Dayabhaga system deals with the matters related to the property held by both male and female members of a family.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Answer-b

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. 21st February is declared to be the International Mother Language Day by UNICEF.
- 2. The demand that Bangla has to be one of the national languages was raised in the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer-b

- 7. With reference to recent developments regarding 'Recombinant Vector Vaccine', consider the following statements:
- 1. Genetic engineering is applied in the development of these vaccines.
- 2. Bacteria and viruses are used as vectors. 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

Answer-c

8. Consider the following statements: 1. Adenoviruses have singlestranded DNA genomes whereas retroviruses have double-stranded DNA genomes. 2. Common cold is sometime caused by an adenovirus whereas AIDS is caused by a retrovirus.

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

Answer-b

9. The term 'ACE2' is talked about in the context of

- (a) genes introduced in the genetically modified plants
- (b) development of India's own satellite navigation system
- (c) radio collars for wildlife tracking

(d) spread of viral diseases

Answer-d

10. With reference to India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Judicial custody means an accused is in the custody of the concerned magistrate and such accused is locked up in police station, not in jail.
- 2. During judicial custody, the policy officer in charge of the case is not allowed to interrogate the suspect without the approval of the court.

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

Answer-b

11. With reference to India, consider the following statements:

- 1. When a prisoner makes out a sufficient case, parole cannot be denied to such prisoner because it becomes a matter of his/her right.
- 2. State Governments have their own Prisoners Release on Parole Rules. 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

Answer-b

12. Consider the following statements in respect of Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards:

- 1. Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards are titles under the Article 18(1) of the Constitution of India.
- 2. Padma Awards, which were instituted in the year 1954, were suspended only once.
- 3. The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of five in a particular year. Which of the above statements are not correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer-d

13. Consider the following statements: Statement

- 1: The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the Arbor Day Foundation have recently recognized Hyderabad as 2020 Tree City of the World. Statement
- 2: Hyderabad was selected for the recognition for a year following its commitment to grow and maintain the urban forests.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct and Statement 2 is the correct explanation for Statement 1
- (b) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct but Statement 2 is not the correct explanation for Statement 1

- (c) Statement 1 is correct but Statement 2 is not correct
- (d) Statement 1 is not correct but Statement 2 is correct

Answer-d

14. Consider the following statements in respect of the Laureus World Sports Award which was instituted in the year 2000:

- 1. American golfer Tiger Woods was the first winner of this award.
- 2. The award was received mostly by 'Formula One' players so far.
- 3. Roger Federer received this award maximum number of times compared to others. Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer-c

15. Consider the following statements in respect of the 32nd Summer Olympics:

- 1. The official motto for this Olympics is 'A New World'.
- 2. Sport Climbing, Surfing, Skateboarding, Karate and Baseball are included in this, Olympics. Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only

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

Answer-b

16. Consider the following statements in respect of the ICC World Test Championship:

- 1. The finalists were decided by the number of matches they won.
- 2. New Zealand was ranked ahead of England because it won more matches than England.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer-d