

1. The RBI uses the instruments of cash Reserve Ratio , Bank Rate and Open Market Operations for quantitative control of
 - a. Credit
 - b. Losses
 - c. Assets
 - d. Loans to weaker section
2. Which one of the following festivals is not celebrated almost simultaneously in the month of January each year ?
 - a. Makar Sankranti
 - b. Pongal
 - c. Gudi Padwa
 - d. Lohri
3. "You have to decide whether development means affluence or whether development means peace , prosperity and happiness." Can you name the person who said this ?
 - a. Mahatma Gandhi
 - b. Baba Amte
 - c. Vinoba Bhave
 - d. Sunderlal Bahuguna
4. The Millennium Development Declaration was a visionary document , which sought to make globalization a force for good through
 - a. Partnership between rich and poor nations
 - b. Poverty alleviation
 - c. Greater privatization of public sector and government functions
 - d. Coordination of various stakeholders
5. Apart from the states of Bihar , Uttar Pradesh , Madhya Pradesh , and Rajasthan , India's poor are concentrated in
 - a. Odisha, Chhattisgarh , Jharkhand
 - b. Andhra Pradesh , Uttrakhand , the North – east and Chhattisgarh
 - c. Odisha , Chhattisgarh , Jharkhand and West Bengal
 - d. Andhra Pradesh , Odisha , Uttrakhand , Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand
6. The Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act was adopted in
 - a. 1955
 - b. 1965
 - c. 1983
 - d. 1993
7. The Three states that follow Uttar Pradesh in terms of population in the descending order are :
 - a. Bihar , Maharashtra , West Bengal
 - b. West Bengal , Bihar , Madhya Pradesh
 - c. Maharashtra , Bihar , West Bengal
 - d. Madhya Pradesh , Bihar , West Bengal
8. The Social activist who has campaigned against child labour is
 - a. Baba Amte
 - b. Kailash Satyarthi
 - c. Mira Nair
 - d. Anna Hazare
9. The Human Development Index represents together
 - a. Health and nutrition infant morality and purchasing power parity
 - b. Living standard , human resource development and education
 - c. Longevity , education and living standard
 - d. None of the above
10. What are the benefits of implementing the 'Integrated Watershed Development Programme " ?
 1. Prevention of soil runoff
 2. Linking the country's perennial rivers with seasonal rivers
 3. Rainwater harvesting and recharge of groundwater table
 4. Regeneration of natural vegetationSelect the correct answer using the codes given below
 - a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 , 3 and 4 only
 - c. 1 , 3 and 4 only
 - d. 1 , 2 , 3 and 4
11. 'Global Financial Stability Report' is prepared by the
 - a. European Central Bank
 - b. International Monetary Fund
 - c. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - d. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
12. Of the following beliefs , the one which was mainly responsible for bringing the rhinoceros on the verge of extinction is
 - a. the horn has medicinal value
 - b. the horn has ornamental value
 - c. the horn has aphrodisiac value
 - d. the horn makes very superior quality of perfume
13. Which region of the world is very sensitive to climate change ?
 - a. The Arctic
 - b. Deserts
 - c. Rain Forests
 - d. Oceans
14. India is one of the mega biodiversity centers in the world and has two of the world's 18 'biodiversity hotspots' located in
 1. The Western Ghats
 2. The Eastern Himalayas
 3. The Thar Desert
 4. The Sundarbans
 - a. 1 , 2
 - b. 2 , 3
 - c. 1 , 4
 - d. 3 , 4
15. Which is the largest wetland in the country ?
 - a. Chilika Lake , Odisha
 - b. Vembanad-Kol Wetland , Kerala
 - c. Kolleru Lake , Andhra Pradesh
 - d. Bhitarkanika , Mangroves , Odisha
16. Which of the following is NOT a renewable natural resource ?
 - a. Ocean
 - b. Fertile soil
 - c. Fresh water
 - d. Salt
17. The issue that tribals and other poor people face unusually high exposure to environmental hazards is the basis of
 - a. deep ecology
 - b. environmental justice
 - c. environmental sustainability
 - d. environmental degradation

18. Recently, our scientists have discovered a new and distinct species of banana plant which attains a height of about 11 meters and has orange – coloured fruit pulp. In which part of India has it been discovered ?

- Andaman Islands
- Anaimalai Forests
- Maikala Hills
- Tropical rain forests

19. In the cities of our country, which among the following atmospheric gases are normally considered in calculating the value of Air Quality Index ?

- Carbon dioxide
- Carbon monoxide
- Nitrogen dioxide
- Sulfur dioxide
- Methane

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2, 3 and 4 only
- 1, 4 and 5 only
- 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

20. What is National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) ?

- The NOFN proposes seven lakh kilometers of optical fibre to be laid to connect 250 gram panchayats in three years
- Public wi-fi spots will be provided around the rural clusters and all villages will be provided with internet connectivity

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- 1
- 2
- 1, 2
- None of the above

21. Which of the following matching(s) is/ are correct regarding the impact of Digital India by 2019 ?

- Public cloud, internet access
- Net zero imports by 2020
- 1.7 crore trained for IT, telecom and electronics jobs

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- 1, 2
- 1, 2
- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

22. As per the Socio-Economic and Caste Census – 2011, as percentage of number of total households,

- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of households with a mobile phone
- Odisha has the least number of households with a mobile phone

Select the correct answer using the codes given below .

- 1
- 2
- 1, 2
- None of the above

23. The initiatives like mygov.in, Digital Locker and Aadhar – based systems can provide boost to Indian industry by

- Directly helping industry with authentication as in the case of Aadhar
- Encouraging the industry to develop coding for 1.2 billion Indians
- Streamlining citizen services services offered by the Government

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- 1
- 1, 2

- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

24. What are the features of hacking ?

- Hacking is an illegal intrusion into a computer system and / or network
- It represents every act committed towards breaking into a computer and / or network
- Hacker can hack for personal monetary gains, such as to stealing the credit card information
- All of the above

25. Cryptography is the study of information concealing and verification. It includes

- Consistently prevent or delay unauthorized access to sensitive information
- enable verifiability of every component in a communication
- both of the above
- None of the above

26. Artificial Intelligence is

- Science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs
- Branch of computer science concerned with making computers behave like humans

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

- 1
- 2
- 1, 2
- None of the above

27. 'Internet of Things' refers to

- Uniquely identifiable objects
- the Virtual representations of objects in an Internet – like structure

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

- 1
- 2
- 1, 2
- None of the above

28. With reference to 'LiFi', recently in the news, which of the following statements is / are correct ?

- It uses light as the medium for high – speed data transmission
- It is a wireless technology and is several times faster than 'WiFi'

Select the correct answer using the code given below .

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

29. Under Art. 370, the State of Jammu and Kashmir enjoys special privileges because

- It has its separate State Constitution which no other state in India has
- No Constitutional Amendment Act passed by the Parliament is applicable to the state unless it is extended so by a Presidential order
- The President's rule (Art.356) cannot be applied in the state
- The Directive Principles of State Policy do not apply to the state

The correct statement is/are :

- 1, 3, 4
- 1, 2
- 2, 3, 4
- 1, 2, 3, 4

30. 'Habeas Corpus' literally means

- a. To have the body
- b. To command
- c. To prohibit
- d. None of the above

31. The framers of the Constitution borrowed the concept of Directive Principles of State Policy from the Irish constitution of 1937, which in turn was inspired by

- a. American Constitution
- b. British Constitution
- c. Spanish Constitution
- d. None of the Above

32. Article 39(d) states that

1. Equal pay for equal work holds for those who are equally placed in all respects
2. Difference in duties justifies difference in pay
3. Person employed on contract cannot claim equal pay on the basis of equal pay for equal work

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct ?

- a. 1, 3
- b. 1, 2
- c. 2, 3
- d. 1, 2, 3

33. Which of the following statements regarding the National Human Rights Commission of India is/are correct ?

1. Its chairman must be retired Chief Justice of India
2. Its powers are only recommendatory in nature
3. It is mandatory to appoint a woman as a member of the Commission

- a. 1, 3
- b. 1, 3
- c. 2, 3
- d. 1, 2, 3

34. A Money bill is presented to the President What he / she can do?

1. Pass it without objections
2. Reject it outrightly
3. Return it once
4. Give his / her assent

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- a. 3, 4
- b. 1, 2
- c. 2, 3, 4
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4

35. Who among the following functionaries take an oath of secrecy?

1. President
2. Ministers
3. MPs
4. Supreme Court judge

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- a. 1, 3, 4
- b. 2
- c. 2, 3, 4
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4

36. Consider the following statements :

1. A candidate to the Lok Sabha can contest from any state in India
2. A candidate to the Rajya Sabha should ordinarily be a resident of the State from where he is contesting

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 1, 2

d. None of the above

37. Any of the fundamental rights can be enforced with the writ petition that can be directly moved in

- a. High Court
- b. Supreme Court
- c. Parliamentary Committee on Governance
- d. Lokpal

38. The President of India is elected by proportional representation method. His election is done by an electoral college consisting of :

- a. Elected members of the Council of State and House of People
- b. Elected members of both the Houses of parliament and the States Assemblies
- c. Members of the Councils and Members of Union Territorial Assemblies
- d. None of the above

39. Which of the following will not be true if exchange rates are determined according to purchasing power parity (PPP)?

- a. If two countries have zero rate of inflation, their bilateral exchange rate will be constant
- b. In response to a monetary shock, there will occur an overshooting of exchange rates
- c. The prices of goods will be the same in all the countries when converted at the going rate of exchange
- d. Exchange rate between any two currencies will be equal to the inflation differential between the two concerned economies

40. What does a short – run 'Phillips curve' show ?

- a. The rate of money – wage inflation for each level of possible unemployment and for a specific expected rate of inflation
- b. The rate of money – wage inflation that is generated at full-employment
- c. The rate of money – wage inflation which was already expected
- d. None of the above

41. Match List – I with List – II and select your answer using the code given below :

List – I

List – II

Type of Currencies

Meanings

1. Near Money

A. A hard currency exiting an economy

2. Dear Currency

B. Money flowing after sale of government bonds

3. Hot Currency

C. A Currency depreciating due to flight of a hot currency

4. Heated Currency

D. A mortgaged property

Code :

- a. A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
- b. A-1, B-4, C-2, D-3
- c. A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3
- d. A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1

42. 'Bad' money forces 'good' money out of circulation – proposes Gresham's Law. In light of this law, select the incorrect statement / statements given below, using the code :

What Gresham's Law suggests :

1. The Law may be easily analyzing the circulation of 'back' money in the Indian economy – usually getting deposited in the tax havens
2. The Chinese currency yuan becoming more dependable than the US dollar today – is also its example

Code :

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

43. Select the correct situation which defines 'poverty trap'.

- When the population in an economy continues to remain poor even after increase in its 'nominal income',
- When the rise in incomes of the poor people is equitably neutralized by the inflationary pressures
- When unemployment rate starts increasing together with the inflation
- When unemployed population getting unemployment allowance does not feel encouraged to become employed

44. Select the correct one / ones about 'current price' using the code given below :

- It is maximum retail price of something (MRP).
- Inflation is adjusted in its calculation
- Per capita income of India on current prices always remains higher to that of the constant prices

Code :

- Only 1
- 2 and 3
- Only 2
- 1 and 3

45. Select the correct one/ ones about 'Venture Capital Fund' out of the following statements using the code given below :

- A dedicated corpus of capital to promote innovative entrepreneurship
- It may be public – owned or privately owned
- IVCF was India's first such fund set up in 1998 under the private ownership

Code :

- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3
- 1 and 3
- 1, 2 and 3

46. Select the statement which correctly defines the concept of 'debt trap':

- A situation in which an economy borrows to repay its past borrowings
- A situation in when an economy is borrowing more than its repaying of its past borrowings
- A situation in when an economy is borrowing to repay even the interest on its past borrowings
- A situation in when the foreign currency reserves growth rate of an economy starts lagging behind the growth rate of its external borrowings

47. What does 'Gilt – edged market' stand for ?

Select the correct code from the given choices ?

- Government's bond market
- Market of government securities
- Government's Treasury Bill market

Code :

- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3
- 1 and 3
- 1, 2 and 3

48. Who of the following had first deciphered the edicts of Emperor Ashoka ?

- Georg Bihler
- James Prinsep
- Max Muller
- William Jones

49. With reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statements :

- The concept of Bodhisattva is central to Hinayana sect of Buddhism.
- Bodhisattva is a compassionate one on his way to enlightenment.
- Bodhisattva delays achieving his own salvation to help all sentient beings on their path to it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only-
- 2 and 3 only
- 2 only
- 1, 2 and 3

50. What is/are common to the two historical places known as Ajanta and Mahabalipuram?

- Both were built in the same period.
- Both belong to the same religious denomination.
- Both have rock-cut monuments.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 and 2 only
- 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- None of them