

Feynman IAS

Current Affairs Test 2

1. GST council clears E-way bill mechanism. E-way bill is
1. an invoice bill for online purchases under GST
 2. It is replacement of previous ways bill under VAT
- a. 1 only b. 2 only c. 1 and 2 d. none

2. Medicines sans Frontiers (MSF) is
1. an international NGO
 2. provides medical support to strife torn areas
 3. It is neutral in taking sides in armed conflicts
- a. 1,2 b. 1,3 c. 1,2,3 d. none

3. Consider the following statements about Blue Economy:

1. The Blue Economy is envisaged as the integration of Ocean Economy development with the principles of social inclusion, environmental sustainability and innovative, dynamic business models.
2. “Blue growth” refers to sustainable development of ocean ecology, marine life in inland water bodies such as rivers, lakes, swamps and wetlands.
3. Blue Economy has declining contribution to Indian economy in the wake of rapidly depletion of water bodies in India and marine life in Indian Ocean.

Choose the correct statement(s) from the codes given below:

- a.1 only b. 2 & 3 only c. 1 & 2 only d. 1 & 3 only

4. UMA NG App was recently launched by Government of India-

1. It offers 162 services from 33 states and Central government departments.
 2. It was developed by National e-Governance division exclusively
 3. It was launched to promote Make in India program
- a. 1,2,3 b.2 only c. 3 only d. 1 only

5. Permanent Structured Cooperation, PESCO is

- a. a defence cooperation pact among Asia- Pacific nations
- b. Framework for defence cooperation among 25 EU nations
- c. a security pact among all EU nations under aegis of Lisbon treaty
- d. a defence pact among France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Ireland

6. Which of following programmes are still considered under ICDS

1. Anganwadi services
2. Sabla
3. Child protection services
4. National crèche scheme

a. 1,2,3 b. 2,3,4 c. 1,3,4 d. All the above

7. India is member of which among the following

1. EBRD
2. ADB
3. AfDB
4. AIIB

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

8. December 18th is World Migration day

1. UN adopted New York declaration for refugees and migrants
2. India is signatory to International convention on protection of the rights of all migrant workers and members of their family

a. 1 only b. 2 only c. 1,2 d. none

9. Global landscape forum is world's largest gathering on

- a. sustainable land use
- b. sustainable agriculture
- c. unexploited land
- d. Rural development and rural urban divide

10. Brahmos cruise missile successfully test fired from Sukhoi-30 MKI for 1st time. Find the true statement-

1. It is world's fastest 2 stage super-sonic missile
2. It operates on 'fire and forget' principle
3. It can only be launched from land and air
4. Its range was extended beyond 600 kmafter India became member of MTCR

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

11. National Green Tribunal is news. Find the true statements

1. It is an executive body established in 2010
2. It has jurisdiction over all criminal cases where a substantial question relating to environment is involved
3. It declared Amaranth as silent zone

a. 1,3 b. 1, 2 c. 1,2,3 d. none

12. Global Innovation Index –

1. It is given by World Economic Forum in coordination with London School of Economics
 2. It includes indicators relating to political environment, education etc.
 3. India ranks 60 in the recent GII 2017 report
 4. India Innovation Index is prepared on lines of GII by and NITI Aayog and FICCI
- a. 1,2 and 3 b. 2, 3 and 4 c. 2 and 3 d. 1, 3 and 4

13. Find the true statements regarding recent Muslim women protection of rights on marriage bill.

1. It adjudicates all cases of instant triple-talaq across the country.
 2. It makes Talaq-e-biddat a civil offence
 3. Husband who resorts to triple-talaq can be fined or face a jail term of up to 3 years
- a. 1,2,3 b. 1 only c. 2 only d. 3 only

14. In the context of recent mid-term review of India's foreign trade policy 2015-20, find the true statements

1. Five existing schemes to promote merchandise exports have been merged into 'merchandise exports from India scheme- MEIS
 2. makes all duty free scripts freely transferable
 3. prohibits import of charcoal from Somalia
- a. 1 only b. 2,3 c. 1,2 d. 1,2,3

15. Find true statements regarding Moscow declaration that was adopted in November 2017

1. It calls for coordinated action against TB, end of HIV co-infected deaths
 2. It was adopted on sidelines of 1st WHO Global Ministerial conference
 3. India is a signatory to the declaration
- a. 1 only b. 1,3 c. 2,3 d. 1,2,3

16. "Fourth Industrial Revolution is characterized by a fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital & biological spheres." Which of the following technologies are fuelling this revolution-

1. Artificial Intelligence
 2. Water and steam power
 3. Biotechnology
 4. IoT
 5. Materials science
 6. Energy storage
- a. 1,2,4,5 b. 1,3,4,6 c. 1,3,4,5 d. 1,3,4,5,6

17. Ministry of power launched Saubhagya portal in November 2017. Following are true regarding the scheme-

1. Beneficiaries are identified under SECC data
 2. Rural electrification corporation ltd. is nodal agency
 3. It provides last mile electricity connectivity to all rural and urban households
- a. 1,2 b. 1,3 c. 2,3 d. 1,2,3

18. Banglarrasogolla, Mamallapuram state sculptures get GI Tag. In this context find the true statements

1. Registration of GI is valid for life time
 2. GI is covered as an element of Intellectual Property Rights under Paris convention for protection of industrial property
 3. GI is an economic tool for upliftment of rural and tribal communities as it protects their collective right
- a. 1,2,3 b. 1,3 c. 2 d. 2,3

19. The redrafted bill on euthanasia provides for which of the following.

1. Palliative care to patients even if they opt passive euthanasia
 2. Hospitals have to setup approval committees
 3. Jail, fine for distorting facts
- a. 2,3 b. 1,2 c. 1,2,3 d. 1,3

20. In relation to India's credit worthiness, Standard & Poor keeps India rating unchanged with stable outlook and Moodys upgrades India's sovereign rating.

1. Moodys upgrade of India's credit worthiness was on the grounds of high demographic dividend that will offset the effects of recent economic slowdown
2. Standard & Poor cited recent events of temporary economic slowdown like Demonetisation and introduction of GST as factors that weigh down the country's credit profile.
3. In comparison, Standard & Poor would like to see the results of the reforms initiated before a ratings revision while Moodys has taken the call based on the reforms initiated.

Chose the correct statement(s) from the codes below:

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

21. Consider the following statements in relation to the recently held North East Development Summit 2017:

1. Its main objectives are to boost trade and investment in underdeveloped region of North East, skill development, reduction of poverty & raise general standard of living, capacity building & entrepreneurship, health & education, etc.
2. It aligns its agenda with the Sustainable Development Goals of 2015.
3. It was the third summit organized in collaboration with Union Government and Government of Manipur

Chose the incorrect statements from the codes below:

- a. 1 & 2 only b. 2 & 3 only c. All of the above d. None of the above

22. Consider the statements below:

1. Coinome is a cryptocurrency exchange launched in India by Securities & Exchange Board of India, offering trading of Bitcoin and Bitcoin Cash.
2. It will allow users to register via an instant e-KYC process by using Aadhaar number.
3. Unlike, many other cryptocurrency exchanges, Coinome is an open order book cryptocurrency exchange which enables direct deals between buyers and sellers just like conventional stocks and commodities exchanges.

Chose the correct statement(s) using the codes below:

- a. 1 only b. 2 & 3 only c. 3 only d. All of the above

23. Following are true about North Korea

1. It is bordered by China, South Korea and Russia
 2. The Korean demilitarized zone passes through 38th parallel
 3. 38th parallel is border between North Korea & South Korea prior to Korean war
- a. 1,3 b. 1,2 c. 2,3 d. 1,2,3

24. Dalveer Bhandari got re-elected to International Court of Justice. In this context, find the true statements-

1. ICC and ICJ are judicial organs of UN
 2. India is a member of ICC
 3. ICJ came into force with Rome statute
 4. ICJ has jurisdiction to prosecute individuals of International crime
- a. 1,3,4 b. 1,2,4 c. 2,4 d. none

25. Shared infrastructure for solar parks project by India includes-

1. Loan from World bank
 2. Increased solar generation capacity through large scale parks in the country
 3. 1st initiative of International Solar Alliance
- a. 1,2,3 b. 1,3 c. 2,3 d. 1,2

26. In the context of revised National TB control programme, find the true statements.

1. It provides for daily drug regimen treatment
 2. TB is a bacterial disease that spreads from person to person through air
- a. 1 only b. 2 only c. 1,2 d. none

27. Consider the following statements about Sangai Festival:

1. It is a Manipuri festival, featuring classical & folk dances, indigenous sports, cuisine, music, handicrafts, handlooms, etc.
2. Its purpose is to promote Manipur as a world class tourism destination and is being organized since the formation of the state.
3. It is named after the state animal, Sangai, the critically endangered brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur's Keibul Lamjao National Park.

Chose the incorrect statements from the codes below:

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 (b) 2 only (c) 1 & 3 only (d) None of the above

28. Global University Employability Ranking 2017 listed three Indian educational institutes in its list of top 150 universities. It is published by:

- a. Times Higher Education
- b. United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- c. Centre for World University Rankings
- d. QS World University Rankings

29. Which of the following are true regarding National Testing Agency?

1. It is to be established as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization under the National Curriculum Framework, 2005.
 2. It is to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational institutions all over India except for the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
 3. It will relieve CBSE, AICTE, and other agencies from the responsibility of conducting these entrance examinations.
- a. 3 only b. 1 & 2 only c. 2 only d. None of the above

30. Talanoa dialogue-

1. a traditional approach in Pacific islands to resolve differences without blaming each other
 2. Cop 23 concluded with a roadmap for Talanoa dialogue
 3. Considers efforts of parties on mitigation action in pre 2020 period under Kyoto protocol
- a. 2,3 b. 1,2 c. 1,2,3 d. none

31. Consider the following statements regarding VoLTE
- VoLTE refers to voice over long transmission through Ethernet
 - Under LTE one cannot access 4G data over a call
 - Reliance JIO is the only network which offers VoLTE in India
 - All of the above

32. Inter state council (ISC) meeting has been held recently. In this context-

- Article 263 envisages establishment of ISC.
 - Prime Minister is the Chairman of ISC.
 - ISC has constitutional powers to enquire into any controversy, whether legal or non legal.
 - Central Council of Homeopathy was set up under the provisions of ISC.
- a. 2 only b. 2 , 3 c. 1,2 d. All the above

33. Consider the following statements regarding Sendai Framework for Disaster risk reduction-

- It is a 15 year non binding arrangement.
 - It is a successor arrangement for Hyogo framework(2005 – 15)
 - India aligned its National disaster management plan in accordance with the framework.
- a. 1,2 b. 1,3 c. 2,3 d. All of the above

34. Bangladesh sought Indian aid on Rohingya issue. In this context, following are true-

- Rohingyas is a Muslim minority of Rakhine region of Myanmar
 - Sittwe port which is part of India's Kaladhan multi modal transit project is located in Rakhine region.
 - Three phased solution initiated by India is being discussed to resolve Rohingya crisis
- a. 1,3 b. 1,2,3 c. 1,2 d. none

35. Consider the following statements regarding a recent study on Bio diversification:

- It is believed that a boost in levels of oxygen alone has caused a three-fold increase in biodiversity during between 445 and 485 million years ago.
- The explosion of biodiversity is recognized as "Great Ordovician Bio diversification Event".

Chose the correct statement(s) from the codes given below:

- a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 & 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2

36. World Inequality report is released by-

- a. Oxfam b. WEF c. World Inequality Lab d. Thomas Piketty

37. Automation is set to pose a serious threat to present day jobs. Which among the following do you think would be seriously affected by automation directly.

1. Data entry operators. 2. Radiologists 3. Administrators
4. Library technicians 5. Psychologists 6. Coaches
a. 1,2,3,5 b. 1,2,4 c. 1,4 d. 1,4,6

38. Consider the following statements regarding Marine fungi-

- a. They are found in fresh waters and marine environments
b. They are a rich source of anti-oxidants
c. Their role in controlling ageing by influencing the genetic makeup, enable their use in cosmeceutical industry.
d. All the above

39. Consider the following statements –

1. Hornbill festival is held in Arunachal Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh is known as Land of festivals
3. Hornbill festival is conducted to encourage inter – tribal interaction
4. Great Hornbill is the state bird of Kerala
a. 3 and 4 b. 1 and 2 c. 1 and 3 d. All of the above

40. Find true statements regarding SARTTAC

1. It is the 1st IMF regional capacity development center to fully integrate training and technical assistance activities
2. It's members include India, Myanmar and Bangladesh
a. 1 only b. 2 only c. 1,2 d. none

41. Backhaul spectrum is in news. Find the true statement-

1. It includes E and V bands of the spectrum
2. It is used to connect mobile towers and also for 5G network
3. Microsoft is trying to use the same to provide free internet in India

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding CAMPA 2016

- a. Forest conservation Act of 1980 mandates that non forest land equal to the size of forest being diverted to afforestation.
- b. Levies are imposed on developmental projects that seek land inside a reserved area in a sanctuary.
- c. Levies are calculated based on Net Present Value, computed over a period of 50 years.
- d. All of the above

43. In the context of recent Brexit issue, choose the true statements:

- 1. European Union is created based on Maastricht treaty
- 2. Brexit starts upon trigger of Article 50 in Lisbon treaty
- 3. Brexit bill that deals with Britain's exit from EU is defeated in British Parliament

- a. 1,3 b. 2, 3 c. 1,2,3 d. none

44. Gorkhaland Territorial Administration has

- a. Legislative, administrative and financial powers
- b. administrative, executive and financial powers
- c. Legislative and administrative powers
- d. Only administrative powers

45. Sakhi one stop centers-

- a. Protect and help women affected by violence
- b. Skill women on employment opportunities
- c. One stop centers for maternal health , child nutrition
- d. All of the above

46. Considering American policy towards Pakistan, which of the following statements with respect to India-US relations are true-

- 1. LEMOA agreement results in use of each other's assets and bases by militaries of both
- 2. US declared India as major defense partner
- 3. CISMOA and BECA that were signed earlier facilitate Indian companies to collaborate with US in defense co-production

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

47. With respect to millets-

- 1. 2018 has been declared as International Year of millets

2. Millets are hardy, resilient crops that have low carbon and water footprint
3. Millets are small seeded grasses
4. They are considered to be Smart Foods for their multiple untapped uses such as, food, feed biofuel

a. 2,3,4 b.1,2,4 c. 1,2 d. All of the above

48. Government launched Bharat 22 – exchange traded fund. ETF is

1. Similar to mutual fund, but are traded on exchanges
2. Bharat -22 ETF is a unique blend of shares of key CPSEs only
3. It will help to speed up governments disinvestment programme
4. They are more liquid than close ended mutual funds and need Demat account

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

49. Global Cyber security Index-

1. It is released by Financial Action task force
2. The rank is given on basis of country's legal, technical, organizational institutions
3. As per its report, 50% of nations don't have National Cyber Security Policy

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

50. Sub categorisation of castes has been a contentious issue for a long time. In the wake of demands for sub categorisation across several states, which among the following are true?

1. Indra Sawhney case cleared the way of sub categorisation of backward castes.
2. Sub- categorisation as a concept is limited to OBCs
3. States are at liberty to sub categorise backward castes to implement reservations in state government jobs
4. Sub categorisation furthers the overall quota of reservations

a. 1, 3 b. 1, 2, 3 c. 2, 4 d. All of the above