

OET QUESTION PAPER AND ANSWER KEYS (19th NOV 2017)

1. Which of the following statements are correct about the group ‘Alt – Right’?

- a. It is a group of engineers which are promoting artificial intelligence
- b. It a group of activist which are promoting equal rights for all human beings irrespective of color and origin across the world.
- c. It is a group that promotes white supremacy and Neo Nazism.
- d. This is a group of programmers who are promoting operating systems other than Windows.

Answer. c

2. The central government has created a ‘ Madhyamik and Uchchatar Shiksha kosh ’ (MUSK). Which of the following statements are CORRECT about it? 1. It is non – lapsable pool in the public account for primary education. 2. Administration and management of the above pool is under Ministry of Finance. Select the code from following:

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer. d

3. Which of the following statements are correct about ‘ FASTags ’?

- 1. FASTags is a device that can be installed on the windshield of any vehicle, and toll payments can be made directly from the pre-paid account linked to it.
- 2. Dedicated FASTag lanes will be operational on all National highway toll plazas.
- 3. FASTags can be bought online and they will be delivered to the customers’ house. Select the code from following:

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

Answer. d

4. Which of the following statements are correct regarding ‘Prebiotics’?

- 1. They are living microorganisms which are harmful for human body unlike probiotics.
- 2. Taking prebiotics help probiotics to work better and more efficiently.

Select the code from below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer. b

5. Which of the below articles empowers the parliament to impose president's rule if any state has failed to comply with the directions given by centre?

- a. Article 365
- b. Article 356
- c. Article 366
- d. Article 360

Answer. a

6. According to the constitution, what is the general tenure of the governor?

- a. 5 years
- b. 6 years
- c. 4 years
- d. None

Answer. d

7. Which of the following statements are correct regarding 'Kitchen Cabinet'?

1. It is feature of parliamentary form of Government.
2. It is a process of selecting a cabinet by Prime Minister of the Government and distributes portfolios. Select the code from below:

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

Answer. d

8. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Financial Emergency in India?

1. Article 372 of the Constitution empowers President to declare a Financial Emergency.
2. Once approved by the Parliament there is no maximum time prescribed for its operation.
3. Repeated Parliamentary approval is not required for its continuation. Select the code from following:

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

Answer. b

9. Consider the statements regarding the provisions for Anglo Indians under the Constitution of India.

1. President has to mandatorily nominate 2 members of the Anglo Indian community to the Lok Sabha .
2. Governor of a State can nominate one member of the Anglo Indian community to the state legislative assembly, if the community is not adequately represented.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer. b

10. Which of the following provisions ensure impartiality and independence of Speaker of Lok Sabha ?

1. He is provided with a security of tenure.
2. His salary is charged on the consolidated fund of India.
3. He has to resign from his party to remain politically neutral. Select the code from below:

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

Answer. a

11. Chairman of Rajya Sabha is the presiding officer of the house. Which of the following statements are correct about the Chairman of Rajya Sabha ?

1. Chairman should be the member of Rajya Sabha , like Speaker should be the member of Lok Sabha .
 2. Chairman is the final authority to decide whether a bill is money bill or not in Rajya Sabha
- Select the code from below:

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

Answer. d

12. Which of the following sessions of Lok Sabha is referred as 'Lame Duck' session?

- a. It is the last session of the existing Lok Sabha

- b. It is the first session of the new Lok Sabha
- c. It is referred to a session which is adjourned without any business.
- d. It is referred to a session in which quorum is not present.

Answer. a

13. Consider the following about Question hour of the Parliament:

1. It is an informal device available to the members of the Parliament to raise matters without any prior notice.
2. The first hour of every parliamentary sitting is slotted for this
3. It is an Indian innovation in the field of parliamentary procedures Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer. c

14. The budget consists of two types of expenditure—the expenditure ‘charged’ upon the Consolidated Fund of India and the expenditure ‘made’ from the Consolidated Fund of India. Consider the following statements regarding the expenditure ‘charged’ upon Consolidated Fund of India:

1. It is non- votable by the parliament and it can only be discussed.
2. Emoluments and allowances of the President and other expenditure relating to his office are charged upon Consolidated Fund of India. Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer. c

15. Which of the following is NOT correct about CAG in India?

- a. He is appointed by a collegium of PM, CJI and Leader of opposition.
- b. He draws his remuneration from the consolidated fund of India
- c. He is head of Indian Audit Accounts Service cadre
- d. CAG is a constitutional body and ineligible for further appointment

Answer. a

16. Consider the following statements about the Attorney-General (AG) of India

1. He must have been either a judge of Supreme or High courts, or an advocate in the High court.
2. He is guaranteed security of tenure by the constitution of India considering the important

duties that he performs.

3. The grounds of removal of the AG are not mentioned in the constitution. Which of these is/are true?

- a. 3 Only
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. 1 and 2

Answer. a

17. Select the most appropriate statement with respect to ‘The Directive Principle of State Policy(DPSP)’. It

- a. Implements Gandhian ideas for decentralized state
- b. Checks the use of arbitrary powers by governments
- c. Serves as an instrument of instructions to guide state policy at all levels
- d. Promotes welfare of backward sections of the society

Answer. c

18. Consider the following statements regarding constitutional amendment bill:

1. A constitutional amendment bill ends in the case of a disagreement between the two houses.
2. It can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha first as it is the house of the people from which the constitution derives its authority.
3. The president cannot return a constitutional amendment bill to the parliament for reconsideration. Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 2 and 3
- b. 1 Only
- c. All of them
- d. 1 and 3

Answer. d

19. As per Article 12 of Indian Constitution, term “state” includes which of the following bodies:

1. Government and Parliament of India
2. ONGC, SAIL
3. Municipalities and Panchayats .
4. All state governments.

Choose the appropriate option from code given below

- a. 1 and 4 only
- b. 1, 3 and 4 only
- c. 1 only

d. All of them

Answer. d

20. Consider the following statements:

1. Fundamental rights are negative as they prohibit a state from doing certain things while DPSPs are positive as they require state to do certain things.
2. FRs are justiciable while DPSPs are non – justiciable.

Which of the above statements are correct?

a. 1 Only

b. 2 Only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer. c

21. Asian Elephants are

a. Endangered

b. Critically Endangered

c. Extinct

d. Vulnerable

Answer. a

22. CAR-T cell therapy is first of its kind of cancer therapy. Select the correct statement in this regard

a. It is a type of chemotherapy

b. It is administered in the form of pill

c. It is a type of gene therapy

d. It is a type of immunotherapy drugs called checkpoint inhibitors

Answer. c

23. Snow leopards are considered to be one of the most mysterious animals. Which of the following statements are correct regarding ‘Snow leopards’? 1. The conservation status of Snow leopards has changed from endangered to critically endangered. 2. Snow leopards are endemic to India and are only found in Trans – Himalayas. 3. Poaching and lack of prey are the biggest threat to the survival of snow leopard. Select the code from below:

a. 1 and 2

b. 3 only

c. 1 and 3

d. All of the above

Answer. b

24. Cabinet committee on Economic Affairs has recently approved a new policy called 'SHAKTI'. The aim of this new policy is to

- a. Allocate coal in transparent manner
- b. To provide low interest loans to farmers to buy tractors
- c. To allocate power to all rural households
- d. To promote electric vehicles

Answer. a

25. Google Tez is a new digital payment app based on UPI payment. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Google Tez ?

- 1. It permits user to transfer money without requiring the bank account details of recipient.
- 2. Aadhar verification for payment is mandatory.
- 3. It does not require money to be stored in app wallet for money transfer.

Select the code from following:

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

Answer. c

26. Demand deposits are the deposited funds that can be withdrawn at any time without an advance notice to the bank. Which of the following accounts have demand deposits?

- 1. Savings account
 - 2. Current Account
 - 3. Fixed deposit
- Select the code from following:

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

Answer. a

27. Which of the following sectors are included in priority sector lending?

- 1. Agriculture
 - 2. Small and medium scale industries
 - 3. Housing
 - 4. Life insurance
- Select the code from following:

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

d. All of the above

Answer. a

28. To reduce the current account deficit in India, which of the below actions government can take?

1. Reduction in export subsidy
 2. Devaluing the domestic currency
 3. Adopting suitable policies which attract greater FDI and more foreign funds
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Answer. c

29. In the context of economic recession, which of the following actions can be considered a part of the “fiscal stimulus” package?

1. Lowering interest rates
 2. Cutting tax rates
 3. Increasing Govt. spending
 4. Abolishing the subsidies
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Answer. b

30. With reference to India, consider the following:

1. Nationalization of banks
2. Formation of Regional Rural Banks
3. Adoption of villages by Bank Branches
4. Jan Dhan Yojana

Which of the above can be considered as steps taken to achieve the “financial inclusion” in India?

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

Answer. d

31. The lowering of Bank Rate by the Reserve Bank of India leads to

- a. More liquidity in the market
- b. Less liquidity in the market
- c. No change in liquidity in the market
- d. Mobilization of more deposits by commercial banks

Answer. a

32. Recently Kandla Port Trust is renamed as Deendayal Port Trust . Consider the following

1. Kandla Port is located on the Gulf of Kutch
2. It is one of the minor ports on the western coast
3. It is the largest port of India by volume of cargo handled.

Select the correct statement/s

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

Answer. c

33. Raja Ravi Varma is known for his amazing paintings, which revolve mainly around the great epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana. Which of the following is a list of the prominent works of Ravi Varma?

1. Romancing Couple
2. Shakuntala
3. The Orchestra
4. Jatayu Select the correct option

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

Answer. d

34. The James Webb Space Telescope, also called Webb or JWST, is a large, space-based observatory which will complement and extend the discoveries of the Hubble Space Telescope is a type of

- a. Infrared telescope
- b. Radio telescope
- c. Ultraviolet telescope
- d. X-ray telescope

Answer. a

35. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Dhrupad' style of music:

1. It is the oldest surviving form of Indian Carnatic Music.
2. It is mainly a vocal tradition based on the practice of nada yoga.
3. A Dhrupad performance starts with the 'Alaap' which is a slow and elaborate development of a 'Raga' using free flowing melodic patterns.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer. b

36. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is the apex regulator of genetically modified seed. GEAC is established under the Ministry of

- a. Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b. Science and Technology
- c. Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- d. Trade and Commerce

Answer. a

37. Health Ministry has recently launched a flagship program MAA to generate awareness for:

- a. Iron deficiency in mothers
- b. Reduce AIDS cases in new born
- c. Promote breast feeding
- d. Primary childcare

Answer. c

38. Consider the following statements regarding Asian Development Bank (ADB)

1. ADB is a regional development bank headquartered at Philippines
2. India is a member of ADB
3. ADB has grown to encompass 67 members, all from Asia Pacific Region Select the correct statement/s

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

Answer. a

39. Which of the following are not part of Open Defecation Free (ODF) States of India

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Haryana
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Kerala
5. Uttarakhand

Select the correct code

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. 2, 3 and 5
- c. 1 and 3
- d. 1 Only

Answer. c

40. The Great Lakes are a chain of freshwater lakes located in eastern North America. Which of the following lakes is part of the Great Lakes?

1. Superior
2. Ontario
3. Erie
4. Huron
5. Michigan

Select the correct code

- a. 1, 3 and 5
- b. 1, 2, 4 and 5
- c. 2, 3 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Answer. d

41. Which of the following is the chief characteristic of 'mixed farming'?

- a. Cultivation of both cash crops and food crops
- b. Cultivation of two or more crops in the same field
- c. Rearing of animals and cultivation of crops together
- d. None of the above

Answer. c

42. Which one of the following countries is farthest from the equator?

- a. Kenya
- b. Maldives
- c. Columbia

d. France

Answer. d

43. Which line marks the boundary of the zone where the sun never sets during the June solstice and never rises during December solstice?

a. Antarctica circle

b. Arctic circle

c. Tropic of Cancer

d. Tropic of Capricorn

Answer. b

44. The property of magnetism in the Earth is due to the presence of

a. Mg and Fe silicates in the mantle

b. Si and Mg rich rocks in the crust

c. Fe in the core

d. olivine and pyroxeno in upper mantle

Answer. c

45. Which of the following is the main cause of Soil salinization in Punjab?

a. Multiple cropping

b. Acid Rain

c. Over irrigation

d. Unscientific ploughing of land

Answer. c

46. According to the National Forest Policy of India, how much land area should be under forest cover?

a. 24%

b. 33%

c. 15%

d. 50%

Answer. b

47. Which of the following statements are correct about Karewa soils of India?

1. They are formed by lacustrine deposits.

2. They are found only in Kashmir and Bhadarwa valley

3. They are very fertile and suitable for saffron, almond and walnut farming.

Select the code from below:

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

Answer. d

48. To provide opportunity and encouragement to entrepreneurs in the North East India, North East Venture Fund has been launched. Which of the following statements are correct regarding North – East Venture Fund?

1. It has been launched by joint collaboration between India and Japan.
2. Northeast Venture Fund offered by the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER)

Select the code from below:

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

Answer. b

49. Siali creeper is a native to Indian sub continent and is found widely in Ganga Brahmaputra plains. The tribals of Odisha have started growing Siali creepers in the forest as Siali leaves are in demand. How are the Siali leaves used?

- a. They are used for making biodegradable leaf plates
- b. They are consumed to increase hemoglobin
- c. They are burnt and their ash is used in treatment of Tuberculosis
- d. They are rich in nitrogen and are used as natural fertilizers in organic farming.

Answer. a

50. In the recent BRICS conference, the BRICS leaders signed the Xiamen declaration in China. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Xiamen declaration?

1. It condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and called upon all states to adopt a comprehensive approach to combat the menace.
2. The declaration proposes to form a BRICS special anti terrorism force that can go on special mission to combat terror in BRICS countries. Select the code from following

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer. a