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1. Which of the following is/are correct?

1. Berne Convention is related to protection of Literary and Artistic works
 2. India signed the Berne Convention in 2016
- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation

- India has been the Member of Berne Convention since 28th April, 1928
- It deals with the protection of works and the rights of their authors. It is based on three basic principles and contains a series of provisions determining the minimum protection to be granted, as well as special provisions available to developing countries that want to make use of them
 - ✓ National Treatment
 - ✓ Automatic Protection (not subject to conditionality)
 - ✓ Independence of Protection (independent of the existence of protection in the country of origin)
- It allows certain limitations and exceptions on economic rights, that is, cases in which protected works may be used without the authorization of the owner of the copyright, and without payment of compensation.
 - ✓ These limitations are commonly referred to as "free uses" of protected works include
 - ❖ reproduction in certain special cases,
 - ❖ quotations and use of works by way of illustration for teaching purposes,
 - ❖ reproduction of newspaper or similar articles and
 - ❖ use of works for the purpose of reporting current events and ephemeral recordings for broadcasting purposes

2. Beijing Treaty under the WTO was signed in 2012. It relates to

- A. Industrial Designs
B. New Varieties of Plants
C. Audiovisual Performances
D. Patents

Answer: C

Explanation

- The Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances was adopted in Beijing in 2012
- It grants performers four kinds of economic rights for their performances fixed in audiovisual fixations, such as motion pictures:
 - ✓ the right of reproduction;
 - ✓ the right of distribution;
 - ✓ the right of rental;
 - ✓ and the right of making available

3. Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled (MVT) is the latest addition to the body of international copyright treaties administered by

- A. WEF
- B. WIPO
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNCTAD

Answer: B

Explanation

- India established a dedicated Department for Disability Affairs as part of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 2012;
- It was the first country to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty of 2014
- It launched the transformational 'Accessible India' campaign in 2015; and
- It passed the landmark Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act in 2016.

Moreover, critical amendments to India's Right to Education Act have made education more accessible to children with disabilities.

4. Which of the following are false?

1. Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) has a wider scope than the Paris Convention for Protection of IP 1883
 2. All UN members are signatories to PCT
- A. 1 only
 - B. Only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation

- The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), commonly referred to as International Patent, provides a common application mechanism for inventors wishing to protect their inventions around the world
 - ✓ While called “international” patent, not all countries are covered
- Paris Convention has a broader geographical scope and covers 177 countries (2020)



Countries in blue are PCT members, while countries in gray are not.

5. A/An _____ is an exclusive right granted for an invention—a product or process that provides a new way of doing something, or that offers a new technical solution to a problem.

- A. Trademark
- B. Patent
- C. Industrial Design
- D. None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation

- An industrial design refers to the ornamental or aesthetic aspects of an article. A design may consist of three-dimensional features, such as the shape or surface of an article, or two-dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or color.
- A trademark is a distinctive sign that identifies certain goods or services produced or provided by an individual or a company. Its origin dates back to ancient times when craftsmen reproduced their signatures, or “marks”, on their artistic works or products of a functional or practical nature.

6. Which of the following are true in the context of AIIB?

1. AIIB is the first major multilateral development bank where principal contributors are the borrowing members themselves.
2. Almost three-fourth of the capital is from Asia alone.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation

Both the Statements are correct

- Unlike most other multilateral development banks set up by advanced economies, AIIB is the first major multilateral development bank where principal contributors are the borrowing members themselves. The third Annual Meeting of the bank focuses on infrastructure, with the theme of innovation and collaboration
- While 75% of the capital is from Asia, several non-Asian regions like Europe, North America, some East African and Latin American countries have also joined the bank as members
- India has been the largest borrower of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) lending since the time the Bank started its operations

7. Which of the following are true in the context of Asian Development Bank?

- 1. It recently listed Masala bonds on both India INX and Luxembourg exchange.
- 2. ADB's private sector operations are more than its public sector ones.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation

Statement 1 is correct but statement 2 is incorrect

- ADB recently listed its 10 year masala bonds on both Luxembourg exchange and India INX
✓ This is also the first time a foreign issuer and a supranational is doing a primary listing with India INX
- ADB's private sector operations reached \$3.14 billion in 2018, a 37 per cent increase from the previous fiscal, and stood at 14.5 per cent of its overall commitment

8. Which of the following are true in the context of New Development Bank?

- 1. Membership of the NDB is reserved for the BRICS countries only.

2. Its credit rating is significantly higher than the weighted average of its members.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect but statement 2 is correct

- Any UN member state can become a member of the NDB, although the cumulative share of BRICS nations can never be less than 55 per cent of the voting potential
- NDB is rated significantly higher than weighted average of its members.
 - ✓ India, for example, is BBB- on investment grade, South Africa has one rating at investment grade, China is A+, Brazil is sub-investment grade and Russia is BBB+
 - ✓ NDB is rated AAA foreign currency long-term issuer rating with a stable outlook
 - ❖ It means that there's almost zero probability of NDB ever defaulting
 - ✓ This is significant because there is no other bank in the world that is only owned by emerging markets that has a rating as high as the NDB. All of the others that have such a high rating, they have either the United States or Japan or the European Union as members

9. The following reports are published by which of the given institutions?

- 1. Asia Bond Monitor
 - 2. Future Thinking in Asia and Pacific
 - 3. Asian Development Outlook
- A. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - B. Asian Development Bank
 - C. New Development Bank
 - D. UNESCAP

Answer: B

Explanation

- UNESCAP
 - ✓ Asia Pacific Disaster Report
 - ✓ Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report

- AIIB

✓ Asian Infrastructure Finance

10. Which among the following are the investors in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) Fund of Funds?

1. AIIB
2. ADB
3. World Bank
4. IMF

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3
C. 1, 2 and 4
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: A

Explanation

- All of the above are investors in NIIF
- NIIF is India's first sovereign wealth fund that was set up in 2015. It manages three funds
 - ✓ Master Fund
 - ✓ Fund of Funds
 - ✓ Strategic Fund
- NIIF established Fund of Funds in 2018 with the objective of creating a vehicle to provide India-focused private equity fund managers with a go-to institutional investor operating at scale and based in India
- ADB and AIIB committed Government of India \$100 million equivalent for investment in NIIF FOF

11. Which of the following is/are false about Galwan River?

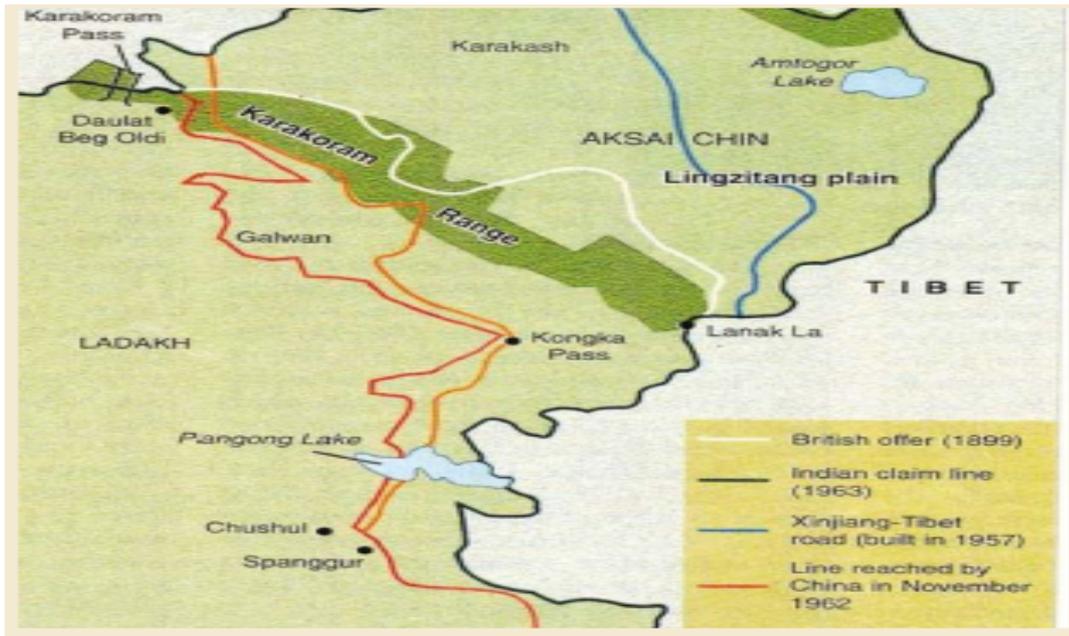
1. It flows through the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.
 2. It flows westward to join the Nubra River.
- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation

Both the statements are incorrect.

- Galwan River flows from the disputed Aksai Chin region in southern Xinjiang of China to Ladakh of India.
- It originates on the eastern side of the Karakoram range and flows west to join the Shyok river.
- It is one of the upstream tributaries of Indus River.



12. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true in the context of Open Skies Treaty?

1. India is a member of this treaty that came into force in 2002.
2. It allows each state-party to carry out unarmed, reconnaissance flights to collect data on military forces and activities

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect but statement 2 is correct.

- India is not a member of this treaty. Most of the participating countries are in North America, Europe and Central Asia (over 34 participating countries).

- It allows each state-party to carry out short-notice, unarmed, reconnaissance flights to collect data on military forces and activities.

13. Which of the following are correctly matched?

1. Aksai Chin McMahan Line
2. India-Bangladesh Johnson Line
3. Sikkim & Arunachal Radcliffe Line

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. None of the above

Answer: D

Explanation

All of the above combinations are incorrect.

- The boundary dispute in the Western Sector pertains to the Johnson Line proposed by the British in the 1860s that extended up to the Kunlun Mountains and put Aksai Chin in the then princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. Independent India used the Johnson Line and claimed Aksai Chin as its own.
- Radcliffe line is between India and Pakistan and India and Bangladesh.
- The disputed boundary in the Eastern Sector of the India-China border is over the MacMahon Line.

14. Kalapani territory is located on the border between India and

- A. Bhutan
B. Nepal
C. China
D. Bangladesh

Answer: B

Explanation

- India and Nepal have border disputes over Kalapani-Limpiyadhura-Lipulekh trijunction between India-Nepal and China and Susta area.
- Kalapani is a valley that is administered by India in Uttarakhand state.
- Kali River in this region demarcates the border.
- Susta region is located on the bank of Gandhak River and falls in Bihar state.

15. Which of the following group of countries started a travel bubble to help put their economies back on track after COVID-19 lockdown?

- A. Balkan Countries
- B. European Union
- C. Baltic Countries
- D. MERCOSUR Countries

Answer: C

Explanation

- Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania started a travel bubble in which the residents of these countries would be able to travel freely by rail, air and sea without quarantine measures.

16. Which of the following countries are parts of QUAD grouping?

1. Russia
2. India
3. USA
4. Japan

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2, 3 and 4
- C. 1, 2 and 4
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B

17. Consider the following statements

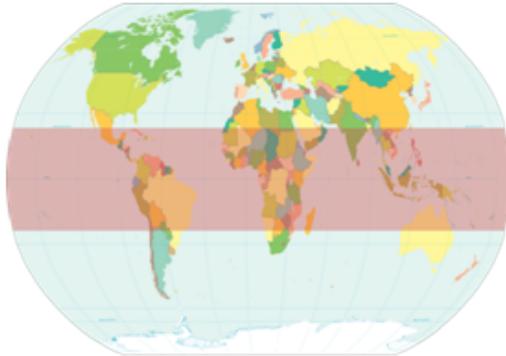
1. The International Solar Alliance was launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2015.
2. The International Solar Alliance is a group of nations that lies within Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn.

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

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation



18. RAISE 2020 summit which was in news is related to,

- A. Renewable Energy
- B. Sustainable Development
- C. Artificial Intelligence
- D. Rural Development

Answer: C

19. Consider the following statements with respect to Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

1. India and Pakistan signed the memorandum of obligations in June 2016, thereby starting the formal process of joining the SCO as full members.
2. With an aim to share literature works with SCO nations, the Sahitya Akademi will translate 10 Indian literature works into Chinese language only.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2.
- D. None of the above

Answer: A

20. Consider the following statements with respect to United Nations.

1. There are 5 main organs of the UN and the Trusteeship Council is one of them.

2. The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.
3. The United Nations is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. None of the above

Answer: B