1. With reference to India, consider the following statements:
   1. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India is available on a monthly basis only.
   2. As compared to Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPIIW), the WPI gives less weight to food articles.
   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

   [Ans – b]

2. Recently, which one of the following currencies has been proposed to be added to the basket of IMF’s SDR?
   (a) Rouble
   (b) Rand
   (c) Indian Rupee
   (d) Renminbi

   [Ans – d]

3. Consider the following taxes: [2001]
   1. Corporation tax
   2. Customs duty
   3. Wealth tax
   4. Excise duty
   Which of these is/are indirect taxes?
   (a) 1 only
   (b) 2 and 4 only
   (c) 1 and 3 only

   [Ans – d]

4. Disguised unemployment generally means
   (a) large number of people remain unemployed
   (b) alternative employment is not available
   (c) marginal productivity of labour is zero
   (d) productivity of workers is low

   [Ans – c]

5. Which one of the following is a purpose of ‘UDAY’, a scheme of the Government?
   a) Providing technical and financial assistance to start-up entrepreneurs in the field or renewable source of energy.
   b) Providing electricity to every household in the country by 2018
   c) Replacing the coal-based power plants with natural gas, nuclear, solar, wind and tidal power plants over a period of time.
   d) Providing for financial turnaround and revival of power distribution companies

   [Ans – d]

6. India’s ranking in the ‘Ease of Doing Business Index’ is sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following has declared that ranking?
   a) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
   b) World Economic Forum
7. The establishment of “Payment Banks’ is being allowed in India to promote financial inclusion.

Which of the following statements is/are correct in this context?

1. Mobile telephone companies and supermarket chains that are owned and controlled by residents are eligible to be promoters of Payment Banks.
2. Payment Banks can issue both credit cards and debit cards.
3. Payment Banks cannot undertake lending activities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

[Ans – b]

8. Consider the following statements regarding International Court Of Justice (ICJ):

1. It is the subsidiary organ of United Nation.
2. English and French are its official languages.

Correct statement(s) is/are:

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2

[Ans – c]

9. Which of the statements are correct regarding International Maritime Organisation?

1. The International Maritime Organization is the United Nations’ specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.
2. IMO in 1960 adopted the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to improve the safety of shipping.

a) 1 Only
b) 2 Only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

[Ans – c]

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal bloc of industrialized democracies—Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
2. It was originally a G-6 group later joined by Canada.

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

[Ans – b]
11. Which of the statements are correct regarding SIMBEX?
   1. SIMBEX stands for “Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercises”.
   2. The Indian & Republic of Singapore Navy began participating in the bilateral exercises in 1996.

   a) 1 Only
   b) 2 Only
   c) Both 1 and 2
   d) Neither 1 nor 2

   [Ans – a]

12. WannaCry, which was in news recently, is
   a) A ransomware that locks up files on the computer and encrypts them in a way that cannot access them anymore
   b) A Non-Profit Organisation helping poor children in Africa
   c) A computer software which helps in tracking the incidents of child trafficking
   d) None of the above

   [Ans – a]

13. KAVACH is a
   a) Laser wall to safeguard the 198 km India-Pakistan international border in Jammu and Kashmir.
   b) RADAR technique used at Indo-Pakistan border.
   c) Unbreakable shield to protect army tanks.
   d) Bunkers developed at the border region in Jammu and Kashmir.

   [Ans – a]

14. Which of the statements are correct regarding One Belt One Road initiative?
   1. The Belt and Road refers to the land-based Silk Road Economic Belt and the seagoing Maritime Silk Road.
   2. China Pakistan Economic Corridor is a part of One Belt One Road initiative.

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

   [Ans – c]

15. Consider the following statements regarding Public Affairs Index:
   1. Public Affairs Centre (PAC) releases the Public Affairs Index.
   2. According to Public Affairs Index 2017, Kerala and Tamil Nadu –has secured first and second rankings respectively.

   Correct code(s) is/are:
   a) 1 only
   b) 2 only
   c) Both 1 and 2
   d) Neither 1 nor 2

   [Ans – c]

16. Which of the following statements regarding World Press Freedom Index is correct?
   a) The report is published annually by Reporters Without Borders (Reporters Sans Frontieres) since 2002.
   b) India has been ranked 78 in the 2017 index.
   c) The report is released on May 6 every year, which is celebrated as World Press Freedom day.

   [Ans – a]
d) None of the above

[Ans – a]

17. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratishthan Scheme is:
   a) A skill development scheme that will train rural youth to maintain mobile towers, repair optical fibres and fix other communication technologies across India.
   b) A project to improve inter-ministerial communication architecture
   c) A project to create a robust architecture so as to establish effective communication link with rural masses
   d) None of the above

[Ans- a]

18. Consider the following statements regarding eVIN project:
   1. eVIN is an indigenously developed technology system in India that digitizes vaccine stocks and monitors the temperature of the cold chain through a smartphone application.
   2. eVIN Project of Health Ministry becomes global best practise in immunization.

Correct code(s) is/are:
   a) 1 only
   b) 2 only
   c) Both 1 and 2
   d) Neither 1 nor 2

[Ans – c]

19. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Exclusion Report:
   1. The Centre for Equity Studies (CES) releases the Indian Exclusion Report (IXR).
   2. The 2016 Report reviews exclusion with respect to four public goods: pensions for the elderly, digital access, agricultural land, and legal justice for under trials.

Correct code(s) is/are:
   a) 1 only
   b) 2 only
   c) Both 1 and 2
   d) Neither 1 nor 2

[Ans – c]

20. Consider the following statements regarding 'Darwaza Band' campaign:
   1. It is aimed at promoting use of toilets and discouraging open defecation.
   2. It has been launched by Ministry of Social Justice.

Correct code(s) is/are:
   a) 1 only
   b) 2 only
   c) Both 1 and 2
   d) Neither 1 nor 2

[Ans – a]