

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**42.** Consider the following statements regarding US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF):

1. It publishes the annual International Religious Freedom (IRF) Report.
2. It downgraded India's position in religious freedom to 'Country of Particular Concern (CPC)'.
3. Its recommendations are binding on the US Congress.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 3 only

**43.** "RESPOND Program", seen in news recently, relates to:

- (a) Address the major science and engineering challenges that India must address and champion to enable, empower and embolden the nation for inclusive growth and self-reliance.
- (b) Promoting innovation of a higher order that directly impacts the needs of the Industry and thereby improves the competitive edge of Indian manufacturing.
- (c) Enhance the academic base, generate human resources and infrastructure at the academic institutions to support the space programmes.
- (d) Imparting basic knowledge of space technology, space science and space applications to younger students.

**44.** With reference to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs), consider the following statements:

1. It is a specialized financial institution that buys the non-performing assets (NPAs) from banks and financial institutions so that they can clean up their balance sheets.
2. ARCs in India have no legal backing.
3. ARCs do not have to maintain a capital adequacy ratio as they function as a bad bank.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**45.** Consider the following statements:

1. OPEC is a cartel that aims to manage the supply of oil in an effort to set the price of oil on the world market.
2. OPEC+ is an informal group of all the OPEC members with other major oil producing companies.
3. Russia and USA are members of OPEC+ but not of OPEC.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**46.** With reference to Muslim Brotherhood, consider the following statements:

1. It is a religio-political organization that advocated the application of Islamic law in all aspects of society.
2. It was founded in Turkey.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**47.** Which of the following statements regarding Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) are correct?

1. It is the first permanent intergovernmental organization to provide a forum for the resolution of international disputes through arbitration.
2. It is an agency of United Nations.
3. The decision of PCA is binding on the parties, and there is no mechanism for appeal.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only