

23. Consider the following statements:

1. Stabilization policy seeks to keep an economy on an even keel by increasing or decreasing interest rates as needed.
2. Interest rates are raised to discourage borrowing to spend and lowered to boost borrowing to spend.

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

24. With reference to religious traditions of medieval India, which of the following statements are correct?

1. Tantric form of worship focussed on the female goddess.
2. Tantric form was based on the gender biased practices.
3. Tantric tradition influenced Buddhism in later medieval period.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP):

1. It is one of the components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
2. It was initiated with the aim of accelerating the implementation of irrigation projects that exceed the resource capabilities of states.
3. As per AIBP guidelines, failure to complete a project on time would result in the grants being treated as loans that would later be recovered from the state government.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017:

1. It empowers states to identify and notify wetlands within their jurisdictions.
2. A 'wise use' principle has been inserted giving powers to the centre to decide what can be allowed in larger interest.

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment):

1. It is a rating tool that helps people assesses the performance of their building against certain nationally acceptable benchmarks.
2. The tool has been developed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
3. It evaluates the environmental performance of a building holistically over its entire life cycle.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

28. Which of the following is **not** an Ex-situ Conservation?

1. National Park
2. Sacred Groves
3. Gene Bank
4. Zoological Garden

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1 and 4 only