- **9.** With reference to Interest Rate Derivatives, consider the following statements:
 - 1. They are financial instruments whose value is linked to the movements of the interest rates.
 - 2. They can be traded in the form of futures, options, or swaps contracts.

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
- **10.** Consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Sun rays are never overhead at any point beyond the tropical zone.
 - 2. In the month of December, Southern Hemisphere has its longest day.
 - 3. On the day of an equinox, daytime and nighttime are of approximately equal duration all over the planet.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only
- 11. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Intertropical convergence represents the meeting ground of north-east and south-east trade winds.
 - 2. Intertropical convergence is the region of ascending air, maximum clouds and heavy rainfall throughout the year.

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

- **12.** Arrange the following passes in the west to east direction:
 - 1. Khyber
 - 2. Shipkila
 - 3. Zojila
 - 4. Nathula
 - 5. Bomdila

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1-2-3-5-4
- (b) 1-3-2-4-5
- (c) 3-1-2-4-5
- (d) 3-2-1-4-5
- **13.** Consider the following statements with respect to Mascarene High:
 - It is a high-pressure area located near the Mascarene Islands in the southern Indian Ocean.
 - 2. Arrival of Indian Monsoon may be delayed due to delays in the formation of Mascarene High.

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
- **14.** Consider the following pairs:

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Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

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