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General Studies

Q1. Recently, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called for the scrapping of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. In light of the above statement, consider the following statements regarding the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).

1. AFSPA was enacted by the Indian Parliament immediately after the 1st Proclamation of National Emergency in 1962.
2. The AFSPA gives power to the Army and Central forces deployed in “disturbed areas” to search premises and arrest without warrant, to use force even to the extent of causing death.
3. A disturbed area is one that is declared by notification under Section 3 of the AFSPA.

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

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) All of the Above.

Q2. Consider the following statements about Central Adverse List.

1. It is a list maintained by the Union Ministry of External Affairs.
2. It contains the names of those individuals who are suspected of having links with terrorist outfits.
3. It is a step taken by the Indian government to maintain internal security.

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

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

Q3. Kalamkari painting refers to

- (a) a hand-painted cotton textile in South India
 - (b) a handmade drawing on bamboo handicrafts in North-East India
 - (c) a block-painted woollen cloth in Western Himalayan region of India
 - (d) a hand-painted decorative silk cloth in North-Western India
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Q4. Which of the following dynasties is not related associated the construction of the Dhamek stupa?

- (a) Maurya dynasty
 - (b) Kushan dynasty
 - (c) Gupta dynasty
 - (d) Chalukya dynasty
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Q5. Consider the following statements:

1. More than two-thirds of the surface of Earth is covered by water.
2. More than two-thirds of the freshwater of Earth is in the form of Glaciers and ice caps.

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
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Q6. With reference to the 'BBIN Initiative' consider the following statements:

1. It is a strategic alliance to tackle China's intrusion in the Himalayan region.
2. It is a sub-regional grouping of countries in Eastern South Asia

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
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Q7. SWIFT Messaging System has been recently in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- (a) Secure International Financial Transaction
 - (b) Indigenous Messaging Application of India
 - (c) Global Spyware Network
 - (d) Surveillance System of Russia.
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Q8. Recently in the news, the "Authorised Economic Operators Programme" is related to the?

- (a) Cryptocurrency
 - (b) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting
 - (c) Supply Chain and Global Trade
 - (d) Money Laundering
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Q9. With reference to fiat money, consider the following statements:

1. It is a government-issued currency that is backed by a physical commodity, such as gold.
2. It gives central banks greater control over the economy because they can control how much money is printed.

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
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Q10. Consider the following statements with respect to the Marburg virus disease:

1. The disease has a very less fatality rate.
2. The virus was first detected in Germany.
3. It is clinically similar to Ebola disease.

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

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

Direction for the following 4 (Four) items: Q.11-Q.14

Read the following **one** passage & answer the items that follow. Your answer to these items should be based on the passage only.

Passage 1

For achieving inclusive growth there is a critical need to rethink the role of the State. The early debate among economists about the size of the Government can be misleading. The need of the hour is to have an enabling Government. India is too large and complex a nation for the State to be able to deliver all that is needed. Asking the Government to produce all the essential goods, create all the necessary jobs, and keep a curb on the prices of all goods is to lead to a large cumbersome bureaucracy and widespread corruption. The aim must be to stay with the objective of inclusive growth that was laid down by the founding fathers of the nation and also to take a more modern view of what the State can realistically deliver. This is what leads to the idea of an enabling State, that is, a Government that does not try to directly deliver to the citizens everything that they need. Instead, it (1) creates an enabling ethos for the market so that individual enterprise can flourish and citizens can, for the most part, provide for the needs of one another, and (2) steps in to help those who do not manage to do well for themselves, for there will always be individuals, no matter what the system, 'who need support and help. Hence, we need a Government that, when it comes to the market, sets effective, incentive-compatible rules and remains on the sidelines with minimal interference, and, at the same time, plays an important role in directly helping the poor by ensuring that they get basic education and health services and receive adequate nutrition and food.

Q11. According to the passage :

1. The objective of inclusive growth was laid down by the founding fathers of the nation.
2. Need of the hour is to have an enabling Government.
3. The Government should engage in maximum interference in market processes.
4. There is a need to change the size of the Government.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q12. According to the passage, the strategy of inclusive growth can be affected by focusing on:

- (a) Meeting all the needs of every citizen in the country.
 - (b) Increasing the regulations over the manufacturing sector.
 - (c) Controlling the distribution of manufactured goods.
 - (d) Delivery of the basic services to the deprived sections of the society.
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Q13. What constitutes an enabling Government?

- 1. A large bureaucracy.
- 2. Implementation of welfare programmes through representatives.
- 3. Creating an ethos that helps individual enterprise.
- 4. Providing resources to those who are underprivileged.
- 5. Offering direct help to the poor regarding basic services.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 4 and 5 only
 - (c) 3, 4 and 5 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
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Q14. Why is the State unable to deliver "all that is needed"?

- 1. It does not have sufficient bureaucracy.
- 2. It does not promote inclusive growth.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Q15. Every budget contains a cartload of figures in black and white-but the dark figures represent the myriad lights and shades of India's life, the contrasting tones of poverty and wealth, and of bread so dear and flesh and blood so cheap, the deep tints of adventure and enterprise and man's ageless struggle for a brighter morning. The Union budget should not be an annual scourge but a part of the presentation of annual accounts of a partnership between the Government and the people. That partnership would work much better when the ridiculous confidentiality is substituted by openness & public consultations, resulting in fair laws & the people's acceptance of their moral duty to pay.

Which one of the following is the most logical, scientific and rational inference that can be made from the above passage?

- (a) Contrasting tones of Poverty and Wealth would wear away if Transparency comes in.
- (b) Budgetary process should be a showcase of partnership between Government and the people.
- (c) Openness and consultations with public would make them more responsible towards their duty
- (d) Budget should not be presented if it does not have public aspirations

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