Prelims Practice Questions 14-12-2017

1. Consider the following statements.

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1. The island of Hunga Tonga- Hunga Ha’apai is of volcanic origin.
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2. It is located in Java Sea.
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3. It is the world’s newest island till date.
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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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a. 1 and 2 only
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b. 2 only
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c. 1 and 3 only
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d. 3 only
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2. Consider the following statements.

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1. The Headquarters of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is located in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
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2. Turkey holds the present chairmanship of OIC.
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3. No European country is/are members of OIC.
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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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a. 1 and 2only
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b. 2 only
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c. 1 and 3 only
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d. 3 only
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3. Consider the following statements.

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1. G5 Sahel initiative is led by United Kingdom.
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2. The G5 Sahel force pools troops from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.
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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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a. 1 only
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b. 2 only
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c. Both 1 and 2
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d. Neither 1 nor 2
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4. Consider the following statements.

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1. The term ASEAN+3 include India, China and Japan.
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2. Australia and New Zealand are dialogue partners.
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3. East Timor is a newly added member.
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Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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a. 1 and 2 only
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b. 1 and 3 only
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c. 2 only
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d. 3 only
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5. Consider the following statements regarding the composition of the council of ministers:

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1. Deputy Ministers are not members of the Cabinet.
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2. Parliament secretaries often hold the rank of the Minister of State.
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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a. 1 only
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b. 2 only
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c. Both 1 and 2
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d. Neither 1 nor 2
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6. With reference to the general features of the amendment procedure, consider the following statements:

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1. The state legislature cannot initiate any Bill for amendment of the Constitution.
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2. Constitutional Amendment Bills are to be introduced only in Lok Sabha.
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3. Constitutional Amendment Bills cannot be introduced as a private member bill.
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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a. 1 only
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b. 1 and 2 only
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c. 2 and 3 only
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d. 1, 2 and 3
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7. Consider the following statements regarding the privileges of the Members of the Parliament.

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1. The privileges of the Members of the Parliament are codified in the Indian Constitution.
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2. MPs have the freedom of speech to discuss the conduct of any Judge of the High Court.
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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a. 1 only
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b. 2 only
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c. Both 1 and 2
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d. Neither 1 nor 2
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8. Consider the following statements regarding Finance Commission:

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1. It recommends measures and methods on how revenues need to be distributed between the Centre and States.
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2. It lays down the principles for giving out grant-in-aids to states and other local bodies.

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3. It ensures a sense of equality in public services across the states.
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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a. 3 only
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b. 1 and 2 only
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c. 2 and 3 only
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d. 1, 2 and 3
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9. Consider the following statements regarding the NITI Aayog

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1. It is a Constitutional body headed by the Prime Minister of India.
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2. It leads initiative to convert 100% Government to Citizen (G2C) Transactions to the digital platform.
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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10. Which of the following statements regarding the GST is/are correct?

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1. Intra state supply of goods and services attract CGST, SGST and IGST.
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2. GST aims to widen the tax base in the country.
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3. GST will amalgamate all the existing Direct and Indirect Taxes in India.
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Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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a. 2 only
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b. 1 and 2 only
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c. 2 and 3 only
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d. 1, 2 and 3
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Answers & Explanations

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1. c

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The island is located in Pacific Ocean. It is of volcanic origin. The newly formed island is in the nation of Tonga.

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2. b

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The Headquarters of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is located in Jedda, Saudi Arabia. Albania (European country) is a member of OIC.

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3. b

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G5 Sahel initiative is led by France.

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4. c

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The term ASEAN+3 include South Korea, China and Japan.

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5. c

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The council of ministers consists of three categories of ministers, namely, cabinet ministers, minister of state, and deputy ministers. Deputy ministers are not members of the cabinet and do not attend cabinet meetings.

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6. a

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An amendment of the Constitution can be initiated only by the introduction of a bill for the purpose in either House of Parliament and not in the state legislatures.

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The bill can be introduced either by a minister or by a private member and does not require prior permission of the president.

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7. d

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Although some of the privileges enjoyed by the members have been laid down in the statute, they have not been ‘codified’ or enacted into law.

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Constitution says that no discussion shall take place in Parliament with respect to the conduct of any Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court in the discharge of his duties except upon a motion for presenting an address to the President praying for the removal of the Judge.

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8. d

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The commission has to take on itself the job of addressing the imbalances that often arise between the taxation powers and expenditure responsibilities of the centre and the states, respectively. Primarily, it has to ensure a sense of equality in public services across the states.

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Intra state supply of goods and services attract only CGST and SGST. While the interstate supply of goods and services attract IGST.

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It amalgamates only the indirect taxes levied by the Centre and States but not all the taxes (which includes direct taxes).

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Share your answers & thoughts in the comment section

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