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1. Consider the following :

1. Abolition or creation of a Legislative Council in a State.
2. Alteration in the number of judges of the Supreme Court.
3. Matters relating to elections to Parliament and the State Legislatures.
4. Amendment of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution.
5. Directive Principles of State Policy.
6. Amendment of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution.

How many of the above can be amended by the Parliament by a simple majority of the members present and voting ?

- (A) Only three (B) Only four (C) Only five (D) All six

2. Consider the following statements :

Statement I :

Replacing fossil-fuel-derived hydrogen with green hydrogen can substantially reduce the carbon footprint of ammonia production.

Statement II :

Hydrogen used in conventional ammonia production is predominantly obtained through steam methane reforming.

Statement III :

Electrolysis powered by renewable electricity can produce hydrogen without direct carbon dioxide emissions.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (A) Both **Statement II** and **Statement III** are correct and both explain **Statement I**.
(B) Both **Statement II** and **Statement III** are correct, but only one explains **Statement I**.
(C) Only one of **Statements II** and **III** is correct and that explains **Statement I**.
(D) Neither **Statement II** nor **Statement III** is correct.

3. Consider the following statements with reference to carbon markets :

- I. Carbon markets aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by assigning an economic value to carbon emissions.
- II. Carbon pricing creates financial incentives for industries to adopt cleaner technologies.
- III. Carbon markets eliminate the need for regulatory standards governing industrial emissions.

Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct ?

1. Statement II explains Statement I.
2. Statement III contradicts the implication of Statement I.
3. Statement I and Statement III together establish the principle of sustainable development.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 only (B) 1 and 2 (C) 2 and 3 (D) 3 only

4. Black plastics have recently been in the news due to the presence of toxic additives. Which of the following consumer products are commonly manufactured using black plastics ?

1. Kitchen utensils
2. Hair dryers
3. Cosmetic packaging
4. Television remote controls
5. Electrical cable covers

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1, 2 and 4 only (B) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
(C) 2, 3 and 5 only (D) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

5. Which one of the following rivers has played an important role in the evolutionary separation of Bonobos from Common Chimpanzees ?

- (A) Niger River (B) Congo River (C) Zambezi River (D) Nile River

6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Gram Sabha under the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) :

1. The Gram Sabha has the ownership of minor forest produce.
2. The Gram Sabha shall be consulted before the acquisition of land in the Scheduled Areas for development projects.
3. The Gram Sabha has the power to enact laws relating to the management of natural resources in the Scheduled Areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

7. The term "Republic" in the Preamble to the Constitution of India signifies which of the following ?

1. The Head of the State is indirectly elected.
2. Political sovereignty ultimately rests with the people.
3. Public offices are open to all citizens without hereditary discrimination.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

8. Under the Constitution of India, which among the following constitutional authority is vested with the power to decide questions relating to the disqualification of a Member of Parliament under Article 102(1) ?

- (A) The President of India (B) The Election Commission of India
(C) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha (D) The Chief Justice of India

9. Consider the following statements :
1. The Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction in disputes between the Government of India and one or more States or between two or more States, if the dispute involves a question on which the existence or extent of a legal right depends.
 2. All authorities, both civil and judicial, in the territory of India are constitutionally bound to act in aid of the Supreme Court.
- 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. With reference to the Governor of a State, consider the following statements :
1. He appoints the judges of the High Court.
 2. He submits his resignation to the Chief Justice of the concerned State High Court.
 3. His emoluments, allowances and privileges are determined by the President.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct ?
- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
11. With reference to Simlipal National Park, which of the following statements is/are correct ?
1. It was designated as a National Park in 2025, while continuing to remain a Tiger Reserve and a Biosphere Reserve.
 2. It is home to the famous melanistic tigers, a unique population found in the wild.
 3. It is situated in the Eastern Ghats and is drained primarily by the Godavari River system.
- Select the answer using the code given below :
- (A) 1 only (B) 3 only (C) 1 and 2 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
12. The Tenth Schedule was introduced in the Constitution of India during the Prime Ministership of :
- (A) Morarji Desai (B) Rajiv Gandhi
(C) P.V. Narasimha Rao (D) Indira Gandhi
13. What is the current position of the 'Right to Walk' on safe and demarcated footpaths in India ?
- (A) A Legal right under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
(B) A Constitutional right under Part XII
(C) A Fundamental Right under Article 19
(D) A Directive Principle of State Policy under Part IV
14. Which one of the following best captures the relationship between Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties ?
- (A) Rights and Duties are mutually exclusive constitutional concepts.
(B) Rights impose obligations only upon the State, whereas Duties impose obligations only upon citizens.
(C) Rights empower citizens, while Duties encourage the responsible exercise of those rights.
(D) Duties primarily serve as constitutional limitations on the exercise of Rights.

15. Which of the following statements in relation to India's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) is/are correct ?

1. It serves as India's principal framework for implementing the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
2. It is prepared and updated by the National Biodiversity Authority.
3. It is legally binding on all State Governments in the same manner as the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

16. Consider the following statements regarding ecological services provided by coral reefs :

1. Coral reefs enhance fisheries productivity by providing nursery grounds for numerous marine organisms.
2. Coral reefs significantly reduce wave energy reaching coastlines, thereby limiting coastal erosion.
3. Coral reefs provide long-term storage of atmospheric carbon comparable to mangrove forests through sedimentary organic carbon accumulation.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct ?

- (A) There are three correct statements.
(B) There are two correct statements, which include Statement 2.
(C) There is only one correct statement, which is Statement 1.
(D) There is no correct statement.

17. Consider the following statements :

1. The Finance Bill cannot be amended, whereas the Appropriation Bill can be amended.
2. The Appropriation Bill and the Finance Bill are governed by the same Constitutional procedures.
3. The Appropriation Bill cannot be rejected by the Rajya Sabha, whereas the Finance Bill can be rejected by it.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct ?

- (A) There are three correct statements.
(B) There are two correct statements, which include Statement 1.
(C) There is only one correct statement, which is Statement 2.
(D) There is no correct statement.

18. Which one of the following statements regarding the constitutional provisions is **not** correct ?
- (A) The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution recognizes 22 languages at present.
 - (B) It shall be the duty of the Union to promote the spread of Hindi so that it may serve as a medium of expression for all the elements of India's composite culture.
 - (C) The Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities is appointed by the National Commission for Minorities.
 - (D) Until Parliament by law otherwise provides, all proceedings in the Supreme Court and in every High Court shall be in the English language.

19. Consider the following statements in respect of parliamentary proceedings in the Parliament of India :

- 1. The first hour of every sitting of both Houses of Parliament is generally devoted to the Question Hour, which is followed by the Zero Hour.
- 2. Questions are ordinarily addressed by Members of Parliament to Ministers but cannot be addressed to a private member.
- 3. Adjournment Motion can be moved in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct ?

- (A) All the three statements are correct.
- (B) There are two correct statements, that include Statement 3.
- (C) There are two correct statements, that include Statement 2.
- (D) There is only one correct statement.

20. During a Budget Session, a Member of Parliament seeks to highlight a specific grievance relating to delays in the implementation of a drinking water scheme by moving a proposal to reduce the Demand for Grant by ₹ 100.

Which one of the following parliamentary devices is being used ?

- (A) Policy Cut Motion
- (B) Economy Cut Motion
- (C) Token Cut Motion
- (D) Calling Attention Motion

21. Which of the following statements in relation to the Amrit Dharohar Programme is/are correct ?

- 1. It is implemented jointly by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- 2. It aims to promote the conservation and wise use of Ramsar Sites through community participation.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 only
- (B) 2 only
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2

22. Consider the following statements :

1. Under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF), the RBI can either inject or absorb liquidity depending on prevailing conditions.
2. The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) enables banks to park surplus funds with the RBI without the transfer of eligible collateral.
3. Banks may access the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) to meet overnight liquidity mismatches by pledging eligible government securities.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct ?

- (A) There are three correct statements.
- (B) There are two correct statements, which include Statement 3.
- (C) There is only one correct statement, which is Statement 1.
- (D) There is no correct statement.

23. The 'Crowding Out Effect' in macroeconomics refers to a situation where :

- (A) expansionary monetary policy lowers private investment.
- (B) increased private investment reduces government expenditure.
- (C) higher government borrowing reduces private investment by increasing interest rates.
- (D) higher exports reduce domestic consumption.

24. Consider the following organisms :

1. Earthworm 2. Mushroom
3. Millipede 4. Rhizopus
5. Termite

Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the above organisms ?

- I. There are three organisms that are detritivores.
- II. There are two organisms that are saprophytes.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) Both I and II (D) Neither I nor II

25. Consider the following statements :

Statement I :

When nominal income remains unchanged, a sustained rise in the general price level reduces real income.

Statement II :

Real income is obtained by deflating nominal income using an appropriate price index.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (A) Both **Statement I** and **Statement II** are correct and **Statement II** correctly explains **Statement I**.
- (B) Both **Statement I** and **Statement II** are correct but **Statement II** does not correctly explain **Statement I**.
- (C) **Statement I** is correct but **Statement II** is incorrect.
- (D) **Statement I** is incorrect but **Statement II** is correct.

26. Consider the following items :

1. Merchandise exports
2. External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs)
3. Workers' remittances received from abroad
4. Dividend received by an Indian resident from a foreign company

Which of the above forms part of the Current Account of the Balance of Payments ?

- (A) 1 and 3 only (B) 2 and 4 only (C) 1, 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

27. Consider the following statements regarding national income estimation :

1. Gross Value Added (GVA) at basic prices includes product taxes but excludes product subsidies.
2. If depreciation increases while Gross Domestic Product remains unchanged, Net Domestic Product declines.

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

28. The Global Economic Prospects (GEP) Report is released by which one of the following organizations ?

- (A) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(B) World Bank
(C) World Economic Forum (WEF)
(D) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

29. Consider the following statements regarding stocks and bonds :

1. A shareholder is a part-owner of the company, whereas a bondholder is a creditor to the company.
2. Bondholders generally receive fixed interest payments, while shareholders receive dividends only if declared by the company.
3. In the event of liquidation of a company, shareholders have priority over bondholders in the repayment of claims.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 1 and 3 (B) 2 and 3 (C) 2 only (D) 1 and 2

30. Which one of the following is **not** a function of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) ?

- (A) Regulating takeover of listed companies.
(B) Prohibiting insider trading and fraudulent trade practices.
(C) Regulating issue and trading of government securities.
(D) Protecting the interests of investors in securities.

31. Consider the following statements regarding the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) :
1. A rise in IIP indicates an increase in the physical volume of industrial output compared to the base year.
 2. The base year of the IIP has been revised from 2011-12 to 2022-23.
 3. An increase in the IIP always reflects an increase in industrial profitability.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 2 only (B) 1 and 2 only (C) 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

32. The Unified Lending Interface (ULI), recently developed in India, primarily aims to :

- (A) Facilitate interoperable digital lending through consent-based access to financial and non-financial data from multiple sources.
- (B) Create a unified digital infrastructure for seamless interoperability of retail payments across banks, fintechs, and payment service providers.
- (C) Establish a consent-based account aggregation framework for secure sharing of customers' financial information among Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs).
- (D) Provide a standardized digital platform for end-to-end origination, servicing, and secondary market trading of priority sector loans.

33. Which of the following was/were provincial headquarters of the Mauryan empire during the reign of Ashoka ?

1. Tosali
2. Suvarnagiri
3. Pataliputra

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 only (C) 3 only (D) 1 and 3

34. With reference to the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS), consider the following statements :

1. Under the scheme, farmers receive the difference between the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the average market selling price, subject to prescribed conditions.
2. The scheme does not require the government to undertake physical procurement of the crop.
3. The scheme is applicable to all agricultural commodities notified under the MSP system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 1 only (B) 1 and 2 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

35. Consider the following information :

Major Site	Cultural Phase	Unique Feature
1. Bhimbetka	Palaeolithic	Prehistoric paintings
2. Utnur	Mesolithic	Microlithic tools
3. Burzahom	Neolithic	Pit dwellings

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched ?

- (A) Only one (B) Only two (C) All three (D) None

36. The terms, 'Mudgalini', 'Vishpala' and 'Vadhrimati', mentioned in the Rig Veda, are associated with :
- Different occupations performed by women in the Vedic period.
 - Women philosophers who composed Vedic hymns.
 - Women warriors and heroines celebrated in the Vedic period.
 - Women priests who performed Vedic sacrifices independently.
37. The headless statue of the Kushan Emperor Kanishka is regarded as a masterpiece of which one of the following schools of art ?
- Amaravati School
 - Gandhara School
 - Mathura School
 - Sarnath School
38. The term "Blue Transformation", often seen in the context of global food systems, refers to :
- promoting sustainable utilization of ocean resources for economic growth while conserving marine ecosystems.
 - restoring degraded coastal and marine ecosystems through ecosystem-based conservation and habitat rehabilitation.
 - replacing capture fisheries with aquaculture to reduce pressure on marine fish stocks.
 - promoting sustainable management of marine and inland fisheries together with the expansion of responsible aquaculture to strengthen aquatic food systems.
39. Consider the following institutions :
- Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
 - State Cooperative Banks
 - Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)
 - Commercial Banks
- NABARD provides refinance assistance directly to which of the above ?
- 1, 2 and 3
 - 2, 3 and 4
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 4
40. Consider the following statements with reference to Fiscal deficit :
- Fiscal deficit represents the borrowing requirement of the Government.
 - Non-debt capital receipts reduce the fiscal deficit.
 - Fiscal deficit measures the excess of total expenditure over non-borrowed receipts.
- Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct ?
- Statement III explains Statement I.
 - Statement II complements Statement III.
 - Statement I contradicts Statement III.
- Select the answer using the code given below :
- 1 and 2
 - 2 only
 - 1 only
 - 2 and 3

41. What is common to the places 'Jagaddala', 'Odantapuri', 'Vallabhi' and 'Somapura' ?
- (A) They were important ports on the western and eastern coast during the Gupta period.
 (B) They served as provincial administrative capitals of the Pala Empire.
 (C) They were major centres of Buddhist learning in ancient and early medieval India.
 (D) They were prominent centres of the Bhakti movement in medieval India.
42. Consider the following statements with reference to the Quit India Movement :
1. The Quit India Resolution was adopted by the All-India Congress Committee at Bombay in August 1942.
 2. The movement began after the failure of the August offer.
 3. Aruna Asaf Ali hoisted the national flag at the Gowalia Tank Maidan.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- (A) 1 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
43. Consider the following statements :
1. The Humboldt Current is associated with one of the world's most productive marine fishing regions because of persistent coastal upwelling.
 2. The Gulf Stream contributes to relatively mild winters in parts of Western Europe by transporting warm water poleward.
 3. The Benguela Current is a warm western boundary current that enhances marine productivity by increasing evaporation.
- Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct ?
- (A) All the three statements are correct.
 (B) There are two correct statements, that include Statement 3.
 (C) There are two correct statements, that include Statement 2.
 (D) There is only one correct statement.
44. Consider the following pairs :
- | Book | Author |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Dayabhaga | : Jimutavahana |
| 2. Chaurapanchashika | : Bilhana |
| 3. Lilavati | : Bhaskaracharya |
| 4. Mitakshara | : Vijñaneshvara |
| 5. Manimekalai | : Sittalai Sattanar |
- How many pairs given above are correctly matched ?
- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5

45. Consider the following statements about the land revenue settlements introduced by the British in India :
- I. Under the Permanent Settlement, the Zamindar was recognized as the proprietor of the estate, with the right to sell, mortgage or transfer it.
 - II. Under the Ryotwari Settlement, the tax payable on each field was fixed by a government officer, and the cultivator could choose whether or not to cultivate the field.
 - III. The Mahalwari Settlement, developed by Holt Mackenzie, brought widespread impoverishment and dispossession to the cultivating communities of North India.

Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the above statements ?

1. The Permanent Settlement aimed to reduce the administrative burden of land revenue collection so that the Government could collect revenue more efficiently.
2. Under the Ryotwari Settlement, the risks of cultivation were borne primarily by the individual cultivator.
3. The agrarian distress caused by the Mahalwari Settlement contributed to popular participation in the Revolt of 1857.

Select the answer using the code given below :

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| (A) 1 and 2 only | (B) 2 and 3 only |
| (C) 1 and 3 only | (D) 1, 2 and 3 |

46. Consider the following statements regarding the evolution of ocean basins :

1. The oceanic lithosphere formed near mid-oceanic ridges becomes cooler, thicker and denser as it moves away from the ridge.
2. The pattern of magnetic polarity preserved in oceanic rocks records successive reversals of Earth's magnetic field during the formation of oceanic crust.
3. Deep ocean trenches are associated with the recycling of oceanic lithosphere into the mantle.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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| (A) 2 only | (B) 1 and 3 only | (C) 2 and 3 only | (D) 1, 2 and 3 |
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47. Who among the following foreign travellers visited the court of Krishnadevaraya and described him as "a perfect king... a great ruler and a man of much justice... loved and respected by all" ?

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| (A) Niccolò de' Conti | (B) Domingo Paes |
| (C) Fernao Nuniz | (D) Abdur Razzaq |

48. The recent earthquake in Venezuela has been attributed to which one of the following tectonic processes ?

- (A) Subduction of the Nazca Plate beneath the South American Plate.
- (B) Strike-slip movement along the boundary between the Caribbean Plate and the South American Plate.
- (C) Divergence between the Caribbean Plate and the North American Plate.
- (D) Intraplate volcanism associated with a mantle plume.

49. Consider the following statements :

Statement I :

The shadow zones of seismic waves have provided important evidence regarding the layered structure of the Earth.

Statement II :

The propagation of seismic waves depends on the density, elasticity and physical state of the materials through which they travel.

Which one of the following is correct ?

- (A) Both **Statement I** and **Statement II** are correct and **Statement II** correctly explains **Statement I**.
- (B) Both **Statement I** and **Statement II** are correct but **Statement II** does not correctly explain **Statement I**.
- (C) **Statement I** is correct but **Statement II** is incorrect.
- (D) **Statement I** is incorrect but **Statement II** is correct.

50. Which one of the following best explains why the lower atmosphere is warmer than the upper atmosphere in the troposphere ?

- (A) The atmosphere absorbs most incoming solar radiation directly.
- (B) The Earth's surface absorbs much of the incoming solar radiation and subsequently transfers heat to the atmosphere.
- (C) Atmospheric pressure continuously increases the absorption of solar radiation with height.
- (D) Solar radiation becomes progressively concentrated near the Earth's surface because of gravitational attraction.

51. What is/are the historical significance of the Santhal Rebellion (1855-56) under the leadership of Sidhu Murmu and Kanhu Murmu ?

- 1. They proclaimed the end of the East India Company's rule and declared an autonomous Santhal territory.
- 2. They demanded the creation of a separate tribal province under the British Crown, which was granted under the Government of India Act, 1858.
- 3. Anandamath, a semi-historical novel by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, is based on the Santhal Revolt.

Select the answer from the codes given below :

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) 1 and 3 (D) 2 and 3

52. Arrange the following events in the correct chronological order :

- 1. Formation of the Congress Socialist Party
- 2. Poona Pact
- 3. Deepavali Declaration
- 4. Third Round Table Conference

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 2 - 4 - 3 - 1 (B) 3 - 4 - 2 - 1 (C) 2 - 1 - 4 - 3 (D) 3 - 2 - 4 - 1

53. Consider the following rivers :

1. Wainganga
2. Penganga
3. Seonath
4. Manjira
5. Hasdeo

Which of the following statements is/are correct ?

- I. There are exactly two tributaries of the river Godavari.
- II. There are exactly three tributaries of the river Mahanadi.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) Both I and II (D) Neither I nor II

54. Identify the type of climate on the basis of the following characteristics relating to it :

- I. It is found mainly along the eastern margins of continents in the middle latitudes.
- II. It experiences warm summers and cold winters with precipitation throughout the year.
- III. Mixed forests comprising both coniferous and deciduous trees are common.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) Taiga Climate (B) China type Climate
(C) Laurentian Climate (D) Mediterranean Climate

55. Consider the following statements :

1. The seasonal northward migration of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) contributes to the establishment of the southwest monsoon circulation over the Indian subcontinent.
2. A positive phase of the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) may partly offset the adverse influence of El Niño on the Indian Summer Monsoon.

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

56. Consider the following pairs :

Species	Vegetation Type
1. Sundari	Littoral and Swamp Forests
2. Deodar	Temperate Coniferous Forests
3. Cinchona	Tropical Evergreen Forests
4. Khejri	Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (A) Only one (B) Only two (C) Only three (D) All four

57. Which of the following geographical features or phenomena is/are associated with the Indo-Gangetic Plain ?
1. Formation through the long-term deposition of sediments brought by Himalayan as well as Peninsular rivers.
 2. Progressive transition from finer alluvial deposits near the Himalayan foothills to coarser alluvium towards the south.
 3. Development of meanders, floodplains and oxbow lakes in lower plain stretches.
- Select the answer using the code given below :
- (A) 1 only (B) 1 and 3 (C) 2 and 3 (D) 2 only
58. Which of the following pairs of Bhakti saints and the contemporary ruling empire is/are correctly matched ?
1. Tukaram : Delhi Sultanate
 2. Madhavacharya : Vijayanagara Empire
 3. Tulsidas : Maratha Empire
- Select the answer using the code given below :
- (A) 1 and 3 (B) 2 only (C) 3 only (D) 2 and 3
59. Consider the following statements :
- Statement I :**
- The annual receipt of solar energy at a place depends not only on the duration of daylight but also on the altitude of the Sun above the horizon.
- Statement II :**
- The intensity of insolation at a place depends on the angle of incidence of the Sun's rays.
- Statement III :**
- If the Earth's axis were not inclined, seasonal differences in the receipt of solar energy would be greatly reduced.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?
- (A) Both **Statement II** and **Statement III** are correct and both of them explain **Statement I**.
 - (B) Both **Statement II** and **Statement III** are correct but only one of them explains **Statement I**.
 - (C) Only one of the **Statements II** and **III** is correct and that explains **Statement I**.
 - (D) Neither **Statement II** nor **Statement III** is correct.
60. The Satyagraha Sabha, established by Mahatma Gandhi with its headquarters at Bombay, was primarily formed for which one of the following purposes ?
- (A) To launch a nationwide Satyagraha against the Rowlatt Act.
 - (B) To organize the Salt Satyagraha and Civil Disobedience Movement.
 - (C) To secure Indian participation in the Second Round Table Conference.
 - (D) To coordinate the legal defense of the officers of the Indian National Army.

61. Identify the sea-port in India on the basis of the given characteristics :

1. It is located on the east coast of India.
2. It is the deepest landlocked and natural harbour in India.
3. It handles large quantities of iron ore and petroleum products.

Select the correct answer from the options given below :

- (A) Paradip Port (B) Visakhapatnam Port
(C) Chennai Port (D) Kolkata Port

62. Which one amongst the following cities has been designated as the UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in 2025 ?

- (A) Kozhikode (B) Lucknow (C) Indore (D) Hyderabad

63. Consider the following countries :

1. Denmark
2. Sweden
3. Finland
4. Estonia
5. Norway

How many of the above are Nordic countries ?

- (A) Only two (B) Only three (C) Only four (D) All five

64. Consider the following statements :

1. Black soils are suitable for cotton cultivation not only because of their high moisture-retaining capacity but also, they are rich in lime, iron and magnesia.
2. Among the major millets grown in India, Ragi is better adapted to sandy soils and low rainfall than Bajra.

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

65. With reference to the Initiatives under the Government of India, consider the following details :

Sl. No.	Initiative	Purpose	Controlling Union Ministry
1.	Bharat Taxi	Zero-commission model ride-hailing platform	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
2.	BHAVYA	Develop 100 industrial parks across the country to promote large-scale job creation	Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship
3.	Bhashini	AI-powered cybersecurity threat detection platform	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

In how many of the above rows are the given details correctly matched ?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) None

66. Consider the following statements :
1. India won its maiden ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title in 2025 by defeating Australia in the final.
 2. The Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team won the inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup in 2025.
 3. India successfully defended its title by winning the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup in 2025.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 2 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

67. In July 2026, India launched a joint defence co-development project with which one of the following countries to manufacture the UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) Mast for the Indian Navy ?

- (A) France (B) Japan (C) South Korea (D) Israel

68. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists :

List-I (Civilian Award)	List-II (Nature of Service Recognized)
a. Bharat Ratna	i. Distinguished service
b. Padma Vibhushan	ii. Exceptional and distinguished service
c. Padma Shri	iii. Distinguished service of high order
d. Padma Bhushan	iv. Exceptional service/performance of the highest order

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| (B) | iii | i | ii | iv |
| (C) | iv | ii | i | iii |
| (D) | iv | iii | i | ii |

69. Which one of the following statements about BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation) is **not** correct ?

- (A) Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand are founding member-states.
 (B) India is the lead country of its security sector.
 (C) Its secretariat is located in Bangkok.
 (D) The BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility is located in Colombo.

70. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists :

List-I (Rescue Operations carried out by the Government of India)	List-II (Countries)
a. Operation Amistad	i. Israel
b. Operation Indravati	ii. Haiti
c. Operation Ajay	iii. Ukraine
d. Operation Ganga	iv. Venezuela

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| (D) | iv | i | ii | iii |

71. BHISHM Cubes, sometimes seen in the news, is related to :
- portable medical facilities for disaster and humanitarian relief.
 - indigenous hypersonic missile technology for the Armed Forces.
 - satellite-based network for telemedicine in rural India.
 - AI-enabled surveillance systems for border management.
72. The Government of India has announced a 6-year Mission (2025-26 to 2030-31) for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses with a special focus to ensure 100 percent procurement at MSP in which of the following crops ?
- Moong, Tur and Soyabean
 - Urad, Soyabean and Chana
 - Masoor, Chana and Tur
 - Tur, Urad and Masoor
73. Which one of the following statements correctly describes a feature found in all living cells ?
- All cells have a well-organized nucleus.
 - All cells possess a cell wall.
 - All cells have ribosomes present inside.
 - All cells are formed from abiotic materials.
74. Which of the following countries have a coastline on the Persian Gulf ?
1. Iraq
 2. Jordan
 3. Kuwait
 4. Yemen
 5. Qatar
- Select the correct answer using the code given below :
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 3 and 5 only
 - 1, 4 and 5 only
 - 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
75. With reference to the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G), consider the following statements :
1. It replaced MGNREGA by increasing guaranteed wage employment days from 100 to 150 per rural household annually.
 2. There is a provision for entitlement to unemployment allowance if work is not provided.
 3. It introduced a mandatory pause on guaranteed work during peak agricultural seasons.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
76. With reference to the NASA's Artemis II mission, consider the following statements :
1. It set a new record for the farthest distance travelled by humans from Earth, surpassing the Apollo 13 mission.
 2. It achieved the first-ever crewed landing on the lunar south pole.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

77. Ms. X is a District Supply Officer responsible for awarding contracts for the distribution of food grains under the Public Distribution System (PDS). During the evaluation process, she learns that one of the bidders is a company owned by her close relative. The company satisfies all eligibility criteria and has submitted the lowest financial bid. Although she is confident that she can remain impartial, she is concerned that her participation in the decision-making process may create a perception of bias.

What among the following should Ms. X do ?

1. Continue to participate in the evaluation as long as she remains impartial.
2. Disclose the conflict of interest to the competent authority and recuse herself from the evaluation process.
3. Recommend cancellation of the bid solely because it belongs to her relative.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1 and 3 only

78. With reference to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, consider the following statements :

Statement I :

For certain minerals notified as critical minerals, the authority to grant mineral concessions rests with the Central Government rather than the State Governments.

Statement II :

A mineral may be notified as a critical mineral after considering its strategic importance, economic significance and vulnerability to supply disruptions.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (A) Both **Statement I** and **Statement II** are correct and **Statement II** explains **Statement I**.
(B) Both **Statement I** and **Statement II** are correct but **Statement II** does not explain **Statement I**.
(C) **Statement I** is correct but **Statement II** is not correct.
(D) **Statement I** is not correct but **Statement II** is correct.

79. Consider the following statements :

1. ASEAN has 10 member States.
2. The European Union (EU) has 27 member States.
3. BRICS has 11 full member countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 2 only (B) 2 and 3 (C) 1 only (D) 1 and 3

80. Consider the following statements regarding the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission :

1. It has recommended discontinuing Revenue Deficit Grants to States.
2. It has introduced 'Contribution to National GDP' as a criterion in the horizontal devolution formula.
3. It has recommended that the States' share in the divisible pool of Central taxes be increased to 42%.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (A) 1 only (B) 1 and 2 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

81. Why does a spacecraft perform a 'de-orbit burn' before returning to Earth ?

1. To generate electricity required for a safe landing.
2. To move into a higher orbit before beginning re-entry.
3. To reduce its speed so that Earth's gravity pulls it into the atmosphere for re-entry.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 3 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

82. A security camera in a remote warehouse uses AI to detect suspicious activity and sends only relevant video clips to the main data centre instead of continuously streaming all footage. Which type of computing is primarily being used ?

- (A) Edge computing (B) Grid computing
(C) Cloud computing (D) Quantum computing

83. The terms 'Xi-cc-plus', 'Toponium', and 'Rare B-mesons', often seen in the news, are primarily associated with :

- (A) Detection and study of gravitational waves and compact celestial objects.
(B) Study of elementary particles and fundamental forces in particle physics.
(C) Advanced propulsion systems used in space missions.
(D) Gene-editing tools used for developing genetically modified organisms.

84. Which of the following is/are advantages of Small Language Models (SLMs) over Large Language Models (LLMs) ?

1. They can be deployed on resource-constrained devices such as smartphones and IoT devices.
2. They help improve privacy by enabling data to be processed locally.
3. They provide better factual accuracy than Large Language Models on open-domain, general knowledge tasks.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (A) 1 only (B) 1 and 2 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

85. The Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA), recently in the news, is expected to strengthen India's defense capability primarily by :

- (A) integrating artificial intelligence into air defense radar networks.
(B) enabling the launch of submarine-based hypersonic missiles.
(C) developing autonomous underwater combat drones.
(D) upgrading conventional bombs into precision-guided glide weapons.

86. Consider the following statements regarding Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells :
1. Electricity is generated by burning hydrogen in the presence of oxygen.
 2. They are suitable for use in zero-emission heavy-duty transport applications.
- 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
87. Consider the following statements regarding Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) :
1. It enables vehicles to communicate with other vehicles, road infrastructure, pedestrians, and communication networks.
 2. It requires continuous internet connectivity for all vehicle-to-vehicle communication.
 3. It can help reduce fuel consumption and vehicle emissions by enabling smoother traffic movement.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- (A) 1 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
88. Which one of the following techniques is commonly used to develop genetically modified (GM) crops by bombarding DNA-coated microscopic metal particles into plant cells ?
- (A) Polymerase Chain Reaction (B) Micro-injection
(C) Biolistics (D) Gel electrophoresis
89. With reference to gene therapy, consider the following statements :
1. It can treat certain genetic disorders by introducing new DNA into cells or by editing defective genes.
 2. It can be administered directly into a patient's body through injection.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) 1 and 2 only (D) Neither 1 nor 2
90. Which of the following items of defence hardware is/are jointly developed by India with other countries ?
1. Tejas Mk1A
 2. Barak-8
 3. BrahMos
- Select the answer using the code given below :
- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 3 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
91. A man changes his car for a new one, giving 20% more kilometres per litre. Just then, the fuel price increases by 5%. If he drives the same distance in a given period, what happens to his fuel bill ?
- (A) The bill stays the same (B) The bill goes down by 12.5%
(C) The bill goes down by 15% (D) The bill goes up by 5%
92. A 3-digit number $4X3$ is added to 984 to get a 4-digit number $13Y7$. If $13Y7$ is divisible by 11, then what is the value of $(X + Y)$?
- (A) 15 (B) 12 (C) 11 (D) 10

93. A water tank has been fitted with two taps P and Q and a drain pipe R. Taps P and Q fill the tank at the rate of 12 litres per minute and 10 litres per minute, respectively.
Consider the following statements :
- S1 : Pipe R drains out water at the rate of 6 litres per minute.
S2 : If both the taps and the drain pipe are opened simultaneously, then the tank is filled in 5 hours 45 minutes.
S3 : Pipe R drains out the fully filled tank in 15 hours 20 minutes.
- To know the capacity of the tank, which one of the following is correct ?
- (A) S2 is only sufficient
(B) S1, S2 and S3 are necessary
(C) Any two out of S1, S2 and S3 are sufficient
(D) None of the above
94. A library has an average number of 510 visitors on Sunday and 240 visitors on other days. What is the average number of visitors per day in a 30-day month beginning with Saturday ?
- (A) 276 (B) 282 (C) 285 (D) 375
95. Consider the following :
- $P + Q$ indicates that P and Q are married to each other.
 - $P - Q$ indicates that P and Q are children of the same parents.
 - $P \times Q$ indicates that Q is a child of P.
- If $M + S$, $S \times T$, $L \times M$ and $T - N$, then which one of the following holds ?
- (A) L is a parent of S (B) L is a parent of N
(C) L is a grandparent of N (D) T is a grandchild of S
96. A man rows down a river 18 km in 4 hours with the stream and returns 18 km in 10 hours against the stream.
Consider the following statements :
1. The speed of the man against the stream is 1.8 km/hr.
 2. The speed of the man in still water is 3.15 km/hr.
 3. The speed of the stream is 1.35 km/hr.
- Which of the above statements are correct ?
- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
97. A box contains 100 balls of 2 different sizes, small and large. In all, there are 40 small balls. There are 15 small balls and 35 large balls which are red in colour. The remaining balls are all blue. A ball is picked at random from the box. If it is a large ball, what is the probability that it is blue ?
- (A) $5/7$ (B) $3/5$ (C) $5/12$ (D) $7/12$

98. There are twenty people working in an office. The first group of five works between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM, the second group of ten works between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, and the third group of five works between 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM. There are three computers in the office which all employees frequently use.

During which hours are the computers likely to be used the most ?

- (A) 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (B) 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM
(C) 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (D) 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
99. If the 1st of January of a non-leap year is a Monday, then which one of the following days will the 31st of December of that year be ?
(A) Monday (B) Tuesday (C) Sunday (D) None of these
100. If the number $2^2 \times 5^4 \times 4^6 \times 10^8 \times 6^{10} \times 15^{12} \times 8^{14} \times 20^{16} \times 10^{18} \times 25^{20}$ is divisible by 10^n , then which one of the following is the **maximum value of n** ?
(A) 78 (B) 85 (C) 89 (D) 98

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