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## **SECTION – A**

## **THEMATIC**

## **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

# INDIAN POLITY & GOVERNANCE

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Indian Constitution expressly secures the predominance of Union List over the State List and the Concurrent list and that of the Concurrent list over the State list.
2. In case of a conflict between the central law and the state law on a subject enumerated in the Concurrent List, the central law prevails over the state law. But, there is an exception. If the state law has been reserved for the consideration of the President and has received his assent, then the state law prevails in that state.

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

2. What is the correct chronological order of the following?

1. Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi
2. Accession of Kashmir to Indian Union
3. Nationalisation of the RBI

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 2-1-3                      (b) 3-2-1  
(c) 2-3-1                      (d) 1-2-3

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Under Article 1 of the Indian Constitution, the state of Jammu and Kashmir is a constituent state of Indian Union and its territory forms a part of the territory of India.
2. Article 370 in part XII of the Indian Constitution granted a special status to it.
3. 'Instrument of Accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India' was signed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maharaja Hari Singh on 26 October 1947. Under this, the state surrendered only three subjects (defence, external affairs and

communications) to the dominion of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. Which of the following is/are the basic features of the Indian Constitution?

1. Federal character of the Constitution
2. Rule of law
3. Free and fair elections
4. Judicial Review

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only            (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 2, 3 and 4            (d) All of the above

5. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Constitution:

1. The Indian Constitution reflects a faith in political deliberation.
2. It reflects a spirit of compromise and accommodation.
3. It constantly reinforces a common national identity.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

6. With reference to Double Jeopardy, identify the correct statement/statements:

1. Double jeopardy applies to punishment given by a judicial body.
2. Double jeopardy is also applicable to punishments meted out by government departments

Code:

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



7. Those provisions of the Constitution, which are related to the federal structure of the polity, can be amended by a special majority of the Parliament and also with the consent of half of the state legislatures by a simple majority. According to this provision which of the following can be amended in this way
- (a) Election of the President and its manner.
  - (b) Any of the lists in the seventh Schedule.
  - (c) Power of Parliament to amend the Constitution and its procedure (Article 368 itself)
  - (d) All of the above

8. Consider the following statements regarding Centre-State Relations in the field of Public Service Commission:

1. The Chairman and members of a State Public Service Commission can be removed by the Governor of that state.
2. The Union Public Service Commission can serve the needs of a state on the request of the State Governor and with the approval of the President.

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

9. Which of the following features of the Indian Constitution makes it “quasi-federal” or “centralized federation” in essence?

1. The Written Constitution
2. 7th Schedule of the Constitution
3. Article 312

Code:

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding the Estimates Committee:

1. The function of the Estimates Committee is to examine the estimates included in the budget and suggest ‘economies’ in public expenditure.

2. It suggests alternative policies in order to bring about efficiency and economy in administration.
3. It examines whether the money is well laid out within the limits of the policy implied in the estimates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 2
- (d) All of the above

11. “Planning has superseded the federation and our country is functioning like a unitary system in many respects”. Who said this regarding the Planning Commission of India?

- (a) Ashok Chanda
- (b) K. Santhanam
- (c) P.V. Rajamannar
- (d) D. R. Gadgil

12. The Consolidated Fund of India is a fund in which

- (a) All taxes collected by Union as well as state governments are deposited.
- (b) All money received by or on behalf of the Government of India is deposited.
- (c) The Union as well as state governments make equal contribution to this fund and out of this, all charged expenses are met.
- (d) Savings of the Union and state governments are deposited to meet unforeseen expenses.

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The Rajya Sabha is an institutional mechanism to provide representation to the states. Its purpose is to protect the powers of the states.
2. Rajya Sabha cannot initiate, reject or amend money bills.

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. The system of Public Interest Litigation has been introduced in India

- (a) through Constitutional Amendments

- (b) by judicial initiative  
(c) by political parties  
(d) by a Parliamentary Act
15. Consider the following statements regarding the functions of the Committee on Public Undertaking
1. The committee on Public Undertakings examines the reports and accounts of public undertakings.
  2. It examines the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General on public undertakings.
  3. It examines whether the affairs of the public undertakings are being managed in accordance with sound business principles and prudent commercial practices.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3                    (d) 1, 2 and 3
16. Consider the following statements regarding Directive Principles of State Policy:
1. These are non-justiciable, that is, they are not legally enforceable by the courts for their violation.
  2. They promote the welfare of community.
  3. They do not require legislation for their implementation.
  4. The courts cannot declare a law violative of any of the Directive Principles as unconstitutional and invalid. However, they can uphold the validity of a law on the ground that it was enacted to give effect to a Directive Principle.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                    (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                (d) All of the above
17. Consider the following statements in reference to right to peaceful protest:
1. Article 19(1)(a) guarantees the freedom of speech and expression.
2. Article 19(1)(b) assures citizens the right to assemble peaceably and without arms. Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements:
1. In 1942, Sir Stafford Cripps, a member of the cabinet, came to India with a draft proposal of the British Government on the framing of an independent Constitution to be adopted after the World War-II.
  2. The Cripps Proposals were accepted by the Muslim League.
  3. It was in 1934 that the idea of a Constituent Assembly for India was put forward for the first time by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3                    (d) All of the above
19. Who among the following was not a member of the Drafting Committee of the Constitutional Assembly, set up in August 29, 1947?
- (a) N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar  
(b) Dr. K. M. Munshi  
(c) Syed Mohammad Saadullah  
(d) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
20. Which one of the documents was the first to contain a catalogue of Fundamental Rights?
- (a) Nehru Report of 1928  
(b) Simon Commission Report of 1929  
(c) Karachi Resolution of 1931  
(d) Gandhi-Irwin Pact of 1931
21. Which of the following Bill(s) is/are presented to the Parliament along with the Budget?
1. Finance Bill
  2. Appropriation Bill

3. Contingency Bill  
4. Direct and Indirect Taxes Bill  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 3 and 4  
(c) 2 and 4 only (d) All of the above
22. Which of the following features of Panchayati Raj, envisaged under the 73rd Amendment of the Constitution, has been wrongly listed?  
(a) The elections to the Panchayats are held by the State Election Commission  
(b) There is mandatory reservation of seats for weaker sections and women  
(c) The panchayats have a fixed term of five years and if dissolved before the expiry of this term, the elections must be held within six months  
(d) Finances are to be given by Planning Commission
23. The members of the Rajya Sabha are not associated with:  
1. Public Accounts Committee  
2. Estimates Committee  
3. Committee on Public Undertakings  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) 1 only
24. Which of the following constitutional Amendment Acts restrict the size of council of ministers to 15% of members in the legislative assembly?  
(a) 89th Constitutional Amendment Act  
(b) 90th Constitutional Amendment Act  
(c) 91st Constitutional Amendment Act  
(d) 92nd Constitutional Amendment Act
25. In which of the following cases, the Supreme Court held that "life" under Article 21 meant more than a mere "animal existence"; it would include the right to live with human dignity and all other aspects which made life "meaningful, complete and worth living"?  
(a) Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala  
(b) Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India  
(c) Golaknath v. State of Punjab  
(d) Berubari case
26. Consider the following statements:  
1. No-Confidence Motion can be introduced only if it is supported by atleast 100 members.  
2. A No-Confidence Motion can be moved only in the Lok Sabha.  
3. There must be a gap of atleast six months between two No-Confidence Motions.  
Which of the statement/statements given above are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) All of the above
27. The Judges of the High Courts can be removed from their office during their tenure  
1. by the Governor, if the state legislature passes a resolution to this effect by two-thirds majority.  
2. by the Chief Justice on the recommendation of the Parliament.  
3. by the President on the basis of a resolution passed by the Parliament by two thirds majority.  
Which of the statement/statements given above are correct?  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only (d) All of the above
28. Which of the following are not included in the Third Schedule (Oaths)?  
1. Judge of a High Court.  
2. The Election Commission of India.  
3. The Chairman and the members of the Union Public Service Commission.  
4. The Finance Commission of India.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) All of the above



29. How is Money Bill different from a Financial Bill?

1. A Money Bill includes all the aspects of the budget, whereas Financial Bill is only an Ordinary Bill.
2. A Money Bill shall be introduced only in the Lok Sabha, whereas a Financial Bill can be introduced in either House of the Parliament.
3. A Money Bill cannot be rejected by the Rajya Sabha, whereas a Financial Bill can be rejected by the Rajya Sabha.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only    (d) All statements are true

30. Consider the following statements:

1. During Zero Hour, the members of the Parliament are free to raise any matter that they think is important and the ministers are bound to reply.
2. Question Hour and No- Confidence Motion are the most effective methods of keeping vigil on the executive and administrative agencies of the government.

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

31. Consider the following statements about the Zero Hour in the Parliament:

1. It is the first hour of every sitting in both the houses of Parliament.
2. During this time, matters are raised without any prior notice to the Speaker.
3. It gives legislative freedom to Members of Parliament to address important issues of public importance.
4. It is an informal process and does not find a mention in "Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business" in Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 3 and 4

- (c) 1 and 4                      (d) 2 and 3

32. Consider the following statements about the powers of Rajya Sabha regarding Money Bill:

1. It cannot reject a Money Bill.
2. It can make recommendations on a Money Bill.
3. It can amend a Money Bill.

Which of the above statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

33. Which of the following categories of bills require prior consent of the President before their introduction?

1. Bills to re-organise states.
2. Bills affecting taxes in which the states are interested.
3. State bills imposing restrictions on freedom of trade.
4. Bills involving expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.

Select the correct answer from the given options

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

34. The Zonal Councils have been established under:

- (a) Article 263 of the Indian Constitution
- (b) The States Reorganisation Act, 1956
- (c) Zonal Councils Act, 1956
- (d) Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956

35. Consider the following pairs:

1. Third Schedule – Forms of Oath or Affirmation
2. Fourth Schedule – Allocation of Seats in Lok Sabha
3. Eighth Schedule – Language
4. Twelfth Schedule – Constitution 73rd Amendment

- Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 4                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3                  (d) 2, 3 and 4
36. The idea of protection of monuments, places and objects of national importance is enshrined in its
- (a) Preamble  
(b) Fundamental Rights  
(c) Directive Principles of State Policy  
(d) Fundamental Duties
37. Which of the following conditions fulfill the criteria of Office of Profit?
1. The office must be under the appointment of government concerned
  2. The benefits, perks, salary, or any financial gain must be released from public exchequer
  3. A Member of Parliament or State Legislative Assembly can be disqualified for holding Office of Profit.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 3 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3                  (d) 1, 2 and 3
38. Supreme Court Collegium comprises of which of the following?
- (a) Five senior most judges of Supreme Court excluding the Chief Justice of India.  
(b) Five senior most judges of Supreme Court including the Chief Justice of India.  
(c) Four senior most judges of Supreme Court including the Chief Justice of India.  
(d) Seven senior most judges of Supreme Court including the Chief Justice of India.
39. Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAAD(C) has been constituted under?
- (a) 5th Schedule    (b) 6th Schedule

(c) 4th Schedule    (d) 3rd Schedule

40. The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the administration and control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in the following four states?
- (a) Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland  
(b) Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram  
(c) Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland  
(d) Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland
41. Consider the following statements about Public Service Commission:
1. The Constitution does not fix the number of members of the Union Public Service Commission
  2. One-half of the members of the UPSC should be persons who have held office under the Government of India or of a state atleast for atleast five years.
  3. The Chairman and members of the UPSC hold office for a term of five years or until they attain the age of 60 years.
  4. Members of Joint Public Service Commission are appointed by the Governors of respective States and hold office till the age of 65 years.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2, 3 and 4                  (b) 1 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4                  (d) 3 and 4
42. Consider the following steps in the enactment of a budget:
1. General discussion
  2. Appropriation Bill
  3. Finance Bill
  4. Voting of the demands for grant
- Select the correct sequence in the enactment of a budget from the above steps:
- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4                  (b) 1, 4, 2, 3  
(c) 1, 4, 3, 2                  (d) 1, 3, 4, 2

43. Which of the following committees relates to the issues of data security and privacy concerns?

1. Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee
2. Justice A.P. Shah Committee
3. J.J. Irani Committee

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

44. Which of the following committees does not pertain to Corporate Governance?

- (a) V.K. Gokak Committee
- (b) Naresh Chandra Committee
- (c) Narayana Murthy Committee
- (d) Uday Kotak Committee

45. Consider the following statements about the Directive Principles of State Policy enshrined in the Indian Constitution:

1. They are borrowed from the Irish Constitution.
2. They seek to provide social and economic base to democracy.
3. It is mandatory for the government to implement all directives.
4. Some of the directives were added by Constitution 42nd and 86th Amendment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. The CAG of India can be removed from the office only in like manner and on like grounds as:

- (a) Chairman of the UPSC
- (b) Supreme Court Judge
- (c) Attorney General of India
- (d) Speaker of the Lok Sabha

47. Which of the following is/are constitutional bodies?

1. Finance Commission

2. Zonal Councils

3. Election Commission

4. University Grants Commission

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

48. Which of the following statements regarding the President's ordinance-making power is incorrect?

- (a) It is the executive power of the legislature.
- (b) It shall have the same force and effect as an Act of Parliament.
- (c) It shall cease to operate on expiry of six weeks from the re-assembly of the Parliament.
- (d) It may be withdrawn at any time by the President.

49. Consider the following statements about Public Accounts of India:

1. Transactions in Public Accounts relates to debt other than those included in the Consolidated Fund of India.
2. Parliamentary authorization for payments from the Public Account is not required.
3. It is a constitutional fund.

Which of the above statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. Which among the following articles mentions about making effective provisions for securing right to work?

- (a) Article 38                      (b) Article 39  
(c) Article 40                      (d) Article 41

51. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Under Article 82 of the Constitution, the Parliament by law enacts a Delimitation Act after every census.

2. The Constitution of India was specifically amended in 2002 not to have delimitation of constituencies till the first census after 2026.  
Choose the correct code  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
52. Which of the following statements is/are correct?  
1. Article 262 of the Indian Constitution provides a role for the Central government in adjudicating conflicts surrounding inter-state rivers.  
2. The Interstate River Water Disputes Act, 1956 (IRWD Act) is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted under Article 262 of Constitution of India on the eve of reorganization of states on linguistic basis to resolve the water disputes.  
Choose the correct code  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
53. Which of the following articles of the Indian Constitution directs the state that the ownership and control of the material resources of the community are so distributed to serve the common good?  
(a) Article 39A (b) Article 39(b)  
(c) Article 40 (d) Article 44
54. Which of the following amendments removed Right to Property as Fundamental Right?  
(a) 42nd Amendment  
(b) 44th Amendment  
(c) 51st Amendment  
(d) 57th Amendment
55. The access to free legal service has been enshrined in  
(a) Article 38 (b) Article 38A  
(c) Article 39A (d) Article 39(d)
56. Which of the following statements with regard to Judges is/are incorrect?  
1. The Judge of a Supreme Court is appointed by the Chief Justice of India in consultation with the President.  
2. The Judge of a High Court is appointed by the Governor of the state in consultation with Chief Justice of the High Court.  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
57. Who shall appoint the Chairperson and Members of National Human Rights Commission (NHR(C) in India?  
(a) The Prime Minister  
(b) The President  
(c) The Chief Justice of India  
(d) The Speaker of Lok Sabha
58. Which of the following statements is/are correct?  
1. The provisions related to citizenship are mentioned in the Part III of the Indian Constitution.  
2. One can lose citizenship of India in three ways – Renunciation, Termination and Deprivation.  
Choose the correct code  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
59. Which of the following statement is/are correct?  
1. The Joint sitting of Parliament is allowed in case of Money Bill.  
2. The Joint sitting of Parliament is allowed in case of Constitution Amendment Bill.  
3. A Bill passed in Joint sitting of the Parliament shall pass by a total number of members of both Houses present and voting.  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3



60. Which of the following best describes an Ordinance as?
- Legislative power of the Legislature
  - Executive Power of the Legislature
  - Executive Power of the Executive
  - Legislative Power of the Executive
61. Equal Justice and free legal aid constitutes which part of the Indian Constitution?
- Fundamental Rights only
  - Directive Principles of State Policy
  - Fundamental Duty
  - Preamble
62. Which of the following statement regarding Member of National Human Rights Commission (NHR(C) is correct?
- A person appointed as a Member shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term.
  - A person appointed as a Member shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall not be eligible for re-appointment for another term.
  - A person appointed as a Member shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of five years.
  - A person appointed as a Member shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall not be eligible for re-appointment for another term.
63. Consider the following statements:
- The constitution of India provides an express provision for judicial review in the shape of Article 13.
  - Judicial review power has been conferred on the High courts and the Supreme court of India.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
64. Article 371A provides special provisions to which of the following states?
- Assam
  - Manipur
  - Mizoram
  - Nagaland
65. Consider the following statements:
- Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948, and Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), 1966, legally protect persons against “arbitrary interference” with their privacy.
  - The Supreme Court in India has declared that the right to privacy is a fundamental right.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
66. The law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts within the territory is mentioned in
- Article 123
  - Article 124
  - Article 137
  - Article 141
67. Which among the following articles mentions about making effective provisions for securing right to work?
- Article 38
  - Article 39
  - Article 40
  - Article 41
68. The Chairman of which of the following parliamentary committees is invariably from the members of ruling party?
- Committee on Public Undertakings
  - Public Accounts Committee
  - Estimates Committee
  - Committee on Delegated Legislation
69. Consider the following statements:
- The Election Commission of India is a five-member body.



2. Union Ministry of Home Affairs decides the election schedule for the conduct of both general elections and bye-elections.
3. Election Commission resolves the disputes relating to splits/mergers of recognised political parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

70. For election to the Lok Sabha, a nomination paper can be filed by

- (a) anyone residing in India.  
(b) a resident of the constituency from which the election is to be contested.  
(c) any citizen of India whose name appears in the electoral roll of a constituency.  
(d) any citizen of India.

71. The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the administration and control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in the following four states?

- (a) Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland  
(b) Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram  
(c) Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland  
(d) Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland

72. Consider the following statements:

1. Ordinances are laws that are promulgated by the President of India on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet, which will have the same effect as an Act of Parliament.
2. Ordinances can only be issued when Parliament is not in session.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following statements regarding the judicial powers of the Governor:

1. He makes appointments, postings and promotions of the District Judges in consultation with the State High Court.
2. He is consulted by the President while appointing the Judges of the concerned State High 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

74. The judges of the High Court can be removed from their office during their tenure

1. by the Governor, if the State Legislature passes a resolution to this effect by two-thirds majority.
2. by the Chief Justice on the recommendation of the Parliament.
3. by the President on the basis of a resolution passed by the Parliament by two thirds majority.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding the Directive Principles of State Policy (D.P.S.P.) and Fundamental Rights of the Indian Constitution: -

1. The D.P.S.P. are instrument of instructions of the government. They contain positive commands to the state to promote a social and welfare state.
2. The Fundamental Rights are limitations upon the state actions. They contain negative injunctions to the state not to do various things.
3. The scope of D.P.S.P. is larger. The D.P.S.P. set the guidelines in the larger interest of community, for achieving socialistic goals through democratic methods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. The Constitution of India lays down which of the following qualification(s) for the appointment of a person as a Governor?

1. He should be a citizen of India
2. He should make and subscribe before the person authorized by the Election Commission, an oath or affirmation according to the form prescribed in the Third Schedule
3. He should have completed the age of 30 years.
4. He should possess other qualifications prescribed by the Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. The writ of Habeas Corpus is not issued in which of the following cases?

1. Where the order of imprisonment or detention is ultra-virus the statute which authorizes the imprisonment or detention.
2. Where the person against whom the writ is issued or the person who is detained is not within the jurisdiction of the Court.
3. To secure the release of a person who has been imprisoned by a court of law on criminal charges.
4. To interfere with a proceeding for contempt by a Court of record or by the Parliament.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 4 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only        (d) All of the above

78. Consider the following statements about the Attorney General of India.

1. He is appointed by the President of India.

2. He must possess the qualifications required for a judge of the Supreme Court.

3. He must be a member of either houses of the Parliament.

4. He can be removed from office through impeachment by Parliament.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

79. When the annual Union Budget is not passed by the Lok Sabha, then

- (a) the Budget is modified and presented again.
- (b) the Budget is referred to the Rajya Sabha for suggestions.
- (c) the Union Finance Minister is asked to resign.
- (d) the Prime Minister submits the resignation of Council of Ministers.

80. Consider the following statements:

1. A vote on account is a grant in advance for the central government to meet short-term expenditure needs from the Consolidated Fund of India
2. Article 266 of the Indian Constitution defines the Consolidated Fund of India, which is where all the revenue of the central government, be it from taxes, funds raised by loans and interest on loans, and a portion of taxes from states, is parked.

Choose the correct code:

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

81. The Constitution (Seventy-Third Amendment) Act, 1992, which aims at promoting the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country, provides for which of the following?

1. Constitution of District Planning Committees.
2. State Election Commissions to conduct all Panchayat elections.

3. Establishment of State Finance Commissions.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

22. Which of the following writs can be issued against administrative authorities?

- (a) Prohibition, Certiorari & Mandamus.  
(b) Certiorari & Mandamus.  
(c) Prohibition & Mandamus  
(d) Prohibition & Certiorari.

83. According to the Punchhi commission what is the order of precedence that ought to be followed by the governor in case of a hung house to form the government?

1. The single largest party with support of others
2. The group with the largest pre poll alliance commanding the largest number;
3. The post-electoral coalition with all parties joining the government
4. The post electoral alliance with some parties joining the government and remaining including Independents supporting from outside.

Choose the correct code in the order of precedence?

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

84. Which of the following Articles of the Constitution broadly govern the relationship between the Prime Minister and the President?

1. Article 75                      2. Article 73
3. Article 74                      4. Article 78

Choose the correct code:

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

85. In the event of the resignation or death of the Prime Minister

(a) the Council of Ministers stands automatically dissolved.

(b) the senior most member of the Council of Ministers automatically becomes the Prime Minister.

(c) The Lok Sabha stands automatically dissolved and fresh elections must be held within six months.

(d) the President can take any of the above actions.

86. The proceedings in the Lok Sabha cannot be conducted unless there is quorum. How this quorum is ensured?

(a) The Speaker counts the heads at the time of commencement of proceedings at first session every day.

(b) The Parliamentary Secretary keeps record of attendance of members and informs the Speaker about lack of quorum.

(c) The attendance registered kept at the entrance is monitored.

(d) The lack of quorum is brought to the notice of the Speaker by the members.

87. What is the provision to safeguard the autonomy of the Supreme Court of India?

1. While appointing the Supreme Court Judges, the President of India has to consult the Chief Justice of India.

2. The Supreme Court Judges can be removed by the Chief Justice of India only.

3. The salaries of the Judges are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India to which the legislature does not have to vote.

4. All appointments of officers and staffs of the Supreme Court of India are made by the Government only after consulting the Chief Justice of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. Which of the following are included in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?

1. A dispute between the Government of India and one or more States
  2. A dispute regarding elections to either House of the Parliament or that of Legislature of a State
  3. A dispute between the Government of India and a Union Territory
  4. A dispute between two or more states
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 4                      (d) 3 and 4
89. Consider the following provisions under the Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in the Constitution of India:
1. Securing for citizens of India a uniform civil code
  2. Organizing village Panchayats
  3. Promoting cottage industries in rural areas
  4. Securing for all the workers reasonable leisure and cultural opportunities
- Which of the above are the Gandhian Principles that are reflected in the Directive Principles of State Policy?
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
90. Which one of the following Committees contains representatives of both the House viz. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha?
- (a) Business Advisory Committee
  - (b) Rules Committee
  - (c) Public Accounts Committee
  - (d) Committee on Public Undertakings
91. Which principle among the following was added to the Directive Principles of State Policy by the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution?
- (a) Equal pay for equal work for both men and women
  - (b) Participation of workers in the management of industries
  - (c) Right to work, education and public assistance
  - (d) Securing living wage and human conditions of work to workers
92. Local self-government can be best explained as an exercise in
- (a) Federalism
  - (b) Democratic decentralisation
  - (c) Administrative delegation
  - (d) Direct democracy
93. Which of the following Directive Principles can override the Fundamental Rights given under article 14 and 19?
1. Article 39 (a)      2. Article 39 (b)
  3. Article 39 (c)      4. Article 39 (d)
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 and 3                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 2,3 and 4                      (d) 3 and 4
94. The members of the Constituent Assembly were:
- (a) Elected directly by the method of adult suffrage
  - (b) Appointed by the British government
  - (c) Elected indirectly by the electoral college
  - (d) Chosen by indirect election by the members of the Provincial Legislative Assemblies
95. Which of the following provisions in the Constitution of India have been borrowed from the Britain?
1. Independence of Judiciary
  2. Judicial Review
  3. Fundamental Rights
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) None of the above
96. Consider the following statements:
1. It is customary for a Constitution to have Preamble, but not mandatory.



2. The Preamble is non-justiciable i.e. it is not enforceable in the court of law.
3. The Preamble of the constitution can be amended with a simple majority in the Parliament.

Choose the correct code:

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

97. Who among the following acted as Constitutional Advisor to the Constituent Assembly of India?

- (a) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar  
(b) Dr. Rajendra Prasad  
(c) Sir B.N. Rau  
(d) Shri. K.M. Munshi

98. On which the following grounds the Fundamental Rights can be restricted:

1. Maintenance of Sovereignty and Integrity of the Country.
2. Maintenance of friendly relations with foreign States.
3. Maintenance of Public Order, Morality and decency.
4. Promotion of the interest of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or the Schedule Castes and the Schedule Tribes.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) All of the above

99. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 13(2) of the Constitution states that the State shall not make any law which takes away or abridge the Fundamental Rights.
2. Fundamental Rights are called the limitations upon the State because they check the power of State.

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

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

100. Which of the following statement is not correct?

- (a) Habeas corpus is a Latin term which means "to have the body".  
(b) The term "mandamus" literally means "command."  
(c) Writ of prohibition means to forbid or to stop and it is popularly known as 'Stay Order'.  
(d) The meaning of the term Quo Warranto is 'to be certified'.

101. Which of the following is true regarding the concept on Equality before the law:

1. It is a positive concept.
2. Rule of law means the absolute supremacy of ordinary law of land as opposed to the influence of arbitrary power of the ruler.

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

102. Consider the following statements:

1. The President may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chief Justice of Supreme Court, resign his office;
2. The President may, for violation of the Constitution, be removed from office by impeachment in the manner provided in Article 68.
3. The President shall, notwithstanding the expiration of his term, continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 3 only                      (d) None of the above

103. Which of the following emergencies can be declared by the President on his own?

1. Emergency due to external aggression or armed rebellion
2. Emergency due to failure of the constitutional machinery in a state



3. Emergency due to threat to the financial stability or credit of India.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above
104. Which of the following statement correctly explains the term “Pocket Veto” of the President?  
(a) Refusal to give assent to any Bill  
(b) Sending the bill back to Parliament for changes  
(c) Taking no action indefinitely on a Bill  
(d) None of the above
105. The Prime Minister of India, at the time of his/her appointment:  
(a) Need not necessarily be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament but must become a member of one of the Houses within six months.  
(b) Need not necessarily be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament but must become a member of the Lok Sabha within six months.  
(c) Must be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament.  
(d) Must be a member of the Lok Sabha.
106. Which of the following Standing Committees of Parliament has no MP from Rajya Sabha?  
(a) Public Accounts Committee  
(b) Estimates Committee  
(c) Committee on Public Undertakings  
(d) All the above Committee.
107. The Parliament can make law for the whole of any part of India for the implementation of international treaties  
(a) With the consent of all the states  
(b) With the consent of majority of the states  
(c) With the consent of the concerned state  
(d) Without the consent of any state
108. The proceedings in the Lok Sabha cannot be conducted unless there is quorum. How this quorum is ensured?  
(a) The Speaker counts the heads at the time of commencement of proceedings at first session every day.  
(b) The Parliamentary Secretary keeps record of attendance of members and informs the Speaker about lack of quorum.  
(c) The attendance registered kept at the entrance is monitored.  
(d) The lack of quorum is bought to the notice of the Speaker by the members.
109. In case of Prorogation of House which among the following lapse?  
1. Pending notices  
2. Pending motions  
3. Pending Resolutions  
4. Pending Bills.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) All of the above
110. Consider the following statements:  
1. A starred question is one to which a member desires an oral answer in the House.  
2. An unstarred question is one to which written answer is desired by the Member.  
3. No supplementary questions can be asked in the case of a Starred question.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above
111. Joint-sittings of the two houses of Parliament are held for  
1. Resolution of deadlock between the two houses on a non-money bill  
2. Annual address by the President  
3. Special address by the President  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above

112. Which of the following special powers have been conferred on the Rajya Sabha by the Constitution of India?

- (a) To change the existing territory of a State and to change the name of a State.
- (b) To pass a resolution empowering the Parliament to make laws in the State List and to create one or more All India Services.
- (c) To amend the election procedure of the President and to determine the pension of the President after his/her retirement.
- (d) To determine the functions of the Election Commission and to determine the number of Election Commissioners.

113. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The original jurisdiction of Supreme Court extends over disputes between India and foreign states
- 2. Under advisory jurisdiction of Supreme Court, the advice is binding on the President.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are not correct?

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

114. What is the provision to safeguard the autonomy of the Supreme Court of India?

- 1. While appointing the Supreme Court Judges, the President of India has to consult the Chief Justice of India.
- 2. The Supreme Court Judges can be removed by the Chief Justice of India only.
- 3. The salaries of the Judges are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India to which the legislature does not have to vote.
- 4. All appointments of officers and staffs of the Supreme Court of India are made by the Government only after consulting the Chief Justice of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

115. Inter-State Councils in India have been set up under

- (a) Provisions of the Constitution
- (b) A parliamentary resolution
- (c) A resolution adopted by the National Development Council
- (d) None of the above

116. Consider the following statements:

- 1. By 42nd Amendment Act, the Right to property was removed from the list of Fundamental rights.
- 2. The right to freedom can be curtailed on the account of maintenance of friendly relations with Foreign State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

118. Which one of the following duties of the Comptroller and Auditor General has been wrongly listed?

- (a) To audit all expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.
- (b) To audit all expenditure from the Contingency Funds and Public Accounts.
- (c) To control the receipts and issue of public money and to ensure that all public revenue is deposited with the exchequer.
- (d) To audit all trading, manufacturing, profit and loss accounts.

119. Consider the following statements:

- 1. In order to be appointed as the Attorney General a person must be qualified to be appointed as a judge of High Court.
- 2. Attorney General of India is paid salary that is equivalent to that of a Supreme Court Judge.

Choose the correct code:

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

120. Regarding the office of the Lok Sabha Speaker, consider the following statements:

- 1. He/she holds the office during the pleasure of the President.
- 2. He/she need not be a member of the House at the time of his/her election but has to become a member of the House within six months from the date of his/her election.
- 3. If he/she intends to resign, the letter of his/her resignation has to be addressed to the Deputy Speaker.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only            (b) 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3              (d) None of the above

# INDIAN ECONOMY

1. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the capital-output ratio?
  1. A higher capital-output ratio indicates technological advancement in the economy.
  2. A lower capital-output ratio is desirable in the economy.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2    (d) Neither 1 nor 2
  
2. Which of the following best explains 'twin deficits' in the economy?
  - (a) Fiscal Deficit and Current Account Deficit
  - (b) Fiscal Deficit and Revenue Deficit
  - (c) Fiscal Deficit and Capital Account Deficit
  - (d) Fiscal Deficit and Budgetary Deficit
  
3. Consider the following statements with respect to inflation:
  1. Inflation is good for those who lend money than for those who borrow money.
  2. Inflation is good for those who make the products than for those who buy it.

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
  
4. Which among the following statements can be considered as the best argument to promote human development in a country?
  - (a) Human development would lead to an increase in the GDP growth rate.
  - (b) Human development would promote political development and strengthen democratic values.
  - (c) Human development enhances the ability of the people to make their own choices.
  - (d) Human development would promote inclusive and balanced growth and development.
  
5. Which among the following indicators are used in the UNDP's Gender Inequality Index (GII)?
  1. Enrolment in primary education
  2. Maternal mortality Rate (MMR)
  3. Share of parliamentary seats
  4. Female Labour Force Participation Rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
  
6. Which of the following statements is/are correct about disguised unemployment?
  1. It is unemployment that affects aggregate output.
  2. An economy demonstrates disguised unemployment when productivity is low and too many workers are filling too few jobs.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2    (d) Neither 1 nor 2
  
7. India has a score of 0.44 in the Human Capital Index released by the World Bank. What does this imply?
  - (a) Only 44% of the population of India is fully developed and works with optimum productivity.
  - (b) A child born in India will only be 44% productive when he attains the age of 18, compared to what he would be had he received full education and health.
  - (c) Only 44% of the population is employable in India.

- (d) All of the above.
8. Which of the following comes/come under the revenue receipts of the government?
1. Corporation tax
  2. GST and taxes of the Union territories
  3. Custom duties
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
9. Consider the following statements about the Securities and Exchange Board of India:
1. It is a non-statutory body.
  2. It regulates the credit rating agencies in India.
- 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. Which of the following indicate/s situation of monetary policy transmission in the economy?
1. The banks benchmarking their lending rates based on MCLR (Marginal Cost of funds based Lending Rate).
  2. External benchmarking of interest rates.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
11. Which of the following best represent the concept of differentiated banks in India?
1. Small Finance Banks
  2. Payment Banks
  3. Regional Rural Banks
  4. The Industrial Development Bank of India
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

12. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
1. Stagflation is characterised by slow economic growth and high unemployment.
  2. Skewflation is price rise of a small group of commodities over a sustained period of time.
  3. Hyperinflation is a large and accelerating inflation that takes place over a very short period of time.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 2 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
13. Consider the following statements regarding “stressed asset”:
1. The Central Bank has made it voluntary for the lenders to take the defaulters to the bankruptcy court.
  2. The ‘Prudential framework for resolution of stressed assets’ of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gives only 1-day leeway to the defaulters.
- 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. Which of the following are said to increase the general price level in an economy?
1. Failed monsoon
  2. Increase in population
  3. Introduction of Universal Basic Income
  4. Job losses
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
15. Which of the following documents are mandated to be provided as part of the Union Budget by the Indian Constitution?
1. Annual Financial Statement
  2. Demand for Grants
  3. Finance Bill



4. Macro-economic Framework Statement
5. Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only              (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

16. What is meant by a dwarf firm?

- (a) Young firms that are less than 10 years old.  
(b) Firms that are quite old, but failed to grow into large sized firms.  
(c) Firms that are quite young, but still employ large number of people.  
(d) Young firms that have less potential to grow into large sized firms due to their own weakness.

17. According to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management rules, rolling targets have been set for certain indicators. Which of the following are the components of the rolling targets?

1. Fiscal deficit as a percentage of the GDP
2. Tax revenue as a percentage of the GDP
3. Foreign debt as a percentage of the GDP
4. GDP growth rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. The World Investment Report is released by which of the following organizations?

- (a) The World Economic Forum  
(b) UNCTAD (The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)  
(c) The World Bank  
(d) The International Monetary Fund

19. Consider the following statements about the Municipal Performance Index:

1. It has been developed by NITI Aayog.
2. Parameters of the Municipal Performance Index include technology and planning.

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

20. What would happen to the “money multiplier” in an economy, if the cash reserve ratio (CRR) is reduced?

- (a) The money multiplier would increase.  
(b) The money multiplier would decrease.  
(c) The money multiplier would remain constant.  
(d) There is no relationship between the money multiplier and the cash reserve ratio (CRR).

21. Which of the following statements related to the Purchasing Managers’ Index is correct?

- (a) It is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in both the manufacturing and service sectors.  
(b) It is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the service sectors only.  
(c) It is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the international market and exchange rate.  
(d) None of the above

22. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)?

1. NMSA aims at promoting sustainable agriculture through climate change adaptation measures.
2. The major thrust is enhancing agriculture productivity, especially in the rainfed areas, focusing on integrated farming, soil health management and synergizing resource conservation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

23. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Per Drop More Crop (PDM(C))?

1. It focuses on water use efficiency at farm level through precision/ Micro Irrigation (MI).
2. The Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers' Welfare is implementing Per Drop More Crop.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

24. Which of the following is/are said to trigger a 'currency war'?

1. A central bank following expansionary monetary policy in order to devalue its currency.
2. A central bank eases the money supply to lower exchange rates.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

25. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) involves holding financial assets from a country outside of the investor's own.
2. FPI holdings can include stocks; American depositary receipts (ADRs), bonds, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.
3. Unlike Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), FPI consists of passive ownership.

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

26. In the context of which of the following do you sometimes find the terms amber box, blue box and green box?

- (a) WTO                      (b) SAARC  
(c) UNFCCC                (d) India-EU FTA

27. Which of the following committees recommended setting up of the Payment Banks?

- (a) Nachiket Mor Committee  
(b) Rangarajan Committee  
(c) N.K. Sinha Committee  
(d) Bibek Debroy Committee

28. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Bad Bank is basically an Asset Restructuring Company (AR(C)).
2. The concept of the Bad Bank was pioneered at the Mellon Bank.

Choose the correct code

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

29. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. An asset quality rating is a review or evaluation assessing the credit risk associated with a particular asset.
2. A rating of one shows poor asset quality and there is huge credit risk.

Choose the correct code

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

30. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Viability Gap Funding (VGF) means a grant to support projects that are economically unjustified but financially viable.
2. Viability Gap Funding(VGF) is provided as a capital subsidy to attract the private sector players to participate in PPP projects.

Choose the correct code

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Capital Adequacy Ratio(CAR) is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk weighed assets and current liabilities.

2. Tier I capital comprise of the core resources of a Bank.
3. Tier II capital comprises of the undisclosed resources.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3                      (d) All of the above
32. Consider the following statements with respect to Bond Market Development:
1. Greater economic size means greater bond market development.
  2. Countries with stable exchange rate are conducive to bond market development.
  3. High level of interest rate volatility in the fixed income securities market tends to lower bond market development.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3                      (d) All of the above
33. Consider the following statements:
1. A credit rating is an assessment of the creditworthiness of a borrower.
  2. Individuals, corporations and governments are assigned credit ratings – whosoever wants to borrow money.
  3. Individuals are given 'credit ratings', while corporations and governments receive 'credit scores'.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1 only                        (d) All of the above
34. Consider the following statements:
1. The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) is the outcome of WTO's Bali (Indonesia) ministerial package of 2013.
  2. To facilitate TFA, the Government of India (GoI) released National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP).
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ICADR) works under the aegis of the Supreme Court of India headed by Chief Justice of India.
2. It was started by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements:

1. Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) is a treaty under the World Trade Organization that was negotiated during the Doha Round negotiations.
2. The agreement is centered around the need to eliminate 'trade distorting' agricultural subsidies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Blue Box contains those subsidies that tend to distort the international trade by making products of a country cheaper in the international market.
2. Green Box contains those subsidies that do not distort trade nor cause any distortion are classified under this box.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

38. The World Economic Outlook Report is released by

- (a) World Bank  
(b) World Economic Forum  
(c) International Monetary Fund

- (d) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
39. The main purpose of setting up New Development Bank is
- To provide finance to all countries for poverty alleviation.
  - To provide loans to countries to meet BoP crisis.
  - To mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies.
  - To develop public institutions in countries through long-term loans.
40. Consider the following statements about Trade Facilitation Agreement:
- This agreement is associated with the Uruguay round of WTO.
  - It is aimed at facilitating smooth movement of goods across borders.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
41. Consider the following statements about Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency:
- It encourages foreign investment in developing economies by offering insurance to foreign private investors against loss caused by non-commercial risks.
  - It is an institution of International Monetary Fund.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
42. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium?
- It will provide venture capital assistance to agri businesses.
  - It will help in formation of Farmer Producer Organisations.
3. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Select the correct option using the codes given below:
- 1 only
  - 1 and 3
  - 2 and 3
  - 1 and 2
43. Grey revolution is related to
- Fertilizers
  - Jute
  - Food grains
  - Non-conventional energy
44. Which of the following forms a part of India's external debt?
- Loans from RBI
  - Loans from multilateral banks
  - Foreign Direct Investment
  - Loans advanced to foreign banks
45. Consider the following statements about rupee convertibility:
- Rupee convertibility means the ease with which rupee can be converted into another currency.
  - Rupee is fully convertible on current account.
  - Rupee is fully convertible on capital account.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 and 2
  - 2 and 3
  - 1 and 3
  - 1, 2 and 3
46. In the context of Balance of Payment (BoP), which of the following form a part of internationally acceptable assets?
- IMF Reserve Tranche
  - Foreign loans
  - Shares
  - None of the above
47. Consider the following statements about Special Drawing Rights (SDR):
- SDR is an international currency created by IMF.



2. SDR is used for the purpose of settling international accounts.
  3. SDR derives its value from US dollar as it the most commonly used currency.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3                    (d) 1, 2 and 3
48. Official reserve transactions refer to
    - (a) transactions undertaken by the central government out of the Consolidated Fund of India.
    - (b) transactions undertaken by RBI to balance the BOP deficit or surplus.
    - (c) transactions undertaken by Ministry of Finance on the official reserves.
    - (d) transactions undertaken by public sector banks to maintain their required reserves.
  49. An exchange traded fund refers to
    - (a) a stock that tracks the exchange rate of the country.
    - (b) a stock that tracks an index, a commodity, bonds or basket of assets.
    - (c) a stock whose value depends upon the level of foreign exchange reserves of the country.
    - (d) None of the above
  50. Inflation in the economy results in
    - (a) benefitting to the debtors.
    - (b) rise in consumption.
    - (c) benefitting to savers.
    - (d) appreciation of exchange rate.
  51. Which of the following is the correct description of stagflation?
    - (a) High inflation and high employment
    - (b) High inflation and high unemployment
    - (c) Low inflation and high employment
    - (d) Low inflation and high unemployment
  52. GDP deflator refers to
    - (a) GDP calculated at current prices.
    - (b) GDP calculated at market prices.
    - (c) Ratio of GDP at current prices and GDP at constant prices.
    - (d) Ratio of Consumer Price Index and Wholesale Price index
  53. The term 'seignorage' refers to
    - (a) cost of printing currency by the central bank.
    - (b) cost of procurement of foodgrains by the government.
    - (c) cost of servicing debt by the government.
    - (d) difference between exchange rates of two different countries.
  54. Which of the following correctly explains 'monetary base' of the economy?
    - (a) Currency with the public + demand deposits in the banking system.
    - (b) Currency with the public + time deposits of the banking system.
    - (c) Currency in circulation+ banker's deposits with RBI+ other deposits with RBI.
    - (d) None of the above
  55. A decrease in bank rate by the RBI leads to
    - (a) higher liquidity in the market.
    - (b) lower liquidity in the market.
    - (c) reduction in inflation.
    - (d) None of the above
  56. Demand for money remaining the same, an increase in supply of money will result in
    - (a) a rise in the level of prices.
    - (b) a rise in the rate of interest.
    - (c) a decrease in level of income and employment.
    - (d) None of the above
  57. A reduction in interest rates in the economy may result in
    - (a) Decrease in investment
    - (b) Currency depreciation
    - (c) Decrease in money demand
    - (d) None of the above



58. An increase in investment results in
1. increase in aggregate demand.
  2. increase in productive capacity.
- Select the correct option using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
59. Liquidity trap refers to
- (a) shortage of liquidity in the economy.
  - (b) situation when interest rate is so low that people prefer to hold money rather than invest it.
  - (c) RBI's policy to control interest rates through change in liquidity.
  - (d) situation in business cycle when economy is trapped due to low aggregate demand.
60. Fiscal drag means
- (a) inability of the government to meet its fiscal deficit.
  - (b) fall in aggregate demand of the economy when people move from lower to higher tax brackets.
  - (c) contradiction between fiscal and monetary policy.
  - (d) None of the above
61. Which of the following represent sources of financing fiscal deficit?
1. Market borrowings
  2. State Provident funds
  3. External debt
  4. Securities against small savings
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3                  (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
62. Consider the following statements about 'Effective Revenue Deficit':
1. Effective revenue deficit refers to the difference between fiscal deficit and grants for creation of capital assets.
  2. Effective revenue deficit signifies that amount of capital receipts that are being

- used for actual consumption expenditure of the government.
3. This concept was introduced in the Union Budget 2011-12.
- Select the correct statements using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
63. The EASE programme is related to
- (a) Bank recapitalization
  - (b) Education
  - (c) Infrastructure
  - (d) Railways
64. Consider the following statements about the Finance Bill:
1. A Finance Bill is also presented along with the Annual Financial Statement as per Article 114 of the Constitution.
  2. It contains the taxation proposals announced under the Union Budget.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
65. The Macroeconomic Framework Statement presented with the budget provides an assessment of
1. expected GDP growth rate.
  2. fiscal balance of the Central Government.
  3. external sector balance.
- Select the correct option using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
66. Which of the following form a part of the capital receipts of the central government?
1. Recoveries of loans and advances.
  2. GST receipts.
  3. External grants.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

67. Consider the following statements:

1. The Monetary Policy Committee is responsible for fixing the benchmark interest rate in India.
2. The committee comprises six members - three officials of the Reserve Bank of India and three external members nominated by the Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements about Purchasing Managers Index (PMI):

1. It is an indicator of investor sentiments about the manufacturing sector.
2. A reading above 100 on PMI indicates economic expansion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements about the 8 core industries of Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

1. Their combined weight in IIP exceeds 50%.
2. Refinery products have the maximum weight in IIP out of the 8 core industries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

70. Which of the following statements are correct about Global Gender Gap Index?

1. It is prepared by World Economic Forum.
2. It measures parity between men and women using indicators such as educational attainment, health and survival etc.

Select the correct option using the codes given below.

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

71. Global Liveability index is prepared by

- (a) World Bank.  
(b) World Economic Forum.  
(c) Economist Intelligence Unit.  
(d) UN Industrial Development Organisation.

72. Which of the following statements are correct about the Corruption Perception Index?

1. On a scale of 0 to 100, 0 denotes very clean and 100 denotes highly corrupt.
2. It is prepared by Transparency International.

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

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

73. CRISIL Inclusix is an index to measure

- (a) Industrial development  
(b) Capital market development  
(c) Financial inclusion  
(d) Social sector development

74. Which of the following are indicators of Inclusive Development Index?

1. Growth and development
2. Dependency ratio
3. Public debt as a share of GDP

Select the correct option using the codes given below.

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

75. Which of the following are indicators of Global Competitiveness Index?

1. Institutions
2. Financial market development
3. Health and Education

Select the correct option using the codes given below.

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

76. Global Financial Stability Report is prepared by

- (a) World Economic Forum  
(b) International Monetary Fund  
(c) World Bank  
(d) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

77. Consider the following statements:

1. Gross fixed capital formation is essentially net investment.
2. Gross fixed capital formation is a component of the Expenditure method of calculating GDP.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

78. Which among the following are covered under Priority Sector Lending (PSL)?

1. Agriculture
2. renewable energy
3. Social Infrastructure
4. Infrastructural loans
5. Housing
6. Education

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only  
(b) 2, 3, 4 and 6 only  
(c) 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 only  
(d) All of the above

79. Enayam Port is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Kerala                      (b) Tamil Nadu  
(c) Gujarat                      (d) Andhra Pradesh

80. The Interest Subvention Scheme for Agriculture is regulated by which of the following agencies?

- (a) The Government of India  
(b) NABARD  
(c) RBI  
(d) Rural Cooperative Banks

81. Under the Employee State Insurance Act, the employees are entitled to

- (a) Pension benefits post retirement.  
(b) Medical benefits due to sickness etc.  
(c) Zero premium insurance cover.  
(d) None of the above

82. Global Innovation Index is published by

- (a) World Bank  
(b) IMF  
(c) World Economic Forum  
(d) None of the above

83. As per the use-based classification of Index of Industrial Production, which of the following has the highest weight?

- (a) Capital goods  
(b) Infrastructure/construction goods  
(c) Consumer durables  
(d) Primary goods

84. Which of the following benefits will result from crop diversification?

1. Improvement in soil health
  2. Mitigating price shocks
  3. Movement towards high value crops
- Select the correct option using the codes given below.

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

85. Price stabilization fund is aimed at controlling price volatility of

- (a) Petroleum products  
(b) Real estate  
(c) Agricultural commodities  
(d) None of the above

86. The Logistics Performance Index is created by

- (a) IMF (b) WTO  
(c) UNDP (d) World Bank
87. Consider the following statements about NHB RESIDEX:
1. It is released by the National Housing Bank.
  2. It is a measure of movement of residential property prices.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
88. Consider the following statements:
1. The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures price movements from the seller's point of view.
  2. The consumer price index (CPI) measures cost changes from the viewpoint of the consumer.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
89. Insurance penetration refers to
- (a) Ratio of insurance premium to the principal amount.
  - (b) Percentage of people having insurance cover out of the total population.
  - (c) Share of insurance in total savings of the country.
  - (d) Ratio of total insurance premiums to gross domestic product in a given year.
90. Headline inflation in the country is measured by
- (a) Wholesale price index
  - (b) Consumer price index
  - (c) Producer price index
  - (d) None of the above
91. 'The Economic History of India' was authored by
- (a) Dadabhai Naoroji

- (b) Romesh Chandra Dutt  
(c) Mahadev Govind Ranade  
(d) Surendranath Banerjee

92. Consider the following statements regarding 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana':
1. It was launched in 2000 to provide all weather road connectivity to eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas of the country.
  2. The programme envisages connecting all habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in the plain areas and in the hill States, the tribal and the desert areas.
- 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
93. Consider the following statements:
1. Coconut Development Board is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
  2. Coconut Development Board is headquartered in Chidambaram, Tamilnadu.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
94. Which of the following are objectives of 'Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)'?
1. Enhance horticulture production
  2. Augment farmers' income
  3. Strengthen nutritional security
  4. Create employment generation opportunities
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) All of the above
95. Which of the following is/are eligible for Kisan Credit Card?

1. All the farmers
2. Share Croppers
3. Tenants

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

96. Long-Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF) is the fund under which of the following agencies?

- (a) NABARD  
(b) RBI  
(c) Regional Rural Banks  
(d) Lead Banks of Districts

97. 'Prime Minister Krishi Sampada Yojana' is related to which of the following areas?

- (a) Boosting investment in food processing  
(b) Doubling investment in organic food  
(c) Promoting investment in agri-tech  
(d) Promoting organic seeds among the farmers

98. Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) is the fund under which of the following?

- (a) National Housing Bank  
(b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Development  
(c) Reserve Bank of India  
(d) NABARD

99. Consider the following statements:

1. National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) is an independent regulator to oversee the auditing profession and accounting standards in India under Companies Act 2013.
2. Due to notification of NFRA, India is now eligible for membership of International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

100. Which of the statements is correct regarding the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)?

1. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament.
2. It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

101. Consider the following statements:

1. The NSSF is administered by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance under National Small Savings Fund Rules, 2001.
2. Funds collected under SSS are the liabilities of the Union Government accounted for in the Public Accounts of India.

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

102. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

Term	Description
1. Letter of undertaking (LOU)	A. It is a form of bank guarantee under which a bank can allow its customer to raise money from another Indian bank's foreign branch in the form of a short term credit.
2. SWIFT	B. It is a messaging network for securely transmitting instruction of all financial transactions through a standardised system of codes.



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|-------------------|---|
| 3. Nostro account | C. It refers to an account that a bank holds in a foreign currency in another bank. |
| 4. Buyer's credit | D. A short-term credit available to an exporter from overseas lenders.              |

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| (a) 1 and 2    | (b) 1 and 3          |
| (c) 1, 2 and 3 | (d) All of the above |

103. Which of the following Conventions are related to International Arbitration?

1. New York Convention
2. Geneva Convention
3. ICSID Convention

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

104. Consider the following statements about 'Advance Pricing Agreement' (APA):

1. An APA is an agreement between a tax payer and tax authority determining the transfer pricing methodology.
2. An APA can be unilateral, bilateral, or multilateral.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

105. 'World Employment and Social Outlook' is released by which of the following agencies?

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) International Labour Organisation
- (c) World Bank
- (d) International Monetary Fund

106. Consider the following statements:

1. There is an inverse relation between bond prices and bond yield.

2. When the interest rates rise, the bond prices fall.

3. Higher fiscal deficit may lead to low bond yield.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

107. Consider the following statements:

1. The index of global economic freedom is released by the Fraser Institute.
2. India is ranked at 105 in Economic Freedom of the World 2020 report.

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 |

108. Consider the following statements regarding 'Universal Service Obligation Fund':

1. The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003 giving statutory status to the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
2. The Universal Service Obligation (USO) is raised through a 'Universal Access Levy' (UAL).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

109. Consider the following statements:

1. TRIFED functions under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.
2. TRIFED is headquartered in New Delhi and has a network of Regional Offices located at various places in the country.

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 |

110. Consider the following statements regarding Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

1. It is a multilateral development bank.
2. It aims to improve social and economic outcomes in Asia only.

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

111. Which of following statements is/are correct regarding 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme?

1. The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India.
2. The scheme aims to bring synergy among public sector companies, private sector companies and corporate citizens/individuals to effectively promote responsible tourism.
3. The project primarily focuses on providing basic amenities that includes cleanliness, public conveniences, drinking water etc. in tourist sites.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

112. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Stressed assets are loans on which the borrower has defaulted or it has been restructured.
2. An NPA is a loan or advance for which the borrower has failed to repay the principle or interest for a period of 90 days.
3. Restructured asset or loan are that assets which got an extended repayment period, reduced interest rate, converting a part of the loan into equity, providing additional financing, or some combination of these measures.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2

- (c) 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3

113. Which of the following may help in controlling appreciation of rupee?

1. Raising interest rate by RBI.
2. Using forex reserve by RBI in exchange market.
3. Providing incentives to exporters.
4. RBI raising funds through foreign currency non-repatriable (FCNR) deposits.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

114. Consider the following statements regarding Gross Fixed Capital Formation:

1. It refers to the net increase in physical assets (investment minus disposals) within the financial year.
2. It accounts for the consumption (depreciation) of fixed capital, and also includes land purchases.

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

115. Sunil Mehta Committee is associated with

- (a) developing the cruise tourism in India.
- (b) bringing reform in coal sector.
- (c) privatization of Air India.
- (d) resolution of stressed assets.

116. Consider the following statements:

1. GDP deflator is more comprehensive than Consumer Price Index inflation.
2. GDP deflator data is available on a monthly basis along with GDP estimates.

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

117. Consider the following statements:

1. WPI tracks prices at the factory gate before the retail level.
2. WPI covers both goods and services.

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

118. Consider the following statements:

1. Fair and Remunerative Prices (FRP) is the benchmark price that the sugar mills must pay to the sugarcane farmers in order to buy sugar cane.
2. FRP is announced every year by the central government under the Sugarcane (Control) Order 1966.

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

119. India is a member of which of the following designated regions in World Customs Organisation?

- (a) Indo-Pacific region    (b) Asian region  
(c) Asia-Pacific region    (d) Eurasian region

120. World Investment Report is released by

- (a) UNCTAD                      (b) World Economic Forum  
(c) UNDP                              (d) IMF

# GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

1. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Bird life International:

1. It is the world's largest nature conservation Partnership.
2. It identifies the sites referred to as 'Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas'.
3. Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) is its partner organisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Biological phenomenon where one plant inhibits the growth of another is called:

- (a) Predation    (b) Commensalism  
(c) Parasitism    (d) Allelopathy

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Palau is first country to ban 'Reef toxic' sun cream.
2. Palau is part of the Polynesia region in the western Pacific Ocean.

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

4. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Green Credit Scheme:

1. It functions under the provisions of Forest Rights Act, 2006.
2. It addresses the concerns linked with compensatory afforestation.

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

5. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Mangroves For Future (MFF):

1. It is co-chaired by the IUCN and UNDP.

2. MFF is inclusive of all types of coastal ecosystem.

3. It is a collaboration between governments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Shola Grasslands are patches of stunted sub-tropical montane forest.
2. Shola Grasslands are found in higher montane regions of South India.

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

7. Consider the following statements w.r.t. State of Forest Report 2019:

1. Forest cover as percentage of total geographical area is highest in Meghalaya.
2. Mangrove cover has been separately reported in the report.
3. Top three states showing mangrove cover increase are Gujarat followed by Maharashtra and Odisha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. Identify the correct chronological order:

- (a) Central Zoo Authority > Community Conserved Area > Project Elephant > Project Tiger
- (b) Project Tiger > Central Zoo Authority > Project Elephant > Community Conserved Area
- (c) Central Zoo Authority > Project Tiger > Project Elephant > Community Conserved Area

- (d) Central Zoo Authority > Community Conserved Area > Project Tiger > Project Elephant
9. Which of the following is not a Snow Leopard Range country?  
(a) Pakistan (b) Tajikistan  
(c) Kyrgyzstan (d) Azerbaijan
10. Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary is situated in the state of  
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Maharashtra  
(c) Odisha (d) Chhattisgarh
11. Which of the following is not a partner of International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCW(C)?  
(a) CITES (b) INTERPOL  
(c) World Customs Union (d) IMF
12. Consider the following statements:  
1. Pink pages in IUCN Red List include the critically endangered species.  
2. Green pages in IUCN Red List include protected and conserved areas.  
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
13. Consider the following statements:  
1. National Biodiversity Authority (NB(A) is a statutory body.  
2. It looks in issues of Convention of Biodiversity (CB(D).  
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 statements:  
1. TRAFFIC is an inter-governmental organization working globally on trade in wild animals and plants.  
2. TRAFFIC is a joint programme of World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and UNEP.

- 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
15. Arrange the tiger density in descending order in the following Tiger Reserves:  
(a) Orang > Kaziranga > Jim Corbett > Bandipur  
(b) Kaziranga > Jim Corbett > Orang > Bandipur  
(c) Orang > Jim Corbett > Kaziranga > Bandipur  
(d) Jim Corbett > Orang > Kaziranga > Bandipur
16. Apennines mountains range is located in –  
(a) France (b) Spain  
(c) Germany (d) Italy
17. Consider the following statements:  
1. Peat bogs are an important means of climatic dating.  
2. Analysis of pollen grains in peat bogs and other deposits shows the geographical extent of plant species in the past.  
Which of the above statement/ statements is/are true?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements:  
1. The Brahmaputra river has its origin in the Chemayungdung glacier of the Kailash range near the Mansarovar lake.  
2. Its tributaries are Burhi Dihing, Subansiri, Kameng, Manas and Sankosh.  
3. The Brahmaputra is well known for floods, channel shifting and bank erosion. This is due to the fact that most of its tributaries are large and bring large quantity of sediments owing to heavy rainfall in its catchment area.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 3 only



- (c) 1 and 3      (d) 1, 2 and 3
19. Consider the following statements:
1. Alluvial soils are widespread in the northern plains and the river valleys.
  2. Alluvial soils vary in nature from sandy loam to clay.
  3. They are depositional soils transported and deposited by rivers and streams.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 2      (d) 1, 2, and 3
20. Which of the following statements is incorrect?
- (a) Sugarcane belongs to the bamboo family of plants and is indigenous to India.
  - (b) Too heavy rainfall results in rich sugar content, whereas deficiency in rainfall produces fibrous crop.
  - (c) It can grow on a variety of soils including loamy clayey loams, black cotton soils, brown or reddish loams and even laterites.
  - (d) It is labour-intensive cultivation.
21. Which of the following environmentalist first gave the concept of Biodiversity 'Hotspots'?
- (a) Gaylord Nelson      (b) Norman Myers  
(c) John Muir      (d) Julia 'Butterfly' Hill
22. Which of the following tiger species is not extinct?
- (a) Caspian Tiger      (b) Java Tiger  
(c) Amur Tiger      (d) Bali tiger
23. Consider the following statements:
1. African Cheetah is endangered in IUCN Red List.
  2. Asiatic Cheetah is critically endangered in IUCN Red List.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Gahirmatha Beach is part of the Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary.
  2. Silent Valley National Park is in Kerala.
- 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
25. Consider the following statements:
1. Sri Lankamaleswara Wildlife Sanctuary is in the state of Tamil Nadu.
  2. Meghamalai wildlife sanctuary is in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- 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
26. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Great Indian Bustard?
1. It is found in desert National Park
  2. It is listed as critically endangered under IUCN Red list.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
27. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Nilgiri Tahr ?
1. It is the State animal of Tamil Nadu
  2. Periyar National park in Kerala has the highest population of this animal.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
28. Consider the following statements about Pangolins?
1. It is protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife protection act 1972.
  2. They are only found in Africa and Asia.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
29. Ratapani Wildlife sanctuary is located in which of the following states?  
(a) Rajasthan                      (b) Maharashtra  
(c) Madhya Pradesh              (d) Karnataka
30. Which of the following deal/s with controlling Ozone hole?  
1. Vienna convention  
2. Paris Climate deal  
3. Montreal protocol  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
31. Consider the following statements regarding the Ozone layer and its formation:  
1. The upper part of the earth's atmosphere, between 10 and 50 km above the earth surface called stratosphere contains a thin layer of ozone.  
2. This ozone layer serves as a natural filter for blocking incoming ultra violet radiation from the sun.  
Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
32. With reference to the IUCN and the CITES, which of the following statements is/are correct?  
1. IUCN is an organ of the United Nations and CITES is an international agreement between governments.  
2. CITES is legally binding on the States that have joined it, but this Convention does not take the place of national laws.  
Select the correct using the code given below.  
(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2

33. Which of the following are incorrect?  
1. Mangroves are salt tolerant forest ecosystems found mainly in the tropical and subtropical regions of the world.  
2. Mangrove plants can survive high salinity, tidal extremes, strong wind velocity, high temperature and Muddy aerobic soil.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below.  
(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
34. Which of the following about Ecological Niche is/are correct?  
1. No two species in a habitat can have same niche.  
2. A niche is unique for a species.  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
35. Which of the following statements are true?  
1. The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a fund within the framework of the UNFCCC.  
2. It will redistribute money from the developed to the developing world, in order to assist the developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.  
(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
36. The Kori Creek rich in mangroves is a tidal creek in the state of  
(a) West Bengal              (b) Odisha  
(c) Karnataka              (d) Gujarat
37. The Arabian Sea branch of the monsoon is much more powerful than the Bay of Bengal branch because  
(a) Arabian sea is larger than the Bay of Bengal.  
(b) entire Arabian sea current advances towards India, whereas only a part of the Bay of Bengal current enters India.

- (c) both (a) and (b)  
(d) none is correct because Bay of Bengal branch is more powerful.
8. Consider the following statements about Basel Convention:
1. It is an international treaty that was designed to reduce the movements of hazardous waste between nations.
  2. It specifically focuses on to prevent transfer of hazardous waste from developed to less developed countries (LDCs).
  3. It also addresses the movement of radioactive waste between different nations.
- 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) All of the above
39. Which of following statements is correct about the wetland in India?
- (a) Tso Moriri and Chandartal are glaciated wetlands  
(b) Chilka in Odisha is an example of lagoon wetland.  
(c) Loktak lake is oxbow wetland it is in Manipur  
(d) All of the above
40. Consider the following statements:
1. Corals are considered as the tropical rain forests of oceans.
  2. Coral reefs are fragile ecosystem which are susceptible to climate change.
- Which of the above is/are correct regarding coral reefs?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
41. Consider the following statements
1. The Narmada valley marks the northern limit of Western Ghats.
  2. Palani hills, Anaimalai hills and Cardamom hills converge at Doda Betta.
3. Mahendra Giri is highest peak in Eastern Ghats.
- Which among the following are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) All the above
42. Which of the following are sources of pollutants that adversely affect the ozone layer?
1. Bromine
  2. Carbon tetrachloride
  3. Hydrofluorocarbons
  4. Methyl chloroform
  5. Chlorofluorocarbons
- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only  
(c) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only (d) All of the above
43. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer aims to control the production and use of:
1. Dichloromethane
  2. CFCs
  3. HFCs
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1,2 and 3
44. Consider the following statements:
1. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and the El Nino are dependent climatic phenomena.
  2. Both IOD and El Nino result in change of global wind patterns.
- 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
45. Consider the following statements:
1. Minamata Convention is an international treaty that aims to protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.

2. The Convention is named after the South Korean city Minamata.  
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
46. Consider the following statements:  
1. Stockholm Convention aims to promote shared responsibilities in relation to import of hazardous chemicals.  
2. Rotterdam Convention aims to eliminate or restrict the production and use of Persistent Organic Pollutants.  
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
47. Consider the following statements:  
1. Montreux Record is a register of wetland sites on the List of Wetlands of international importance where changes in ecological character have occurred.  
2. Loktak Lake and Keoladeo National Park are the Montreux sites in India.  
Which of the above statement/ statements is/are true?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
48. Consider the following statements:  
1. Wetlands are transition zones between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.  
2. Wetlands are habitat to aquatic flora and fauna, numerous species of native and migratory birds.  
Which of the above statement/ statements is/are true?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
49. Corals reefs are generally absent on the western coasts of continents. This is because  
(a) western coasts of continents witness subsidence of air.  
(b) western coasts of continents have cold currents.  
(c) western coasts of continents have dry winds blowing over them.  
(d) none of the above.
50. Which among the following are the important gaps in the Western Ghats?  
(a) Palghat (b) Borghat  
(c) Thalghat (d) All the above
51. Consider the following statements:  
1. MARPOL is the main international convention covering prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships.  
2. ICRAN is a global partnership working for the sustainable development of coral reef areas.  
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
52. Consider the following statements:  
1. Fringing reefs are the most common, project seaward directly from the shore.  
2. Barrier reefs are usually circular or oval, with a central lagoon.  
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
53. Consider the following statements:  
1. A UNESCO World Heritage Site is a place that is listed by UNESCO as of special cultural or physical significance.  
2. Italy and China are home to the greatest number of World Heritage Sites.  
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
54. Consider the following statements:

1. Western Ghats is called 'The Great Escarpment of India'.
  2. Western Ghats is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 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
55. Consider the following statements:
1. Kudremukh and Pashpagiri are important peaks of Chotta Nagpur Plateau.
  2. Doda Betta is the highest peak in the whole of southern India.
- 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 statements about the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL):
1. The Union Minister of MoEFCC is the chairperson of NBWL.
  2. National Board for Wild Life is a "Statutory Organization" constituted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- Select the correct code from below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) None of the above
57. Which of the following statements?
1. TRAFFIC is a non-governmental organization working globally on trade in wild animals and plants.
  2. TRAFFIC is a joint programme of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and IUCN.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
58. Consider the following statements:
1. CITES is also known as the Vienna Convention.
2. CITES is a multilateral treaty adopted in 1963.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
59. Consider the following statements:
1. Bird Life International is the official Red List authority for birds.
  2. Bird Life International is the world's largest nature conservation Partnership.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
60. Consider the following statements:
1. Man and the Biosphere Programme (MA(B) aims to establish a scientific basis for the improvement of relationships between people and their environments.
  2. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species was founded in 1964.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
61. Compensatory Afforestation Funds have been established under the
- (a) Public Account of each state  
(b) Public Account of India and of each state  
(c) Consolidated Fund of each state  
(d) Consolidated Fund of India and of each state
62. Olive Ridelys Turtles are naturally found in India in
1. Andhra Pradesh coast
  2. Odisha coast
  3. Maharashtra coast
- Select the correct answer using the codes below.
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only



- (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
63. Consider the following statements about IUCN:
1. Its membership is composed of both government and civil society organisations.
  2. The IUCN World Conservation Congresses have produced key international agreements such as the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
  3. It is the only environmental organisation with official United Nations Observer Status.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
64. Consider the following statements:
1. PARIVESH is a Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change initiative for single window clearances of Environment, Forests and Wildlife and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearances.
  2. PARIVESH is a web based, role-based workflow application which has been developed for online submission and monitoring of the proposals.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
65. 'SAWEN', an intergovernmental body, is the South Asian equivalent of
- (a) Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
  - (b) TRAFFIC (Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network)
  - (c) Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
  - (d) World Water Council
66. The 'Half-Earth Project' is related to
- (a) Conserving natural heritage

- (b) Good governance
  - (c) Free trade
  - (d) Nuclear non-proliferation
67. The major causes of global sea level rise are
1. Thermal expansion caused by warming of the ocean
  2. Land subsidence
  3. Increased melting of land-based ice
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
68. Consider the following statements about the cocoa plant:
1. It needs humid tropical climates and the shade of rainforests for its growth.
  2. In India, it is mainly cultivated in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- 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
69. Consider the following statements:
1. The Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP) is the India's first to be inscribed as a "Mixed World Heritage Site".
  2. The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (KBR) comprises nearly 40% of the entire geographical area of Sikkim.
- 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
70. Wheat, rice, maize and \_\_\_\_\_ provide two-thirds of the world's food supply. The fourth crop is
- (a) Soybeans (b) Peas
  - (c) Millet (d) Ragi
71. Which of the following is Kharif Crop?
- (a) Groundnut (b) Maize
  - (c) Paddy (d) All of the above

72. Why is a plant called 'Lantana camara' usually in news?
- Its extract is widely used in cosmetics.
  - It tends to reduce the biodiversity in the area in which it grows.
  - Its extract is used in the synthesis of pesticides.
  - It is grown in urban water bodies that are contaminated with heavy metals.
73. Why is Kuttanad Wetland Agriculture System unique?
- Locals here practice the ancient fish farming technique, which has obviated the need for application of fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides.
  - It is the only system in India that favours rice cultivation below sea level in the land.
  - The traditional farming systems of the local communities plays a role in conserving the rich floristic diversity consisting of about 2500 species of flowering plants.
  - The jasmines that are cultivated here today were introduced about 2,000 years ago from the Persian Gulf.
74. The Graded Response Action Plan has been prepared for implementation in
- The ten most polluted cities in India according to the World Health Organisation.
  - Every city where average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration values exceed five times the WHO threshold.
  - Haryana, Delhi and Western Uttar Pradesh only.
  - Only the National Capital Region.
75. Serengeti National Park is located
- Kenya
  - Tanzania
  - Zambia
  - Zimbabwe
76. Consider the following statements with reference to Eastern Ghats:

- Starting from West Bengal, the Ghats pass through Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and end in Tamil Nadu.
- They play an important role in the monsoon break of both North-East and South-West Monsoon.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

77. The Global Carbon Project was established to

- Accelerate clean coal technology innovation.
- Create an integrated knowledge base of three dominant greenhouse gases – carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.
- Address the challenge of increasing carbon emissions and declining food security on agricultural practices and policies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

78. Consider the following statements about the Living Planet Report:

- It is released by the combined efforts of IUCN and WWF.
  - It is released annually.
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3

79. Consider the following statements about Rip Tides?

- These are slow underwater currents that are beneficial for fishing.
- These occur due to the gravitational pull of Sun and Moon.
- These help in the formation of tropical cyclones and hurricanes.
- These currents travel very long distance across the seas.

Which of the above is correct?

- (a) 1 and 4      (b) 2 and 4  
(c) 3 and 4      (d) None of the above
80. Which of the following layers has 2/3rd of Earth's mass?  
(a) Inner core      (b) Mantle  
(c) Crust      (d) outer core
81. Which of the following is responsible for Earth's Magnetic Field?  
(a) Inner core      (b) Mantle  
(c) Outer core      (d) Crust
82. Consider the following statements:  
1. Barren Island Volcano is the only confirmed active volcano in India.  
2. Narcondam Island of the Andaman & Nicobar is example of dormant volcano.  
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
83. Which of the following are eligible to apply for GI-tag in India?  
1. Agriculture produce  
2. Handicrafts  
3. Manufactured goods.  
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) All of them
84. Nilambur teak belongs to which of the following states?  
(a) Tamil Nadu      (b) Kerala  
(c) Karnataka      (d) Telangana
85. Which among the following National Parks are situated in Assam?  
1. Kaziranga National Park  
2. Pobitora National Park  
3. Manas National Park  
4. Orang National Park  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 and 3 only      (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only      (d) All the above
86. Consider the following statements:  
1. Seaweeds are plant-like organisms that generally live attached to rock or other hard substrata in coastal areas.  
2. Mariculture is the farming of aquatic plants and animals in salt water.  
3. Indonesia tops in seaweed cultivation.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only      (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 1 only      (d) All the above
87. Consider the following statements:  
1. Loktak Lake is the largest freshwater lake in India.  
2. The Keibul Lamjao National Park is associated with Loktak Lake.  
3. The Loktak Lake is famous for the Phumdis, a heterogeneous mass vegetation.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3      (d) 3 only
88. Polachira Wetland is located in the state of  
(a) Tamil Nadu      (b) Andhra Pradesh  
(c) Kerala      (d) Karnataka
89. Consider the following statements:  
1. Asian Waterbird census which is held bi-annually count Waterbirds in the wetlands across Asia and Australasia.  
2. In India, the AWC is annually coordinated by the Bombay Natural history Society (BNHS) and Wetlands International.  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(a) 1 only      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
90. The world's largest Marine Park is situated in:  
(a) Ross sea      (b) Weddell sea

(c) Indian ocean (d) Pacific Ocean

91. Aravalli mountain crosses which of the following states in India?

1. Punjab
2. Delhi
3. Haryana
4. Rajasthan
5. Gujarat

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 5 only
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 5

92. Which of the following countries does not border Gulf of Thailand?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Cambodia
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Myanmar

93. Which of the following countries does not border Lake Victoria?

- (a) Rwanda
- (b) Uganda
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) Kenya

94. Which of the following coasts has got certain distinguishing features in the form of 'Kayals' used for fishing, inland navigation and are special attraction for tourists?

- (a) Kathiawar coast
- (b) Konkan coast
- (c) Coromondal coast
- (d) Malabar Coast

95. Consider the following statements:

1. The highest general elevation in the mid-western part of Chhotanagpur plateau is known as pat lands.
2. The Shillong peak is the highest elevation in the Garo Hills while Nokrek is the highest peak in the Meghalaya plateau.
3. The Mikir Hills are characterized by the rectangular drainage with Dhansiri and Jamuna being the main rivers.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) None of the above

96. The Lombardy plains is situated in

- (a) Australia
- (b) South Africa

(c) France

(d) Italy

97. Which of the following seas does not lie in Mediterranean?

- (a) Ionian Sea
- (b) Tyrrhenian Sea
- (c) Adriatic Sea
- (d) White Sea

98. Which among the following statements is not correct?

- (a) The deepest point is Challenger Deep in Mariana Trench.
- (b) Less than 3% of the Earth's water is fresh of which 2.24% is frozen in ice sheets and about 0.6% is stored underground as groundwater.
- (c) Europe is the only continent which lies entirely in the Northern Hemisphere.
- (d) December 21 is the longest day in the Southern Hemisphere.

99. Which of the statements are not correct?

1. Westerlies and Polar winds are permanent winds that blow throughout the year.
2. Winds blowing from subtropical high pressure belt to sub-polar low pressure belt are called Trade winds.
3. The Westerlies blow from sub-tropical high pressure belts towards Equatorial Low Pressure belt.
4. The Monsoons are the winds which reverse their direction with the change in season.

Choose the correct code:

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

100. Which of the following mountain ranges forms boundary between France and Spain?

- (a) Dinaric Alps
- (b) Pyrenees
- (c) Apennines
- (d) Tatra

101. Which of the following countries does not lie in the Sahel region?

- (a) Chad
- (b) Cameroon
- (c) Mauritania
- (d) Tunisia



102. Which among the following are responsible for variation in insolation at the earth's surface?

1. Rotation of earth on its axis.
2. Angle of inclination of sun's rays.
3. Transparency of the atmosphere.
4. Revolution of earth on its orbit.

Choose the correct code:

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

103. Which of the following tribes are inhabitants of the North Eastern states?

1. Kuki                      2. Moplahs
3. Khasis                4. Jaintias
5. Jarawas

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 3 and 4    (b) 3 and 4 only  
(c) 2 and 5 only    (d) All of the above

104. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Mauritius lies west of Namibia.
2. The islands of Mauritius are part of the Mascarene Islands.

Choose the correct code:

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

105. Gobi Desert lies in

- (a) China and Kazakhstan
- (b) China and Kyrgyzstan
- (c) China and North Korea
- (d) China and Mongolia

106. Consider the statements.

1. The process in which sedimentary fragments becomes compact to form rocks is called lithification.
2. The process of metamorphism in which rocks, grains or minerals get arranged in layers is called foliation.
3. The arrangement of different minerals into alternating thin to thick layers is called banding.

The correct statements are:

- (a) 1 only              (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All the above    (d) None of the above

107. Choose the correct statements with reference to Drumlines:

1. Drumlins are smooth oval shaped ridge like features composed mainly of glacial till.
2. The stoss end of a drumlin is blunt due to pushing by moving ice.
3. The long axes of drumlins are perpendicular to the direction of ice movement.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2              (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3              (d) All the above

108. Consider the following statements:

1. Chilika Lake is the largest Ramsar Site of India.
2. Renuka Wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest wetland of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2    (d) None of the above

109. Consider the following statements:

1. Pangolins are scaly-skinned reptile.
2. Pangolins are nocturnal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2    (d) None of the above

110. Which among the following statement is not correct?

- (a) Kolleru is the largest fresh water lake of India located between the deltas of Godavari and Mahanadi.
- (b) Loktak lake is the largest fresh water lake in north-east India.
- (c) Vambanad lake is the largest lake in Kerala
- (d) The Tulbul project is a 'navigation Lock-cum-control structure' at the mouth of the Wular lake.



111. Consider the following statements:

1. The Kalahari Desert is situated between the Orange and Limpopo river.
2. Harmattan is a hot local wind which blows from Sahara to Mediterranean.
3. Masai is a pastoral tribe of Kenya and Tanzania.

Which among the above is/are correct?

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

112. Taiwan Strait connects

- (a) East China Sea and South China Sea  
(b) East China Sea and Yellow Sea  
(c) South China Sea and Yellow Sea  
(d) East China Sea and Sea of Japan

113. Which of the following countries is closest to Cuba?

- (a) USA                      (b) Bahamas  
(c) Jamaica                      (d) Haiti

114. The Dzüko Valley is located at the borders of

- (a) Nagaland and Manipur  
(b) Nagaland and Assam  
(c) Nagaland and Mizoram  
(d) Assam and Manipur

115. Consider the following statements:

1. The glowing surface of Sun, that we see, is called the photosphere.
2. Venus has the maximum diurnal range of temperature and the shortest year.
3. Ganymede is the largest and heaviest of all satellites in the solar system.
4. Blue moon is a rare celestial phenomenon marked by the occurrence of the second full moon within one month.

The correct statements are:

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

116. Consider the following about the Tropical Marine type of Climate:

1. This type of climate is experienced along the eastern coasts of tropical lands.
2. The Trade Winds brings the rainfall.
3. There is no month without rainfall.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 and 3                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 2                      (d) All of the above

117. Consider the following statements.

1. There is less amounts of water vapour in low latitudes than in high latitudes.
2. The rate of evaporation is highest in hot, dry and windy condition.
3. The capacity to hold moisture reduces with increase in temperature.
4. The temperature at which air gets saturated is called Dew Point.

Which of the above statements are not correct?

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

118. Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb connects

- (a) Gulf of Aden and Red Sea  
(b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea  
(c) Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman  
(d) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman

119. The phenomenon of El-Nino is associated with the:

- (a) Agulhas Current  
(b) Benguela Current  
(c) Humboldt Current  
(d) East Australian Current

120. Which of the following is not a land locked country?

- (a) Mongolia                      (b) Swaziland  
(c) Jordan                      (d) Cambodia

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1. Which of the following statements does not support the theory that Harappan Civilization had a centralized authority?
  - (a) Uniformity in the town planning.
  - (b) Strategic location of the sites.
  - (c) Citadel is found in many of the Harappan sites.
  - (d) The standardized ratio of brick size.

2. Mahavira preached in which of the following languages/dialects?
  - (a) Magadhi
  - (b) Ardha – Magadhi
  - (c) Suraseni
  - (d) Apabhramsa

3. Consider the following statements:
  1. The caves of Barabar hill near Gaya were dedicated by Ashoka to the Ajivaka monks.
  2. The caves were not used for religious meetings.
 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

4. Which of the following Afghan chiefs invited Babur to India?
  1. Daulat Khan Lodi
  2. Alam Khan Lodi
  3. Ibrahim Lodi
 Choose the correct code:
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 3
  - (c) 2 and 3
  - (d) 1 and 2

5. Consider the following statements:
  1. The Mughals made distinctive contribution in the field of painting. They introduced the new themes depicting the court, the battle scenes but not the chase.
  2. A large number of painters from different parts of the country were invited, only from higher classes during Mughal period.

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

6. Consider the following statements:
  1. Simuka was the founder of the Satvahana dynasty.
  2. The capital of Satvahanas was Pratisthana or Paithan.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following scholars of ancient India:
  1. Nagarjuna
  2. Ashvagosha
  3. Bhavbhuti
  4. Patanjali
 Which of the above scholars were patronized by Kanishka?
  - (a) 1 and 2
  - (b) 2 and 3
  - (c) 3 and 4
  - (d) 1 and 3

8. Consider the following statements:
  1. John Mildenhall, a merchant adventurer, was the first English man who arrived in India in 1599 by the overland route.
  2. Captain William Hawkins arrived at Jahangir's court (1609) to seek permission to open a factory at Surat.
  3. Sir Thomas Roe came to India as ambassador of James I to Jahangir's court in 1615 to obtain the permission to trade and erect factories in different parts of the empire.

Choose the correct statements:

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

9. Arrange the arrival of the following European companies in India in the chronological order:
  1. Portuguese East India Company

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2. English East India Company  
 3. Dutch East India Company  
 4. Danish East India Company  
 Choose the correct code:  
 (a) 1-2-3-4 (b) 1-3-2-4  
 (c) 2-1-3-4 (d) 2-1-4-3
10. Arrange the following units of political organization of Vedic period in the descending order:  
 1. Vis 2. Jana  
 3. Grama 4. Rashtra  
 5. Kula  
 Select the answer from the codes given below:  
 (a) 4, 2, 1, 3 and 5 (b) 2, 3, 1, 5 and 4  
 (c) 5, 2, 1, 3 and 4 (d) 3, 2, 4, 1 and 5
11. Consider the following statements about Mahayan Buddhism:  
 1. Deviated from the original teachings of the Buddha.  
 2. Sought individual salvation through self-discipline and meditation.  
 3. Believed in the heavenliness of the Buddhas and bodhisattvas and worshipped their images.  
 4. Developed two chief philosophical systems, the Madhyamika and the Yogachara.  
 Which of the above statements are correct?  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 4
12. Arrange the following Chinese travelers, who came to India, in correct chronological order:  
 1. Hiuen Tsang 2. Fahien  
 3. Itsing 4. Wang HiuenTse  
 Choose the answer from the codes below:  
 (a) 2, 1, 3, 4 (b) 2, 1, 4, 3  
 (c) 2, 4, 1, 3 (d) 2, 3, 1, 4
13. What is common between the religious practices of the Rig Vedic Aryans and Harappan people?  
 (a) Worship of mother Goddess  
 (b) Fire worship  
 (c) Animal worship  
 (d) Singing of hymns
14. In which of the following Ashokan edicts the name "Asoka" in addition to usual "DevanamPiyadasi" is mentioned?  
 1. Maski 2. Gujjarra  
 3. Nittur 4. Udaigolam  
 Choose the correct code:  
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 Only  
 (c) 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
15. Consider the following ministers from Shivaji's Asthpradhan, which of the following is incorrectly matched?  
 (a) Majumdar (Amatya): Revenue and Finance Minister  
 (b) Waqianavis (Mantri): Safety of king and home minister  
 (c) Dabir (Sumant): Military commander  
 (d) Surnavis (Sachiv): Head of Royal correspondence
16. Which of the following were the Mughal officers at village level?  
 1. Lambardar  
 2. Patwari  
 3. Chaukidar  
 Choose the correct code:  
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 3 only (d) All of the above
17. Match the following:  

List I	List II
1. Kalibangan	A. Punjab
2. Mohenjodaro	B. Rajasthan
3. Harappa	C. Gujrat
4. Surkotada	D. Sind

 Code:  
 (a) 1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A  
 (b) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B, 4-D  
 (c) 1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B  
 (d) 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C

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18. Consider the following statements:
1. Guru Nanak popularized the Gurumukhi alphabets.
  2. Guru Ramdas got the land grant from Akbar for Harmandir.
  3. Guru Arjundev compiled the Adi Granth.
  4. Guru Hargobind militarized the Sikh sect for the first time.
- Which of the above statements is/are true?
- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only                (d) All of the above
19. Arrange the following dynasties in the correct chronological order:
1. The Khilji Dynasty
  2. The Sayyid Dynasty
  3. The Lodhi Dynasty
  4. The Tughlaq Dynasty
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4                      (b) 4, 1, 2, 3  
(c) 1, 4, 2, 3                      (d) 4, 2, 1, 3
20. Which of the following rulers of Delhi established the military department i.e. Diwan-i-Arz?
- (a) Iltutmish                      (b) Allauddin Khalji  
(c) Balban                        (d) Firoz Tughlaq
21. Navada Toli, Jorwe, and Bhramgiri were the sites belonging to which of the following age?
- (a) Neolithic age  
(b) Chalcolithic age  
(c) Mesolithic age  
(d) None of the above
22. Which of the following statements about the Mauryan age is not correct?
- (a) Crown land was called Sita.  
(b) Shudras were involved in agriculture for the first time during this period.  
(c) There were provisions for irrigation by the state.  
(d) The weight and measures were regulated by the guilds of the traders and merchants.
23. Consider the following statements about the second Jainism council:
1. It was held at Mathura
  2. It was presided over by Aryaskandilya
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                (d) Neither 1 nor 2
24. Which of the following religions flourished during the Sunga period?
- (a) Bhagvatism                      (b) Jainism  
(c) Buddhism                      (d) Ajivika sect
25. The largest numbers of the coins issued by Satavahana were made up of:
- (a) Gold                              (b) Silver  
(c) Lead                              (d) Bronze
26. Which one of the following is not correctly matched??
- (a) Kalidasa : Kumarasambhava  
(b) Shudraka : Mrichchhakatika  
(c) Varahamihira : Brihat-samhita  
(d) Vishakhadatta : Kaumudi-mahotsava
27. Which of the following was the capital of the early Chalukyas?
- (a) Badami                      (b) Kalyani  
(c) Kanchi                      (d) Vengi
28. The Vedic term vrihi stands for
- (a) Cotton                      (b) Wheat  
(c) Rice                              (d) Barley
29. Who was the patron of the 3rd Buddhist council?
- (a) Ajatashatru                      (b) Ashoka  
(c) Kanishka                      (d) Harsha
30. The people of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro culture belonged to the
- (a) New Stone Age                      (b) Copper Age  
(c) Iron Age                              (d) Chalcolithic Age
31. Which of the following statements are true about the Vernacular Press Act, 1878?

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1. It was passed by Lord Mayo.
  2. It came to be known as the 'Gagging Act'.
  3. It liberated the Indian Press from restrictions.
  4. It was replaced by Lord Rippon in 1882.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 4  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 3 and 4
32. Which of the following statements about Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar are correct?
1. He struggled in favour of widow remarriage.
  2. He opposed child marriage and polygamy.
  3. He campaigned in favour of education of women.
  4. He became the principal of the Sanskrit College at Calcutta and admitted non-Brahmin students into it.
- Select the answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 3, 4 and 5                      (d) All of the above
33. Which of the following socio-religious reformers from Maharashtra was popularly known as Lokhitawadi?
- (a) Jyotiba Phule  
(b) M G Ranade  
(c) Gopal Hari Deshmukh  
(d) G G Agarkar
34. Which of the following scholars from Deoband played a prominent role in the Nationalist Movement?
- (a) Abul Kalam Azad  
(b) Muhammad Ali Jinnah  
(c) Badruddin Tayabji  
(d) Chirag Ali
35. Who was the first propounder of the doctrine of "passive resistance"?
- (a) BG Tilak                      (b) Aurobindo Ghosh  
(c) G K Gokhle                      (d) M K Gandhi
36. Who presided over the Surat Session of the Indian National Congress (IN(C))?
- (a) Dadabhai Naoroji  
(b) Gopala Krishna Gokhale  
(c) Rash Behari Ghosh  
(d) S.N. Ranerji
37. Arrange the following events in chronological order:
1. Champaran Satyagraha
  2. Launching of the Khilafat Movement
  3. Reunion of the Congress
  4. Nagpur Session of the Congress
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 3 – 1 – 2 – 4                      (b) 3 – 1 – 4 – 2  
(c) 1 – 3 – 4 – 2                      (d) 1 – 4 – 3 – 2
38. Which of the following statements is/are not true about the Hindustan Republican Association?
1. It was founded by Sachin Sanyal and Jogesh Chandra Chatterji.
  2. It was the first revolutionary association at the all-India level.
  3. It was renamed as the Hindustan Communist Republican Association by Chandrashekhar Azad.
  4. It was later joined by Bhagat Singh.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 3 only                      (b) 3 and 4  
(c) 1 and 2                      (d) 2 and 3
39. Which of the following clause/clauses was/were not included in the Gandhi-Irwin Pact?
1. Withdrawing all ordinances and ending prosecutions.
  2. Release of all kinds of political prisoners.
  3. Restoration of the confiscated property of the satyagrahis.
  4. Permitting peaceful picketing of liquor, opium and foreign cloth shops.
  5. Permitting all the Indians to collect or manufacture salt, free of duty.



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Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

40. Which of the following social groups and classes did not participate in the Non-Cooperation Movement?

1. Students and teachers
2. Peasants and labourers
3. Landlords
4. Merchants
5. Big capitalists and industrialists

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 3, 4 and 5                      (b) 3 and 5  
(c) 2, 3 and 5                      (d) 1 and 4

41. Which of the following persons accompanied Gandhi to Champaran?

1. Rajendra Prasad
2. Jawaharlal Nehru
3. J B Kriplani
4. Vallabhbhai Patel
5. Mazhar-ul-haq
6. Mahadev Desai

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 6                      (b) 1, 3, 5 and 6  
(c) 2, 3, 4 and 6                      (d) 1, 2, 4 and 5

42. Which of the following statements about Swami Dayanand are correct?

1. He considered the Vedas to be fallible.
2. He opposed idolatry, ritual and priesthood.
3. He considered the Puranas to be full of falsehood.
4. He defended the caste system based on birth.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

43. Consider the following statements:

1. The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) was formed in 1920.
2. Lokamanya Tilak played an important role in the formation of the AITUC.
3. Lala Lajpat Rai was appointed its first president.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only                      (d) All the above

44. Which of the following parties were established by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?

1. The Peasants and Workers Party of India.
2. All India Scheduled Castes Federation.
3. The Independent Labour Party.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. The Kisan Sabha Movement started in Bihar under the leadership of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati.
2. Faizpur Session of Congress resulted in unification of All India Kisan Sabha and Indian National Congress.

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

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

46. Consider the following statements about Tipu Sultan:

1. Tipu entered into negotiations with the Revolutionary France.
2. Tipu sent a diplomatic mission to Arabia, Afghanistan and Turkey to forge an anti-British front.
3. Tipu planted a 'tree of liberty' at his capital Seringapatnam and became a member of the Jacobian Club.

Choose the correct statement(s):

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

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47. Which of the following statements about the Ilbert Bill is/are not true?

1. The controversy around the Ilbert Bill helped Indian nationalism to take up an organized form.
2. According to the original bill, Indian judges could try Europeans also.
3. It was passed without any amendment despite the vehement opposition of the British residents in India.
4. The Indians did not organize any campaign in favour of the bill.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

48. Which of the following statements are incorrect?

1. In 1877, the Prarthana Samaj of Bombay was founded.
2. Two of its chief architects were Mahadev Govind Ranade and Ramkrishna Bhandarkar.
3. The leaders of the Prarthana Samaj were not influenced by the Brahmo Samaj.
4. The Prarthana Samaj leaders condemned the caste system and the practice of untouchability.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

49. Which of the following state/s was/were annexed by Dalhousie on the pretext of Doctrine of Lapse?

1. Satara                      2. Pegu (Lower Burma)
3. Avadh                      4. Berar

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                      (d) All of the above

50. Consider the following statements about August Offer 1940:

1. A promise of Dominion Status immediately after the war.
2. Immediate expansion in the Viceroy's executive council.
3. Formation of a war advisory council.

Choose the correct statements:

- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) None of the above

51. Which of the following were the main factors for the success of the British in suppressing the Revolt of 1857?

1. Immense resources
2. Superior military weapons and techniques
3. Able leadership
4. Assistance of some of the Indian rulers.
5. End of Crimean War which enabled them to concentrate most of their troops in India.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4                      (b) 2, 3 and 5  
(c) 1, 3 and 4                      (d) All of them

52. Match the following:

- | List I                 | List II                                 |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. Rabindranath Tagore | A. Nil Darpan                           |
| 2. Dadabhai Naoroji    | B. Economic History of India            |
| 3. Dinabandhu Mitra    | C. Gora                                 |
| 4. R. C. Dutt          | D. Poverty and Un-British rule in India |

Code:

- (a) 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A  
(b) 1-C, 2-B, 3-D, 4-A  
(c) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D  
(d) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B

53. Which of the following is/are the principal feature(s) of the Government of India Act, 1919?

1. Introduction of diarchy in the executive government of the provinces.

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2. Introduction of separate communal electorates for Muslims.
3. Devolution of legislative authority by the centre to the provinces.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

54. With reference to Ryotwari Settlement, consider the following statements:

1. The rent was paid directly by the peasants to the Government.
2. The Government gave Pattas to the Jamindars.
3. The lands were surveyed and assessed before being taxed.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only  
 (c) 1, 2 and 3                (d) None of the above

55. Arrange the following events in the chronological order:

1. Direct Action Campaign
2. Interim Government
3. Formation of Constituent Assembly
4. Attlee's Announcement

Choose the correct code:

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

56. The resolution of Quit India Movement was passed in which of the following city?

- (a) Bombay                  (b) Calcutta  
 (c) Madras                    (d) Lucknow

57. Which among the following is not a correct statement regarding Jyotiba Phule?

- (a) He used dalitword for the first time in nineteenth century.  
 (b) He was the staunch supporter of Mahatma Gandhi's Harijan Sevak Sangh.  
 (c) He is known as the author of Gulamgiri.  
 (d) He formed Satyashodhak Samaj in 1873.

58. What was/were the important features of Nehru Report?

- (a) It contained a Bill of Rights.  
 (b) There shall be no state religion; men and women shall have equal rights as citizens.  
 (c) There should be federal form of government with residuary powers vested in the center.  
 (d) All of the above

59. With reference to the freedom struggle of India, who among the following was not a part of the "Bombay Triumvirate"?

- (a) Dadabhai Naoroji  
 (b) K.T. Telang  
 (c) Pherozeshah Mehta  
 (d) Badruddin Tyabji

60. Which among the following acts had a separate preamble?

- (a) Government of India Act 1919  
 (b) Indian Councils Act 1909  
 (c) Indian Councils Act 1904  
 (d) Indian Councils Act 1892

61. The word 'Sathyameva Jayate' is taken from

- (a) Yajur Veda  
 (b) Atharva Veda  
 (c) Mundaka Upanishad  
 (d) Sam Veda

62. Sattriya is a classical dance form of which State?

- (a) Manipur                      (b) Uttar Pradesh  
 (c) Assam                        (d) Andhra Pradesh

63. Which one of the following is not a feature of North Indian temple architecture?

- (a) Gopura                      (b) Garbha Griha  
 (c) Sikhara                      (d) D.Pradakshina

64. Mughal painting flourished during the reign of

- (a) Shahjahan                  (b) Akbar  
 (c) Aurangzeb                  (d) Jahangir

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65. The paintings in the Ajanta and Ellora caves are indicative of the development of art under the  
 (a) Pallavas (b) Chalukyas  
 (c) Pandyas (d) Rashtrakutas
66. Chauth' was  
 (a) Toll tax imposed by Shivaji  
 (b) A religious tax imposed by Aurangzeb  
 (c) Land tax levied by Shivaji on neighboring states  
 (d) Irrigation tax charged by Akbar
67. Consider the following statements about Sikh Gurus:  
 1. Banda Bahadur was appointed as the military leader of the Sikhs by Guru Tegh Bahadur.  
 2. Guru Arjan Dev become the Sikh Guru after Guru Ram Das.  
 3. Guru Arjan Dev gave to Sikhs their own script- Gurumukhi.  
 Which of the statements given is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 1 and 2
68. Which among the following temples of India is known as "Black Pagoda" ?  
 (a) Brihadeeshwara Temple, Tanjore  
 (b) Sun Temple, Konark  
 (c) Meenakshi Temple, Madurai  
 (d) Jagannath Temple, Puri
69. Which one of the following Vedic texts is partly found in prose and partly in verse?  
 (a) Rig Veda (b) Sam Veda  
 (c) Yajur Veda (d) Atharva Veda
70. In reference to Mauryan empire, who among the following was the judicial administrator in an urban area?  
 (a) Rajukas (b) Nagarikas  
 (c) Yuktas (d) Samharta
71. In reference to Mauryan Empire, consider the following statements:  
 1. Usually, the foreigners were welcomed at Pataliputra.  
 2. The kingdom had a separate committee to take care of the foreigners.  
 Choose the correct statements  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
72. In reference to Jainism, consider the following statements:  
 1. The leader of Shvetambara was Shulabhadra.  
 2. The leader of Digambara was Bhadrabahu.  
 Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
73. Who had named the Indus civilization as Harappan civilization?  
 (a) M. E. M. Wheeler (b) John Marshall  
 (c) S. R. Rao (d) R. C. Majumdar
74. In reference to Jainism, the term Kaivalya refers to  
 (a) Perfect knowledge  
 (b) Becoming a monk  
 (c) Doing meditation  
 (d) Giving religious speech
75. In reference to Sangam Period Revenue Administration System, Irai refers  
 (a) Land Tax  
 (b) Tribute paid by feudatories and also the booty collected in wars  
 (c) Custom duties  
 (d) Forced gift
76. Who among the following had adopted the title of Gangaikondachola?  
 (a) Vijayalaya (b) Rajaraja I  
 (c) Pulakesin I (d) Rajendra I

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77. The evidence of rice husk has been found at  
 (a) Harappa (b) Mohenjo-Daro  
 (c) Chanhudaro (d) Rangpur
78. Which among the following is the hallmark feature of the Dravida style of temple architecture?  
 (a) Shikara (b) Gopura  
 (c) Vimana (d) Mandapa
79. Which among the following Mughal painters is credited for painting Siberian Crane and the Dodo for the first time?  
 (a) Abu al-Hasan (b) Bishandas  
 (c) Farrukh Beg (d) Ustad Mansur
80. With reference to the evolution of scripts in Indian languages, consider the following:  
 1. Brahmi script  
 2. Siddha-matrika script  
 3. Devanagari script  
 Which among the following is the correct chronological order in which they evolved?  
 (a) 1-2-3 (b) 2-1-3  
 (c) 2-3-1 (d) 1-3-2
81. Artists of which of the following paintings are also known as Patua painters?  
 (a) Kalamkari (b) Madhubani  
 (c) Kalighat (d) Batik
82. Consider the following statements about the Lingayats:  
 1. They are members of a Hindu Shaivite community, which predominantly exists in Karnataka  
 2. Guru Basavanna, a 12th-century philosopher, is credited with founding Lingayatism and its secular practices  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
83. Which among the following statements conform to the teachings of Buddhism?
1. All conditioned things are in constant state of flux.  
 2. In humans, there is no permanent, underlying substance that can be called the soul.  
 3. Nothing in the physical world can bring lasting deep satisfaction of desires.  
 Select the correct option from the codes given below:  
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 only  
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) all of the above
84. Identify the personality with the help of given information:  
 1. He was one of the pioneers of Vedanta philosophy during the Medieval period  
 2. He propounded the philosophy of Tatvavada, popularly called Dvaita and it means "the realist viewpoint".  
 3. His works are also known as Sarvamula Granthas, which are commentaries on the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad-Gita and Brahma Sutras  
 Select the correct answer from options given below:  
 (a) Nimbarka (b) Madhvacharya  
 (c) Shankardeva (d) Ravidas
85. Arrange the following events in the chronological order:  
 1. Direct Action Campaign  
 2. Interim Government  
 3. Formation of Constituent Assembly  
 4. Attlee's Announcement  
 Choose the correct code:  
 (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 1, 3, 2, 4  
 (c) 2, 1, 3, 4 (d) 2, 1, 4, 3
86. Consider the following statements about Pallava art and architecture:  
 1. Pallava art shows transition from rock cut monolithic structures to stone built temple.  
 2. Kailasanathar Temple at Kanchipuram is an example of Pallava art and architecture.



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- Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
87. Which among the following is / are the features of the statues of the Gandhara School of art?
1. Large Number of life like statues of Buddha were created
  2. Great care was taken to show the physical features, muscles etc.
  3. Use of rich ornaments, costumes and drapery
  4. Buddha depicted more or less like Greek God Apollo.
- Choose the correct option from the codes given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) All of the above (d) 1 and 3 only
88. What is / are main propositions of the “advaita” Vedanta school of Hindu Philosophy?
1. It says that Supreme Cosmic Spirit is the One, the whole and the only reality.
  2. It advocates the neti-neti approach.
  3. It opposes Mimamsa school of thought.
- Select the correct option from the codes given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above
89. Which of the following is an example of rock-cut architecture of the Mauryan period?  
(a) Dhauli caves (b) Sanchi Stupa  
(c) Bhimbhetka caves (d) Elephanta caves
90. Which of the following Asokan inscription makes a precise reference to taxation?  
(a) Rummindei inscription  
(b) Allahabad pillar inscription  
(c) Barbara cave Inscription  
(d) Kandhar Inscription
91. Who among the following had founded Wahabi Movement?  
(a) Syed Ahmed  
(b) Vilayat Ali  
(c) Shah Muhammad Hussain  
(d) Farhat Hussain
92. Who among the following had founded the Congress Socialist Party?  
(a) Jayaprakash Narayan  
(b) Acharya Narendra Dev  
(c) Basawon Singh  
(d) Jogesh Chandra Chatterji
93. Which among the following was the First Bengali Newspaper?  
(a) Digdarshana  
(b) Calcutta Journal  
(c) Bengal Gazette  
(d) Calcutta Journal Advertiser
94. Mahatma Gandhi's remark, 'A post-dated cheque on a crumbling bank' is regarding the proposal of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Simon Commission (b) Cripps Mission  
(c) Cabinet Mission (d) Wavel Plan
95. Who first imposed Jizya Tax in India?  
(a) Allaudin Khilji (b) Aurangzeb  
(c) Balban (d) Qutb-ud-din Aibak
96. Which one of the following four Vedas contains an account of magical charms and spells  
(a) Rigaveda (b) Samaveda  
(c) Yajurveda (d) Atharvaveda
97. Which one of the following dynasties was ruling over North India at the time of Alexander's invasion?  
(a) Nanda (b) Maurya  
(c) Sunga (d) Kanva
98. A Copper Chariot of Harappa times was discovered at  
(a) Kuntal (b) Rakhigarhi  
(c) Daimabad (d) Banawali

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99. Who translated Ramayana into Persian?  
 (a) Abdul Fazi (b) Badauni  
 (c) Isar Das (d) Abdul Latif
100. Who was the author of the Buddha Charita?  
 (a) Ashvaghosha (b) Nagasena  
 (c) Nagarjuna (d) Vasumitra
101. The Ajanta painting belongs to which period?  
 (a) Harappan period (b) Gupta period  
 (c) Buddhist period (d) Mauryan period
102. Which of the following animals was not known to the Indus Valley Civilization?  
 (a) Bull (b) Horse  
 (c) Giraffe (d) Elephant
103. Who founded Pataliputra?  
 (a) Udayin (b) Ashoka  
 (c) Bimbisara (d) Mahapadmananda
104. Chinese traveller Hiuen-Tsang studied at the University of  
 (a) Taxila (b) Vikramshila  
 (c) Magadh (d) Nalanda
105. Between which of the following rivers was the ancient town of Takshasila located?  
 (a) Indus and Jhelum  
 (b) Jhelum and Chenab  
 (c) Chenab and Ravi  
 (d) Ravi and Beas
106. The ancient name of North Bihar was  
 (a) Vajji (b) Vatsa  
 (c) Surasena (d) Avant
107. The language adopted for preaching in Mahayana Buddhism was  
 (a) Pali (b) Brahmi  
 (c) Sanskrit (d) Prakrit
108. Which one of the following scripts of ancient India was written from right to left?  
 (a) Brahmi (b) Kharoshthi  
 (c) Nandinagari (d) Sharada
109. Which Veda deals with medicine?  
 (a) Atharva Veda (b) Yajur Veda  
 (c) Sama Veda (d) Rig Veda
110. Who is said to have become the chief of the Jain Sangh after the death of Mahavira?  
 (a) Jambu (b) Bhadrabahu  
 (c) Sthulbhadra (d) Sudharma
111. Vikramshila Mahavihara was established by the ruler of  
 (a) Pushyabhuti Dynasty  
 (b) Barman Dynasty  
 (c) Sen Dynasty  
 (d) Pala Dynasty
112. Who of the following kings was ardent follower of Jainism?  
 (a) Bimbisara (b) Mahapadmananda  
 (c) Kharavela (d) Pulkeshin II
113. The Rigvedic God Varuna was  
 (a) Harbinger of peace  
 (b) Destroyer of foes  
 (c) Guardian of the cosmic order  
 (d) God of prosperity
114. The philosophy propounded in the Upanishads is known as  
 (a) Advaita (b) Vedanta  
 (c) Yoga (d) Samkhya
115. Who called Subhash Chandra Bose as Desh Nayak?  
 (a) Rabindranath Tagore  
 (b) Mahatma Gandhi  
 (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak  
 (d) Lala Lajpat Rai
116. The list of sixteen Mahajanapadas is available in  
 (a) Mahabharat  
 (b) Chhandogya Upanishad

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- (c) Anguttar Nikaya  
(d) Samyukta Nikaya
117. Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana in the republic of the  
(a) Mallas (b) Lichhavis  
(c) Sakyas (d) Palas
118. Ashtadhyayi was written by  
(a) Ved vya (b) Panini  
(c) Shukadeva (d) Balmiki
119. Who was the man to attend the Imperial Durbar in 1877 dressed in hand-spun Khadi and was one of the founders of the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha in 1807?  
(a) M.G.Ranade  
(b) S.N. Banerjee  
(c) Ganesh Vasudev Joshi  
(d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
120. Among the following who is given the credit of carrying Jainism in south India?  
(a) Sudharmana (b) Indrabhuti  
(c) Bhadrabahu (d) Sthulabhadra

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## **SECTION – B**

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

## **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

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1. Consider the following statements about Fundamental Rights.

1. The Fundamental Rights are enforceable.
2. The Fundamental Rights can be suspended only in a manner prescribed by the Constitution.
3. The Fundamental Rights are enforceable against the State.
4. The Fundamental Rights cannot be amended.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

2. What is the meaning of the term 'Amicus Curiae'?

- (a) Friend of the court  
(b) Advisor to the court  
(c) A voluntary informer  
(d) Curative Petitioner

3. The Legislative Council in a state can be abolished by the Parliament on the recommendation of

- (a) the Governor  
(b) the State Legislative Assembly  
(c) the President  
(d) the Prime Minister

4. Taiwan Strait connects

- (a) East China Sea and South China Sea  
(b) East China Sea and Yellow Sea  
(c) South China Sea and Yellow Sea  
(d) East China Sea and Sea of Japan

5. Kalapani boundary issue is between

- (a) India and Bangladesh  
(b) India and Myanmar  
(c) India and Bhutan  
(d) India and Nepal

6. Which of the following countries is closest to Cuba?

- (a) USA                              (b) Bahamas  
(c) Jamaica                        (d) Haiti

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The Open Skies Treaty establishes a program of unarmed aerial surveillance flights over the entire territory of its participants.
2. It was signed in 1992 between NATO members and former Warsaw Pact countries following the demise of the Soviet Union.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

8. The Dzüko Valley is located at the borders of

- (a) Nagaland and Manipur  
(b) Nagaland and Assam  
(c) Nagaland and Mizoram  
(d) Assam and Manipur

9. The bird festival 'Kalrav' belongs to the state of

- (a) Jharkhand                      (b) Chhattisgarh  
(c) Bihar                              (d) Odisha

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Vanadium is a hard, silvery-grey, malleable transition metal.
2. Vanadium is a first row transition metal in the Periodic Table.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

11. The phenomenon of El-Nino is associated with the:

- (a) Agulhas Current  
(b) Benguela Current  
(c) Humboldt Current



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- (d) East Australian Current
12. Which of the following plant hormones controls fruit ripening?  
(a) Auxin (b) Ethylene  
(c) Gibberellin (d) Zeatin
13. Which of the following statements about salinity is not correct?  
(a) Salinity is directly related to precipitation.  
(b) There exists a direct relationship between the rate of evaporation and salinity.  
(c) Low salinity is found near the mouth of a river.  
(d) The salinity is the highest at the tropics and decreases towards the poles and the equator.
14. Which of the following ecosystems is considered to be most biologically diverse of all ecosystems?  
(a) Wetlands (b) Estuaries  
(c) Rain forests (d) Shallow sea
15. The 9-Dash Line lies in the  
(a) Black Sea (b) South China Sea  
(c) North Sea (d) Celebes Sea
16. Catalonia is located in  
(a) Spain (b) Italy  
(c) France (d) Portugal
17. Qatar borders  
(a) UAE (b) Oman  
(c) Bahrain (d) Saudi Arabia
18. Nagarhole National Park is in the state of  
(a) Maharashtra (b) Orissa  
(c) Kerala (d) Karnataka
19. Which one of the following articles of the Indian Constitution gives the President and the Governor, protection from legal action?  
(a) Article 352 (b) Article 355  
(c) Article 356 (1) (d) Article 361(1)
20. Which of the following is the most biologically diverse country?  
(a) Congo (b) Brazil  
(c) Russia (d) India
21. Micro-plastics are plastics less than:  
(a) 50 mm in length (b) 100 mm in length  
(c) 10 mm in length (d) 5 mm in length
22. Which of the following is not a Scandinavian country?  
(a) Belgium (b) Norway  
(c) Sweden (d) Denmark
23. Consider the following statements:  
1. There is an inverse relation between bond prices and bond yield.  
2. When the interest rates rise, the bond prices fall.  
3. Higher fiscal deficit may lead to low bond yield.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
24. Sarkaria Commission can be associated with which of the following?  
1. Centre-State relationship  
2. Discretionary powers of the governor  
3. Inter-state Council  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 2 (d) 1, 2 and 3
25. Which of the following statements regarding discretionary power of Governor is/are correct?  
1. The Government of India Act, 1935 did not grant any discretionary powers to the Governor.

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2. The Constitution of India does not clearly mention about the nature of discretionary powers of Governor.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
26. Which of the following countries has opened visa schemes for migrants from Hong Kong?  
(a) United Kingdom (b) France  
(c) USA (d) Japan
27. Which of the following countries does not border Gulf of Thailand?  
(a) Thailand (b) Cambodia  
(c) Vietnam (d) Myanmar
28. Which of the following countries does not border Myanmar?  
(a) Thailand (b) Cambodia  
(c) China (d) Laos
29. Which of the following states does not border Myanmar?  
(a) Mizoram (b) Manipur  
(c) Nagaland (d) Assam
30. Proposed East Container Terminal in Sri Lanka is a joint project of India, Sri Lanka and  
(a) South Korea (b) Japan  
(c) Malaysia (d) China
31. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. START I (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) was a bilateral treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).  
2. START I was replaced by New START treaty which came into force in January 2011.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
32. Which of the following countries does not border Lake Victoria?  
(a) Rwanda (b) Uganda  
(c) Tanzania (d) Kenya
33. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. The International Criminal Court (ICC) is an intergovernmental organization and international tribunal to prosecute individuals for crime against humanity.  
2. The ICC has universal territorial jurisdiction.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
34. Sanaa is the capital of  
(a) Oman (b) Qatar  
(c) Djibouti (d) Yemen
35. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. The first population census of India was held in 1872.  
2. 2011 census was the 15th census of India.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
36. Article 239AA has special provisions with respect to  
(a) Pondicherry  
(b) Delhi  
(c) Daman and Diu  
(d) Andaman and Nicobar
37. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. G-Secs with maturities less than 1 year are called T-bills.  
2. G-Secs with maturities of more than one year are called bonds.

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Choose the correct code:

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

38. 10 degree channels separates  
(a) Little Andaman and Car Nicobar  
(b) Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(c) Little Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(d) South Andaman and Little Andaman

39. Duncan Pass separates  
(a) Little Andaman and Car Nicobar  
(b) Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(c) Little Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(d) South Andaman and Little Andaman

40. Coco channel separates  
(a) North Andaman and Myanmar  
(b) Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(c) Little Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(d) South Andaman and Little Andaman

41. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Trans fats are a form of unsaturated fat.
2. Trans fats come in both natural and artificial forms.

Choose the correct code:

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

42. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. FSSAI is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through the regulation and supervision of food safety.
2. FSSAI is an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Choose the correct code:

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

43. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Serosurveys estimate the share of the population that test positive for antibodies using serology tests.
2. The presence of a specific antibody in a sufficiently high concentration will suggest that the tested person was previously infected.

Choose the correct code:

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

44. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Lingaraja Temple represents the Chola architecture.
2. Lingaraja Temple represents harmony between Shaivism and Vaishnavism.

Choose the correct code:

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

45. Which of the following is true regarding supermoon?

- (a) A moon is termed as supermoon when a new or full moon is farthest to the earth on its elliptical orbit.
- (b) A moon is termed as supermoon when only a full moon is farthest to the earth on its elliptical orbit.
- (c) A moon is termed as supermoon when only a new moon is farthest to the earth on its elliptical orbit.
- (d) A moon is termed as supermoon when a new or full moon is closest to the earth on its elliptical orbit.

46. Central Statistical Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is under which of the following Administrative Wing?

- (a) Programme Implementation Wing
- (b) Infrastructure Monitoring and Project Monitoring Wing
- (c) Statistics Wing
- (d) None of the Above

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47. Which of the following shall be deemed members of National Human Rights Commission (NHR(C)?

1. Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities
2. Chairperson of National Commission for the Scheduled Castes
3. Chairperson of National Commission for the Scheduled Tribes
4. Chairperson of National Commission for Women

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3      (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 3 and 4      (d) All of the above

48. Rekha Deula, Pidha Deula and Khakhara Deula are the styles of

- (a) Kalinga Architecture
- (b) Chola Architecture
- (c) Hoysala Architecture
- (d) Chalukyan Architecture

49. Socotra is an island of

- (a) Oman              (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Bahrain          (d) Yemen

50. Which of the following pairs of countries share land borders with Yemen?

- (a) Saudi Arabia and Oman
- (b) Saudi Arabia and Bahrain
- (c) Saudi Arabia and Qatar
- (d) Saudi Arabia and UAE

51. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was a bilateral nuclear deal between Iran and the U.S.
2. JCPOA obliged Iran to accept constraints on its enrichment program verified by an intrusive inspection regime in return for a partial lifting of economic sanctions.

Choose the correct code:

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

52. Which of the following ports is not situated in Sri Lanka?

- (a) Hambantota      (b) Sittwe
- (c) Kankesanthurai      (d) Trincomalee

53. Tigray region lies in

- (a) Tunisia              (b) Portugal
- (c) Italy                  (d) Ethiopia

54. Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia border which of the following countries?

- (a) Ethiopia              (b) South Sudan
- (c) Sudan                (d) Kenya

55. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The European Union was created by the Stockholm Treaty.
2. The EU was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2012.

Choose the correct code:

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

56. Houthi rebels are associated with which of the following countries?

- (a) Syria                  (b) Iraq
- (c) Yemen                (d) Somalia

57. Barents Sea lies in the

- (a) Arctic Ocean      (b) North Atlantic
- (c) North Pacific      (d) None of the above

58. Consider the following statements:

1. The census in India had its beginning in 1872 under British Viceroy Lord Mayo.
2. The first complete census was undertaken in 1881.

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

59. Consider the following statements:

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1. Cess is a form of tax charged/levied over and above the base tax liability of a taxpayer.
2. If the cess collected in a particular year goes unspent, it can be allocated for other purposes.

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

60. Consider the following statements:

1. A surcharge is an additional charge, tax, or payment that a company adds to the already existent cost of a good or service.
2. Surcharges are a way to indirectly pass costs on to the consumer.

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

61. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a permanent, intergovernmental organization, created at the Tehran Conference.
2. OPEC is Headquartered in Caracas.

Choose the correct code:

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

62. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The non-OPEC countries which export crude oil are termed as OPEC plus countries.
2. Ecuador, Indonesia and Qatar are also the members of OPEC.

Choose the correct code:

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

63. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual currency that is secured by cryptography, which makes it nearly impossible to counterfeit.
2. Cryptography is a method of protecting information and communications through the use of codes.

Choose the correct code:

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

64. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) is the program of Ministry of Education.
2. TEQIP is funded by International Development Association (IDA).

Choose the correct code:

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

65. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Ministry of Education is planning to replace TEQIP with MERITE Project.
2. TEQIP aims to develop technical education as a key component for improving the quality of Engineering Education.

Choose the correct code:

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

66. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Transgender people are people whose gender identity is different from the gender they were thought to be at birth.
2. Gender identity and sexual orientation are similar things.

Choose the correct code:

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



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67. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. PDS is the food security system under the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. State level corporations procure and maintain PDS.

Choose the correct code:

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

68. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) is a form of permanent residency available to people of Indian origin and their spouses which allows them to live and work in India indefinitely.
2. OCI status grants the right to vote in Indian elections.

Choose the correct code:

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

69. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Chilika Lake was designated the first Indian wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.
2. Chilika Lake lies at the mouth of the Daya River.

Choose the correct code:

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

70. Simlipal National Park lies in

- (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra  
(c) Chhattisgarh (d) Odisha

71. Maguri Motapung wetland is situated in

- (a) Assam (b) Meghalaya  
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Tripura

72. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Himalayan serow resembles a cross between a goat and an antelope.
2. Species of serows are found in Europe and Asia.

Choose the correct code:

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

73. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. ISRO started as Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR).
2. ISRO operates under Department of Space (DOS).

Choose the correct code:

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

74. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. ShadowPad is a backdoor Trojan malware.
2. ShadowPad opens a secret path from its target system to its command-and-control servers. Information can be extracted or more malicious code delivered via this path.

Choose the correct code:

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

75. Pochampally sarees belongs to the state of

- (a) Kerala (b) Tamil Nadu  
(c) Telangana (d) Odisha

76. Mindanao is an island of

- (a) Indonesia (b) Malaysia  
(c) Philippines (d) Vietnam

77. MORO Liberation Front is an insurgent organisation in which of the following countries?

- (a) Myanmar (b) Philippines  
(c) Thailand (d) Cambodia

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78. Consider the following statements:
1. Celebes Sea lies to the north of Sulu Sea.
  2. Sulu Sea is to the east of Philippines Sea.
- 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
79. Which of the following is the largest island of Japan?
- (a) Honshu                      (b) Hokkaido  
(c) Kyushu                      (d) Okinawa
80. Which of the following countries is the latest entrant in NATO?
- (a) Slovenia                      (b) Bosnia  
(c) Croatia                      (d) North Macedonia
81. West Bank lies between
- (a) Israel and Lebanon  
(b) Israel and Jordan  
(c) Israel and Syria  
(d) Israel and Egypt
82. Scarborough Shoal lies in
- (a) Sea of Japan                      (b) East China Sea  
(c) Philippines Sea                      (d) South China Sea
83. Sir Creek dispute is between
- (a) UK and Ireland  
(b) India and Bangladesh  
(c) India and Pakistan  
(d) UK and France
84. Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary is in which of the following countries?
- (a) India                      (b) Bhutan  
(c) Nepal                      (d) None of the above
85. Consider the following statements:
1. Lok Adalats were created by the Gram Nyayalaya Act.
  2. Lok Adalats are permanent in nature.
- 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

86. Freedom to manage religious affairs is covered in which of the following articles?
- (a) Article 25                      (b) Article 26  
(c) Article 27                      (d) Article 28
87. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is a statutory body.
  2. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is under Ministry of Agriculture.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
88. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.
  2. PMI consists of a diffusion index that summarizes market conditions.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
89. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. NABARD is an apex regulatory body for overall regulation and licensing of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India.
  2. NABARD is under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Agriculture.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
90. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. A direct tax is a tax that a person or organization pays directly to the entity that imposed it.

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2. Direct taxes include income tax, real property tax, personal property tax, or taxes on assets.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
91. Consider the following statements:  
1. Foreign currency reserve in India does not comprise of country's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).  
2. Foreign currency reserve in India does not include gold reserves.  
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
92. Which of the following statements is/are correct?  
1. Net-zero is also referred to as carbon-neutrality.  
2. Net-zero means that a country would bring down its emissions to zero.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
93. Which of the following statements is/are correct?  
1. The top five countries of the world producing solar power chronologically are United States, China, Japan, India, and Germany.  
2. India has emerged as the third-largest solar energy producer in the world.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
94. Chindwin River is the tributary of the  
(a) Irrawaddy (b) Brahmaputra  
(c) Chao Paraya (d) None of the above
95. Dhamtari is district in  
(a) Telangana (b) Chhattisgarh  
(c) Odisha (d) Madhya Pradesh
96. Which of the following countries does not border Mediterranean Sea?  
(a) Israel (b) Lebanon  
(c) Jordan (d) Egypt
97. National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 was enacted under India's Constitutional provision of-  
(a) Article 21 (b) Article 20  
(c) Article 22 (d) Article 151
98. Which of the following represent sources of financing fiscal deficit?  
1. Market borrowings  
2. State Provident funds  
3. External debt  
4. Securities against small savings  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
99. Which of the following countries are located in the Horn of Africa?  
(a) Djibouti, Eritrea, and Somalia  
(b) Tanzania, South Africa and Namibia  
(c) Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Gabon  
(d) Tunisia, Algeria and Libya
100. GI tags are provided under the mandate of which of the following international agreements?  
(a) Montreal Protocol  
(b) WTO TRIPS  
(c) Kyoto Protocol  
(d) Beijing Declaration
101. Consider the following statements:  
1. Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948, and Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and

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Political Rights (ICCPR), 1966, legally protect persons against “arbitrary interference” with their privacy.

2. The Supreme Court in India has declared that the right to privacy is a fundamental right.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

102. Consider the following statements in reference to right to peaceful protest:

1. Article 19(1)(a) guarantees the freedom of speech and expression.
2. Article 19(1)(b) assures citizens the right to assemble peaceably and without arms.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

103. Consider the following statements:

1. The Human Freedom Index (HFI) presents the state of human freedom in the world.
2. The HFI report is co-published by the Cato Institute and the UNICEF.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

104. Consider the following statements:

1. Human Development Index (HDI) is a composite index of life expectancy, education, and per capita income indicators.
2. In HDI 2020, India has improved its ranking by two positions.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

105. Consider the following statements:

1. North Sentinel Island is one of the Nicobar Islands.
2. North Sentinel Island is home to Sentinelese tribe, a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG).

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

106. Consider the following statements:

1. The Myristica swamps are tropical fresh water swamp forests with an abundance of Myristica trees.
2. Myristica trees are evergreen, water-tolerant trees and have dense stilt roots.
3. Myristica trees are endemic to Eastern Ghats.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

107. The ‘Pindari glacier’ lies in the state of

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir      (b) Himachal Pradesh  
(c) Uttarakhand                      (d) Sikkim

108. EU Sakharov prize is associated with

- (a) Human Rights                      (b) Literature  
(c) Environment                      (d) Freedom of Thought

109. The land boundary of Iran does not touch

- (a) Turkmenistan                      (b) Azerbaijan  
(c) Armenia                      (d) Tajikistan

110. Consider the following statements:

1. An exoplanet or extrasolar planet is a planet outside the galaxy Milky Way.
2. Exoplanets are easy to locate directly with telescopes.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

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111. What is Gandhara School of art?  
 (a) Greco- Afghan style of art  
 (b) Greco-Dravida style of art  
 (c) Greco- Jain style of art  
 (d) Greco-Buddhist style of art
112. Which of the following is a critical source of Vitamin A and the pigment that turns fruits and vegetables bright orange or red?  
 (a) lutein (b) serotonin  
 (c) ascorbic acid (d) carotenoids
113. Nuclear Suppliers Groups was founded in:  
 (a) 1970 (b) 1974  
 (c) 1984 (d) 1987
114. 'Swiss challenge method' is related to  
 (a) Environment conservation  
 (b) Banking System  
 (c) Energy generation  
 (d) public procurement
115. What is Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system?  
 (a) Anti-ballistic missile system  
 (b) Airborne Warning And Control System  
 (c) Beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile  
 (d) Radar
116. Consider the following statements:  
 1. S-400 Triumf is an anti-aircraft weapon system.  
 2. Turkey bought S-400 Triumf from the U.S.  
 Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
117. The 'Siachin Glacier' lies in  
 (a) Zaskar Mountains  
 (b) Pirpanjal Range  
 (c) Shiwalik Range  
 (d) Karakoram Range
118. Aerosol optical depth (AO(D) is used to study  
 (a) Doppler effect in light  
 (b) Outer space  
 (c) Nano particles  
 (d) Suspended solid particles and liquid droplets in air
119. Consider the following statements:  
 1. Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATS(A) is a U.S. law that imposes economic sanctions on Iran, Russia and North Korea.  
 2. CAATSA aims at countering perceived aggressions against the U.S. government by foreign powers.  
 Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
120. Which of the following countries does not border Sudan?  
 (a) Djibouti (b) Eritrea  
 (c) Chad (d) Libya
121. Which of the following states does not border Bangladesh?  
 (a) Manipur (b) Mizoram  
 (c) Assam (d) Tripura
122. Consider the following statements:  
 1. The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSD(C) was established as an autonomous body dealing with macroprudential and financial regularities in the entire financial sector of India.  
 2. FSDC is a statutory body established in 2010.  
 Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2



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123. Consider the following statements:

1. The WTO officially commenced on 1 January 1995 under the Marrakesh Agreement.
2. The WTO deals with regulation of trade in goods, services and intellectual property between participating countries by providing a framework for negotiating trade agreements and dispute resolutions.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

124. Consider the following statements:

1. NBFCs lend and make investments and hence their activities are akin to that of banks.
2. NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

125. Which of the following states has the worst sex ratio at birth?

- (a) Manipur (b) Punjab  
(c) Haryana (d) Mizoram

126. Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb connects

- (a) Gulf of Aden and Red Sea  
(b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea  
(c) Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman  
(d) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman

127. Consider the following statements:

1. Question Hour is the first hour of a sitting session of Lok Sabha devoted to questions asked by Members of Parliament.
2. The concerned Minister is obliged to answer to the Parliament, either orally or in writing during Question Hour.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

128. Meteorites are believed to originate in the asteroid belt between which of the two planets?

- (a) Mars and Jupiter (b) Earth and Mars  
(c) Jupiter and Saturn (d) Venus and Earth

129. Which of the following countries is not a neighbour of Hungary?

- (a) Slovakia (b) Slovenia  
(c) Bosnia & Herzegovina (d) Croatia

130. Declaration of drought in a state is the prerogative of: -

- (a) Central Government  
(b) National disaster management authority (NDM(A))  
(c) Respective State government  
(d) India Meteorological Department (IM(D))

131. Saffir-Simpson Scale is used to measure

- (a) Earthquakes (b) Radioactivity  
(c) CO<sub>2</sub> emission level (d) Cyclones

132. Which of these is not a neighbour of Myanmar?

- (a) Bangladesh (b) Vietnam  
(c) Thailand (d) Laos

133. What is Phonon?

- (a) quantum of sound (b) Light phenomenon  
(c) artificial atom (d) a dwarf galaxy

134. Which of the following submarines is a part of India's nuclear triad?

- (a) INS Chakra (b) INS Arihant  
(c) INS Sindhuraj (d) INS Kalavari

135. Which of the following countries is not a member of BIMSTEC?

- (a) Myanmar (b) Maldives

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- (c) Bhutan                      (d) Bangladesh
136. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) comes under which of the following Ministries?
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - Ministry of Finance
  - Ministry of External Affairs
  - Ministry of Corporate Affairs
137. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is computed and published by which of the following ministry?
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
  - Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - Ministry of Finance
  - Ministry of Corporate Affairs
138. Namdapha National Park is in which of the following states?
- Sikkim
  - Arunachal Pradesh
  - Himachal Pradesh
  - Manipur
139. Which of the following lines divide the North Korea and the South Korea?
- 44th parallel    (b) 38th parallel
  - 52nd parallel    (d) 28th parallel
140. Which of the following is not a land locked country?
- Mongolia                      (b) Swaziland
  - Jordan                        (d) Cambodia
141. Choose the incorrect statement with respect to the National Commission of Backward Classes(NCBCs):
- The NCBC is a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
  - The commission has been set up under the National Commission of Backward Classes Act, 1993.
  - The Commission examines requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as a backward class
  - The NCBC has both the powers of a civil court and a criminal court.
142. Consider the following statements regarding the European Union (E.U.):
- The E.U., founded by the Rome treaties, aims to create a single market.
  - The Lisbon treaty sets out the process for a member state to exit the union.
  - All member countries have access to their common currency, the Euro.
- Choose the correct code:
- 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only              (d) All of the above
143. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- Neutrinos are the most abundant subatomic particles after photons.
  - The three known types of neutrinos are electrons, muon and tau.
  - Neutrinos are thought to have been produced just after the Big Bang that created the Universe.
- Choose the correct code:
- 1 and 3 only              (b) 1 only
  - 3 only                      (d) All the above
144. Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, lies in the island of
- Sumatra                      (b) Java
  - Borneo                        (d) Sulawesi
145. The Scheduled Tribes in India are notified under Article
- 312 of the Constitution
  - 123 of the Constitution
  - 141 of the Constitution
  - 342 of the Constitution
146. Counter-cyclical measures' is a concept that is most often associated with which one of the following economists?

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- (a) Adam Smith  
(b) Thomas Robert Malthus  
(c) John Maynard Keynes  
(d) Bertrand Russell
147. Aceh is the province of  
(a) Malaysia (b) Indonesia  
(c) Myanmar (d) Bangladesh
148. The 'Strait of Malacca' separates  
(a) Sumatra from Peninsular Malaysia  
(b) Sumatra from Java  
(c) Sumatra from Borneo  
(d) Java from Borneo
149. Like Minded Developing Countries (LMD(C)) is a group for forging a common position on  
(a) Renewal Energy  
(b) Climate Change  
(c) Disarmament  
(d) Preventing trade in endangered species
150. Which of the following is not a neighbour of Saudi Arabia?  
(a) Yemen (b) Oman  
(c) Jordan (d) Syria
151. Pangong Tso lake is situated in  
(a) Lahaul and Spiti (b) Ladakh  
(c) Eastern Sikkim (d) Tawang
152. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. The Indo-Pacific comprises the tropical waters of the Indian Ocean, the western and central Pacific Ocean.  
2. The Indo-Pacific has "symbiotic link" with the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
153. The Lombardy plains is situated in  
(a) Australia (b) South Africa  
(c) France (d) Italy
154. Which of the following countries does not have land border with Italy?  
(a) Slovenia (b) Croatia  
(c) Austria (d) France
155. Which of the following seas does not lie in Mediterranean?  
(a) Ionian Sea (b) Tyrrhenian Sea  
(c) Adriatic Sea (d) White Sea
156. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is an international document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.  
2. UDHR is legally binding on the nations.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
157. Consider the following statements:  
1. The Rajya Sabha is an institutional mechanism to provide representation to the states. Its purpose is to protect the powers of the states.  
2. Rajya Sabha cannot initiate, reject or amend money bills.  
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
158. The members of the Rajya Sabha are not associated with:  
1. Public Accounts Committee  
2. Estimates Committee  
3. Committee on Public Undertakings  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) 1 only
159. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is an index which shows the growth rates

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in different industry groups of the economy in a stipulated period of time.

2. The IIP index is computed and published by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) on a quarterly basis.

Choose the correct code:

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

160. Under IIP, the growth rate of industry groups is classified as:

1. Broad sectors, namely, Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity.
2. Use-based sectors, namely Basic Goods, Capital Goods and Intermediate Goods.

Choose the correct code:

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

161. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Special Marriage Act, 1954 has provision for civil marriage (or "registered marriage") for people of India and all Indian nationals in foreign countries, irrespective of the religion or faith followed by either party.
2. Marriages solemnized under Special Marriage Act are not governed by personal laws.

Choose the correct code:

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

162. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Tapovan Vishnugad power plant is a 520MW run-of-river project being constructed on Dhauliganga River.
2. Tapovan Vishnugad power plant is constructed by NHPC.

Choose the correct code:

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

163. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Titanium is a lustrous transition metal with a silver color, low density, and high strength.
2. Titanium is resistant to corrosion in sea water, aqua regia, and chlorine.

Choose the correct code:

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

164. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change.
2. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Choose the correct code:

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

165. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) is a Transfat.
2. CLA is artificially produced.

Choose the correct code:

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

166. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Consuming trans fats increases High Density Cholesterol (HDL).
2. Trans fats come in both natural and artificial forms.

Choose the correct code:

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

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167. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A genome is an organism's complete set of genetic instructions.
2. The genome includes both the genes (the coding regions) and the noncoding DNA, as well as mitochondrial DNA and chloroplast DNA.

Choose the correct code:

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

168. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Nano-optics is a part of nanotechnology that investigates the behavior of light on nanometer scales.
2. The term "nano-optics" usually refers to situations involving ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared light.

Choose the correct code:

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

169. River Kaladan flows from

- (a) Manipur to Myanmar  
(b) Mizoram to Myanmar  
(c) Nagaland to Myanmar  
(d) Bangladesh to Myanmar

170. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Kaladan River is called the Chhimtuipui River in India.
2. The Kaladan River forms the international border between India and Myanmar.

Choose the correct code:

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

171. Consider the following statements with respect to inflation:

1. Inflation is good for those who lend money than for those who borrow money.

2. Inflation is good for those who make the products than for those who buy it.

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

172. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Stagflation is characterised by slow economic growth and high unemployment.
2. Skewflation is price rise of a small group of commodities over a sustained period of time.
3. Hyperinflation is a large and accelerating inflation that takes place over a very short period of time.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

173. Which of the following is false about quantum technology?

- (a) It explains the nature of energy and matter.  
(b) It is used for making computers much faster than super computers.  
(c) The technology can be used for communications, chemistry, cryptography etc.  
(d) Quantum field has been commercially exploited completely.

174. Which of the following seas are connected by Strait of Bab-el –Mandeb?

- (a) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden  
(b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea  
(c) Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea  
(d) Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

175. Apennines mountains range is located in –

- (a) France                      (b) Spain  
(c) Germany                      (d) Italy



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176. Which of the following countries does not border Afghanistan?

- (a) Kyrgyzstan (b) Uzbekistan  
(c) Tajikistan (d) Turkmenistan

177. Uighur is the province in

- (a) Myanmar (b) Mongolia  
(c) China (d) Thailand

178. Which of the following countries does not lie in the Indo-Pacific region?

- (a) Chile (b) Peru  
(c) Mexico (d) Uruguay

179. Which of the following countries does not border Kuwait?

- (a) UAE (b) Saudi Arabia  
(c) Iraq (d) None of the above

180. Which of the following countries does not border Jordan?

- (a) Iraq (b) Turkey  
(c) Syria (d) Israel

181. Aqaba is the port of

- (a) Israel (b) Syria  
(c) Lebanon (d) Jordan

182. How is Money Bill different from a Financial Bill?

1. A Money Bill includes all the aspects of the budget, whereas Financial Bill is only an Ordinary Bill.
2. A Money Bill shall be introduced only in the Lok Sabha, whereas a Financial Bill can be introduced in either House of the Parliament.
3. A Money Bill cannot be rejected by the Rajya Sabha, whereas a Financial Bill can be rejected by the Rajya Sabha.

Choose the correct code:

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

183. Which of the following categories of bills require prior consent of the President before their introduction?

1. Bills to re-organise states.
2. Bills affecting taxes in which the states are interested.
3. State bills imposing restrictions on freedom of trade.
4. Bills involving expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.

Select the correct answer from the given options

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2, 3, and 4 only (d) All of the above

184. Rakhine state of Myanmar borders

- (a) Mizoram (b) Tripura  
(c) Nagaland (d) None of the above

185. Consider the following statements:

1. The Election Commission of India is a three-member body.
2. Union Ministry of Home Affairs decides the election schedule for the conduct of both general elections and bye-elections.
3. Election Commission resolves the disputes relating to splits/mergers of recognised political parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

186. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The State Election Commission has been entrusted with the function of conducting free, fair and impartial elections to the local bodies in the state.
2. Article 263K(1): It states that the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Panchayats shall be vested in a State Election Commission.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only

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(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

187. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Substandard assets are assets which has remained NPA for a period less than or equal to 12 months.
2. Doubtful assets would be classified as doubtful if it has remained in the substandard category for a period of 12 months.

Choose the correct code:

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

188. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. OPEC+ is a group of 24 oil-producing nations, made up of the 14 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and 10 other non-OPEC members.
2. The OPEC bloc is nominally led by Saudi Arabia, the group's largest oil producer, while Russia is the biggest player among the non-OPEC countries.

Choose the correct code:

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

189. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework deems banks as risky if they slip below certain norms on three parameters — capital ratios, asset quality and profitability.
2. PCA has four risk threshold levels (1 being the lowest and 4 the highest).

Choose the correct code:

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

190. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. FPO is a Farmer Producer Company registered Indian company in the Registrar of Companies (ROC).
2. SFAC is the pioneer in the formation of FPOs.

Choose the correct code:

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

191. Consider the following statements about the 8 core industries of Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

1. Their combined weight in IIP exceeds 50%.
2. Refinery products have the maximum weight in IIP out of the 8 core industries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

192. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Stagflation is characterised by slow economic growth and high unemployment.
2. Skewflation is price rise of a small group of commodities over a sustained period of time.
3. Hyperinflation is a large and accelerating inflation that takes place over a very short period of time.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

193. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) provides food, preschool education, primary healthcare, immunization, health check-up and referral services to children under 6 years of age and their mothers.
2. ICDS was launched in 1995.

Choose the correct code:

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

194. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. For PDS, the Central Government through FCI, has assumed the responsibility for procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of food grains to the State Governments.
2. Identification of eligible families, issue of Ration Cards and supervision of the functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) etc., rest with the State Governments.

Choose the correct code:

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

195. Raidak River is the tributary of

- (a) River Godavari  
(b) River Krishna  
(c) River Cauvery  
(d) River Brahmaputra

196. Ramagundam power project is situated in

- (a) Telangana                      (b) Tamil Nadu  
(c) Andhra Pradesh    (d) Kerala

197. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Benzene molecule is composed of six carbon atoms joined in a planar ring with one hydrogen atom attached to each.
2. Benzene is classed as a hydrocarbon.

Choose the correct code:

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

198. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Adenoviruses cause fever, coughs, sore throats, diarrhea, and pink eye.
2. Infections happen in adults more often than in children.

Choose the correct code:

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

199. Which of the following seas are connected by Strait of Bab-el –Mandeb?

- (a) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden  
(b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea  
(c) Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea  
(d) Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

200. Duqm Island is located near the coast of which of the following?

- (a) Arabian Sea  
(b) Mediterranean Sea  
(c) South China Sea  
(d) Gulf of Munnar

201. Consider the following statements:

1. Pink pages in IUCN Red List include the critically endangered species.
2. Green pages in IUCN Red List include protected and conserved areas.

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

202. Consider the following statements:

1. National Biodiversity Authority (NB(A) is a statutory body.
2. It looks in issues of Convention of Biodiversity (CB(D).

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

203. Which of the following countries are landlocked countries?

1. Kyrgyzstan    2. Tajikistan  
3. Uzbekistan    4. Nepal

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 4                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 3 and 4                      (d) All of the above

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204. Arrange the following in order of abundance in a typical bacterial cell.

1. Proteins                      2. Polysaccharides
3. RNA                              4. DNA

Choose the correct code:

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

205. Which of the following traditional water harvesting systems is correctly matched?

- (a) Tanka: Bihar
- (b) Khadin/Dhora: Jharkhand
- (c) Khuls: Spiti Valley
- (d) Neeruganti: Orissa

206. Land degradation neutrality fund has been created by which of the following?

- (a) Convention on Biodiversity
- (b) UN Environment Program
- (c) UN Framework convention on Climate Change
- (d) United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification

207. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Great Indian Bustard?

1. It is found in desert National Park
2. It is listed as critically endangered under IUCN Red list.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

208. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Green Tribunal was established under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010.
2. During the Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment, 1972, India vowed to provide judicial and administrative remedies for the victims of the pollutants and other environmental damage.
3. The National Green Tribunal is the first body of its kind that is required by its

parent statute to apply the “polluter pays” principle and the principle of sustainable development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

209. Consider the following statements:

1. A special case of geosynchronous orbit is the geostationary orbit, which is a circular geosynchronous orbit at zero inclination (that is, directly above the Equator).
2. A low earth orbit is the simplest and most cost effective for a satellite placement and provides high bandwidth and low communication latency.

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

210. Which of the following environmentalist first gave the concept of Biodiversity ‘Hotspots’?

- (a) Gaylord Nelson                      (b) Norman Myers
- (c) John Muir                      (d) Julia ‘Butterfly’ Hill

211. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Monetary Policy Committee (MP(C)?

1. It decides the RBI's benchmark interest rates.
2. It is a 12-member body including the Governor of RBI and is reconstituted every year.
3. It functions under the chairmanship of the Union Finance Minister.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

212. In the context of mitigating the impending global warming due to anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide, which of the

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following can be the potential sites for carbon sequestration?

1. Abandoned and uneconomic coal seams.
2. Depleted oil and gas reservoirs.
3. Subterranean deep saline formations

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

213. With reference to 'National Investment and Infrastructure Fund', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is an organ of NITI Aayog.
2. NIIF has three funds- Master Fund, Fund of Funds and Strategic Opportunities Fund.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

214. For election to the Lok Sabha, a nomination paper can be filed by

- (a) anyone residing in India.  
(b) a resident of the constituency from which the election is to be contested.  
(c) any citizen of India whose name appears in the electoral roll of a constituency.  
(d) any citizen of India.

215. Consider the following statements :

1. In India, the Himalayas are spread over five States only.
2. Western Ghats are spread over five States only.
3. Pulicat Lake is spread over two States only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

216. Consider the following statements:

1. In the election for Lok Sabha or State Assembly, the winning candidate must

get at least 50 percent of the votes polled, to be declared elected.

2. According to the provisions laid down in the Constitution of India, in Lok Sabha, the Speaker's post goes to the majority party and the Deputy Speaker's to the Opposition.

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

217. Consider the following statements:

1. The Election Commission of India is a five-member body.
2. Union Ministry of Home Affairs decides the election schedule for the conduct of both general elections and bye-elections.
3. Election Commission resolves the disputes relating to splits/mergers of recognised political parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

218. In India, Judicial Review implies

- (a) the power of the Judiciary to pronounce upon the constitutionality of laws and executive orders.  
(b) the power of the Judiciary to question the wisdom of the laws enacted by the Legislatures.  
(c) the power of the Judiciary to review all the legislative enactments before they are assented to by the President.  
(d) the power of the Judiciary to review its own judgements given earlier in similar or different cases.

219. Which of the following are not necessarily the consequences of the proclamation of the President's rule in a State?

1. Dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly.
2. Removal of the Council of Ministers in the State.



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3. Dissolution of the local bodies.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
220. Which one of the following is not a feature of Indian federalism?  
(a) There is an independent judiciary in India.  
(b) Powers have been clearly divided between the Centre and the States  
(c) The federating units have been given unequal representation in the Rajya Sabha.  
(d) It is the result of an agreement among the federating units.
221. Consider the following statements:  
1. Chandrayan-I is an orbiter mission having 11 payloads, both domestic and international.  
2. Chandrayan-II is an orbiter, landing and rover mission.  
Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
222. Liquidity trap refers to  
(a) shortage of liquidity in the economy.  
(b) situation when interest rate is so low that people prefer to hold money rather than invest it.  
(c) RBI's policy to control interest rates through change in liquidity.  
(d) situation in business cycle when economy is trapped due to low aggregate demand.
223. Fiscal drag means  
(a) inability of the government to meet its fiscal deficit.  
(b) fall in aggregate demand of the economy when people move from lower to higher tax brackets.  
(c) contradiction between fiscal and monetary policy.  
(d) None of the above
224. Which of the following form a part of the capital receipts of the central government?  
1. Recoveries of loans and advances.  
2. GST receipts.  
3. External grants.  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3
225. Which of the following represent sources of financing fiscal deficit?  
1. Market borrowings  
2. State Provident funds  
3. External debt  
4. Securities against small savings  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
226. Which of the following countries does not border Central African Republic?  
(a) Congo (b) Chad  
(c) Sudan (d) Mali
227. Naku La lies in which of the following states?  
(a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Sikkim  
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Himachal Pradesh
228. Which of following statements is/are correct about Election Commission of India?  
1. The Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioner are appointed by the President of India.  
2. Each of them holds their offices for a period of 6 years or up to the age of 65 years, whichever comes first.  
3. As per Article 342 of the Indian Constitution, ECI has the supervisory

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and directional control of the complete process of election.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only (d) All the above

229. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Asiatic Society of Bengal was the mother institution to the Indian Museum, the Zoological Survey of India, and the Geological Survey of India.
2. The Asiatic Society of Bengal was founded by James Prinsep.

Choose the correct code:

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

230. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) was founded in 1916.
2. ZSI is headquartered in Dehradun.

Choose the correct code:

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

231. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. START I (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) was a bilateral treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).
2. START I was replaced by New START treaty which came into force in January 2011.

Choose the correct code:

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

232. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) was originally established by Sir Syed Ahmad

Khan as the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in 1875.

2. Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College was renamed as AMU in 1920.

Choose the correct code:

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

233. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Sundarbans mangrove forest lies on the delta of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers on the Bay of Bengal.
2. The Sundarbans mangrove forest has major area in India and minor in Bangladesh.

Choose the correct code:

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

234. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Sundarbans mangrove forest spans from the Hooghly River West Bengal to the Baleswar River in Bangladesh.
2. The Indian Sundarbans were considered endangered in a 2020 assessment under the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems framework.

Choose the correct code:

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

235. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Green tax is also called as pollution tax or environmental tax and is the tax levied on all the goods that cause environmental pollution.
2. According to the proposal, Green tax funds in India are to be kept in a separate account to help States measure pollution and tackle it.

Choose the correct code:

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

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236. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The World Gold Council is the market development organisation for the gold industry. It works across all parts of the industry, from gold mining to investment.
2. According to WGC, the gold demand in India increased substantially in 2020.

Choose the correct code:

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

237. Which of the following states is the highest producer of ethanol in India?

- (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka  
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Uttar Pradesh

238. Which of the following is not covered under Minimum Support Price?

- (a) Cocoa (b) Copra  
(c) Cotton (d) Jute

239. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The IMF was conceived in 1944 at the United Nations Bretton Woods Conference.
2. The IMF's primary mission is to ensure the stability of the international monetary system.

Choose the correct code:

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

240. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. United Nations has five principal organs.
2. United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is charged with ensuring international peace and security, recommending the admission of new UN members to the General Assembly, and approving any changes to the UN Charter.

Choose the correct code:

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

241. Which of the following passes connects Manali and Leh?

- (a) Chang La (b) Aghil Pass  
(c) Jelep La (d) Bara Lacha

242. Diphu Pass is a mountain pass around the area of tripoint borders of

- (a) India, China and Myanmar  
(b) India, China and Bhutan  
(c) India, China and Nepal  
(d) None of the above

243. Which of the following passes lies on McMahon Line?

- (a) Chang La (b) Diphu Pass  
(c) Jelep La (d) Bara Lacha

244. Which of following statements is/are correct?

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

Choose the correct code:

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

245. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The MSP system was started in 1966-67 for rice.
2. The MSP is fixed once a year.

Choose the correct code:

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

246. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The MSP is fixed on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

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2. CACP is a statutory body and submits separate reports recommending prices for kharif and rabi seasons.

Choose the correct code:

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

247. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The CACP submits its recommendations to the government in the form of Price Policy Reports.
2. Price Policy Reports cover five groups of commodities namely kharif crops, rabi crops, sugarcane, raw jute and copra.

Choose the correct code:

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

248. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A2 costs cover all paid-out expenses, both in cash and kind, incurred by farmers on seeds, fertilisers, chemicals, hired labour, fuel and irrigation, among others.
2. A2+FL covers actual paid-out costs plus an imputed value of unpaid family labour.
3. The CACP reckons only A2 for recommending MSP.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only (d) All the above

249. Which of the following countries does not border Caspian Sea?

- (a) Iran (b) Kazakhstan  
(c) Azerbaijan (d) Armenia

250. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Neutrinos are the most abundant subatomic particles after photons.
2. The three known types of neutrinos are electrons, muon and tau.

3. Neutrinos are thought to have been produced just after the Big Bang that created the Universe.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1 only  
(c) 3 only (d) All the above

251. Which of the following mountain ranges forms boundary between France and Spain?

- (a) Dinaric Alps (b) Pyrenees  
(c) Apennines (d) Tatra

252. Nuwara Aliya is a hill station in

- (a) Myanmar (b) Bhutan  
(c) Tibet (d) Srilanka

253. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Sahel is the eco-climatic and biogeographic realm of transition in Africa between the Sahara to the north and the Sudanian savanna to the south.
2. Sahel stretches across the south-central latitudes of Northern Africa between the Atlantic Ocean and the Red Sea.

Choose the correct code:

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

254. Which of the following countries does not lie in the Sahel region?

- (a) Chad (b) Cameroon  
(c) Mauritania (d) Tunisia

255. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A Money Bill may only be introduced in Lok Sabha, on the recommendation of the President.
2. A Money Bill must be passed in Lok Sabha by not less than two-third majority of all members present and voting.

Choose the correct code:

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

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256. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A Financial Bill may only be introduced in Lok Sabha, on the recommendation of the President.
2. Financial Bill must be passed by both Houses of Parliament, after the President has recommended that it be taken up for consideration in each House.

Choose the correct code:

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

257. Consider the following statements:

1. Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) is an agreement establishing the terms and conditions for private investment by nationals and companies of one state in another state.
2. BITs protect investments by imposing conditions on the regulatory behaviour of the host state.

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

258. Consider the following statements:

1. FATF was established in 1989 during the G7 Summit in Paris to develop policies against money laundering.
2. The FATF Secretariat is located in Brussels.

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

259. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) measures the changes in the prices of goods sold and traded in bulk by wholesale businesses to other businesses.
2. WPI tracks prices at the factory gate before the retail level.

3. WPI in India is published by Ministry of Finance.

Choose the correct code:

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

260. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. WPI keeps track of the wholesale price of goods.
2. CPI measures the average price that households pay for a basket of different goods and services.
3. RBI currently uses CPI or retail inflation as a key measure of inflation to set the monetary and credit policy.

Choose the correct code:

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

261. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Network (Net) neutrality is the concept that all data on the internet should be treated equally.
2. Net neutrality also states that ISPs are also not to create special arrangements with services or websites, in which companies providing them are given improved network access or speed.

Choose the correct code:

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

262. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 engaged in the business of loans and advances.
2. NBFC can accept demand deposits.

Choose the correct code:

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

263. Which of following statements is/are correct?



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1. A sovereign credit rating is an independent assessment of the creditworthiness of a country or sovereign entity.
2. Standard & Poor's gives a BBB- or higher rating to countries it considers investment grade, and grades of BB+ or lower are deemed to be speculative or "junk" grade.

Choose the correct code:

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

264. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. RuPay is an international card payment service conceived and launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
2. RuPay facilitates electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions.

Choose the correct code:

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

265. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Aspirational Districts are those districts in India, that are affected by poor socio-economic indicators.
2. Improvement in Aspirational Districts can lead to the overall improvement in human development in India.

Choose the correct code:

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

266. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. WASH is an acronym that stands for "water, sanitation and hygiene".
2. WASH is the focus of the first two targets of Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8).

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only

- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

267. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The leopard population is steadily declining in India.
2. The highest concentration of the leopard in India is estimated to be in Karnataka.

Choose the correct code:

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

268. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Sambhar Salt Lake is India's largest inland Salt Lake.
2. The Sambhar Salt Lake lies in Rann of Kutch.

Choose the correct code:

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

269. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Aravalis stretches from Delhi across the states of Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
2. The Aravali Hills are older than the Himalayas.

Choose the correct code:

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

270. Cherrapunji lies in

- (a) Lushai Hills (b) Patkai Hills  
(c) Khasi Hills (d) Naga Hills

271. UAE's Hope Mission is for studying

- (a) Sun's corona (b) Asteroids  
(c) Exoplanets (d) Mars

272. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Geospatial data is used to describe data that represents features or objects on the Earth's surface.

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2. The most common way that spatial data is processed and analyzed is using a GIS, or, geographic information system.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
273. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. Arjun Main Battle Tank project was initiated by DRDO in 1972.  
2. Mass production began in 1996 at the Indian Ordnance Factory's production facility in Avadi, Tamil Nadu.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
274. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. The Archaeological Survey(ASI) of India was founded in 1861 by James Prinsep.  
2. ASI is attached to the Ministry of Culture.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
275. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah built the Charminar in 1591.  
2. Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah is the founder of Hyderabad.  
Choose the correct code:  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
276. 38th parallel north demarcates border between  
(a) US and Canada  
(b) China and Mongolia  
(c) China and Russia  
(d) North Korea and South Korea
277. The seas on either side of Korean Peninsula are  
(a) Yellow Sea and Sea of Japan  
(b) Sea of Okhotsk and Sea of Japan  
(c) Barents Sea and White Sea  
(d) None of the above
278. River Jordan forms the boundary between  
(a) Jordan and Lebanon  
(b) Jordan and Syria  
(c) Jordan and Israel  
(d) Jordan and Iraq
279. Sea of Marmara lies between  
(a) Mediterranean Sea and Aegean Sea  
(b) Black Sea and Aegean Sea  
(c) Tyrrhenian Sea and Aegean Sea  
(d) None of the above
280. Eilat Port lies in  
(a) Lebanon (b) Turkey  
(c) Syria (d) Israel
281. The area known as 'Golan Heights' lies in  
(a) West Asia (b) Central Asia  
(c) South-East Asia (d) Australia
282. Turkey is located between  
(a) Black Sea and Caspian Sea  
(b) Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea  
(c) Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea  
(d) Gulf of Aqaba and Dead Sea
283. Which of the following straits lies between Iran and UAE and connects Persian Gulf with Gulf of Oman?  
(a) Marmara (b) Hormuz  
(c) Aqaba (d) Bosphorus
284. Bering Strait separates  
(a) Alaska and Russia  
(b) Korean Peninsula and Japan  
(c) Australian Mainland and Tasmania  
(d) North and South Islands of New Zealand

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285. Consider the following statements:

1. Appropriation Bill gives power to the government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Fund of India.
2. Post the discussions on Budget proposals and the Voting on Demand for Grants, the government introduces the Appropriation Bill in the Lok Sabha.

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

286. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Amicus curiae, literally translated, is known as friend of the court.
2. Amicus curiae is not party to a case, who volunteers to offer information on a point of law or some other aspect of the case to assist the court in deciding a matter before it.

Choose the correct code:

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

287. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Finance Bill, 2017 introduced "Electoral bonds" as interest-free bearer instruments.
2. The scheme allows both domestic and foreign companies to present these bonds to political parties of their choice.

Choose the correct code:

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

288. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The treatment for HIV is called antiretroviral therapy (ART).
2. ART can't cure HIV, but HIV medicines help people with HIV live longer, healthier lives.

Choose the correct code:

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

289. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Inflation targeting is a central bank strategy of specifying an inflation rate as a goal and adjusting monetary policy to achieve that rate.
2. Inflation targeting primarily focuses on maintaining price stability.

Choose the correct code:

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

290. Consider the following statements:

1. The Rajya Sabha is an institutional mechanism to provide representation to the states. Its purpose is to protect the powers of the states.
2. Rajya Sabha cannot initiate, reject or amend money bills.

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

291. The members of the Rajya Sabha are not associated with:

1. Public Accounts Committee
2. Estimates Committee
3. Committee on Public Undertakings

Choose the correct code:

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

292. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. A bond's yield refers to the expected earnings generated and realized on a fixed-income investment over a particular period of time.
2. High-Yield Bonds Better Investments Than Low-Yield Bonds.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
293. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger at global, regional, and national levels.
  2. GHI scores are calculated every alternate year to assess progress and setbacks in combating hunger.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
294. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. The Great Indian bustard inhabits dry grasslands and scrublands on the Indian subcontinent.
  2. Largest populations of Great Indian bustard are found in the state of Gujarat.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
295. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. Environmental Performance Index (EPI) ranks 180 countries on environmental health and ecosystem vitality.
  2. The EPI was preceded by the Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI).
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
296. Which of the following National Parks are located at the junction of the Aravali and Vindhya hill ranges?
- (a) Ranthambore              (b) Sariska  
(c) Dudhwa                      (d) Panna
297. Duncan Pass is a strait located between
- (a) Little Andaman and Great Nicobar  
(b) North Andaman and Middle Andaman  
(c) Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(d) South Andaman and Little Andaman
298. Port Blair is situated in
- (a) North Andaman              (b) Middle Andaman  
(c) South Andaman              (d) Little Andaman
299. Ten Degree Channel separates
- (a) Little Andaman and Great Nicobar  
(b) North Andaman and Middle Andaman  
(c) Little Andaman and Car Nicobar  
(d) South Andaman and Little Andaman
300. Which of following statements is/are correct?
1. Helium is the second most abundant element on Earth.
  2. Helium is rather rare in the Universe.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
301. Which of the following countries is not a member of SCO?
- (a) Kazakhstan              (b) Uzbekistan  
(c) Azerbaijan                  (d) Kyrgyzstan
302. Neom is a newly planned city-state in which of the following countries?
- (a) UAE                          (b) Qatar  
(c) Oman                          (d) Saudi Arabia
303. Which of the following countries share land border with Qatar?
- (a) Saudi Arabia              (b) UAE  
(c) Oman                          (d) Bahrain
304. Consider the following statements:
1. Ordinances are laws that are promulgated by the President of India on the recommendation of the Union

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Cabinet, which will have the same effect as an Act of Parliament.

2. Ordinances can only be issued when Parliament is not in session.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

305. Consider the following statements:

1. NBFC can accept demand deposits.
2. NBFCs form part of the payment and settlement system.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

306. Consider the following statements:

1. Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) are only partly regulated by the RBI.
2. In a UCB borrowers can double up as shareholders.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

307. Consider the following statements:

1. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of business activity -- both in the manufacturing and services sectors.
2. PMI is calculated compositely for the manufacturing and services sectors.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

308. Consider the following statements:

1. The Eastern Ghats are a continuous range of mountains along India's eastern coast.
2. The Eastern Ghats run from the northern Odisha to Tamil Nadu.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

309. Consider the following statements:

1. The tropics lies between the latitude lines of the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
2. The tropics does not include parts of North America.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

310. Consider the following statements:

1. The Paris Agreement's aims to keep global temperature rise this century well below 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
2. The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to put forward their best efforts through "nationally determined contributions" (NDCs).

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

311. Chemayungdung Glacier is the source of which of the following rivers?

- (a) Irrawady (b) Brahmaputra  
(c) Indus (d) Sutlej

312. Consider the following statements:

1. Dhebar Commission created Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) renamed as PVTGs in 2006.
2. There are 75 listed PVTGs in India.
3. Odisha has highest number of PVTGs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



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313. Which of the following states does not border Nagaland?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Manipur  
(c) Mizoram (d) Assam

314. The National Human Rights Commission is a:

- (a) Constitutional body.  
(b) Extra-Constitutional body  
(c) Statutory body  
(d) The result of Cabinet's resolution.

315. Consider the following statements:-

1. Rapid test looks to find the virus in nasal or throat swabs of the patient.
2. RT-PCR (Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) test is a serological test.

Choose the correct statement/s from the code given below:

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

316. Consider the following statements related to genome sequencing:

1. The "deciphering" or reading of the genome is known as genome sequencing.
2. Most of the DNA is in the nucleus and intricately coiled into a structure called the chromosome.

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

317. Which of the following best explains 'twin deficits' in the economy?

- (a) Fiscal Deficit and Current Account Deficit  
(b) Fiscal Deficit and Revenue Deficit  
(c) Fiscal Deficit and Capital Account Deficit  
(d) Fiscal Deficit and Budgetary Deficit

318. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMS(A)?

1. NMSA aims at promoting sustainable agriculture through climate change adaptation measures.
2. The major thrust is enhancing agriculture productivity, especially in the rainfed areas, focusing on integrated farming, soil health management and synergizing resource conservation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

319. What would happen to the "money multiplier" in an economy, if the cash reserve ratio (CRR) is reduced?

- (a) The money multiplier would increase.  
(b) The money multiplier would decrease.  
(c) The money multiplier would remain constant.  
(d) There is no relationship between the money multiplier and the cash reserve ratio (CRR).

320. The term 'Distributed Ledger' is used in the context of which of the following technologies?

- (a) Artificial Intelligence  
(b) Blockchain Technology  
(c) Cyber Physical System  
(d) Internet of Things

321. Which of the following statements correctly defines the term "Recession"?

- (a) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for two or more successive quarters.  
(b) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for four or more successive quarters.  
(c) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative

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growth rate of GDP for six or more successive quarters.

- (d) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for ten or more successive quarters.

322. Which of the following rates are determined by the Reserve Bank of India?

- (1) Primary Lending Rate (PLR)
- (2) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- (3) Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
- (4) Bank Rate

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 4 only    (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 3    (d) All of the above

323. Which of the following ecosystems is considered to be most biologically diverse of all ecosystems?

- (a) Wetlands    (b) Estuaries  
(c) Rain forests    (d) Shallow sea

324. Consider the following statements:

1. National Biodiversity Authority (NB(A) is a statutory body.
2. It looks in issues of Convention of Biodiversity (CB(D).

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

325. Kyrgyzstan shares borders with which of the following?

1. China
2. Caspian Sea
3. Turkmenistan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

326. Which of the following countries share land border with Estonia?

- (a) Latvia    (b) Lithuania

- (c) Belarus    (d) Poland

327. Which of the following countries does not share land border with Paraguay?

- (a) Bolivia    (b) Argentina  
(c) Brazil    (d) Uruguay

328. Dominican Republic shares land border with

- (a) Cuba    (b) Haiti  
(c) Bermuda    (d) Puerto Rico

329. Consider the following statements:

1. Capital Adequacy Ratio(CAR) is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk weighed assets and current liabilities.
2. Tier I capital comprise of the core resources of a Bank.
3. Tier II capital comprises of the undisclosed resources.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2    (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3    (d) All of the above

330. Consider the following statements:

1. A credit rating is an assessment of the creditworthiness of a borrower.
2. Individuals, corporations and governments are assigned credit ratings – whosoever wants to borrow money.
3. Individuals are given 'credit ratings', while corporations and governments receive 'credit scores'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

331. Consider the following statements:

1. Inner Line Permit is a document that allows an Indian citizen to visit or stay in a state that is protected under the ILP system.
2. Recently, Manipur came under the ILP protection.

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Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

332. Consider the following statements:

1. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCE(A)) has a mandate to review economic trends on a continuous basis.
2. CCEA lays down priorities for public sector investment.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

333. Consider the following statements:

1. The Eastern Ghats are a continuous range of mountains along India's eastern coast.
2. The Eastern Ghats run from the northern Odisha to Tamil Nadu.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

334. Consider the following statements:

1. Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) is a treaty under the World Trade Organization that was negotiated during the Doha Round negotiations.
2. The agreement is centered around the need to eliminate 'trade distorting' agricultural subsidies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

335. Inflation in the economy results in

- (a) benefitting to the debtors.  
(b) rise in consumption.  
(c) benefitting to savers.  
(d) appreciation of exchange rate.

336. The Zonal Councils have been established under:

- (a) Article 263 of the Indian Constitution  
(b) The States Reorganisation Act, 1956  
(c) Zonal Councils Act, 1956  
(d) Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956

337. The idea of protection of monuments, places and objects of national importance is enshrined in its

- (a) Preamble  
(b) Fundamental Rights  
(c) Directive Principles of State Policy  
(d) Fundamental Duties

338. Which of the following states does not border Manipur?

- (a) Mizoram (b) Assam  
(c) Nagaland (d) Tripura

339. The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the administration and control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in the following four states?

- (a) Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland  
(b) Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram  
(c) Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland  
(d) Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland

340. The CAG of India can be removed from the office only in like manner and on like grounds as:

- (a) Chairman of the UPSC  
(b) Supreme Court Judge  
(c) Attorney General of India  
(d) Speaker of the Lok Sabha

341. Which of the following is most likely the result of decreasing levels of ozone in the stratosphere?

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- (a) A decrease in the levels of smog in major cities  
(b) A decrease in the rate of global warming  
(c) An increase in the occurrence of skin cancer in humans  
(d) An increase in photosynthetic activity of phytoplankton.
342. How does the NGT helps in protecting Environment and Ecology?
1. Disposing off cases relating to environment protection
  2. Enforcing legal rights relating to environment
  3. Providing relief and compensation for damages to persons a property on environment related issues.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
343. Consider the following statements:
1. The Narmada valley marks the northern limit of Western Ghats.
  2. Palani hills, Anaimalai hills and Cardamom hills converge at Doda Betta.
  3. Mahendra Giri is highest peak in Eastern Ghats.
- Which among the following are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only (d) All the above
344. Consider the following statements:
1. In predation, one organism kills other and benefits itself
  2. In parasitism, one species inhibits the other and benefits itself.
  3. In amensalism, one species harms the other and benefits itself.
- Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
345. Which of the following are not in- situ conservation?
1. Zoological Park
  2. Sanctuaries
  3. Botanical garden
  4. National Park
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 4
346. Who among the following persons wrote the book 'India Divided'?
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi
  - (b) Dr Rajendra Prasad
  - (c) S.C. Bose
  - (d) Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru
347. Which of the following events influenced the union of moderates and extremists in 1916?
- (a) Swadeshi Movement
  - (b) Home Rule League Movement
  - (c) Morley Minto Reform 1909
  - (d) Outbreak of First World War
348. Consider the following statements regarding All India Trade Union Congress:
1. It was established in 1920 by M G Ranade.
  2. Its first session was presided over by Lala Lajpat Rai.
- 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
349. Consider the following statements:
1. The group of countries presently referred as Baltic states: Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.
  2. The countries that have shorelines along the Baltic Sea: Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, and Sweden.
- 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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350. Which of the following is not a member of 'Gulf Cooperation Council'?

- (a) Iran (b) Saudi Arabia  
(c) Oman (d) Qatar

351. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. IAEA is an autonomous institution established independently of the United Nations.
2. IAEA reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council.

Choose the correct code:

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

352. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. BRICS is the group composed by the five major emerging countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
2. The acronym BRIC was coined by Barclays in 2001.

Choose the correct code:

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

353. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Mauritius lies west of Namibia.
2. The islands of Mauritius are part of the Mascarene Islands.

Choose the correct code:

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

354. Gobi Desert lies in

- (a) China and Kazakhstan  
(b) China and Kyrgyzstan  
(c) China and North Korea  
(d) China and Mongolia

355. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Tibetan Plateau is the world's highest and largest plateau.

2. The Tibetan Plateau is often referred to as "the Roof of the World".

Choose the correct code:

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

356. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. UNHRC Membership is based on equitable geographical distribution and is made of 47 member states.
2. Members of the Council serve for a period of five years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.

Choose the correct code:

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

357. Consider the following statements:

1. The Cold War was waged on political, economic, and propaganda fronts between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies.
2. The term 'Cold War' was first used by the English writer George Orwell in an article published in 1945.

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

358. Consider the following statements:

1. The FATF reviews money laundering and terrorist financing techniques.
2. The FATF's main policies center around their Forty Recommendations on Money Laundering (1990) and the Nine Special Recommendations on Terrorism Funding in 2001.

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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359. Which of the following countries does not border Syria?

- (a) Turkey (b) Iran  
(c) Iraq (d) Lebanon

360. Latakia port lies in which of the following countries?

- (a) Greece (b) Jordan  
(c) Syria (d) Lebanon

361. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. In economic terms, Human capital is an intangible asset or quality not listed on a company's balance sheet.
2. Human capital can be classified as the economic value of a worker's experience and skills.

Choose the correct code:

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

362. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Eleventh Schedule lays down the process by which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection.
2. A legislator is deemed to have defected if he either voluntarily gives up the membership of his party or disobeys the directives of the party leadership on a vote.

Choose the correct code:

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

363. River Gundar lies in which of the following states?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Telangana  
(c) Kerala (d) Odisha

364. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Animal husbandry refers to livestock raising and selective breeding.

2. Department of Animal husbandry is a branch of Ministry of Agriculture.

Choose the correct code:

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

365. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Anti-dumping duty is a tariff imposed on imports manufactured in foreign countries that are priced below the fair market value of similar goods in the domestic market.
2. Anti-dumping duty is imposed to protect local businesses and markets from unfair competition by foreign imports.

Choose the correct code:

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

366. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Fiscal policy refers to the use of government spending and tax policies to influence economic conditions.
2. Fiscal policy is largely based on ideas from John Nash.

Choose the correct code:

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

367. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. An Asset Reconstruction Company (AR(C) is a special type of financial institution that buys the debtors of the bank at a mutually agreed value and attempts to recover the debts or associated securities by itself.
2. ARC is regulated under Companies Act, 2013.

Choose the correct code:

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

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368. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Recession is when the GDP growth rate is negative for two consecutive quarters or more.
2. In Recession, there is drop in the following five economic indicators: real gross domestic product, income, employment, manufacturing, and retail sales.

Choose the correct code:

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

369. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. TRIPS covers most forms of intellectual property including copyright, patents, geographical indications, trademarks, industrial designs, trade secrets, and exclusionary rights over new plant varieties.
2. TRIPS came into force on 1 January 1995.

Choose the correct code:

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

370. Maguri-Motapung wetland lies in

- (a) Assam                      (b) Meghalaya  
(c) Mizoram                      (d) Manipur

371. Which of the following countries borders Gulf of Guinea?

- (a) Namibia                      (b) Algeria  
(c) Mozambique      (d) Ghana

372. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. SAFAR-India function under the MoEFCC.
2. SAFAR was developed by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune.

Choose the correct code:

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

373. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) is an autonomous organization of the Government of India, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
2. INCOIS provides ocean data, information and advisory services to society, industry, the government and the scientific community through sustained ocean observations.

Choose the correct code:

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

374. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. A nanosheet is a two-dimensional nanostructure with thickness in a scale ranging from 1 to 100 nm.
2. A typical example of a nanosheet is graphene, the thinnest two-dimensional material in the world.

Choose the correct code:

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

375. Battle of Talikota led to the downfall of

- (a) Chalukyas                      (b) Rashtakutas  
(c) Eastern Ganga                      (d) Vijaynagar

376. Paracel Islands lie in

- (a) East China Sea                      (b) Sea of Japan  
(c) South China Sea                      (d) Sea of Okhotsk

377. Island of Hainan belongs to

- (a) South Korea                      (b) Japan  
(c) Indonesia                      (d) China

378. Celebes Sea lies between

- (a) Philippines and Indonesia  
(b) Indonesia and Malaysia  
(c) Philippines and China  
(d) China and Vietnam

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379. Nine-dash line is associated with  
(a) Indo-Pacific (b) South China Sea  
(c) Diego Garcia (d) South Atlantic
380. Da Nang Port lies in  
(a) Vietnam (b) China  
(c) Indonesia (d) Malaysia
381. Which of the following is a landlocked country?  
(a) Cambodia (b) Laos  
(c) Jordan (d) Syria
382. Anchorage is a port in  
(a) Portugal (b) East Russia  
(c) Mediterranean (d) Alaska
383. Which of the following is the largest state in the USA?  
(a) California (b) Texas  
(c) Montana (d) Alaska
384. River Teesta flows through the state of  
(a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Sikkim  
(c) Assam (d) Manipur
385. Consider the following statements:  
1. IAEA is widely known as the world's "Atoms for Peace and Development".  
2. IAEA is an independent organisation outside the United Nations family.  
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
386. Which of following statements is/are correct?  
1. Peacekeeping by the United Nations is a role held by the Department of Peace Operations.  
2. Peacekeeping is distinguished from peacebuilding, peacemaking, and peace enforcement.  
Choose the correct code:

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

387. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. PESA is a central legislation that extends the Provisions of the Panchayats, as given in Part IX of the Constitution to the Fifth Schedule Areas.
2. The States with Fifth Schedule Areas that are covered under PESA are Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

Choose the correct code:

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

388. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. NCLAT is the Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders of National Company Law Tribunal.
2. NCLAT is also the appellate tribunal for appeals against Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board.

Choose the correct code:

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

389. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the division of powers between the Union government and State governments.
2. Public Order and Public Health come in Concurrent List.

Choose the correct code:

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

390. Consider the following statements:

1. Foreign direct investment (FDI) is when a company takes controlling ownership in a business entity in another country.
2. Foreign Direct Investments are commonly made in open economies that

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have skilled workforce and growth prospect.

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

391. Tigray region lies in

- (a) Kenya                      (b) Eritrea  
(c) Ethiopia                      (d) Egypt

392. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Unfair trade practices can be defined as any business practice or act that is deceptive, fraudulent, or causes injury to a consumer.
2. A simple definition of unfair advertising is false advertising that misrepresents a product, service, or price.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

393. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. An unlisted company announces initial public offering (IPO) when it decides to raise funds through sale of securities or shares.
2. IPO is the selling of securities to the public in the secondary market.

Choose the correct code:

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

394. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The expression 'Public Interest Litigation' has been borrowed from French jurisprudence.
2. The concept of PILs stems from the power of judicial review.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only

- (c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2

395. Panjnad and Gomol rivers are tributaries of

- (a) River Yamuna                      (b) River Indus  
(c) River Narmada                      (d) River Godavari

396. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Red algae are the newest group of eukaryotic algae.
2. Red algae contain chlorophyll and can prepare their own food.

Choose the correct code:

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

397. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The Ken-Betwa Link Project is the first project under the National Perspective Plan for interlinking of rivers.
2. Ken and Betwa are tributaries of River Ganga.

Choose the correct code:

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

398. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. The SC collegium is headed by the CJI and comprises four other senior most judges of the court.
2. Judges of the higher judiciary are appointed only through the collegium system and the government does not have any role in the appointment.

Choose the correct code:

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

399. UAE shares land borders with

- (a) Saudi Arabia and Oman  
(b) Saudi Arabia and Qatar  
(c) Qatar and Oman  
(d) Qatar and Iraq

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400. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. UAE is the federation of six emirates.
2. Rulers of the emirates serves as President one by one.

Choose the correct code:

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

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## **SECTION – C**

## **GENERAL STUDIES**

## **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

# GENERAL STUDIES – FULL LENGTH TESTS

1. Which of the following were the main objectives of the Theosophical Society?

1. To form a universal brotherhood of man.
2. To spread Christianity in the world
3. To promote the study of ancient religions and philosophies.
4. To make a systematic investigation into the mystic potencies of life and matter, known as Occultism.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

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

2. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct regarding the Cabinet Mission Plan 1946?

1. The plan rejected the demand for separate Pakistan.
2. The residuary power was vested in the hands of provinces.
3. Union of India government was to deal with three subjects: Foreign Affairs, Defense and Communication.
4. The provinces were free to form Groups and each group could determine the provincial subjects to be taken in common.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2      (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1, 2 and 4      (d) All of the above

3. Consider the following statements about Mahayan Buddhism:

1. Deviated from the original teachings of the Buddha.
2. Sought individual salvation through self-discipline and meditation.
3. Believed in the heavenliness of the Buddhas and bodhisattvas and worshipped their images.
4. Developed two chief philosophical systems, the Madhyamika and the Yogachara.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

4. Which of the following books were written by Prince Dara Shikoh?

1. Sirr-i-Akbar
2. Safinat-ul-Auliya
3. Majma-ul-Bahrain
4. Ain-i-Akbari

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 4      (b) 2, 3 and 4  
 (c) 1, 2 and 3      (d) All of the above

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The most famous Bijapuri buildings of Medieval India are the Ibrahim Rauza and the Gol Gumbaz. The former was a mausoleum for Ibrahim Adil Shah and shows the style at its best.
2. Char Minar was constructed by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah.

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

6. Consider the following statements in the context of Indian history:

1. Some sites of Neolithic age were urban in their character.
2. The agriculture started in the Neolithic age.
3. Pottery started for the first time in the Neolithic age
4. All Neolithic sites in India gradually developed into Chalcolithic sites.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Megasthenes mentions that the palace of Chandragupta Maurya, though very large and luxurious, was built of carved and gilded wood.
2. The Mauryan monolithic columns prove that the craftsmen of those days had a thorough mastery of working in stone, and if the great cities of Mauryan times were mainly built of wood, so it indicates that comparative scarceness of stone and the abundance of timber in the Gangetic Plain.

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

8. Mahalwari system was introduced in which of the following provinces?

1. Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, and districts of Banaras.
2. Bombay and Madras.

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Winston Churchill objected to the British government's negotiation with Mahatma Gandhi in Round Table Conference and called Gandhi as "seditious fakir".
2. Baghat Singh and (B)K Dutt, threw a bomb in the Central Legislative Assembly to avenge the death of Lala Lajpat Rai.
3. Khilafat Movement was supported by both Hindus and Muslims.
4. Dada Bhai Naroji worked in England to mobilize public opinion in favour of the Indian National Movement.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 3 and 4                (d) All of the above

10. Who was the President of the Congress during the Surat split between the Moderates and the Extremists?

- (a) Pherozeshah Metha  
(b) Rashbehari Gosh  
(c) M.M. Malviya  
(d) Gopal Krishan Gokhle

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Allara Kalama and UdrakRamputra were the teachers of Buddha.
2. Dhramchakkapavattana refers to the first sermon by Buddha.
3. Uppali and Ananda were the disciples of Buddha.
4. First Buddhist council was held at Patliputra just after the death of Lord Buddha.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 and 3 only                (b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only            (d) All of the above

12. Which of the following statements about the Mauryan age is not correct?

- (a) Crown land was called Sita.  
(b) Shudras were involved in agriculture for the first time during this period.  
(c) There were provisions for irrigation by the state.  
(d) The weights and measures were regulated by the guilds of the traders and merchants.

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The famous Sanchi Stupa was constructed during the Sunga period.
2. The great Mauryan emperor Ashoka constructed the gateway railing which surrounds this Stupa.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements about Muhammad Bin Tughlaq's reign:

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1. He patronized Jaina saint.
  2. He reversed the earlier policy towards the South Indian states and annexed them.
  3. In collection of land revenue, he replaced measurement of land by estimation.
- Which of the above statements are true?
- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only    (d) All of the above
15. Which of the following Mauryan kings is also mentioned in the different sources with the names like Madrasar, Simhasena and Amitrochates?
- (a) Ashoka            (b) Chandragupta  
(c) Bindusara        (d) Dasaratha
16. Consider the following statements:
1. Genetic engineering alters the genetic makeup of an organism using techniques that remove heritable material.
  2. If genetic material from another species is added to the host, the resulting organism is called transgenic.
  3. If genetic material from the same species or a species that can naturally breed with the host is used, the resulting organism is called cisgenic.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only            (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3            (d) All of the above
17. Arrange the following in order of abundance in a typical bacterial cell.
1. Proteins            2. Polysaccharides
  3. RNA                4. DNA
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 2, 1, 3, 4        (b) 1, 3, 2, 4  
(c) 2, 1, 4, 3        (d) 1, 2, 3, 4
18. Blood coagulates outside human body in five to ten minutes. Which one of the following substances is used to stop coagulation and preserve the blood for transfusion?
- (a) Citric acid  
(b) Stearic acid  
(c) Calcium biphosphate  
(d) Sodium citrate
19. Where in the human body is the albumin, one of the major components of blood serum, produced?
- (a) Pancreas            (b) Liver  
(c) Spleen              (d) Pituitary gland
20. The cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation is the direct evidence of which of the following?
- (a) Existence of 'god particle'  
(b) Expansion of the universe  
(c) Presence of gravitational waves  
(d) Theory of relativity
21. Consider the following statements with respect to 3- parent baby?
1. This technology will protect children from all genetic diseases.
  2. It involves gene editing of nuclear DNA biological mother.
- 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
22. Consider the following statements about the Project NETRA:
1. It is an early warning system in the space to detect debris and other hazards to Indian satellites.
  2. The project will involve launch of a satellite by ISRO to track space debris.
  3. It will track and protect all satellites.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only            (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only    (d) All of the above
23. Given below are the names of five autonomous institutes under the Department of Biotechnology (Ministry of

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Science and Technology) in India Match them with the places where they are located and select the correct code:

List I (Institute)	List II (Location)
(A) National Institute of Immunology	1. Hyderabad
(B) National Centre for Cell Sciences	2. New Delhi
(C) Centre for DNA Finger Printing and Diagnostics	3. Manesar
(D) National Brains Research Institute	4. Pune

Choose the correct code:

- (a) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4
- (b) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
- (c) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4
- (d) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1

24. With reference to a Comet, identify the incorrect statement:

1. A comet is a small solar system body made of ice.
2. Comet nuclei range from a few hundred meters to tens of kilometers across.
3. Short period comet originates in the Oort Cloud while longer range originate in the Kuiper belt.
4. Comets have presence of an extended, gravitationally unbound atmosphere surrounding their central nucleus.

Choose the correct code:

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

25. Consider the following statements:

1. In theory, Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells can be used to treat blood disease like thalassaemia, sickle-cell anaemia and haemophilia
2. National Stem Cell Registry is being planned to be created under Ministry of Science & Technology.

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

26. There is no Doppler effect for sound when
  - (a) The source of sound recedes from the observer.
  - (b) The source of sound approaches the observer.
  - (c) The source of sound moves at right angles to the line joining the source and the observer.
  - (d) The source produces a sound of very high frequency.
27. Hydraulic brakes in automobiles work on
  - (a) Bernoulli's principle
  - (b) Posieuille's principle
  - (c) Pascal's principle
  - (d) Archimede's principle
28. Claytronics is related to which of the following?
  - (a) Quantum computing
  - (b) Programmable matter
  - (c) Soil testing
  - (d) Robot to scoop matter from celestial body
29. Pernicious anaemia in humans is caused by the deficiency of
  - (a) Pyridoxine (Vitamin B6)
  - (b) Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B12.
  - (c) Thiamine (Vitamin B1.
  - (d) Pantothenic acid (Vitamin B5)
30. The term 'Distributed Ledger' is used in the context of which of the following technologies?
  - (a) Artificial Intelligence
  - (b) Blockchain Technology
  - (c) Cyber Physical System
  - (d) Internet of Things



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31. In the process of dialysis, used on patients with affected kidneys, the phenomenon involved is
- (a) Diffusion (b) Absorption  
(c) Osmosis (d) Electrophoresis

32. Consider the following statements:

1. A special case of geosynchronous orbit is the geostationary orbit, which is a circular geosynchronous orbit at zero inclination (that is, directly above the Equator).
2. A low earth orbit is the simplest and most cost effective for a satellite placement and provides high bandwidth and low communication latency.

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

33. Haemophilia is extremely rare in women because:

- (a) The female sex hormone, estrogen protects them.  
(b) The female pituitary hormone FSH provides them protection.  
(c) They have no 'Y' chromosome that bears the gene for haemophilia  
(d) The gene for haemophilia is expressed in women only when such genes are paired, which is extremely rare.

34. Consider the following statements about NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development):

1. NABARD is the apex institution in the country which looks after the development of the cottage industry, small industry and village industry, and other rural industries.
2. NABARD refines the financial institutions which finance the rural sector.
3. It regulates the cooperative banks, Regional Rural Banks and Self Help Groups

Choose the correct statements:

- (a) 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All of the above

35. Consider the following statements related to Shares with Differential voting rights (DVRs):

1. The Shares with differential voting rights may either have enhanced or reduced voting rights.
2. Presently, there is no restriction on the Indian Companies for the issuance of shares with differential voting rights.

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

36. Which of the following statements correctly defines the term "Recession"?

- (a) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for two or more successive quarters.  
(b) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for four or more successive quarters.  
(c) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for six or more successive quarters.  
(d) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for ten or more successive quarters.

37. Which among the following factors may possibly lead to depreciation in the value of Rupee?

1. Increase in Exports
2. Outflow of FPIs
3. Decrease in remittances

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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38. Consider the following statements related to Price Stabilization Fund:

1. Presently, it is used only for the market intervention of Pulses and does not include vegetables.
2. This scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

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

39. Which among the following kinds of assistance is/are extended by the Development Banks?

1. Extend Long term loans to Companies.
2. Buying the Shares of the companies to inject capital
3. Extend managerial assistance for the execution of projects.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

40. Consider the following statements related to Small Finance Banks (SFBs):

1. The Small Finance Banks can accept deposits and lend loans only up to Rs. 1 lakh.
2. They are required to extend 75% of their loans towards the priority sectors.
3. They are subjected to all prudential norms and regulations of RBI as applicable to existing commercial banks such as maintenance of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. Which among the following international agencies publishes the "World Digital Competitiveness" report?

- (a) World Economic Forum

(b) UNCTAD

(c) World Bank

(d) International Institute for Management and Development (IMD)

42. With reference to Equalisation levy, consider the following statements:

1. It is tax which is applicable on both Business to Business (B2B) and Business to Customer (B2C) transactions in the digital economy.
2. The tax would be applicable only when the payment is made to non-resident service provider.

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

43. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Green Tribunal was established under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010.
2. During the Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment, 1972, India vowed to provide judicial and administrative remedies for the victims of the pollutants and other environmental damage.
3. The National Green Tribunal is the first body of its kind that is required by its parent statute to apply the "polluter pays" principle and the principle of sustainable development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

44. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Great Indian Bustard?

1. It is found in desert National Park
2. It is listed as critically endangered under IUCN Red list.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only

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- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
45. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Nilgiri Tahr ?
1. It is the State animal of Tamil Nadu
  2. Periyar National Park in Kerala has the highest population of this animal.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
46. India is a party to the Ramsar Convention and has declared many areas as Ramsar sites. Which of the following statements best describes as how we should maintain these sites in the context of this convention?
- (a) Keep all sites completely inaccessible to man so that they will not be exploited.
  - (b) Conserve all the sites through ecosystem approach and permit tourism and recreation only.
  - (c) Conserve all sites through ecosystem approach for a period without any exploitation, with specific criteria and specific period for each site, and then allow sustainable use of them by future generations.
  - (d) Conserve all the sites through ecosystem approach and allow their simultaneous sustainable use.
47. Which of the following are initiatives of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)?
1. Ujala Scheme
  2. Buildings Energy Efficient Program (BEEP)
  3. Super-efficient Air Conditioning Program
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1,2 and 3
48. Dampa Tiger reserve is located in which of the following states?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Manipur  
(c) Mizoram (d) Tripura
49. Land degradation neutrality fund has been created by which of the following?
- (a) Convention on Biodiversity
  - (b) UN Environment Program
  - (c) UN Framework convention on Climate Change
  - (d) United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification
50. Which among the following has the maximum number of national parks?
- (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
  - (b) Arunachal Pradesh
  - (c) Assam
  - (d) Meghalaya
51. Which of the following statements highlight the importance of Mangroves forests?
1. They protect land from coastal erosion.
  2. They act as nature's shield against cyclones, ecological disasters.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
52. Which of the following traditional water harvesting systems is correctly matched?
- (a) Tanka: Bihar
  - (b) Khadin/Dhora: Jharkhand
  - (c) Khuls: Spiti Valley
  - (d) Neeruganti: Orissa
53. Calcium in the bones gets replaced by an element which is liberated during a nuclear explosion. That element is:-
- (a) Magnesium
  - (b) Barium
  - (c) Strontium
  - (d) Radium
54. Consider the following statements:
1. El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is an irregularly periodical climate change

caused by the variations in the sea surface temperatures over the tropical eastern Pacific Ocean. The warming phase is known as the El Nino and the cooling phase as La Nina.

2. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is defined by the difference in the sea surface temperature between the two equatorial areas of the Indian Ocean – a western pole near the Arabian Sea and an eastern pole closer to the Bay of Bengal.
3. The Indian monsoon is invariably influenced by the IOD but the IOD does not affect the climate of Australia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. The equator does not pass through which of the following countries?

- (a) Maldives                (b) Indonesia  
(c) Malaysia                (d) Somalia

56. Consider the following statements:

1. Myristica trees grows in saline water swamp forests.
2. Myristica trees are abundant in parts of Maharashtra and Karnataka.

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

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Critically endangered is the highest risk category assigned by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List to wild species.
2. Malabar Civet, Ganges Shark, Andaman white-toothed shrew are critically endangered animals of India.

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

58. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Bird life International:

1. It is the world's largest nature conservation Partnership.
2. It identifies the sites referred to as 'Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas'.
3. Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) is its partner organisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. Consider the following statements:

1. The Dharwar system is very well developed in the Dharwar-Bellary-Mysore belt of Karnataka(a) It also occurs in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa
2. In the extra-peninsular region, the Dharwar system is well represented in the Himalayas, both in the central and northern zones, as well as in the Meghalaya plateau.
3. The Dharwars are economically the most important rocks because they possess valuable minerals like high grade iron-ore, manganese, copper, lead, gold et(c)

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements:

1. The Vindhyan system comprises ancient sedimentary rocks superimposed on the Archaen base.
2. The lower Vindhyan is marine in origin, mostly calcareous in nature and shows tectonic deformation by folding movements.
3. The Upper Vindhyan beds enclose two diamond bearing horizons, from which Panna and Golconda diamonds have been mined.



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4. The Vindhyan system, on the whole, is full of metalliferous minerals.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 4
61. Consider the following statements:  
1. Fire corals are invasive species of coral which have the capacity to dominate.  
2. Snowflake coral is one of the rarest and most endangered species of corals.  
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
62. Consider the following statements:  
1. Ecotone is a transition area between two biospheres.  
2. Sere is an intermediate stage found in ecological succession in an ecosystem.  
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
63. Which of the following lakes lies on the equator?  
(a) Lake Victoria (b) Lake Malawi  
(c) Lake Nasser (d) None of these
64. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Reefs:  
1. Fringing reefs are separated from their adjacent land mass by a lagoon of open, often deep water.  
2. Barrier reefs grow at border shorelines, but at a greater distance.  
3. Atolls are usually circular or oval, with a central lagoon.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above
65. South Sudan touches which of the following set of countries?  
(a) Sudan, Central African Republic, Uganda and Chad.  
(b) Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Central African Republic and Zaire.  
(c) Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Central African Republic.  
(d) Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zaire.
66. Consider the following statements w.r.t. State of Forest Report 2019:  
1. Forest cover as percentage of total geographical area is highest in Meghalaya.  
2. Mangrove cover has been separately reported in the report.  
3. Top three states showing mangrove cover increase are Gujarat followed by Maharashtra and Odisha.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
67. Consider the following statements:  
1. Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest is calculated for a period of 60 years.  
2. People's Forests Report was released by Forest Advisory Committee.  
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
68. Arrange the following lakes of North America in sequence of north to south:  
(a) Great Slave Lake, Lake Athabasca, Great Bear Lake and Lake Ontario.  
(b) Great Bear Lake, Lake Athabasca, Great Slave Lake and Lake Ontario.  
(c) Great Bear Lake, Great Slave Lake, Lake Athabasca and Lake Ontario.  
(d) Lake Athabasca, Great Slave Lake, Great Bear Lake and Lake Ontario.



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69. Which of the following states border the state of Telangana?

1. Maharashtra 2. Karnataka
3. Chhattisgarh 4. Odisha

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1, 3 and 4  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) All of the above

70. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Green Credit Scheme:

1. It functions under the provisions of Forest Rights Act, 2006.
2. It addresses the concerns linked with compensatory afforestation.

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

71. Consider the following statements:

1. Gibraltar Strait separates the Iberian Peninsula and Morocco.
2. It is the only outlet of the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.
3. Catalonia region is located in Southern Spain.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following statements:

1. Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is a tiger reserve in Maharashtra.
2. Andhari, a minor river in Wainganga basin flows through Tadoba-Andhari tiger reserve.
3. Wainganga is the tributary of Narmada.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following statements:

1. Caspian Sea touches Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
2. The capital of Kazakhstan is Bishkek.
3. Balkhash Lake is situated in Kazakhstan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. 'Secure 20 by 2020' is an agreement to conserve:

- (a) Tiger  
(b) Clouded Leopard  
(c) Snow Leopard  
(d) Cheetah

75. Pania Sanctuary is a habitat for protection of

- (a) One-horned Rhinoceros  
(b) Lion  
(c) Snow Leopard  
(d) Elephant

76. Laokhowa Reserve Forest is situated in the state of

- (a) Meghalaya (b) Mizoram  
(c) Manipur (d) Assam

77. Which of the following is not an Asian Rhino Range country?

- (a) Malaysia (b) Indonesia  
(c) Thailand (d) Bhutan

78. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Elephant corridors:

1. Among state corridors, maximum numbers of them are located in Mizoram.
2. Among, inter-state corridors, maximum are shared by Jharkhand and West Bengal.
3. Maximum International corridors India shares with Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only

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- (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
79. Which of the following is not a partner of International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)?  
 (a) CITES  
 (b) INTERPOL  
 (c) World Customs Union  
 (d) IMF
80. Consider the following statements w.r.t. BIOFIN in India:  
 1. It is hosted by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).  
 2. It gets its technical assistance from Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP).  
 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
81. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI):  
 1. It is established under Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.  
 2. It is established under the Ministry of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.  
 3. Rukmini Devi Arundale was its first chairperson.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above
82. The Jamdani style is the famous traditional sari of which country?  
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) India  
 (c) Bangladesh (d) Nepal
83. Which of the following writs can be issued against administrative authorities?  
 (a) Prohibition, Certiorari & Mandamus.  
 (b) Certiorari & Mandamus.

- (c) Prohibition & Mandamus  
 (d) Prohibition & Certiorari.

84. The Directive Principles were made non-justiciable and legally non-enforceable because  
 1. the country did not possess sufficient financial resources to implement them.  
 2. there was widespread backwardness in the country that could stand in the way of implementation.  
 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
85. According to the Punchhi commission what is the order of precedence that ought to be followed by the governor in case of a hung house to form the government?  
 1. The single largest party with support of others  
 2. The group with the largest pre poll alliance commanding the largest number;  
 3. The post-electoral coalition with all parties joining the government  
 4. The post electoral alliance with some parties joining the government and remaining including Independents supporting from outside.  
 Choose the correct code in the order of precedence?  
 (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 2, 1, 3, 4  
 (c) 1, 2, 4, 3 (d) 2, 1, 4, 3
86. Consider the following statements regarding the legislative powers of the President:  
 1. He can address the Parliament at the commencement of the first session after each general election and the first session of each year.  
 2. He can appoint any member of the Lok Sabha to preside over its proceedings when the offices of both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker fall vacant.

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- 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. Which of the following Articles of the Constitution broadly govern the relationship between the Prime Minister and the President?  
 1. Article 75 2. Article 73  
 3. Article 74 4. Article 78  
 Choose the correct code:  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 4
88. Which of the following statements correctly explain the differences between the Fundamental rights and other legal rights?  
 1. An ordinary legal right can be changed by the legislature in its ordinary process; the Fundamental Rights can be amended only by a Special Majority (Article 368).  
 2. An ordinary legal right can be suspended or abridged by law of legislature, but Fundamental Rights cannot be suspended or abridged except in the manners laid down in the Constitution itself.  
 3. Fundamental Rights are justiciable, but the other legal rights are not.  
 Code:  
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1 and 3 (d) All of the above
89. In the event of the resignation or death of the Prime Minister  
 (a) the Council of Ministers stands automatically dissolved.  
 (b) the senior most member of the Council of Ministers automatically becomes the Prime Minister.  
 (c) The Lok Sabha stands automatically dissolved and fresh elections must be held within six months.  
 (d) the President can take any of the above actions.
90. With reference to Lok Adalats, which of the following statements is correct?  
 (a) Lok Adalats have the jurisdiction to settle the matters at the pre-litigative stage and the not those matters pending before the court  
 (b) Lok Adalats can deal with matters which are civil and not criminal in nature  
 (c) Every Lok Adalat consist of either serving or retired judicial officers only and not any other person  
 (d) None of the statements given above is correct.
91. Which of the following are included in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?  
 1. A dispute between the Government of India and one or more States  
 2. A dispute regarding elections to either House of the Parliament or that of Legislature of a State  
 3. A dispute between the Government of India and a Union Territory  
 4. A dispute between two or more states  
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1 and 4 (d) 3 and 4
92. Consider the following provisions under the Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in the Constitution of India:  
 1. Securing for citizens of India a uniform civil code  
 2. Organizing village Panchayats  
 3. Promoting cottage industries in rural areas  
 4. Securing for all the workers reasonable leisure and cultural opportunities  
 Which of the above are the Gandhian Principles that are reflected in the Directive Principles of State Policy?  
 (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
93. What is the provision to safeguard the autonomy of the Supreme Court of India?

1. While appointing the Supreme Court Judges, the President of India has to consult the Chief Justice of India.
2. The Supreme Court Judges can be removed by the Chief Justice of India only.
3. The salaries of the Judges are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India to which the legislature does not have to vote.
4. All appointments of officers and staffs of the Supreme Court of India are made by the Government only after consulting the Chief Justice of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. The UPSC submits an annual report on its work to
- (a) the President  
(b) the Parliament  
(c) the Union Home Minister  
(d) the Chief Justice of India
95. Which one of the following Committees contains representatives of both the House viz. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha?
- (a) Business Advisory Committee  
(b) Rules Committee  
(c) Public Accounts Committee  
(d) Committee on Public Undertakings
96. The proceedings in the Lok Sabha cannot be conducted unless there is quorum. How this quorum is ensured?
- (a) The Speaker counts the heads at the time of commencement of proceedings at first session every day.  
(b) The Parliamentary Secretary keeps record of attendance of members and informs the Speaker about lack of quorum.  
(c) The attendance registered kept at the entrance is monitored.  
(d) The lack of quorum is bought to the notice of the Speaker by the members.

97. Any law referred to in article 2 or article 3 may contain such provisions for the amendment of which of the following:
1. Schedule 1 of the Constitution
  2. Schedule 4 of the Constitution
  3. Schedule 7 of the Constitution
  4. Schedule 11 of the Constitution
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only    (d) 2 and 4 only

98. How is the Money Bill different from a Financial Bill?
1. A Money Bill includes all the aspects of budget, whereas Financial Bill is only an Ordinary Bill.
  2. A Money Bill shall be introduced only in the Lok Sabha, whereas a financial Bill can be introduced in either House of the Parliament.
  3. A Money Bill cannot be rejected by the Rajya Sabha, whereas Financial Bill can be rejected by the Rajya Sabha.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only    (d) All are correct

99. Which of the following statements is wrong?
1. The proclamation of national emergency must be approved by both the houses of Parliament within two months from the date of its issue.
  2. If approved by both the houses of parliament, the emergency continues for one year.
  3. A proclamation of emergency can be revoked by the President at any time but not less than six months.
  4. The laws made by the Parliament on the state subjects during a national emergency become inoperative one year after the emergency has ceased to operate.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 3 and 4

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- (c) None of the above  
(d) All of the above
100. The Consolidated Fund of India is a fund in which
- All taxes collected by Union as well as state governments are deposited
  - All money received by or on behalf of the Government of India is deposited
  - The Union as well as state governments make equal contribution to this fund and out of this, all charged expenses are met
  - Savings of the Union and state governments are deposited to meet unforeseen expenses.
101. Which of the following rates are determined by the Reserve Bank of India?
- Primary Lending Rate (PLR)
  - Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
  - Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
  - Bank Rate
- Choose the correct code:
- 1 and 4 only
  - 2, 3 and 4
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - All of the above
102. Consider the following statements regarding the judicial powers of the Governor:
- He makes appointments, postings and promotions of the District Judges in consultation with the State High Court.
  - He is consulted by the President while appointing the Judges of the concerned State High Court.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
103. The judges of the High Court can be removed from their office during their tenure
- by the Governor, if the State Legislature passes a resolution to this effect by two-thirds majority.
  - by the Chief Justice on the recommendation of the Parliament.
  - by the President on the basis of a resolution passed by the Parliament by two thirds majority.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 3 only
  - All of the above
104. Which one of the following set of states touches the border of Myanmar?
- Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland
  - Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram
  - Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Assam
  - Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh
105. With respect to WTO functions, identify the correct statements:
- Overseeing the implementation, administration and operation of the covered agreements.
  - Reviewing and propagating the national trade policies are outside the ambit of WTO.
  - WTO is also a centre of economic research and analysis.
  - WTO cooperates closely with the IMF and the World Bank.
- Choose the correct code:
- All of the above
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - 1, 3 and 4
  - 2, 3 and 4
106. Which among the following is not among micronutrients required for plants?
- Molybdenum
  - Magnesium
  - Manganese
  - Zinc
107. Which one of the following sets of states touch the boundary of Bangladesh?
- Sikkim, West Bengal, Meghalaya, Manipur
  - Sikkim, Tripura, Assam, Nagaland



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- (c) West Bengal, Manipur, Mizoram, Assam  
(d) West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Mizoram

108. Ten Degree Channel is situated between-

- (a) Little Andman and South Andman  
(b) Little Nicobar and Great Nicobar  
(c) Middle Andman and North Andman  
(d) Little Andman and Car Nicobar

109. Consider the following statements:

1. The official language of the Satavahans was Prakrit.
2. 'Gatha Saptasati' (a Prakrit text) is attributed to a Satavahana king 'Hala'.
3. The Satavahans started the practice of granting tax-free villages to Brahmins and Buddhist monks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

110. Which of the following statements about Raja Ram Mohan Roy are correct?

1. He campaigned against the practice of Sati and succeeded in getting it abolished by the British Government.
2. He championed women's rights, like the right of inheritance and property.
3. He attacked polygamy and the degraded condition of widows.
4. He fought for the spread of traditional education through the medium of Sanskrit.
5. He made Bengali the vehicle of intellectual discourse in Bengal.

Select the answer from the codes below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 5 (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5

111. Consider the following statements regarding the Indus Valley Civilization:

1. The people of this civilization worshipped trees.
2. Animals were also worshiped and many of them are represented on seals. The

most important of them is the one-horned animal unicorn.

3. There was no social differentiation in this civilization.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

112. Which of the following persons were the illustrious members of the 'Servants of India Society'?

1. Gopal Ganesh Agarkar
2. N M Joshi
3. H N Kunzru
4. Shri Ram Bajpai
5. Jyotiba Phule

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 3, 4 and 5 (d) 1, 3 and 5

113. Consider the following statements:

1. The preamble to the Indian Constitution is based on the 'Objectives Resolution', drafted and moved by Jawaharlal Nehru, and adopted by the Constituent Assembly.
2. It (the preamble) has been amended by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act 1976., which added three new words- socialist, secular and integrity.

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

114. Which of the following statements about Sir Syed Ahmad Khan are correct?

1. He fought against medieval obscurantism and advocated a rational approach towards religion.
2. He asked for a reinterpretation of the Quran in the light of reason to suit the new trends of the time.

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3. He founded a modern school, at Aligarh in 1875, which became the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in 1877 and later a full-fledged university.
4. He founded the Muhammadan Educational Conference in 1886 as a general forum for spreading liberal ideas among the Muslims.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3      (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 4      (d) All of the above

115. Consider the following statements:

1. According to Article 29 1. of the Indian Constitution "No citizen shall be denied admission into any educational institution maintained by the state or receiving aid out of state funds on grounds only of religion, race, caste, language or any of them."
2. According to Article 29 2. of the Indian Constitution "Any section of the citizens residing in the territory of India or any part thereof having a distinct language, script or culture of his own shall have the right to conserve the same".

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

116. Consider the following statements regarding the Directive Principles of State Policy (D.P.S.P.) and Fundamental Rights of the Indian Constitution: -

1. The D.P.S.P. are instrument of instructions of the government. They contain positive commands to the state to promote a social and welfare state.
2. The Fundamental Rights are limitations upon the state actions. They contain negative injunctions to the state not to do various things.
3. The scope of D.P.S.P. is larger. The D.P.S.P. set the guidelines in the larger interest of community, for achieving

socialistic goals through democratic methods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

117. Who was the author of the book, "The Indian War of Independence, 1857"?

- (a) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan  
(b) V D Savarkar  
(c) S R Sharma  
(d) R C Majumdar

118. Which of the following statements about the Justice Movement are true?

1. It was a movement of the intermediate castes against Brahmin predominance in government service and politics.
2. It was launched around 1915-16.
3. It was a lower caste movement against the Brahmin supremacy.
4. It was anti-British in nature.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

119. Consider the following statements:

1. The Lepaksi wall-paintings of the Vijaynagar period show an impressive improvement in the art style.
2. In these wall-paintings, there is a greater emphasis on display of iconographic forms and mythological stories.

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

120. Which of the following statements about the Pabna Movement are true?

1. The main cause of this movement was the oppression of the peasants by the zamindars.

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2. The peasants organized no-rent unions, and even made armed attacks on the zamindars and their agents.
3. It was finally put down by the use of force.
4. The government on the basis of the recommendations of a committee passed an act conferring permanency of tenure upon some classes of tenants.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3      (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 4      (d) All of the above

121. Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the following associations?

1. Poona Sarvjanik Sabha
2. Indian Association of Calcutta
3. Madras Mahajan Sabha
4. Bombay Presidency Association

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1 – 2 – 3 – 4      (b) 2 – 3 – 4 – 1  
(c) 1 – 4 – 2 – 3      (d) 3 – 2 – 1 – 4

122. Which of the following statements about Tilak is/are incorrect?

1. He believed that political freedom should precede social reforms.
2. He favoured initiative by the Congress in the matters of social reforms.
3. He opposed the British Government's initiative in the matter of social reforms.
4. He did not consider social and political reforms to be interlinked.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

123. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below:

List I	List II
(A) Foundation of Women's	1. Lord Lansdowne

University

- (B) Creation of 2. Lord Curzon  
Governorship of Bengal
- (C) Ancient 3. Lord Hardinge  
Monuments II
- (D) Indian Councils 4. Lord  
Act of 1891 Chelmsford

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) A-2; B-1; C-3; D-4  
(b) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-2  
(c) A-3; B-4; C-2; D-1  
(d) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1

124. Consider the following statements:

1. During medieval period of India "Kimkhab" was a gorgeous and highly ornamented fabric, with silk and gold embroidery.
2. Akbar's youth is aptly mirrored in the 'Hamzah Namah' illustrations, which are full of suspense and mystery.

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

125. Which of the following were included in the positive programmes of the Non-Cooperation Movement?

1. Establishment of national schools, colleges and private arbitration courts.
2. Popularisation of swadeshi and revival of khadi.
3. Removal of untouchability for Harijan welfare.
4. Emancipation and upliftment of women.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 3 and 4      (d) All of the above

26. The phenomenon of El-Nino is associated with the:

- (a) Agulhas Current

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- (b) Benguela Current
- (c) Humboldt Current
- (d) East Australian Current

127. Consider the following statements:

1. Muziris was an ancient seaport and urban centre in south-eastern India.
2. Muziris has found mention in the Sangam literature and a number of classical European historical sources.
3. The port was a key to trade between southern India and the Greeks and the Roman Empire.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements:

1. The Nagar style of temple construction was found only in north India.
2. Its main characteristic feature was the tall curved spiral roof over the chief room, called the Garbhagriha.
3. The most representative temples of this type are the group of temples at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and temples at Bhubaneswar in Orissa.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

129. Which of the following plant hormones controls fruit ripening?

- (a) Auxin
- (b) Ethylene
- (c) Gibberellin
- (d) Zeatin

130. Consider the following statements about Tipu Sultan:

1. Tipu entered into negotiations with the Revolutionary France.
2. Tipu sent a diplomatic mission to Arabia, Afghanistan and Turkey to forge an anti-British front.

3. Tipu planted a 'tree of liberty' at his capital Seringapatnam and became a member of the Jacobian Club.

Choose the correct statement(s):

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

131. When a person, after a certain degree of exertion, suffers from pain in the chest or below the collar bones in the event of inadequate supply of oxygen to the heart muscles, he is said to suffer from

- (a) coronary thrombosis
- (b) myocardial infarction
- (c) angina pectoris
- (d) arteriosclerosis

132. Consider the following statements:

1. A tectonic plate is a massive, irregularly-shaped slab of solid rock, generally composed of both continental and oceanic lithospheres.
2. Arabian plate is a major plate and Antarctica plate is a minor plate.

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

133. Double fertilization is a special feature of

- (a) angiosperms
- (b) ferns
- (c) gymnosperms
- (d) mosses

134. The theory of 'jumping genes' was propounded by

- (a) Gregor Johann Mendel
- (b) Thomas Hunt Morgan
- (c) Barbara McClintock
- (d) Watson and Crick

135. Which of the following mountains are not Fold Mountains?

- 1. Andes
- 2. Satpura range
- 3. Sierra Nevada
- 4. Arakan Yoma

Select the correct code-

- (a) 2 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4

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- (c) 2, 3 and 4      (d) 2 and 3 only

136. Which of the following statements about salinity is not correct?

- (a) Salinity is directly related to precipitation.
- (b) There exists a direct relationship between the rate of evaporation and salinity.
- (c) Low salinity is found near the mouth of a river.
- (d) The salinity is the highest at the tropics and decreases towards the poles and the equator.

137. Commercially, the production of ammonia is important because it is used in the

- (a) manufacture of proteins by polymerization.
- (b) preparation of soaps.
- (c) manufacture of artificial foods.
- (d) production of fertilizers.

138. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I	List II
(A) Isotherm	1. The incoming solar radiation
(B) Insolation	2. The percentage of visible light reflected by an object
(C) Albedo	3. The lines joining the places of equal temperature
(D) Annual range	4. The difference between the mean temperature of the warmest and the coldest months.

Codes:

- (a) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4
- (b) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1
- (c) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4
- (d) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4

139. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I	List II
(A) Mid-oceanic Ridge	1. It is a flat topped seamount. It shows evidences of gradual subsidence through stages to become flat topped submerged mountains.
(B) Guyots	2. These are low islands found in the tropical oceans consisting of coral reefs surrounding a central depression.
(C) Atoll	3. These are deep valleys. They are sometimes found cutting across the continental shelves and slopes, often extending from the mouths of large rivers.
(D) Submarine Canyons	4. It is composed of two chain mountains separated by a large depression.

Codes:

- (a) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4
- (b) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3
- (c) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3
- (d) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2

140. Which of the following is different from the other three on the basis of their locations?

- (a) Canary Current      (b) Benguela Current
- (c) Guinea Current      (d) Labrador Current

141. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I (Forests)	List II (Trees)
(A) Tropical	1. Oak,



- |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Evergreen forests              | Chestnut, Deodar             |
| (B) Tropical Deciduous forests | 2. Khejri, Palas, Khair      |
| (C) Tropical Thorn forests     | 3. Teak, Sal, Semul, Kusum   |
| (D) Montane forests            | 4. Rosewood, Mhaogany, Ebony |

Codes:

- (a) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4  
(b) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1  
(c) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1  
(d) A-4; B-2; C-3; D-1

142. Glycogen is often known as  
(a) animal starch (b) a hormone  
(c) alginic acid (d) cellulose

143. The ecological foot print is a measure of ecological impact of  
1. consumption of food, forest products and other resources.  
2. deforestation  
3. land use for roads, buildings, power plants and garbage dumps.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

144. Coal is regarded as the worst environmental pollutant when burnt, because its burning releases larger amounts of

1. Carbon dioxide 2. Sulphur dioxide  
3. Nitrogen oxides 4. Methane

Which of the above are correct?

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

145. The Kaladan Multimodal Transport Project connects

- (a) Tripura with Bangladesh  
(b) Manipur with Myanmar

- (c) Assam with Bangladesh  
(d) Mizoram with Myanmar

146. Which of the following statements about natural gas are true?

1. Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel.  
2. Saudi Arabia has the highest natural gas reserves.  
3. Methane is a major component of natural gas.  
4. The natural gas is a product of tiny plants and animals of past ages.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

147. The biosphere is the zone of earth where life is found It includes parts of:

1. hydrosphere 2. lithosphere  
3. stratosphere 4. troposphere

Select the correct answer from the given codes:

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

148. Consider the following statements:

1. Apogee is the farthest point from the earth. Perigee is the closest point to the earth and it is in this stage that the Moon appears larger.  
2. The apogee and perigee of the moon have an effect on the tides here on the Earth. When the Moon is at apogee, it has less gravitational pull which, along with other factors that influence the tides, can contribute to lower tides or lower variation in the high/low tide level.

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

149. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I (Theories)

List II  
(Propounder)

- |                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| (A) Continental drift theory   | 1. Harry Hess |
| (B) Sea-floor spreading theory | 2. Reid       |
| (C) Convection current theory  | 3. Wegener    |
| (D) Elastic rebound theory     | 4. Holmes     |

Codes:

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2  
(b) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4  
(c) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2  
(d) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3

150. The Constitution of India lays down which of the following qualification(s) for the appointment of a person as a Governor?

1. He should be a citizen of India
2. He should make and subscribe before the person authorized by the Election Commission, an oath or affirmation according to the form prescribed in the Third Schedule
3. He should have completed the age of 30 years.
4. He should possess other qualifications prescribed by the Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

151. The writ of Habeas Corpus is not issued in which of the following cases?

1. Where the order of imprisonment or detention is ultra-virus the statute which authorizes the imprisonment or detention.
2. Where the person against whom the writ is issued or the person who is detained is not within the jurisdiction of the Court.

3. To secure the release of a person who has been imprisoned by a court of law on criminal charges.

4. To interfere with a proceeding for contempt by a Court of record or by the Parliament.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 4 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(d) All of the above

152. With reference to the Doctrine of Lapse, consider the following statements:

1. The chief instrument through which Lord Dalhousie implemented his policy of annexation was the 'Doctrine of Lapse'.
2. Satara was the first Indian state to be annexed by application of the Doctrine of Lapse.
3. Oudh was the second Indian state to be annexed by application of the Doctrine of Lapse.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

153. Consider the following statements:

1. The Charter Act of 1833 had declared all offices in India open to all merit, irrespective of nationality or colour.
2. The Charter Act of 1853 had provided for the holding of a competitive examination in London for recruitment to higher services under the Company.
3. Satyendranath Tagore was the first Indian to qualify for the coveted service.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

154. Consider the following statements about Lala Lajpat Rai:

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1. He was associated in the foundation of the DAV College, Lahore.
2. He was the founder and editor of "the Punjabi" and "the Vande Mataram".
3. He was the editor of the English weekly "the People".

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

155. Which of the following pairs is incorrectly matched?

- (a) New India: Bipinchandra Pal  
(b) BandeMataram: Rabindranath Tagore  
(c) Sandhya: BrahmabandhavUpadhyaya  
(d) Yugantar: Bhupendranath Dutta

156. Consider the following statements:

1. The evidence of the furrowed field during the Harappan age has come from Kalibangan.
2. The stone was not used in the buildings and houses during Harappn age.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

157. Nasik inscription is associated with which of the following Satavahana king?

- (a) Simuka  
(b) Sri Satkarni  
(c) Rudradaman  
(d) GautamiputraSatkarni

58. Which among the following factors are essential for 'blood coagulation'?

1. Vitamin K
2. Calcium ions ( $\text{Ca}^{++}$ )
3. Christmas factor

Which of the above are correct?

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

159. Which of the following is also called "National Income":

- (a) Gross Domestic Product at Market Cost  
(b) Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost  
(c) Net National Product at Market Cost  
(d) Net National Product at Factor Cost

160. Which of the following are included in the capital receipts?

1. Loans raised by the government from the public which are called market borrowings.
2. Borrowing by the government from the Reserve Bank and commercial banks and other financial institutions through the sale of treasury bills.
3. Loans received from foreign governments and international organizations and recoveries of loans granted by the central government.
4. Small savings like Post-Office Savings Accounts, National Savings Certificates, etc.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 1, 2 and 3                (d) All of the above

161. Which of the following ecosystems is considered to be most biologically diverse of all ecosystems?

- (a) Wetlands                    (b) Estuaries  
(c) Rain forests                (d) Shallow sea

162. Consider the following statements about the Law Commission:

1. The Law Commission is a British legacy.
2. The first Law Commissioner was Lord Macaulay.
3. The first Law Commission of Independent India was constituted in 1950.
4. The 1st Law Commissioner of Independent India was MC Setalvad, the then Attorney General of India.

Which of the following statements above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3                    (b) 1, 2 and 4

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- (c) 2, 3 and 4      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

163. Consider the following statements:

1. Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless and toxic gas produced when organic materials, like natural gas, coal or wood are incompletely burnt.
2. Vehicular exhausts are the largest single source of carbon monoxide.

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

164. Consider the following statements:

1. Minor forest produce includes all non-timber forest produce of plant origin.
2. Minor Forest Produce is a major source of livelihood for tribals and dwellers of forest.
3. TRIFED helps in selling the minor forest produce.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

165. Consider the following statements:

1. These are formed in the areas of high temperature and high rainfall.
2. Lime and Silica are leached away in soils and iron oxide and aluminium compound are left behind(d)
3. They are poor in organic matter, nitrogen, phosphate and calcium.
4. They are widely cut as bricks for use in house construction.

Which of the soils type is well characterized by the above said statements?

- (a) Red and Yellow soils  
(b) Arid and Semi-arid soils  
(c) Saline and Alkaline soils  
(d) Laterite soils

166. Consider the following statements:

1. CFCs (chlorofluoro-carbons) are extremely stable, non-toxic and harmless.
2. CFCs are used in making foam mattresses and cushions, disposable styrofoam cups, glasses, packaging material for insulation and cold storage.
3. Dobson unit is a measure of the thickness of the ozone layer by an equivalent layer of pure gas at normal temperature and pressure at sea level.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

167. Consider the following statements:

1. In bhabar region soil is very porous and all streams reappear in this zone.
2. Terai region is more marked in the western part than the eastern part.
3. The khadar represents the uplands formed by the deposition of the older alluvium and lie above the flood limit of the plains.
4. The younger alluvium of the flood plains of the numerous rivers is called the bhangar.

Correct statements are:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3  
(b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) All of the above  
(d) None of the above

168. Which of the following passes lies on the Ladakh range?

- (a) ZojiLa              (b) Banihal  
(c) Photu La          (d) Khardung La

169. Which of the statements are NOT correct?

1. Westerlies and Polar winds are permanent winds that blow throughout the year.
2. Winds blowing from subtropical high pressure belt to sub-polar low pressure belt are called Trade winds.

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3. The Westerlies blow from sub-tropical high pressure belts towards Equatorial low Pressure belt.
4. The Monsoons are the winds which reverse their direction with the change in season.

Code:

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

170. Consider the statements.

1. The process in which sedimentary fragments becomes compact to form rocks is called lithification.
2. The process of metamorphism in which rocks, grains or minerals get arranged in layers is called foliation.
3. The arrangement of different minerals into alternating thin to thick layers is called banding.

The correct statements are:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All the above            (d) None of the above

171. Which among the following statement is not correct?

- (a) Kolleru is the largest fresh water lake of India located between the deltas of Godavari and Mahanadi.
- (b) Loktak lake is the largest fresh water lake in north-east India.
- (c) Vambanad lake is the largest lake in Kerala.
- (d) The Tulbul project is a 'navigation Lock-cum-control structure' at the mouth of the Wular lake.

172. Consider the following statements:

1. Most of the red soils have come into existence due to weathering of ancient crystalline and metamorphic rocks.
2. Red soils are poor in lime, magnesia, phosphatic nitrogen and humus, but are fairly rich in potash.
3. Regur are formed in the areas of high temperature and high rainfall with alternate wet & dry period.

4. Rajasthan has largest area under the saline soil.

The correct statements are:

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

173. Consider the following statements:

1. The rivers of Peninsular India are much older; some of them are as old as the Pre-Cambrian period.
2. Extra-Peninsular rivers generally have large basin areas.
3. River capturing is a common phenomenon in the peninsular river system.
4. Most of the Indian rivers have consequent drainage system with dendritic pattern.

The correct statements are:

- (a) 1 and 2                    (b) 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                (d) All of the above

174. Coral polyps are short-lived microscopic organisms, which live in colonies. Consider the statements about corals?

1. Corals flourish in shallow, mud free and cold waters.
2. They secrete Calcium Carbonate.
3. The coral secretion and their skeletons deposit in the form of reefs.
4. The Great Barrier Reef of Australia is the largest coral reefs in the world.

Select the wrong statement from the code given below:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) None of the above

175. Consider the following statements:

1. Eutrophication generally promotes excessive plant growth and decay, favouring simple algae and plankton over other more complicated plants, and causes a severe reduction in water quality.
2. Estuaries tend to be naturally eutrophic because land-derived nutrients are



concentrated where run-off enters a confined channel.

Choose the correct code:

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

176. Consider the following statements:

1. Mitochondrial DNA replacement therapy would allow women who have mutations in the DNA of their Mitochondria, the organelles that provide chemical energy for cells, to have genetically related children who do not carry the mutations.
2. Mitochondria are passed on through the egg cell, so the disease is inherited through the mother.

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

177. What would happen if phytoplankton of an ocean is completely destroyed for some reason?

1. The ocean as a carbon sink would be adversely affected.
2. The food chains in the ocean would be adversely affected.
3. The density of ocean water would drastically decrease.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

178. Lentic and Lotic Biomes are the part of which of the following ecosystems?

- (a) Marine Ecosystem  
(b) Freshwater Ecosystem  
(c) Domesticated ecosystems  
(d) Terrestrial Ecosystems

179. Consider the following statements about food chain and biomass:

1. Marine environments can have inverted biomass pyramids.
2. When energy is transferred from one trophic level to the next, typically only ten percent is used to build new biomass. The remaining ninety percent goes to metabolic processes or is dissipated as heat.

Choose the correct code:

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

180. If a vote of 'no confidence' is passed against a Minister

- (a) he has to tender his resignation  
(b) the whole Council of Ministers has to resign  
(c) the minister, as well as, the Prime Minister have to tender their resignations  
(d) there is no impact.

181. Consider the following statements about Ecological Footprint:

1. It represents the amount of biologically productive land and sea area necessary to supply the resources a human population consumes, and to assimilate associated waste.
2. Ecological footprint is calculated by IPCC after every three years.

Choose the correct code:

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

182. Consider the following statements:

1. Biomes are defined by genetic, taxonomic, or historical similarities.
2. In terrestrial biomes, species diversity tends to correlate positively with net primary productivity, moisture availability, and temperature.

Choose the correct code:

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

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183. The Legislative Council in a state can be abolished by the Parliament on the recommendation of

- (a) the Governor
- (b) the State Legislative Assembly
- (c) the President
- (d) the Prime Minister

184. Usually each state has a High Court, but a common High Court for two or more states or for two or more states, and union territories can be established by

- (a) the Parliament
- (b) the President
- (c) the Chief Justice of India
- (d) All the above jointly

185. Which of the following environmentalist first gave the concept of Biodiversity 'Hotspots'?

- (a) Gaylord Nelson
- (b) Norman Myers
- (c) John Muir
- (d) Julia 'Butterfly' Hill

186. Consider the following:

- 1. Photosynthesis
- 2. Respiration
- 3. Decay of organic matter
- 4. Volcanic action

Which of the above add carbon dioxide to the carbon cycle on Earth?

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

187. What are varves?

- (a) Annual change in temperature from summer to winter.
- (b) Annual layers of sediment in lakes experiencing annual freezing and thawing.
- (c) Layers of sediment contained in deep ice cores of Arctic region.
- (d) Sequence of fossils in a chronological order.

188. Consider the following statements:

1. A vote on account is a grant in advance for the central government to meet short-term expenditure needs from the Consolidated Fund of India.

2. Article 266 of the Indian Constitution defines the Consolidated Fund of India, which is where all the revenue of the central government, be it from taxes, funds raised by loans and interest on loans, and a portion of taxes from states, is parked.

Choose the correct code:

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

189. Which amongst the following provided a common factor for tribal insurrection in India in the 19th century?

- (a) Introduction of a new system of land revenue and taxation of tribal products.
- (b) Influence of foreign religious missionaries in tribal areas.
- (c) Rise of a large number of money lenders, traders and revenue farmers as middlemen in tribal areas.
- (d) The complete disruption of the old agrarian order of the tribal communities.

190. A particular crop in India represents the following characteristics:

- 1. It grows best in areas where the temperature ranges 22°C and 28°C.
- 2. It is a drought resistant crop.
- 3. It is a tropical crop and grows all over the peninsular plateau.

Which of the following crops it is likely to be?

- (a) Sesamum
- (b) Millet
- (c) Groundnut
- (d) Soyabean

191. Green Muffler is

- (a) A technique for reducing air pollution
- (b) A process for reducing vibration
- (c) Plantation along roadsides to reduce noise pollution
- (d) A method of afforestation

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192. When the annual Union Budget is not passed by the Lok Sabha, then
- (a) the Budget is modified and presented again.
  - (b) the Budget is referred to the Rajya Sabha for suggestions.
  - (c) the Union Finance Minister is asked to resign.
  - (d) the Prime Minister submits the resignation of Council of Ministers.

193. With reference to the period of Indian freedom struggle, which of the following was/were recommended by the Nehru report?

1. Complete Independence for India.
2. Joint electorates for reservation of seats for minorities.
3. Provision of fundamental rights for the people of India in the Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

194. The Constitution (Seventy-Third Amendment) Act, 1992, which aims at promoting the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country, provides for which of the following?

1. Constitution of District Planning Committees.
2. State Election Commissions to conduct all Panchayat elections.
3. Establishment of State Finance Commissions.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

195. Consider the following statements:

1. By 42nd Amendment Act, the Right to property was removed from the list of Fundamental rights.

2. The right to freedom can be curtailed on the account of maintenance of friendly relations with Foreign State

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

196. What is the meaning of the term 'Amicus Curia'

- (a) Friend of the court
- (b) Advisor to the court
- (c) A voluntary informer
- (d) Curative Petitioner

197. The members of the Constituent Assembly were:

- (a) Elected directly by the method of adult suffrage
- (b) Appointed by the British government
- (c) Elected indirectly by the electoral college
- (d) Chosen by indirect election by the members of the Provincial Legislative Assemblies

198. Who among the following women were the members of Constituent Assembly?

1. Usha Metha
2. Sarojini Naidu
3. Vijayalakshmi Pandit
4. Suchitra Kriplani

Choose the correct code:

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

199. Consider the following statements about Fundamental Rights.

1. The Fundamental Rights are enforceable.
2. The Fundamental Rights can be suspended only in a manner prescribed by the Constitution.
3. The Fundamental Rights are enforceable against the State.
4. The Fundamental Rights cannot be amended.

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Which of the above statements are correct?

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

200. Consider the following statements about the Attorney General of India.

1. He is appointed by the President of India.
2. He must possess the qualifications required for a judge of the Supreme Court.
3. He must be a member of either houses of the Parliament.
4. He can be removed from office through impeachment by Parliament.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

201. Gaza Strip is located

- (a) at the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea  
(b) at the western coast of the Dead Sea  
(c) in Sinai Peninsula  
(d) at the western border of Golan Heights

202. Which of the following countries share border with Caspian Sea?

1. Azerbaijan
2. Armenia
3. Turkey

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

203. Which of the following countries does not share border with Armenia?

- (a) Azerbaijan                      (b) Georgia  
(c) Turkey                      (d) Russia

204. Which of the following seas are connected by Strait of Bab-el –Mandeb?

- (a) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden  
(b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea

- (c) Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea  
(d) Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

205. Which of the following countries are members of Eurasian Economic Union?

1. Armenia                      2. Ukraine
3. Belarus                      4. Kazakhstan

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only.  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only                      (d) All of the above

206. Duqm Island is located near the coast of which of the following?

- (a) Arabian Sea                      (b) Mediterranean Sea  
(c) South China Sea                      (d) Gulf of Munnar

207. STARS project is related to:

- (a) E-Governance                      (b) Education  
(c) Mars exploration                      (d) A part of LIGO

208. Consider the following statements about Deen Dayal Antyodaya Rashtriya Aajeevika Mission:

1. The scheme is aimed at providing livelihood to women in urban areas.
2. It aims to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services.

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

209. Which of the following sequences correctly represents the order of countries from left to right?

- (a) Cambodia–Vietnam–Myanmar–Thailand  
(b) Myanmar–Thailand–Cambodia–Vietnam  
(c) Myanmar–Thailand–Vietnam–Cambodia  
(d) Myanmar–Vietnam–Cambodia–Thailand

210. Consider the following statements about genome editing:

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1. It is a technology which provides the ability to change an organism's DNA.
  2. It allows genetic material to be added, removed, or altered at particular locations in the genome.
- 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
211. Vikramshila Mahavihara was established by the ruler of
- (a) Pushyabhuti Dynasty  
(b) Barman Dynasty  
(c) Sen Dynasty  
(d) Pala Dynasty
212. Who of the following kings was ardent follower of Jainism?
- (a) Bimbisara                  (b) Mahapadmananda  
(c) Kharavela                  (d) Pulkeshin II
213. The Rigvedic God Varuna was
- (a) Harbinger of peace  
(b) Destroyer of foes  
(c) Guardian of the cosmic order  
(d) God of prosperity
214. The philosophy propounded in the Upanishads is known as
- (a) Advaita                      (b) Vedanta  
(c) Yoga                          (d) Samkhya
215. Who called Subhash Chandra Bose as Desh Nayak?
- (a) Rabindranath Tagore  
(b) Mahatma Gandhi  
(c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak  
(d) Lala Lajpat Rai
216. The list of sixteen Mahajanapadas is available in
- (a) Mahabharat  
(b) Chhandogya Upanishad  
(c) Anguttar Nikaya  
(d) Samyukta Nikaya
217. Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana in the republic of the
- (a) Mallas                      (b) Lichhavis  
(c) Sakyas                      (d) Palas
218. Ashtadhyayi was written by
- (a) Ved vya                      (b) Panini  
(c) Shukadeva                  (d) Balmiki
219. Who was the man to attend the Imperial Durbar in 1877 dressed in hand-spun Khadi and was one of the founders of the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha in 1807?
- (a) M.G.Ranade  
(b) S.N. Banerjee  
(c) Ganesh Vasudev Joshi  
(d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
220. Among the following who is given the credit of carrying Jainism in south India?
- (a) Sudharmana                  (b) Indrabhuti  
(c) Bhadrabahu                  (d) Sthulabhadra
221. Sveriges Riksbank Prize is also known as
- (a) Nobel Prize for Economics  
(b) Nobel Prize for Physics  
(c) Nobel Prize for Chemistry  
(d) Nobel Prize for Peace
222. Which of the following Conventions are related to International Arbitration?
1. New York Convention
  2. Geneva Convention
  3. ICSID Convention
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
223. Consider the following statements:-
1. Rapid test looks to find the virus in nasal or throat swabs of the patient.



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2. RT-PCR (Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) test is a serological test.

Choose the correct statement/s from the code given below:

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

224. Consider the following statements:

1. The Nobel Prize 2020 for Economics for improvements to auction theory.
2. The Nobel Prize 2020 for Chemistry for the development of a method for genome editing.

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

225. Which of the following comes/come under the revenue receipts of the government?

1. Corporation tax
2. GST and taxes of the Union territories
3. Custom duties

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

226. Which of the following is not the objective of the IMF?

- (a) To promote international monetary cooperation
- (b) To ensure balanced international trade
- (c) To ensure exchange rate stability
- (d) To provide loan to private sectors

227. The World Economic Outlook (WEO) Report is released by which of the following organizations?

- (a) The World Economic Forum
- (b) UNCTAD (The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
- (c) The International Monetary Fund
- (d) The World Bank

228. Consider the following statements:

1. The 'Blue Flag' is a certification that can be obtained by a beach, marina, or sustainable boating tourism operator, and serves as an eco-label.
2. The 'Blue Flag' certification is awarded by Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).

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

229. Consider the following statements:

1. AQI is calculated for eight major air pollutants.
2. Ground-level ozone and airborne particles are the two pollutants that pose the greatest threat to human health in India.

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

230. Consider the following statements about the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF):

1. The IFF is an international digital liberties organisation that seeks to ensure that technology respects fundamental rights.
2. It has expertise in free speech, digital surveillance and privacy, net neutrality and is a champion of freedom in the digital age.

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

231. CRISPR-Cas9 is:

- (a) A computer malware.
- (b) a system used by bacterial cells to recognise and destroy viral DNA as a form of adaptive immunity.
- (c) the world's smallest satellite launched by NASA.

- (d) the world's smallest satellite launched by ISRO.
232. Which of the following are the observer states of the Indian Ocean Commission?
1. China
  2. India
  3. European Union
- Select the correct answer from the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only    (d) 1, 2 and 3
233. "Pacific Step Up" Policy sometimes seen in the news is an initiative of which of the following countries?
- (a) India                      (b) USA  
(c) China                      (d) Australia
234. Which of the following countries does not border Belarus?
- (a) Latvia                      (b) Lithuania  
(c) Ukraine                      (d) Estonia
235. Article 371A provides special provisions to which of the following states?
- (a) Assam                      (b) Manipur  
(c) Mizoram                      (d) Nagaland
236. Which of the following countries does not border Mediterranean Sea?
- (a) Israel                      (b) Lebanon  
(c) Jordan                      (d) Egypt
237. Which of the following emissions cause acid rain?
- (a) Carbon Monoxide  
(b) Sulphur dioxide  
(c) Carbon dioxide  
(d) Dioxcin
238. Qatar touches the boundary/boundaries of-
- (a) Saudi Arabia and Bahrain  
(b) United Arab Emirates  
(c) Saudi Arabia  
(d) Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates
239. Which among the following became the first Asian country to eliminate mother-to-child HIV transmission?
- (a) Malaysia                      (b) Thailand  
(c) Bhutan                      (d) India
240. Besides India, Japan and USA, which of the following countries participated in the Malabar Naval Exercise?
- (a) Malaysia                      (b) Indonesia  
(c) Australia                      (d) South Korea
241. Joint-sittings of the two houses of Parliament are held for
1. Resolution of deadlock between the two houses on a non-money bill
  2. Annual address by the President
  3. Special address by the President
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) All of the above
242. Which of the following special powers have been conferred on the Rajya Sabha by the Constitution of India?
- (a) To change the existing territory of a State and to change the name of a State.  
(b) To pass a resolution empowering the Parliament to make laws in the State List and to create one or more All India Services.  
(c) To amend the election procedure of the President and to determine the pension of the President after his/her retirement.  
(d) To determine the functions of the Election Commission and to determine the number of Election Commissioners.
243. Consider the following statements:
1. The original jurisdiction of Supreme Court extends over disputes between India and foreign states
  2. Under advisory jurisdiction of Supreme Court, the advice is binding on the President.

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Which of the above statement(s) is/are not correct?

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

244. What is the provision to safeguard the autonomy of the Supreme Court of India?

1. While appointing the Supreme Court Judges, the President of India has to consult the Chief Justice of India.
2. The Supreme Court Judges can be removed by the Chief Justice of India only.
3. The salaries of the Judges are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India to which the legislature does not have to vote.
4. All appointments of officers and staffs of the Supreme Court of India are made by the Government only after consulting the Chief Justice of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

245. Inter-State Councils in India have been set up under

- (a) Provisions of the Constitution  
(b) A parliamentary resolution  
(c) A resolution adopted by the National Development Council  
(d) None of the above

246. Consider the following statements:

1. By 42nd Amendment Act, the Right to property was removed from the list of Fundamental rights.
2. The right to freedom can be curtailed on the account of maintenance of friendly relations with Foreign State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

248. Which one of the following duties of the Comptroller and Auditor General has been wrongly listed?

- (a) To audit all expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.  
(b) To audit all expenditure from the Contingency Funds and Public Accounts.  
(c) To control the receipts and issue of public money and to ensure that all public revenue is deposited with the exchequer.  
(d) To audit all trading, manufacturing, profit and loss accounts.

249. Consider the following statements:

1. In order to be appointed as the Attorney General a person must be qualified to be appointed as a judge of High Court.
2. Attorney General of India is paid salary that is equivalent to that of a Supreme Court Judge.

Choose the correct code:

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

250. Regarding the office of the Lok Sabha Speaker, consider the following statements:

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1. He/she holds the office during the pleasure of the President.
2. He/she need not be a member of the House at the time of his/her election but has to become a member of the House within six months from the date of his/her election.
3. If he/she intends to resign, the letter of his/her resignation has to be addressed to the Deputy Speaker.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3    (d) None of the above

251. National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 was enacted under India's Constitutional provision of-

- (a) Article 21    (b) Article 20  
(c) Article 22    (d) Article 151

252. Aerosol optical depth (AOD) is used to study

- (a) Doppler effect in light  
(b) Outer space  
(c) Nano particles  
(d) Suspended solid particles and liquid droplets in air

253. Consider the following statements about Green House Effect and Global Warming:

1. The temperature surrounding the Earth has been rising during the recent past is due to the 'Greenhouse effect'.
2. A green house is a glass chamber in which plants are grown to provide them warmth by trapping sun light.
3. The phenomenon of heat build-up inside a glass chamber from the absorption of solar radiation is called greenhouse effect.

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

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

254. Which of the following is most likely the result of decreasing levels of ozone in the stratosphere?

- (a) A decrease in the levels of smog in major cities.  
(b) A decrease in the rate of global warming.  
(c) An increase in the occurrence of skin cancer in humans.  
(d) An increase in photosynthetic activity of phytoplankton.

255. How does the National Green Tribunal helps in protecting Environment and Ecology?

1. Disposing off cases relating to environment protection
2. Enforcing legal rights relating to environment
3. Providing relief and compensation for damages to persons a property on environment related issues.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

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

256. With reference to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), consider the following statements:

1. These are standards for ambient air quality set by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. The CPCB has been conferred this power by the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
3. The measurement of air quality is based on eight pollutants, namely, PM10, PM2.5, NO2, SO2, CO, O3, NH3, and Pb.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

257. Fiscal drag means

- (a) inability of the government to meet its fiscal deficit.

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- (b) fall in aggregate demand of the economy when people move from lower to higher tax brackets.
- (c) contradiction between fiscal and monetary policy.
- (d) None of the above
258. Which of the following form a part of the capital receipts of the central government?
1. Recoveries of loans and advances.
  2. GST receipts.
  3. External grants.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3                      (d) 1 and 3
259. Which of the following represent sources of financing fiscal deficit?
1. Market borrowings
  2. State Provident funds
  3. External debt
  4. Securities against small savings
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
260. Consider the following statements about HIV/AIDS.
1. The last stage of HIV infection is known as AIDS.
  2. AIDS/HIV is a non-curable but preventable infection.
  3. Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) is used as a measure to suppress the infection.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
261. Consider the following statements:
1. The Kalahari Desert is situated between the Orange and Limpopo River.
  2. Harmattan is a hot local wind which blows from Sahara to Mediterranean.
  3. Masai is a pastoral tribe of Kenya and Tanzania.
- Which among the above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 2 and 3
262. Taiwan Strait connects
- (a) East China Sea and South China Sea
  - (b) East China Sea and Yellow Sea
  - (c) South China Sea and Yellow Sea
  - (d) East China Sea and Sea of Japan
263. Which of the following countries is closest to Cuba?
- (a) USA                      (b) Bahamas
  - (c) Jamaica                      (d) Haiti
264. The Dzüko Valley is located at the borders of
- (a) Nagaland and Manipur
  - (b) Nagaland and Assam
  - (c) Nagaland and Mizoram
  - (d) Assam and Manipur
265. Consider the following statements:
1. The glowing surface of Sun, that we see, is called the photosphere.
  2. Venus has the maximum diurnal range of temperature and the shortest year.
  3. Ganymede is the largest and heaviest of all satellites in the solar system.
  4. Blue moon is a rare celestial phenomenon marked by the occurrence of the second full moon within one month.
- The correct statements are:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 1, 3 and 4                      (d) 2, 3 and 4
266. Consider the following about the Tropical Marine type of Climate:
1. This type of climate is experienced along the eastern coasts of tropical lands.
  2. The Trade Winds brings the rainfall.
  3. There is no month without rainfall.
- Which of the above statements is/are true?



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- (a) 1 and 3                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 2                      (d) All of the above

267. Consider the following statements.

1. There are less amounts of water vapour in low latitudes than in high latitudes.
2. The rate of evaporation is highest in hot, dry and windy condition.
3. The capacity to hold moisture reduces with increase in temperature.
4. The temperature at which air gets saturated is called Dew Point.

Which of the above statements are not correct?

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

268. Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb connects

- (a) Gulf of Aden and Red Sea  
(b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea  
(c) Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman  
(d) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman

269. The phenomenon of El-Nino is associated with the:

- (a) Agulhas Current  
(b) Benguela Current  
(c) Humboldt Current  
(d) East Australian Current

270. Which of the following is not a land locked country?

- (a) Mongolia                      (b) Swaziland  
(c) Jordan                      (d) Cambodia

271. Consider the following statements about the Zero Hour in the Parliament: -

1. It is the first hour of every sitting in both the houses of Parliament.
2. During this time, matters are raised without any prior notice to the Speaker.
3. It gives legislative freedom to Members of Parliament to address important issues of public importance.

4. It is an informal process and does not find a mention in "Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business" in Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

272. Consider the following statements about Sir Syed Ahmed Khan: -

1. He stressed on the importance of modern scientific education for Muslims to advance their conditions.
2. He believed that Muslim society could move ahead only if rigid orthodoxy was abandoned and pragmatism was adopted.

Choose the correct statement/s from the code given below:

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

273. GI tags are provided under the mandate of which international agreements?

- (a) Montreal Protocol  
(b) WTO TRIPS  
(c) Kyoto Protocol  
(d) Beijing Declaration

274. The idea of protection of monuments, places and objects of national importance is enshrined in the

- (a) Preamble  
(b) Fundamental Rights  
(c) Directive Principles of State Policy  
(d) Fundamental Duties

275. The Chairman of which of the following parliamentary committees is invariably from the members of ruling party?

- (a) Committee on Public Undertakings  
(b) Public Accounts Committee  
(c) Estimates Committee  
(d) Committee on Delegated Legislation

276. Consider the following statements:

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1. FATF is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog.
2. FATF was established in 1989 by a Group of Seven (G-7) Summit in Paris.

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

277. Which of the following best explains 'twin deficits' in the economy?

- (a) Fiscal Deficit and Current Account Deficit  
(b) Fiscal Deficit and Revenue Deficit  
(c) Fiscal Deficit and Capital Account Deficit  
(d) Fiscal Deficit and Budgetary Deficit

278. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the capital-output ratio?

1. A higher capital-output ratio indicates technological advancement in the economy.
2. A lower capital-output ratio is desirable in the economy.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

279. Which of the following countries are located in the Horn of Africa?

- (a) Djibouti, Eritrea, and Somalia  
(b) Tanzania, South Africa and Namibia  
(c) Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Gabon  
(d) Tunisia, Algeria and Libya

280. Match the following:

Area	Country
(A) Southern Kurdistan	1. Iran
(B) Northern Kurdistan	2. Syria

- (C) Western Kurdistan            3. Turkey  
(D) Eastern Kurdistan            4. Iraq

Code:

- (a) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3  
(b) A-2, B-3, C-1, D-4  
(c) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1  
(d) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4

281. Which of following statements is/are correct regarding 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme?

1. The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India.
2. The scheme aims to bring synergy among public sector companies, private sector companies and corporate citizens/individuals to effectively promote responsible tourism.
3. The project primarily focuses on providing basic amenities that includes cleanliness, public conveniences, drinking water etc. in tourist sites.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

282. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Stressed assets are loans on which the borrower has defaulted or it has been restructured.
2. An NPA is a loan or advance for which the borrower has failed to repay the principle or interest for a period of 90 days.
3. Restructured asset or loan are that assets which got an extended repayment period, reduced interest rate, converting a part of the loan into equity, providing additional financing, or some combination of these measures.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2

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- (c) 2 and 3      (d) 1, 2 and 3

283. Which of the following may help in controlling appreciation of rupee?

1. Raising interest rate by RBI.
2. Using forex reserve by RBI in exchange market.
3. Providing incentives to exporters.
4. RBI raising funds through foreign currency non-repatriable (FCNR) deposits.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

284. Consider the following statements regarding Gross Fixed Capital Formation:

1. It refers to the net increase in physical assets (investment minus disposals) within the financial year.
2. It accounts for the consumption (depreciation) of fixed capital, and also includes land purchases.

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

285. Sunil Mehta Committee is associated with

- (a) developing the cruise tourism in India.  
(b) bringing reform in coal sector.  
(c) privatization of Air India.  
(d) resolution of stressed assets.

286. Consider the following statements:

1. GDP deflator is more comprehensive than Consumer Price Index inflation.
2. GDP deflator data is available on a monthly basis along with GDP estimates.

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

287. Consider the following statements:

1. WPI tracks prices at the factory gate before the retail level.

2. WPI covers both goods and services.

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

288. Consider the following statements:

1. Fair and Remunerative Prices (FRP) is the benchmark price that the sugar mills must pay to the sugarcane farmers in order to buy sugar cane.
2. FRP is announced every year by the central government under the Sugarcane (Control) Order 1966.

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

289. India is a member of which of the following designated regions in World Customs Organisation?

- (a) Indo-Pacific region      (b) Asian region  
(c) Asia-Pacific region      (d) Eurasian region

290. World Investment Report is released by

- (a) UNCTAD  
(b) World Economic Forum  
(c) UNDP  
(d) IMF

291. Which of the following statements correctly defines the term "Recession"?

- (a) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for two or more successive quarters.  
(b) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for four or more successive quarters.  
(c) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative

- growth rate of GDP for six or more successive quarters.
- (d) It is defined as the situation in the economy, which is marred by a negative growth rate of GDP for ten or more successive quarters.
292. The Consolidated Fund of India is a fund in which
- All taxes collected by Union as well as state governments are deposited.
  - All money received by or on behalf of the Government of India is deposited.
  - The Union as well as state governments make equal contribution to this fund and out of this, all charged expenses are met.
  - Savings of the Union and state governments are deposited to meet unforeseen expenses.
293. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI):
- It is established under Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.
  - It is established under the Ministry of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
  - Rukmini Devi Arundale was its first chairperson.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only    (d) All of the above
294. Consider the following statements:
- Gibraltar Strait separates the Iberian Peninsula and Morocco.
  - It is the only outlet of the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.
  - Catalonia region is located in Southern Spain.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 2 and 3

295. Which of the following states border the state of Telangana?
- Maharashtra
  - Karnataka
  - Chhattisgarh
  - Odisha
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 1, 3 and 4  
(c) 2, 3 and 4                      (d) All of the above
296. South Sudan touches which of the following set of countries?
- Sudan, Central African Republic, Uganda and Chad.
  - Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Central African Republic and Zaire.
  - Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Central African Republic.
  - Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zaire.
297. Which among the following has the maximum number of national parks?
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands
  - Arunachal Pradesh
  - Assam
  - Meghalaya
298. Which among the following International agencies publishes the "World Digital Competitiveness" report?
- World Economic Forum
  - UNCTAD
  - World Bank
  - International Institute for Management and Development (IMD)
299. Which among the following factors may possibly lead to depreciation in the value of Rupee?
- Increase in Exports
  - Outflow of FPIs
  - Decrease in remittances
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1 and 3 only

300. Ten Degree Channel is situated between-
- Little Andaman and South Andaman
  - Little Nicobar and Great Nicobar
  - Middle Andaman and North Andaman
  - Little Andaman and Car Nicobar
301. Hambantota port lies in which of the following countries?
- Sri Lanka
  - Myanmar
  - Thailand
  - Maldives
302. Which of the following countries does not border Ethiopia?
- Eritrea
  - Djibouti
  - South Sudan
  - Uganda
303. Tigray region in news lies in which of the following countries?
- Somalia
  - Sudan
  - South Sudan
  - Ethiopia
304. Which of the following is the nearest port to Chabahar?
- Gwadar
  - Bandar Abbas
  - Muscat Port
  - Kandla
305. Consider the following statements:
- RCEP is free trade agreement in the Asia-Pacific region between the ten ASEAN states and five of their FTA partners.
  - RCEP is the first multilateral free trade agreement to include China.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
306. Consider the following statements:
- Viability Gap Finance means a grant to support projects that are economically justified but not financially viable.
  - The VGF scheme was launched in 2004 to support projects that come under Public-Private Partnerships.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

307. Consider the following statements:

- Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESAs) are located within 10 kms around Protected Areas, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- ESAs are notified by the MoEFCC under Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

308. Consider the following statements:

- The Western Ghats is spread over five states of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- Gadgil report seeks to bring 37% of the Western Ghats under the ESA zones.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

309. Consider the following statements:

- Red Sandalwood is also known as Red Sanders.
- Red Sandalwood is a native and endemic to India and can only be found in the southern parts of the Eastern Ghats.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

310. Consider the following statements:

- Equator passes through southern Maldives.
- Maldives is not a member of Commonwealth.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only



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(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

311. Which of the following is true regarding the concept on Equality before the law:

1. It is a positive concept.
2. Rule of law means the absolute supremacy of ordinary law of land as opposed to the influence of arbitrary power of the ruler.

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

312. Consider the following statements:

1. The President may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chief Justice of Supreme Court, resign his office;
2. The President may, for violation of the Constitution, be removed from office by impeachment in the manner provided in Article 68.
3. The President shall, notwithstanding the expiration of his term, continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 3 only (d) None of the above

313. Which of the following emergencies can be declared by the President on his own?

1. Emergency due to external aggression or armed rebellion
2. Emergency due to failure of the constitutional machinery in a state
3. Emergency due to threat to the financial stability or credit of India.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above

314. Which of the following statement correctly explains the term "Pocket Veto" of the President?

- (a) Refusal to give assent to any Bill

(b) Sending the bill back to Parliament for changes

(c) Taking no action indefinitely on a Bill

(d) None of the above

315. The Prime Minister of India, at the time of his/her appointment:

- (a) Need not necessarily be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament but must become a member of one of the Houses within six months.  
(b) Need not necessarily be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament but must become a member of the Lok Sabha within six months.  
(c) Must be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament.  
(d) Must be a member of the Lok Sabha.

316. Which of the following Standing Committees of Parliament has no MP from Rajya Sabha?

- (a) Public Accounts Committee  
(b) Estimates Committee  
(c) Committee on Public Undertakings  
(d) All the above Committee.

317. The Parliament can make law for the whole of any part of India for the implementation of international treaties

- (a) With the consent of all the states  
(b) With the consent of majority of the states  
(c) With the consent of the concerned state  
(d) Without the consent of any state

318. The proceedings in the Lok Sabha cannot be conducted unless there is quorum. How this quorum is ensured?

- (a) The Speaker counts the heads at the time of commencement of proceedings at first session every day.  
(b) The Parliamentary Secretary keeps record of attendance of members and informs the Speaker about lack of quorum.

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- (c) The attendance registered kept at the entrance is monitored.
- (d) The lack of quorum is brought to the notice of the Speaker by the members.
319. In case of Prorogation of House which among the following lapse?
1. Pending notices
  2. Pending motions
  3. Pending Resolutions
  4. Pending Bills.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 4
- (c) 1, 2 and 3                (d) All of the above
320. Consider the following statements:
1. A starred question is one to which a member desires an oral answer in the House.
  2. An unstarred question is one to which written answer is desired by the Member.
  3. No supplementary questions can be asked in the case of a Starred question.
- Choose the correct code:
- (a) 1 and 2 only    (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only    (d) All of the above
321. Biological phenomenon where one plant inhibits the growth of another is called:
- (a) Predation            (b) Commensalism
- (c) Parasitism            (d) Allelopathy
322. Consider the following statements w.r.t. Green Credit Scheme:
1. It functions under the provisions of Forest Rights Act, 2006.
  2. It addresses the concerns linked with compensatory afforestation.
- 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
323. Identify the correct chronological order:
- (a) Central Zoo Authority > Community Conserved Area > Project Elephant > Project Tiger
- (b) Project Tiger > Central Zoo Authority > Project Elephant > Community Conserved Area
- (c) Central Zoo Authority > Project Tiger > Project Elephant > Community Conserved Area
- (d) Central Zoo Authority > Community Conserved Area > Project Tiger > Project Elephant
324. Consider the following statements:
1. National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) is a statutory body.
  2. It looks in issues of Convention of Biodiversity (CBD).
- 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
325. Consider the following statements about the Securities and Exchange Board of India:
1. It is a non-statutory body.
  2. It regulates the credit rating agencies in India.
- 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
326. Which of the following indicate/s situation of monetary policy transmission in the economy?
1. The banks benchmarking their lending rates based on MCLR (Marginal Cost of funds based Lending Rate).
  2. External benchmarking of interest rates.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2    (d) Neither 1 nor 2
323. Identify the correct chronological order:

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327. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) involves holding financial assets from a country outside of the investor's own.
2. FPI holdings can include stocks; American depositary receipts (ADRs), bonds, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.
3. Unlike Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), FPI consists of passive ownership.

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

328. Which one of the following are the two organelles of the cell other than the nucleus that also have DNA in them?

- (a) Endoplasmic Reticulum and Lysosome  
(b) Mitochondria and Centriole  
(c) Mitochondria and Chloroplast  
(d) Mitochondria and Golgi bodies

329. Consider the following statements about the gravitational waves:

1. Gravitational waves are one of the strongest forces of our galaxy this keeps all celestial bodies in position.
2. Gravitational waves was first detected in 2016 from the merger of neutron star.
3. LIGO are set up to observe the gravitational waves.

Choose the correct statements from the code given below:

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

330. Which of the following is false about quantum technology?

- (a) It explains the nature of energy and matter.  
(b) It is used for making computers much faster than super computers.  
(c) The technology can be used for communications, chemistry, cryptography etc.

(d) Quantum field has been commercially exploited completely.

331. Which of the following sequences correctly represents the order of ports from east to west direction?

- (a) Bandar Abbas, Chabahar Port, Gwadar Port, Kandla Port  
(b) Kandla Port, Gwadar Port, Chabahar Port, Bandar Abbas  
(c) Bandar Abbas, Gwadar Port, Chabahar Port, Kandla Port  
(d) Kandla Port, Chabahar Port, Bandar Abbas, Gwadar Port

332. Consider the following statements:

1. India is a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention.
2. India is not a signatory to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

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

333. Which of the following countries does not claim sovereignty over Spratly Islands?

- (a) Malaysia (b) Vietnam  
(c) Laos (d) Philippines

334. Which of the following countries are located in the Horn of Africa?

- (a) Djibouti, Eritrea, and Somalia  
(b) Tanzania, South Africa and Namibia  
(c) Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Gabon  
(d) Tunisia, Algeria and Libya

335. Which of the following sequences correctly represents the order of countries from left to right?

- (a) Cambodia–Vietnam–Myanmar–Thailand  
(b) Myanmar–Thailand–Cambodia–Vietnam  
(c) Myanmar–Thailand–Vietnam–Cambodia  
(d) Myanmar–Vietnam–Cambodia–Thailand

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336. Which of the following countries does not border Afghanistan?

- (a) Turkmenistan (b) Uzbekistan  
(c) Tajikistan (d) Kyrgyzstan

337. Which of the following countries is not a member of APEC?

- (a) India (b) China  
(c) Japan (d) Vietnam

338. Consider the following statements regarding RCEP:

1. It is the largest regional trading agreement.
2. India has recently joined RCEP.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

339. Kankasanturai Port lies in

- (a) Thailand (b) Myanmar  
(c) Malaysia (d) Sri Lanka

340. Consider the following statements:

1. The Iran nuclear deal framework was a preliminary framework agreement reached in 2015 between the Islamic Republic of Iran and US.
2. Iran nuclear deal is also known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

341. Consider the following statements:

1. The NSSF is administered by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance under National Small Savings Fund Rules, 2001.
2. Funds collected under SSS are the liabilities of the Union Government accounted for in the Public Accounts of India.

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

342. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

Term	Description
1. Letter of undertaking (LOU)	- It is a form of bank guarantee under which a bank can allow its customer to raise money from another Indian bank's foreign branch in the form of a short term credit.
2. SWIFT	- It is a messaging network for securely transmitting instruction of all financial transactions through a standardised system of codes.
3. Nostro account	- It refers to an account that a bank holds in a foreign currency in another bank.
4. Buyer's credit	- A short-term credit available to an exporter from overseas lenders.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) All of the above

343. Which of the following Conventions are related to International Arbitration?

1. New York Convention
2. Geneva Convention

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### 3. ICSID Convention

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

344. Consider the following statements about 'Advance Pricing Agreement' (APA):

1. An APA is an agreement between a tax payer and tax authority determining the transfer pricing methodology.
2. An APA can be unilateral, bilateral, or multilateral.

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

345. 'World Employment and Social Outlook' is released by which of the following agencies?

- (a) World Economic Forum  
(b) International Labour Organisation  
(c) World Bank  
(d) International Monetary Fund

346. Consider the following statements:

1. There is an inverse relation between bond prices and bond yield.
2. When the interest rates rise, the bond prices fall.
3. Higher fiscal deficit may lead to low bond yield.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

347. Consider the following statements:

1. The index of global economic freedom is released by the Fraser Institute.
2. India is ranked at 105 in Economic Freedom of the World 2020 report.

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

348. Consider the following statements regarding 'Universal Service Obligation Fund':

1. The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003 giving statutory status to the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
2. The Universal Service Obligation (USO is raised through a 'Universal Access Levy' (UAL).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

349. Consider the following statements:

1. TRIFED functions under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.
2. TRIFED is headquartered in New Delhi and has a network of Regional Offices located at various places in the country.

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

350. Consider the following statements regarding Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

1. It is a multilateral development bank.
2. It aims to improve social and economic outcomes in Asia only.

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

351. Fordo nuclear facility lies in

- (a) US                              (b) UK  
(c) Iran                            (d) France

352. Bru tribe belongs to

- (a) Mizoram                      (b) Manipur  
(c) Tripura                        (d) Meghalaya





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353. Consider the following statements:

1. Chandragiri River is also known as Payaswini.
2. Chandragiri River flows in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

354. Consider the following statements:

1. Willow Warbler is one of the longest migrating small birds that breeds throughout northern and temperate Europe.
2. Willow Warbler is frequently sighted in India in winter season.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

355. Consider the following statements:

1. Plasma therapy is a medical procedure that uses the blood of a recovered patient to create antibodies on those infected individuals.
2. Plasma therapy is medically known as convalescent plasma therapy.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

356. Consider the following statements:

1. Ecotone is a transition area between two biospheres.
2. Sere is an intermediate stage found in ecological succession in an ecosystem.

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

357. Consider the following statements:

1. Shola Grasslands are patches of stunted sub-tropical montane forest.
2. Shola Grasslands are found in higher montane regions of South India..

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

358. Consider the following statements:

1. Green List of IUCN is the first global standard of best practice of area based conservation.
2. Green List is a program of certification for protected and conserved areas.
3. India has two areas listed in the IUCN Green List Areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

359. Consider the following statements:

1. A wildlife sanctuary is defined by State Government via a Notification..
2. Some restricted human activities are allowed inside the Wildlife Sanctuary area.
3. There is no need to pass an act for alternation of boundaries of Wildlife Sanctuary.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

360. Consider the following statements about Ganges River Dolphin:

1. It has been recognized by the government of India as its National Aquatic Animal.
2. Nearly 50 per cent of the total population of Ganges River dolphins is found in Bihar.
3. The Ganges river dolphins are nocturnal.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

361. The Ajanta painting belongs to which period?

- (a) Harappan period (b) Gupta period  
(c) Buddhist period (d) Mauryan period

362. Which of the following animals was not known to the Indus Valley Civilization?

- (a) Bull (b) Horse  
(c) Giraffe (d) Elephant

363. Who founded Pataliputra?

- (a) Udayin (b) Ashoka  
(c) Bimbisara (d) Mahapadmananda

364. Chinese traveller Hiuen-Tsang studied at the University of

- (a) Taxila (b) Vikramshila  
(c) Magadh (d) Nalanda

365. Between which of the following rivers was the ancient town of Takshasila located?

- (a) Indus and Jhelum  
(b) Jhelum and Chenab  
(c) Chenab and Ravi  
(d) Ravi and Beas

366. The ancient name of North Bihar was

- (a) Vajji (b) Vatsa  
(c) Surasena (d) Avant

367. The language adopted for preaching in Mahayana Buddhism was

- (a) Pali (b) Brahmi  
(c) Sanskrit (d) Prakrit

368. Which one of the following scripts of ancient India was written from right to left?

- (a) Brahmi (b) Kharoshti  
(c) Nandnagari (d) Sharada

369. Which Veda deals with medicine?

- (a) Atharva Veda (b) Yajur Veda  
(c) Sama Veda (d) Rig Veda

370. Who is said to have become the chief of the Jain Sangh after the death of Mahavira?

- (a) Jambu (b) Bhadrabahu  
(c) Sthulbhadra (d) Sudharma

371. Which of the following are the global satellite navigation systems?

1. GPS 2. GLONASS  
3. Galileo 4. BeiDou  
5. QZSS 6. NavIC

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 1, 3, 5, 6  
(c) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

372. The RemoveDebris project is most closely related to

- (a) Great Pacific Garbage Patch  
(b) Global Warming  
(c) Solar storms  
(d) Kessler's syndrome

373. With reference to neutrinos, consider the following statements:

1. It is a subatomic particle with no electrical charge and a very small mass.  
2. It travels close to the speed of light.

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

374. Arrange the following electromagnetic radiations in decreasing order of energy:

1. Gamma rays  
2. Ultraviolet rays  
3. X-rays

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (a) 1-3-2 (b) 2-1-3  
(c) 1-2-3 (d) 3-1-2

375. Which of the following correctly explains 'Quasar'?

- (a) a highly magnetized, rotating neutron star that emits a beam of electromagnetic radiation.
- (b) bright distant objects that derive energy from black hole at the cores of galaxies.
- (c) objects which are too large to be called planets and too small to be stars.
- (d) interstellar clouds that contain a very high concentration of dust.

376. In India, it is legally mandatory for which of the following to report on cyber security incidents?

- 1. Service providers
- 2. Data centres
- 3. Body corporate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

377. Which of the following has/have occurred in India after its liberalization of economic policies in 1991?

- 1. Share of agriculture in GDP increased enormously.
- 2. Share of India's exports in world trade increased.
- 3. FDI inflows increased.
- 4. India's foreign exchange reserves increased enormously.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

378. With reference to 'Indian, Ocean Dipole (IOD)' sometimes mentioned in the news while forecasting Indian monsoon, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. IOD phenomenon is characterised by a difference in sea surface temperature between tropical Western Indian Ocean and tropical Eastern Pacific Ocean.

2. An IOD phenomenon can influence an El Nino's impact on the monsoon.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

379. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCA(C) to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants is a unique initiative of G20.
- 2. The CCAC focuses on methane, black carbon and hydrofluorocarbons.

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

380. Mediterranean Sea is a border, following countries?

- 1. Jordan
- 2. Iraq
- 3. Lebanon
- 4. Syria

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

381. Which of the following countries does not lie in the Sahel region?

- (a) Chad
- (b) Cameroon
- (c) Mauritania
- (d) Tunisia

382. Which among the following are responsible for variation in insolation at the earth's surface?

- 1. Rotation of earth on its axis.
- 2. Angle of inclination of sun's rays.
- 3. Transparency of the atmosphere.
- 4. Revolution of earth on its orbit.

Choose the correct code:

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

383. Which of the following tribes are inhabitants of the North Eastern states?

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1. Kuki
2. Moplahs
3. Khasis
4. Jaintias
5. Jarawas

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 3 and 4      (b) 3 and 4 only  
(c) 2 and 5 only      (d) All of the above

384. Which of following statements is/are correct?

1. Mauritius lies west of Namibia.
2. The islands of Mauritius are part of the Mascarene Islands.

Choose the correct code:

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

385. Gobi Desert lies in

- (a) China and Kazakhstan  
(b) China and Kyrgyzstan  
(c) China and North Korea  
(d) China and Mongolia

386. Consider the statements.

1. The process in which sedimentary fragments becomes compact to form rocks is called lithification.
2. The process of metamorphism in which rocks, grains or minerals get arranged in layers is called foliation.
3. The arrangement of different minerals into alternating thin to thick layers is called banding.

The correct statements are:

- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All the above      (d) None of the above

387. Choose the correct statements with reference to Drumlines:

1. Drumlins are smooth oval shaped ridge like features composed mainly of glacial till.
2. The stoss end of a drumlin is blunt due to pushing by moving ice.
3. The long axes of drumlins are perpendicular to the direction of ice movement.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3      (d) All the above

388. Consider the following statements:

1. Chilika Lake is the largest Ramsar Site of India.
2. Renuka Wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest wetland of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

389. Consider the following statements:

1. Pangolins are scaly-skinned reptile.
2. Pangolins are nocturnal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

390. Which among the following statement is not correct?

- (a) Kolleru is the largest fresh water lake of India located between the deltas of Godavari and Mahanadi.  
(b) Loktak lake is the largest fresh water lake in north-east India.  
(c) Vambanad lake is the largest lake in Kerala  
(d) The Tulbul project is a 'navigation Lock-cum-control structure' at the mouth of the Wular lake.

391. Consider the following statements:

1. POSHAN Abhiyaan is also known as National Nutrition Mission.
2. POSHAN Abhiyaan is a flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

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

392. Consider the following statements:

1. Bonda tribe belongs to the state of Tripura.
2. Bonda Tribe is one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

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

393. Consider the following statements:

1. Sea Sparkle promotes the growth of microscopic algae called diatoms.
2. Microscopic algae form the basis of the marine food chain.

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

394. SITMEX is a trilateral naval exercise comprising of

- (a) Singapore, India and Maldives  
(b) Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand  
(c) India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar  
(d) India, Singapore, Thailand

395. Pare Hydro Electric Project is situated in

- (a) Ladakh                      (b) Sikkim  
(c) Uttarakhand    (d) Arunachal Pradesh

396. Dikrong River is the tributary of

- (a) Teesta                      (b) Sutlej  
(c) Brahmaputra    (d) Beas

397. Consider the following statements:

1. Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMA(C)) is the nodal agency for maritime data fusion.

2. IMAC was set up after 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

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

398. Consider the following statements:

1. Global conference on criminal finances and cryptocurrencies was launched in the year 2016.
2. The conference is an initiative of Interpol, Europol and the Basel Institute on Governance.

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

399. Consider the following statements:

1. A cyclone is a system of winds rotating clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere.
2. An anticyclone wind rotates counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere.

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

400. Consider the following statements:

1. National Green Tribunal (NGT) is a statutory body.
2. NGT is bounded by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure.

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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**SECTION – D**

**ANSWER KEY**

# THEMATIC

## INDIAN POLITY & GOVERNANCE

1.	c	2.	a	3.	c	4.	d	5.	d
6.	b	7.	d	8.	b	9.	b	10.	d
11.	b	12.	b	13.	c	14.	b	15.	d
16.	c	17.	c	18.	a	19.	d	20.	a
21.	a	22.	d	23.	b	24.	c	25.	b
26.	c	27.	c	28.	b	29.	b	30.	b
31.	b	32.	a	33.	b	34.	b	35.	b
36.	c	37.	d	38.	b	39.	b	40.	b
41.	b	42.	b	43.	b	44.	a	45.	d
46.	b	47.	c	48.	a	49.	d	50.	d
51.	c	52.	c	53.	b	54.	b	55.	c
56.	c	57.	b	58.	b	59.	c	60.	c
61.	b	62.	b	63.	c	64.	d	65.	c
66.	d	67.	d	68.	c	69.	d	70.	c
71.	b	72.	c	73.	c	74.	c	75.	d
76.	a	77.	c	78.	a	79.	d	80.	c
81.	d	82.	b	83.	b	84.	c	85.	a
86.	d	87.	a	88.	c	89.	b	90.	c
91.	b	92.	b	93.	b	94.	d	95.	d
96.	a	97.	c	98.	d	99.	c	100.	c
101.	b	102.	c	103.	d	104.	c	105.	a
106.	b	107.	d	108.	d	109.	c	110.	a
111.	d	112.	b	113.	c	114.	a	115.	a
116.	b	117.	a	118.	c	119.	d	120.	b

## INDIAN ECONOMY

1.	b	2.	a	3.	d	4.	c	5.	b
6.	b	7.	b	8.	d	9.	b	10.	c
11.	a	12.	d	13.	a	14.	b	15.	b
16.	b	17.	a	18.	b	19.	b	20.	a
21.	a	22.	c	23.	c	24.	c	25.	d
26.	a	27.	a	28.	c	29.	a	30.	b
31.	d	32.	d	33.	a	34.	c	35.	a

36.	<b>b</b>	37.	<b>b</b>	38.	<b>c</b>	39.	<b>b</b>	40.	<b>b</b>
41.	<b>a</b>	42.	<b>d</b>	43.	<b>a</b>	44.	<b>b</b>	45.	<b>a</b>
46.	<b>a</b>	47.	<b>b</b>	48.	<b>b</b>	49.	<b>b</b>	50.	<b>a</b>
51.	<b>b</b>	52.	<b>c</b>	53.	<b>a</b>	54.	<b>c</b>	55.	<b>a</b>
56.	<b>a</b>	57.	<b>b</b>	58.	<b>c</b>	59.	<b>b</b>	60.	<b>b</b>
61.	<b>d</b>	62.	<b>c</b>	63.	<b>a</b>	64.	<b>b</b>	65.	<b>d</b>
66.	<b>d</b>	67.	<b>c</b>	68.	<b>a</b>	69.	<b>b</b>	70.	<b>c</b>
71.	<b>c</b>	72.	<b>b</b>	73.	<b>c</b>	74.	<b>d</b>	75.	<b>d</b>
76.	<b>b</b>	77.	<b>c</b>	78.	<b>c</b>	79.	<b>b</b>	80.	<b>a</b>
81.	<b>b</b>	82.	<b>d</b>	83.	<b>d</b>	84.	<b>d</b>	85.	<b>c</b>
86.	<b>d</b>	87.	<b>c</b>	88.	<b>c</b>	89.	<b>d</b>	90.	<b>b</b>
91.	<b>b</b>	92.	<b>a</b>	93.	<b>c</b>	94.	<b>d</b>	95.	<b>d</b>
96.	<b>a</b>	97.	<b>a</b>	98.	<b>a</b>	99.	<b>c</b>	100.	<b>a</b>
101.	<b>c</b>	102.	<b>c</b>	103.	<b>d</b>	104.	<b>c</b>	105.	<b>b</b>
106.	<b>a</b>	107.	<b>c</b>	108.	<b>c</b>	109.	<b>c</b>	110.	<b>a</b>
111.	<b>d</b>	112.	<b>d</b>	113.	<b>d</b>	114.	<b>a</b>	115.	<b>d</b>
116.	<b>a</b>	117.	<b>a</b>	118.	<b>c</b>	119.	<b>c</b>	120.	<b>a</b>

## **GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY**

1.	<b>a</b>	2.	<b>d</b>	3.	<b>a</b>	4.	<b>b</b>	5.	<b>a</b>
6.	<b>b</b>	7.	<b>c</b>	8.	<b>c</b>	9.	<b>d</b>	10.	<b>a</b>
11.	<b>d</b>	12.	<b>a</b>	13.	<b>c</b>	14.	<b>d</b>	15.	<b>a</b>
16.	<b>d</b>	17.	<b>c</b>	18.	<b>d</b>	19.	<b>d</b>	20.	<b>b</b>
21.	<b>b</b>	22.	<b>c</b>	23.	<b>b</b>	24.	<b>c</b>	25.	<b>d</b>
26.	<b>c</b>	27.	<b>a</b>	28.	<b>b</b>	29.	<b>c</b>	30.	<b>c</b>
31.	<b>c</b>	32.	<b>c</b>	33.	<b>d</b>	34.	<b>c</b>	35.	<b>c</b>
36.	<b>d</b>	37.	<b>c</b>	38.	<b>a</b>	39.	<b>d</b>	40.	<b>c</b>
41.	<b>c</b>	42.	<b>c</b>	43.	<b>b</b>	44.	<b>b</b>	45.	<b>a</b>
46.	<b>d</b>	47.	<b>c</b>	48.	<b>c</b>	49.	<b>b</b>	50.	<b>d</b>
51.	<b>c</b>	52.	<b>a</b>	53.	<b>c</b>	54.	<b>c</b>	55.	<b>d</b>
56.	<b>b</b>	57.	<b>c</b>	58.	<b>b</b>	59.	<b>c</b>	60.	<b>c</b>
61.	<b>b</b>	62.	<b>d</b>	63.	<b>d</b>	64.	<b>c</b>	65.	<b>b</b>
66.	<b>a</b>	67.	<b>a</b>	68.	<b>c</b>	69.	<b>c</b>	70.	<b>a</b>
71.	<b>d</b>	72.	<b>b</b>	73.	<b>b</b>	74.	<b>d</b>	75.	<b>b</b>
76.	<b>c</b>	77.	<b>b</b>	78.	<b>d</b>	79.	<b>d</b>	80.	<b>b</b>
81.	<b>c</b>	82.	<b>c</b>	83.	<b>d</b>	84.	<b>b</b>	85.	<b>d</b>
86.	<b>a</b>	87.	<b>b</b>	88.	<b>c</b>	89.	<b>c</b>	90.	<b>a</b>

91.	d	92.	d	93.	a	94.	d	95.	a
96.	d	97.	d	98.	c	99.	c	100.	b
101.	d	102.	a	103.	a	104.	b	105.	d
106.	c	107.	a	108.	c	109.	b	110.	a
111.	c	112.	a	113.	d	114.	a	115.	c
116.	d	117.	d	118.	a	119.	c	120.	c

## INDIAN HISTORY & CULTURE

1.	c	2.	b	3.	a	4.	d	5.	a
6.	c	7.	a	8.	d	9.	b	10.	a
11.	c	12.	b	13.	b	14.	d	15.	c
16.	d	17.	d	18.	c	19.	c	20.	c
21.	b	22.	d	23.	c	24.	a	25.	c
26.	d	27.	a	28.	c	29.	b	30.	d
31.	b	32.	d	33.	c	34.	a	35.	b
36.	c	37.	a	38.	a	39.	d	40.	b
41.	b	42.	a	43.	d	44.	b	45.	a
46.	d	47.	c	48.	c	49.	a	50.	c
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56.	a	57.	b	58.	d	59.	a	60.	a
61.	c	62.	c	63.	a	64.	b	65.	d
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81.	c	82.	c	83.	d	84.	b	85.	a
86.	c	87.	c	88.	d	89.	a	90.	a
91.	a	92.	b	93.	c	94.	b	95.	d
96.	d	97.	a	98.	c	99.	a	100.	a
101.	b	102.	c	103.	a	104.	d	105.	a
106.	a	107.	c	108.	b	109.	a	110.	d
111.	d	112.	c	113.	c	114.	b	115.	a
116.	c	117.	a	118.	b	119.	c	120.	c

# CURRENT AFFAIRS

1.	<b>b</b>	2.	<b>a</b>	3.	<b>b</b>	4.	<b>a</b>	5.	<b>d</b>
6.	<b>d</b>	7.	<b>c</b>	8.	<b>a</b>	9.	<b>c</b>	10.	<b>c</b>
11.	<b>c</b>	12.	<b>b</b>	13.	<b>a</b>	14.	<b>a</b>	15.	<b>b</b>
16.	<b>a</b>	17.	<b>d</b>	18.	<b>d</b>	19.	<b>d</b>	20.	<b>b</b>
21.	<b>d</b>	22.	<b>a</b>	23.	<b>a</b>	24.	<b>d</b>	25.	<b>c</b>
26.	<b>a</b>	27.	<b>d</b>	28.	<b>b</b>	29.	<b>d</b>	30.	<b>b</b>
31.	<b>c</b>	32.	<b>a</b>	33.	<b>a</b>	34.	<b>d</b>	35.	<b>c</b>
36.	<b>b</b>	37.	<b>c</b>	38.	<b>a</b>	39.	<b>d</b>	40.	<b>a</b>
41.	<b>c</b>	42.	<b>a</b>	43.	<b>c</b>	44.	<b>b</b>	45.	<b>d</b>
46.	<b>c</b>	47.	<b>d</b>	48.	<b>a</b>	49.	<b>d</b>	50.	<b>a</b>
51.	<b>b</b>	52.	<b>b</b>	53.	<b>d</b>	54.	<b>a</b>	55.	<b>b</b>
56.	<b>c</b>	57.	<b>a</b>	58.	<b>c</b>	59.	<b>a</b>	60.	<b>c</b>
61.	<b>d</b>	62.	<b>a</b>	63.	<b>c</b>	64.	<b>b</b>	65.	<b>c</b>
66.	<b>a</b>	67.	<b>d</b>	68.	<b>a</b>	69.	<b>c</b>	70.	<b>d</b>
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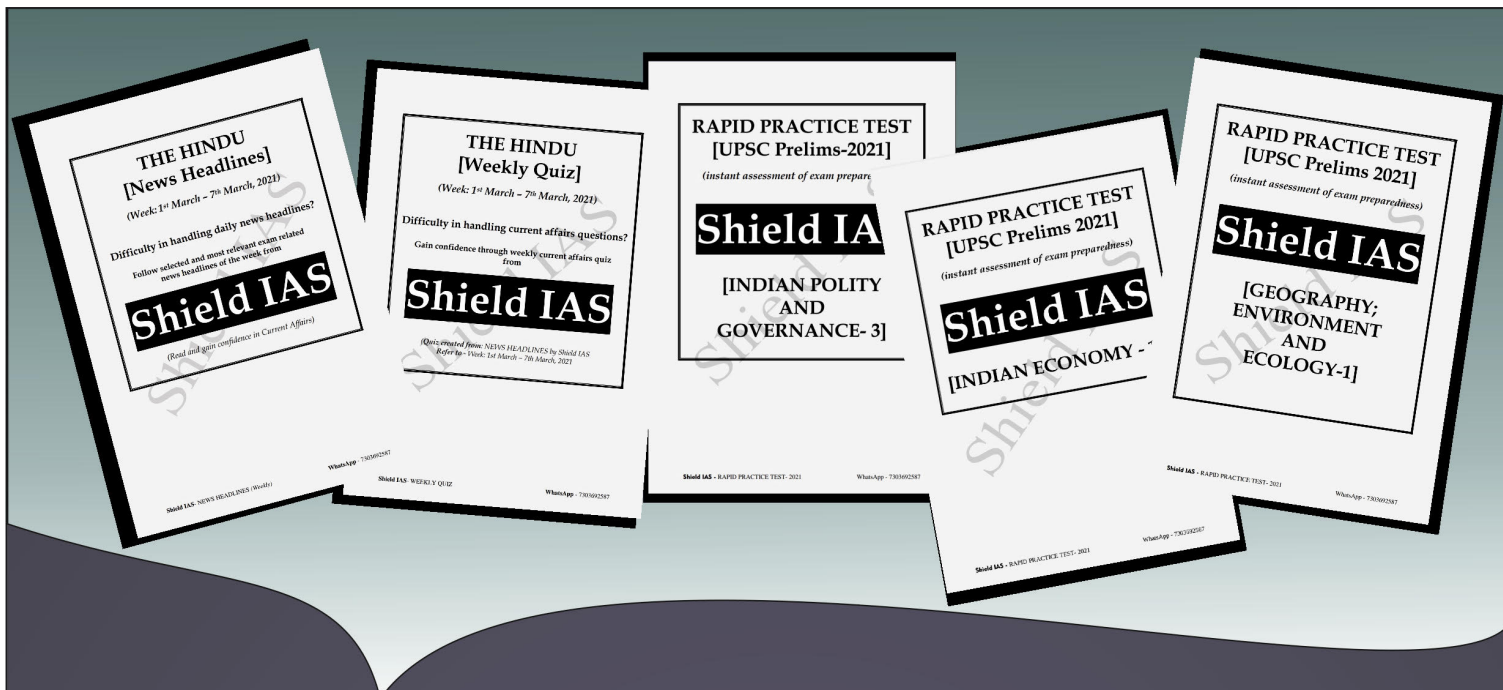
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## GENERAL STUDIES - FLTs

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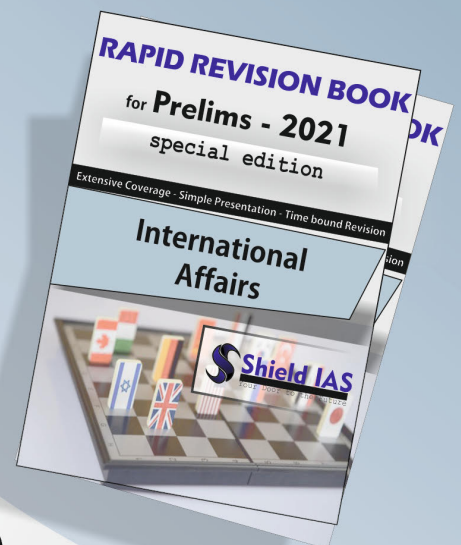
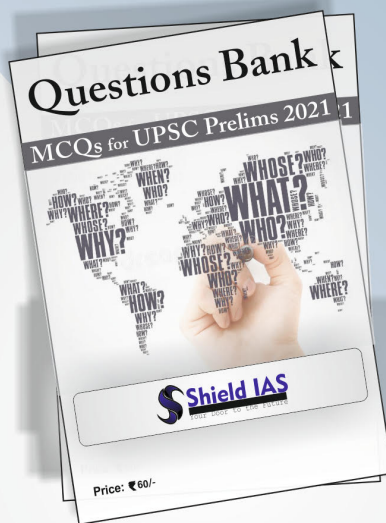
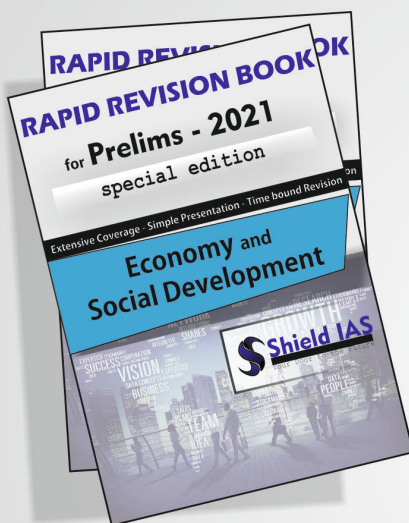
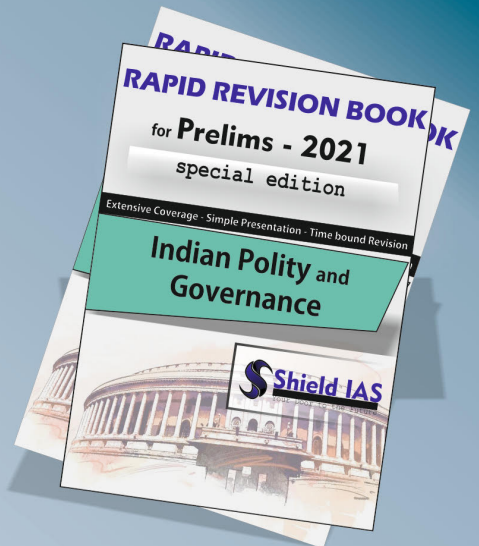
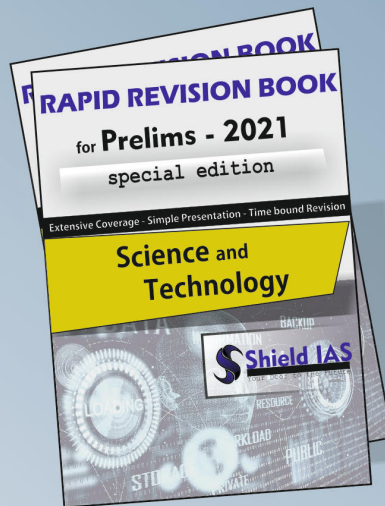
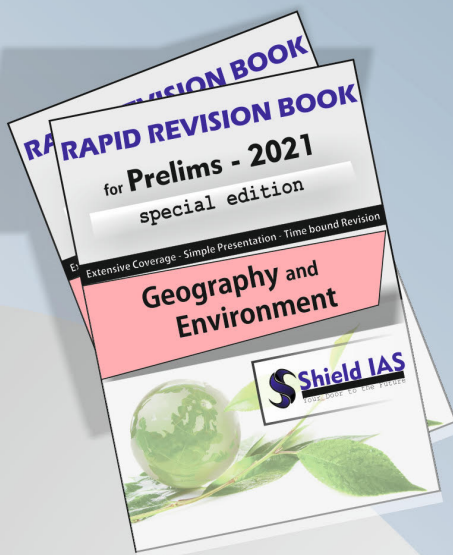
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




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