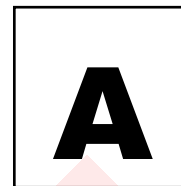


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Q.1) Consider the following statements in the context of Indian judiciary

1. An independent and integrated judiciary is a core federal feature of the Constitution.
2. The Supreme court has the authority to transfer an ongoing case from one High Court to another.
3. Special Leave Petition (SLP) can be filed against the decrees and judgements of the Supreme Court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.2) With reference to Committee on Public Accounts, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- a) It is the oldest parliamentary committee, constituted in 1921.
- b) It draws members both from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
- c) Both a Minister or the Leader of the Opposition can be appointed as its Chairman.
- d) It scrutinizes the appropriation accounts of the Government of India.

Q.3) Which of the following was/were a response to the Jallianwala Bagh massacre?

1. Rabindra Nath Tagore's renouncement of Knighthood.

2. Mahatma Gandhi's renouncement of Kaiser-i-Hind.
3. Setting up of the Hunter Committee
4. Passing of the Rowlatt Act

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.4) It is one of the largest landlocked water bodies which serves as a divide between Asia and Europe. Its sea bed is one of the lowest natural depressions on Earth. It is an endorheic basin. A recent agreement ended a lengthy dispute over its legal status.

Which of the following water bodies has been described above?

- a) Black sea
- b) Mediterranean Sea
- c) Red Sea
- d) Caspian Sea

Q.5) Which of the following statements correctly distinguishes between Buddhism and Jainism?

- a) Mahavira was a reformer of Jainism, while Buddha was the founder of Buddhism.
- b) Jainism acknowledges the existence of soul, which is absent in Buddhism.
- c) The *tathagata marg* of Buddhism is liberal as compared to the asceticism of Jainism.
- d) All of the above

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Q.6) With reference to Project Shashakt, consider the following statements

1. It is a strategy to address the issue of bad loans in the banking sector
2. It aims to provide inter creditor agreements for resolving bad loans up to 50 crores.
3. Asset Management Companies can take over the resolution of bad loans beyond 500 crores.

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

Q.7) Which of the following is/are the type/types of bustard(s) endemic to India?

1. The Great Indian Bustard
2. Lesser Florican
3. Bengal Florican
4. Houbara

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Q.8) With reference to the Model Code of Conduct, consider the following statements

1. It was first introduced in Assembly Elections in Nagaland.
2. The code automatically comes into force with the announcement of election schedule by the Election Commission.
3. Inducements to voters, bribery, intimidation or any undue influence is would amount to violation under the Model Code of Conduct Rules.
4. The cVigil Mobile app provides a tool to ensure adherence to the model code of conduct.

Select the correct statement(s) using the codes given below

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

Q.9) Which of the following statements is *incorrectly* stated with reference to the Human Capital Index (HCI)?

- a) It is released by the World Bank as a part of the World Development Report.
- b) It is designed to convey the productivity of the next generation of workers.
- c) It uses survival rates and stunting rates instead of life expectancy as a measure of health.
- d) It is a better tool to measure overall human development than the Human Development Index (HDI).

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Q.10) With reference to 'Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan' Scheme, consider the following statements

1. It is a contributory and voluntary pension scheme proposed for workers of unorganised sector.
2. It provides for transfer of 50% of the pension to the spouse of beneficiary, in case of the death of beneficiary before 60 years of age.
3. Children working in unorganised sectors can also avail the benefits of the scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.11) With reference to temple architecture, consider the following statements

1. Gateways and boundary walls are a prominent feature of the Nagara style of architecture.
2. Dravidian temples have also been an active seat of administration and education, apart from being a religious centre.
3. Dwarpalas and staircases are a prominent feature of Nagara Style.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.12) With reference to Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), consider the following statements

1. They are primarily used in air conditioning and insulating foams.
2. They are greenhouses gases as well as ozone depleting substances.
3. They are to be phased out under the Kigali Amendment to Montreal Protocol.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.13) Which of the following are correct examples of "Big Data", often seen in the news?

1. Messages sent over SMS and Messenger Apps such as WhatsApp
2. Conversations people have in their homes
3. Purchasing and online browsing behaviour
4. Personalised content shown to Users

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.14) 'Shoaling' is a phenomenon associated with -

- a) Tropical cyclone
- b) Temperate cyclone
- c) Tsunami
- d) Earthquake

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Q.15) With reference to Saubhagya Yojana, consider the following statements

1. It seeks to achieve universal household electrification.
2. It provides for free electricity connection to every unelectrified house.
3. Its expected outcomes are environmental upgradation and improved quality of life for women.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.16) Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Statutory Liquid Ratio is liquid assets like government securities, gold etc that banks have to keep with themselves.
2. Cash Reserve Ratio is maintained in cash form and kept with RBI.
3. Banks earn no interest on Cash Reserve Ratio.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.17) Which of the following is/are favourable conditions for the formation of desert?

1. Presence of High pressure belt
2. Nearness to the sea
3. Presence of Cold current

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.18) Who amongst the following publishes the Future of Jobs Report?

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) World Trade Organisation
- c) World Bank
- d) International Labour Organisation

Q.19) Which of the following is/are the peasant revolts that took place after the sepoy mutiny of 1857?

1. Tebhaga Movement
2. Pagal Panthis
3. Deccan Riots
4. Eka Movement

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

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Q.20) With reference to Vernacular Press Act of 1878, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- It was enacted to curtail the freedom of the Indian language press.
- It was enacted during the viceroy ship of Lord Lytton.
- It empowered the Government to issue search warrants, and enter newspaper premises even without court orders
- It was known as the Gagging Act and was repealed by Lord Minto.

Q.21) Which among the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana is correctly stated?

- It is an umbrella scheme for two initiatives i.e. Health and Wellness Centre and National Health Protection Scheme.
- The scheme offers a cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per person in a family in a year for secondary and tertiary care.
- The National health protection scheme has a cap on family size and age.
- The beneficiaries of scheme can avail benefits in only public healthcare facilities.

Q.22) Which is the following statements is/are correct?

- Magnetite is the purest form of iron ore.
- Karnataka has the largest magnetite iron ore reserves in the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.23) Which of the following index/indices is/are being published by the NITI Aayog?

- School Education Quality Index
- Composite Water Management Index
- India Innovation Index

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Q.24) Which of the following countries have officially declared a “Climate Emergency”?

- Britain
- China
- Ireland
- Denmark

Select the correct statements using codes given below

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Q.25) The Global environment facility (GEF) works as the financial mechanism for

1. Minamata convention
2. Bonn convention
3. Convention on biodiversity (CBD)

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.26) With reference to Black Hole, consider the following statements:

1. Black Hole is a region in space which contains a huge amount of mass within a relatively small volume.
2. The first ever image of Black Hole has been snapped from Messier 87 galaxy in Virgo A constellation.
3. The Event Horizon Telescope has captured the first ever image of black hole.

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

Q.27) Which of the following are used in firecrackers?

1. Aluminium
2. Barium
3. Copper

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.28) 'Param Shivay', recently seen in the news, is a

- a) Supercomputer built under the National Supercomputing Mission
- b) Airborne Early Warning & Destroyer System of Indian Air Force
- c) Nuclear powered Frigate of the Indian Navy
- d) Civil Defense force raised to guard holy places in the country

Q.29) Which of the following pair is *incorrectly* matched?

- a) Kunderi : Odisha
- b) Chithirai Festival : Tamil Nadu
- c) Pandavani : Maharashtra
- d) Tholu Bommalata : Andhra Pradesh

Q.30) With reference to the emergency provisions, which of the following statements is correct?

- a) The proclamation of national emergency is always applicable to the entire country.
- b) It is no longer possible to declare a national emergency on the ground of internal disturbance.
- c) Right to freedom of speech can be suspended on the President's order in case of a national emergency on any grounds.
- d) The National Emergency can be revoked by the President only by prior Parliamentary approval.

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Q.31) Which of the following is/are a part of the current account of an economy?

1. Trade in merchandise
2. Earnings of BPO
3. Remittances
4. Foreign Direct Investment

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.32) With reference to Ocean Currents, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- a) Indian Ocean currents are currents to change directions seasonally
- b) Counter-current replaces the water removed from the eastern side of the ocean by the North Equatorial and South Equatorial Currents.
- c) West Wind Drift is circumpolar due to the lack of any landmass.
- d) In the Indian Ocean winter currents are more regular than those of the summer.

Q.33) With reference to Forex Swap being taken up by the Reserve Bank of India, consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the methods of liquidity control.
2. It will decrease the supply of Indian currency in the market.

3. It will help boost RBI's forex reserves.

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

Q.34) Which of the following is responsible for the retreat of monsoon?

1. Development of high pressure zone in north-western part of India.
2. Shifting of westerly jet stream to the north of the Himalayas.
3. Southward shifting of ITCZ.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.35) 'LOHAFEX' is

- a) A High-speed magnetic levitation technology train jointly developed by India and Japan
- b) Ocean iron fertilization experiment to limit the 'greenhouse effect'
- c) Mission for finding Iron remnants on Mars through space rovers
- d) A flexible iron arm-chair designed for the disabled by IIT-Madras

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Q.36) Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Odisha coast has the world's largest nesting site for the Olive Ridley turtle.
2. India has the highest record of biodiversity among mangrove forests of the world.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Q.37) The term 'Soil Rate', recently in news, is related to

- a) damaged currency notes
- b) soil erosional rates
- c) water pollution index
- d) an index to measure the rate of soil formation

Q.38) What is the correct order of the weight of Core Industries in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)?

- a) Petroleum Refinery > Electricity > Crude Oil
- b) Electricity > Petroleum Refinery > Crude Oil
- c) Petroleum Refinery > Crude Oil > Electricity
- d) Electricity > Crude Oil > Petroleum Refinery

Q.39) With reference to land revenue settlement during British Rule, which of the following statements is correct?

- a) Ryotwari system was introduced by Thomas Munro.
- b) In Mahalwari System, the ownership rights were vested with the peasants.

c) Under the Zamindari system, the zamindars were given the right to collect rent from the peasants.

d) All of the above

Q.40) With reference to Quit India Movement, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

1. The call for "Do or Die" was given by Mahatma Gandhi at the initiation of the movement.
2. It was in response to the failure of Cabinet Mission.
3. The movement drew to a close after the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi.
4. Many parallel governments cropped up in different parts of the country during the movement.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.41) With reference to PM KISAN scheme, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- a) It is a centrally sponsored direct income support scheme for small and marginal farmers.
- b) It envisages cultivable land as the sole criteria to define small and marginal farmers.
- c) It lays the onus on the state/UT administration to identify the beneficiary family.
- d) AADHAR will be the only proof of identity for identification of beneficiaries.

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Q.42) Consider the following statements regarding cyclones

1. Tropical cyclones are thermally induced while temperate cyclones are dynamically induced.
2. Tropical cyclones move from west to east while direction of temperate cyclones depend upon the local wind system.
3. Tropical cyclones can not sustain on land, while temperate cyclones can.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.43) Consider the following statements about the availability of fresh water on earth

1. The largest source of fresh water on the earth surface is rivers.
2. Lakes are the second largest source of fresh water on the earth.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Q.44) The term “son meta-preference” denotes which of the following?

- a) The general preference for sons in the Indian Society.
- b) The equal treatment of both boy and girl child, but differential treatment when it comes to the health and education.
- c) The treatment of girl child as a male child in case of no sons being born in the family.
- d) The practice of having children until a son is born in the family.

Q.45) Why is the 1971 Census used as a benchmark year for population figures for the purpose of delimitation?

1. The 1971 Census showed a dramatic increase in population subsequent to which family planning initiatives were undertaken by the government.
2. States that implemented the population control policy successfully would lose political weight at the Union if later Census data was used for delimitation.

Select the *incorrect* statement(s) using the codes given below

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

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Q.46) Which of the following are correct arguments for persuading citizens to pay taxes?

1. Taxes provide the government with funds to undertake creation of public infrastructure and to pay people employed in running the administration of the country.
2. By paying taxes, the citizens can hold the government accountable.
3. Taxes are a tool for enforcing social contract between the State and Citizens.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.47) With reference to social mobility in Ancient India, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- a) While the number of varnas was fixed at four, there was no restriction on the number of jatis.
- b) Shrenis or guilds were organisation of Jatis which shared a common occupation or profession.
- c) Jati unlike varna was based on the profession or occupation and not on the birth of an individual.
- d) Jati was the name given to occupational categories which did not easily fit into the fourfold varna system.

Q.48) Who among the following is/are the French travellers who visited India and left a vivid account of the era in their writings?

1. Francois Bernier
2. Jean-Baptiste Tavernier
3. Duarte Barbosa
4. Ibn Battuta

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.49) With reference to Geneva Convention 1949, consider the following statements

1. It applies even in situations when there is no declaration of war.
2. It applies at the very instance a combatant is captured by the enemy state irrespective of the use of force prior to the event.

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

Q.50) The practice of restricting entry of women into places of worship violates which among the following Fundamental Rights?

1. Article 14
2. Article 17
3. Article 25
4. Article 15

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.51) Which of the following condition/s can help strong monsoonal rainfall in India

1. Strengthening of El-nino.
2. Establishment of Sub-tropical westerly Jet stream over northern plains in summer.
3. Intense heating of Tibetan plateau

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.52) These soils are generally clayey, deep and impermeable. They swell and become sticky when wet and shrink when dried. During the dry season, these soils develop wide cracks, and have 'self-ploughing' feature. This soil retains moisture for a very long time, which helps the crops, especially the rain fed ones, to sustain even during the dry season.

Which of the following types of soil is described above?

- a) Alluvial Soil
- b) Black Soil
- c) Laterite Soil
- d) Red Soil

Q.53) The high concentration of Non-Performing Assets in the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as compared to the Private Sector Banks can be attributed to which of the following?

1. Publicly owned banks are full of inefficiency, incompetence and corruption.
2. PSBs had a high exposure to mining, iron & steel, textiles, infrastructure and aviation sectors which performed poorly.
3. Political and public policy exigencies always influence business decisions in PSBs.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.54) The legislation whose failure aggrieved the then Viceroy of India Lord Ripon, to an extent of tendering resignation was

- a) First Factory Act 1881
- b) Ilbert Bill
- c) Self Government Act
- d) Vernacular Press Act

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Q.55) Which among the following is the objective of Operation Greens launched in Budget 2018 – 19?

- It seeks to stabilize the supply of horticulture crops and to ensure their availability throughout the country, all year round without price volatility.
- It seeks to stabilize the supply of coarse grains crops and to ensure their availability throughout the country, all year round without price volatility.
- It seeks to stabilize the supply of pulses and oil seeds and to ensure their availability throughout the country, all year round without price volatility.
- It seeks to stabilize the supply of Tomato, Onions and Potatoes (TOPs) and to ensure their availability throughout the country, all year round without price volatility.

Q.56) This climate is mostly found on the western coast of continents in subtropical latitudes between 30° - 40°. These areas come under the influence of sub-tropical high in summer and westerly winds in winter. It is characterised by hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. Monthly average temperature in summer is around 25° C and in winter below 10°C. The annual precipitation ranges between 35 - 90 cm

Which of the following climate types is described above?

- Mediterranean Climate
- Sub-tropical Steppe Climate

- Marine West Coast Climate
- Humid Subtropical Climate

Q.57) With reference to GrAM, consider the following statements

- It aims to strengthen the physical infrastructure of rural haats to facilitate direct sale of agri produce to consumers.
- It will be linked to electronic national agricultural market and will remain outside the purview of APMC regulations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.58) Consider the following

<i>Conflict Areas</i>	<i>Dispute Between</i>
1. Golan Heights	Israel and Syria
2. Hebron	Israel and Iran
3. Sinai Peninsula	Israel and Palestine

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

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Q.59) India has proposed to remove *Dalbergia Sissoo* from Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). What does *Dalbergia Sissoo* being in Appendix II mean?

- Dalbergia Sissoo* is threatened with extinction and CITES prohibits international trade in it except when the purpose of the import is not commercial.
- Dalbergia Sissoo* is not necessarily now threatened with extinction but it may become so unless trade is closely controlled.
- Dalbergia Sissoo* is among a list of species whose trade is already regulated and it requires the cooperation of member countries to prevent unsustainable or illegal exploitation
- None of the above

Q.60) "Protect our Species" was the theme for which of the following, held recently ?

- World Sparrow Day
- World Environment Day, 2019
- World Biodiversity Day, 2019
- Earth Day

Q.61) Which of the following is *not* associated with later mural tradition of Kerala?

- Dutch palace in Kochi
- Tirumalaipuram caves
- Pundareekapuram Krishna temple
- Krishnapuram palace in Kayamkulam

Q.62) Consider the following.

Dance Form	Associated Musical Instruments
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| 1. Bharatanatyam | Mridangam |
| 2. Manipuri | Pung |
| 3. Odissi | Pakhawaj |

Which of the sets of pair given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q.63) If a color blind man marries a color blind carrier woman, which of the following can be correctly stated about the off-springs?

- All sons have 100% chance of being color blind.
- All sons have 50% chance of being color blind.
- All daughters have 100% chance of being color blind carrier
- All daughters have 50% chance of being color blind

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- 2 and 4 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 4 only

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Q.64) Consider the following statements

1. Gaganyaan is India's first intended manned space flight that will send a three membered crew in space.
2. It is conceived as a part of the Human Space Flight program - a joint venture between ISRO and NASA.
3. It will be using a GSLV - III rocket, which uses a cryogenic engine.
4. India will be the fifth nation after USA, Russia, China and France to accomplish this, if the mission is successful.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.65) With reference to office of profit, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- a) It simply seeks to enforce the principle of separation of powers between the legislature and the executive.
- b) It has been defined both in the Indian Constitution and Rules of Lok Sabha.
- c) Supreme Court has ruled that test for determining whether a person holds an office of profit is the test of appointment.
- d) Different offices has been made immune from being tagged as an office of profit through enactment of different laws.

Q.66) Which of the following are used as an agent(s) in Cloud Seeding?

1. Silver Iodide
2. Potassium Iodide
3. Potassium Nitrate
4. Dry Ice

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.67) With reference to Tropical Evergreen Forests, consider the following statements:

1. They are found in warm and humid areas with an annual precipitation of over 200 cm and mean annual temperature above 22 C.
2. These forests are found in the western slope of the Western Ghats, hills of the north-eastern region and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
3. Trees and plants in these forests have no definite time for shedding their leaves.

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

Q.68) With reference to Cripps Mission, which of the following statements is correct?

- Its proposals were accepted by Muslim league and princely states but was rejected by the Congress.
- It promised to frame the Constitution for India but denied the participation of Indians in it.
- Its key objective was to secure India's cooperation and support for British war efforts.
- It proposed formation of new executive council with all members being Indians except the Viceroy.

Q.69) Consider the following statements.

- Charter Act of 1833 created for the first time a Governor General of India.
- Indian Council Act of 1861 introduced an open competition system of recruitment of civil servants.
- Indian Council Act of 1909 legalised communalism.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.70) With reference to the Finance Commission, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- Its recommendations are merely advisory in nature and hence non-binding on the government.

b) It's a constitutional body with quasi-judicial character.

- Qualification for its chairman and members has been defined in the constitution.
- Its members can be reappointed.

Q.71) Consider the following statements

- Interim budget represents the expenditure side of the budget while general budget includes both income and expenditure.
- A Vote-On-Account is treated as a formal matter and passed by the Lok Sabha without discussion as opposed to the General budget.
- A Vote-On-Account is not required during an interim budget.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.72) Consider the following

<i>UNSC Resolution</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
1. 1267	Sanctions on Al Qaida related individuals and entities
2. 2462	To stop travel of terrorists
3. 2396	To prevent and counter terrorism financing in its new form

Which of the sets of pair given above is/are correctly matched?

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

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Q.73) Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. GDP Deflator is the most comprehensive measure of inflation
2. GDP Deflator is used by RBI as the inflation measure for the purpose of inflation targeting

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

Q.74) Global Gender Gap Report is an annual report published by which of the following organisations?

- a) Oxford Human Poverty Institute
- b) World Bank
- c) International Monetary Fund
- d) World Economic Forum

Q.75) The Aegean Sea Dispute, recently in the news, is a conflict between

- a) Greece and Italy
- b) Turkey and Greece
- c) Turkey and Syria
- d) Greece and Egypt

Q.76) With reference to India-Japan bilateral Currency Swap Agreements, consider the following statements:

1. It is an open-ended credit line from one country to another at a fixed exchange rate.
2. It will help shore up the declining value of Indian Rupee.

3. It mitigates the foreign exchange risk and lowers the finance cost of loans.

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

Q.77) The Tropic of Cancer passes through which of the following states of the North East India?

1. Manipur
2. Mizoram
3. Nagaland
4. Tripura

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

Q.78) With reference to Indian Schools of Philosophy, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- a) Samkhya is the oldest school and is a dualist philosophy.
- b) The Yoga school was expounded by Patanjali.
- c) Nyaya school is based on a system of logic.
- d) Vaisheshika is the heterodox school of philosophy

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Q.79) With reference to Basel Convention 1989, consider the following statements:

1. It is a legally binding framework on the control and movement of hazardous substances.
2. It has been amended recently to include plastic in the category of hazardous waste.

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

Q.80) It has been inducted in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, based on the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program in the year 2016. It is spread through the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. It is home to Kanikaran, one of the oldest surviving ancient tribes in the world.

Which of the following biosphere reserves has been described above?

- a) Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
- b) Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve
- c) Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve
- d) Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve

Q.81) With reference to The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act (PPV&FR Act), consider the following statements

1. Farmers are entitled to save, use, sow, re-sow, exchange, share or sell their farm produce, including seeds of protected varieties.
2. Farmers are entitled to sell branded seeds of a variety protected under this Act.
3. The act integrates a provision for access and benefit-sharing (ABS) along with Plant Breeder's Rights (PBRs).

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

Q.82) With reference to Lokpal and Lokayukta Act 2013, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- a) It laid down a new procedure for selection of the Director of Central Bureau of Investigation.
- b) It has provided for a selection committee and a search committee for selection of members of Lokpal.
- c) It has brought Prime Minister of India under the purview of Lokpal in all subject matters.
- d) It has provided the states with flexibility to decide upon the contours of Lokayukta mechanism.

Q.83) Consider the following statements

1. Scheduled Areas are designated under Fifth schedule while Tribal Areas are designated under Sixth schedule.
2. Scheduled Areas are designated by the President while the Governor has the power to designate Autonomous Districts.
3. Tribes Advisory Councils are constituted under the fifth schedule while Autonomous District Councils are constituted under sixth schedule.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.84) Which of the following is the direct impact of Fiscal Drag?

- a) It brings down high inflation rate and stabilises prices
- b) It perpetuates an already high inflation rate
- c) It causes an abrupt rise in inflation rate causes destabilisation in prices
- d) It perpetuates the trend of deflation in the economy

Q.85) The 'Backstop Agreement', recently in the news, is associated with

- a) Ireland
- b) France

- c) Germany
- d) Iran

Q.86) Which of the following sets of pair is/are correctly matched?

1. Parthana Samaj : Dr. Atmaram Pandurang
2. Nirankari Movement : Baba Dayal Das
3. Parsi Religious Reform Association : S.S. Bengalee

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

Q.87) Consider the following statements

1. Nitrogen is a reactive gas and has contributed immensely to Nitrogen Pollution
2. Agriculture is the largest source of Nitrogen Pollution
3. Nitrogen Pollution has led to loss of biodiversity, pollution of seas and rivers and ozone depletion

Select the correct statements using codes given below

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

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Q.88) Consider the following statements

1. Universal basic income scheme is based on the principles of universality, unconditionality and agency.
2. Minimum basic income scheme is based on the principles of targeted group and conditionality.

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

Q.89) The anthology known as the Nalayira Divyaprabandham (“Four Thousand Sacred Compositions”) is associated with

- a) Lingayats
- b) Siddas
- c) Alvars
- d) Nayanars

Q.90) With reference to Rights, which of the statements given below is correct?

- a) They lay the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the society.
- b) They represent conditions that society collectively sees as a source of self-respect and dignity.
- c) They are essentially an entitlement or a justified claim needed to lead a dignified life.
- d) All of the above

Q.91) Who among the following is/are the woman/women poet/s of Bhakti?

1. Habba Khatun
2. Meera Bai
3. Avvayyar

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q.92) Consider the following sets of pair:

<i>Reserve/Protected Area</i>	<i>In news for</i>
1. Kamlang Tiger reserve	50 th tiger reserve in India.
2. Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary	Re-introduction of Cheetah
3. Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary	Translocation of Gir Asiatic Lions

Which of the sets of pair given above is/are correctly matched?

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

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Q.93) Which of the following is/are the indicator/indicators used to compute the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)?

1. Nutrition
2. School Attendance
3. Housing

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q94) Which of the following are matched *incorrectly*?

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| 1. Soyuz | Joint Collaboration between NASA, European Space Agency and Italian Space Agency to study Saturn |
| 2. Cassini | Chinese spacecraft that carried people and supplies to and fro from the International Space Station |
| 3. Chandra X Observatory | Space Observatory launched by ISRO in to study long wave radio waves coming from Space |
| 4. Bepi Colombo | Europe's First Mission to Venus |

Select the correct answer using codes given below

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

d) 2 and 3 only

Q.95) Yogyakarta Principles, recently seen in the news, is associated with

- a) LGBTQ rights
- b) Rights of refugees
- c) Rights of children during war
- d) Rights of illegal migrants

Q.96) Which of the following sites in India have been accorded the status of 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention?

1. Sunderban Mangroves
2. Bhitarkanika Mangroves
3. Keoladeo National Park

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q.97) The phenomenon of 'Ozone hole' is more pronounced on polar areas due to

1. Formation of polar tropospheric clouds (PTC)
2. Presence of circumpolar vortex
3. Transfer of pollutants from equatorial region to the poles

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

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Q.98) How did the militant nationalists of early 20th Century differ from the moderates?

1. They believed that Indians must work for their own salvation.
2. They believed that India could progress under the benevolent guidance of the British.
3. They had no faith in the strength of masses and wanted to attain swaraj through a limited individual heroic action.

Select the correct statements using codes given below

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

Q.99) Which of the following is a cultural and educational right as enshrined in the Indian Constitution?

- a) Freedom to manage religious affairs
- b) Freedom from attending religious instructions
- c) Protection of language, script and culture of minorities
- d) All of the above

Q.100) With reference to the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992, consider the following statements

1. The act brought Panchayati Raj institutions under the purview of justiciable part of the Constitution.
2. The act provides for setting up of State finance commission and State election commission.

3. The act does not apply to the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

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



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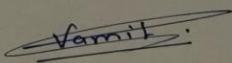
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