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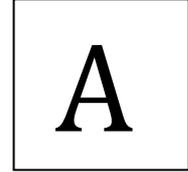
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1. Recently announced Aatma Nirbhar Abhiyaan focuses on which of following?
 1. Labour
 2. Land
 3. Liquidity
 4. Laws

(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) All of the above
2. Which of following statements is/are correct?
 1. Subansri river originates in Tibet plateau & enters India through Miri hills in Arunachal Pradesh.
 2. Dibang is the largest Triutary of Brahmaputra
 3. Recently the Border Roads organization (BRO) constructed Daporio bridge over Teesta river.

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 3 only
(d) None of the above
3. Which of following is are correct with respect to Diemer – Bhasha dam?
 1. It will be built on Satluj river.
 2. The location of dam falls in Haryana.
 3. The dam will provide good irrigation facilities to Punjab & Haryana.

(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) All 1, 2 and 3
(d) All are wrong
4. For Election Commission, at district level, who acts as district returning officer?

(a) District Magistrate.
(b) District Superintendent of Police
(c) Special officer appointed by State government
(d) None of the above
5. 'Chak-Hao' is a black rice which got GI tag recently. In which state is it grown traditionally?

(a) Uttarakhand
(b) Sikkim
(c) Manipur
(d) Kerala
6. Which of the following with respect to India is/are correct?
 1. The percentage of stunted & wasted children in India is more than the average percentage in all Asian countries.
 2. India is the 3rd worst country in world along with Nigeria and Indonesia for steep within country disparity in stunting amongst children.

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both
(d) None of the above
7. Which of following country does not share boundary with Afghanistan?

(a) Turkmenistan
(b) Uzbekistan
(c) Kazakstan
(d) Tajikistan

8. Which of the following Gupta emperor is represented on coins as playing veena?
(a) Chandragupta – I
(b) Chandragupta – II
(c) Samudragupta
(d) Skandagupta
9. Which of following is correct Chronological order in which invaders attacked India in ancient times?
(a) Kushaas – Parthians – Alexander
(b) Shakas – Kushanas – Alexander
(c) Alexander – Greeks – Shakas
(d) Alexander – Shakas – Greeks
10. Who among the following lead the Bardoli Satyagraha in 1928?
(a) Sarojini Naidu
(b) Jawaharlal Nehru
(c) Vallabhabhai Patel
(d) None of the above
11. Match the following with respect to Chartrapati Shivaji's Ashtapradhan System.
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|---------------|---|
| 1. Peshwa | i. Taking care of all official corresponded |
| 2. Dabir | ii. Ecclesiastical head |
| 3. Pandit Rao | iii. Head of civil & military affairs |
| 4. Surunavis | iv. Foreign secretary |
- (a) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv
(b) 1-iv, 2-iii, 3-ii, 4-i
(c) 1-iii, 2-iv, 3-ii, 4-i
(d) 1-ii, 2-iii, 3-iv, 4-i
12. The Kingdom of king Porus was situated between which two rivers?
(a) Indus & Jhelum
(b) Jhelan & Chenab
(c) Chenab & Beas
(d) Yamuna & Ganga
13. Closed Economy indicates which of the following?
(a) The money supply in economy is fully controlled.
(b) Exports are allowed but imports are banned
(c) Imports are allowed but exports are banned
(d) Both imports & exports are not allowed in such economy.
14. In which of following case is RBI likely to increase the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)?
(a) When demand of goods & services is very low in economy.
(b) When the rate of inflation is very high.
(c) When the rate of inflation is very low.
(d) (a) & (c)
15. Which of the following is a clinical trial in which blood is transfused from recovered covid-19 patients to a corona-virus patient who is in critical condition in order to cure him/her?
(a) Remdesivir Therapy
(b) Solidarity Therapy
(c) Plasma Therapy
(d) Corona Therapy

- 16.** Which of following is/are correct?
- Bhuvan is a satellite application launched by ISRO to explore 2D & 3D representation of earth.
 - Srishti has been launched by ISRO along with Department of land Resource to monitor Integrated Watershed Management Program.
 - Both (a) and (b)
 - Neither (a) nor (b)
- 17.** Which of following is/are correct with respect to Loktak lake?
- Union Ministry of Shipping has recently approved the Loktak Inland waterways Proect.
 - Loktak is the largest freshwater lake in northeast India
 - Keibul Lamjao National Park is the only floating national park in world & is an integral part of Loktak lake.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - All 1, 2 and 3
- 18.** Which of following with respect to law commission of India is/are correct?
- It is a statutory body constituted by GoI from time to time.
 - It was constituted in 1955 for first time.
 - Recently the President gave his approval for formation of 20th Law Commission.
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - 3 only
 - All are correct.
- 19.** Which of the following lakes in India was in news for death of thousands of migratory birds?
- Sambhar lake
 - Chilika lake
 - Vembanand lake
 - Dal lake.
- 20.** Which of the following is/are not correct with respect to mission Purvodaya?
- It aims to develop Eastern India as an integrated steel hub.
 - City of Kalinga Nagar is to be developed as epicenter of Mission Purvodaya.
 - Russia is the main partner in this mission
 - None of above
- 21.** Who among the following publishes 'Worldwide Press Freedom Index'?
- Amnesty International
 - Economist Intelligence Unit
 - World Economic Forum
 - Reporters Without Borders
- 22.** At which of the following level in India the 'Right to recall' is present?
- Panchayat
 - Municipal
 - Parliament/State legislatures
- Choose the correct option from below:
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - None of these

23. Which of the followings best describes the meaning of 'liberalism'?

- (a) Liberals allow others freedom to do what they want, in exchange for having the same freedom in return.
- (b) Freedom is political rather than personal and hence it should be allowed with reasonable restrictions.
- (c) Opposing any governmental coercion, aside from that which is necessary to prevent individuals from coercing each other.
- (d) Freedom should promote creativity and individuality in society by improving economic condition and maintaining social relationships.

24. The idea of Constitutionalism means;

- 1. Providing the supreme power and authority to government elected by the people.
- 2. The government can and should be legally limited in its powers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following:

- 1. Independent Judiciary
- 2. Bicameralism in State legislatures
- 3. Single constitution

Which of the above is/are the federal feature of constitution of India?

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

26. Which of the following is/are true about the 'Welfare State'?

- 1. It is a form of government in which the state protects and promotes the mainly economic well-being of the citizens against the social well-being.
- 2. It is based upon the principles of State sponsored philanthropy.

Choose the correct option from below:

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

27. Consider the following statements about the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

- 1. UNHCR was created in 1920, during the aftermaths of World War I.
- 2. Its headquarters are in Vienna, Austria.
- 3. UNHCR's mandate does not apply to Palestinian refugees.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements about the 'Human rights':

1. Human rights are the rights which can not be taken away from the individual.
2. The fundamental rights enshrined in to constitution of India is not the expression of human rights.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

29. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (a) The Magna Carta of 1215 was an attempt to limit the powers of ruler.
- (b) The concept of welfare of people is directly drawn from the Magna Carta of 1215.
- (c) The principle of 'Fraternity' in our constitution has drawn from ideals of the French Revolution.
- (d) The conception of fundamental duties is evolved from ideals of Russian Revolution.

30. Which of the following is/are correct about the concept of 'Gender parity'?

1. It is about the equality of opportunity for women available in political as well as corporate field.
2. Without gender parity there would be no egalitarian society.
3. 'Positive discrimination' is one way to achieve the Gender parity in society.

Choose the correct option from below:

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

31. Consider the following statements about IMF and the World Bank Group:

1. Both IMF and World Bank Group are committed to poverty eradication around the world and IMF is periodically depending on the World Bank for its resources.
2. Member countries of the IMF have access to information on the economic policies of all member countries and the opportunity to influence other members' economic policies.
3. Voting power of IMF is decided by SDR quota of member country, whereas members of the World Bank Group have equal voting power based on the principle of 'one member one vote'.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) Neither is correct

32. Consider the following statements about the China's recently announced 'Health Silk Road':

1. The health silk road is a part of China's ambitious One Belt One Road Initiative (BRI).
2. Under this plan China declared USD 100 billion aid to the countries affected by COVID 19 outbreak.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements about the 15th Finance Commission's recommendations:

1. It recommended the increase of share of States in divisible pool of central taxes from existing 42 % to 44 %.
2. It reduced the devolution for local bodies from 14th Finance commission and instead recommended performance assistance based upon social indicators like feeling gender gap and reducing Total Fertility Rate (TFR).

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements about the recently 'development bank':

1. Development banks are financial institutions that provide long-term credit for capital-intensive investments spread over a long period.
2. In India, development banking was started after economic liberalisation.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

35. With reference to global economy the phrase 'Voice Reforms – Phase 2' is coming frequently in the news, it associated with the affairs of which of the following?

- (a) World Bank Group
- (b) International Labour Organisation
- (c) New Development Bank
- (d) World Trade Organisation

36. With reference to the global economic regime the 'Base erosion' is about;

- (a) Loss of profit of start-ups
- (b) Loss of revenue due to tax evasion
- (c) Increased cost of production due spike in crude oil prices
- (d) Increased cost of inputs

37. Consider the following statements about the Participatory Notes (P-Notes):

1. It enables the investors to avoid the cumbersome regulatory approval process, Investors save time, money and scrutiny associated with direct registration.
2. It checks money laundering more effectively.
3. Hedge funds cannot use P-notes route.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements about the 'Data Lake Project':

1. A data lake is a centralized repository that allows anyone to store all structured and unstructured data at any scale.
2. It is joint initiative of RBI, SEBI and Ministry of Finance.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

39. Which of the following statements about the Competition Commission of India (CCI) is/are correct?

1. It is a statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002.
2. CCI consists of a Chairperson and 6 Members appointed by Central Government.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

40. The 'INSTEX' is coming sometime in the news is a;

- (a) Share Market Index
- (b) Payment Mode
- (c) Black Money tracing system
- (d) Crypto currency

41. The 'Ad5-nCoV' name coming frequently in the news, it is a;

- (a) New more deadly mutation found in corona virus strain.
- (b) COVID-19 vaccine under trail
- (c) Corona virus strain found in India
- (d) Corona virus strain found in USA

42. Consider the following statements about 'Genome India Project':

1. It is a joint initiative of Indian Institute of Science, Jhon Hopkins Institute and Oxford University.
2. This will help to understand the type and nature of diseases and traits that comprise the diverse Indian population and will help to develop precision medicine.
3. It also helps to understand social migration pattern and spread of Indian culture across the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Which one of the followings is not true about the 'Golden Rice'?

- (a) Golden rice is the collective name of rice varieties that are genetically modified to counter vitamin A deficiency in developing countries.
- (b) Golden rice differs from standard rice in that it contains extra genes one from maize and one from bacterial origin.
- (c) It reduces water use by up to 30 per cent without any yield loss.
- (d) It was first invented by Punjab Agricultural University.

44. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the 'Gaganyaan':

1. ISRO has signed a pact with the NASA to select and train astronauts for the country's Gaganyaan project.
2. It is a crewed orbital spacecraft which is expected to carry 7 people into the space for 14 days.
3. Arian 5, the three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle of European Space Agency, will be used to launch Gaganyaan as it has the necessary payload capability.

Choose the correct option using code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None is correct

45. With reference to Moon missions, exploration of its south pole has always been priority of global space agencies. Why so?

1. There is a possibility of the presence of water in permanently shadowed areas around it.
2. South Pole region has craters that are cold traps and contain a fossil record of the early Solar System.
3. Landing on the south pole is relatively easy compared to north pole.

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

46. Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), inaugurated its commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), in Bengaluru. Which of the following is/are the objectives of NSIL?

1. To scale up private industry participation in Indian space programmes.
2. Manufacturing and production of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) and Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) through technology transfer mechanisms.

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

47. Consider the following statements about 'Global Alliance for Vaccine Initiative (GAVI)':

1. GAVI is a global health partnership of public and private sector organizations dedicated to "immunisation for all".
2. It is backed by several global organisation, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the WHO, the World Bank and the UNICEF.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

48. What is 'NISAR' project?

- (a) It is joint project of ISRO and NASA regarding satellite study of potential earth disasters.
- (b) It is NASA's project to trace and predict the asteroid strike on earth in near future.
- (c) It is DRDO's project of development of next generation drones.
- (d) It is European Space Agency's project to study black holes and neutron stars at centre of Milky Way Galaxy.

49. In which of the following areas the 'Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology' finds its application?

- 1. Railway Transport
- 2. Crowd management
- 3. Traffic management
- 4. Luggage tracing at Airport

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

50. The term 'XENOBOT' coming occasionally in the news, it is a;

- (a) Robot behaving like programmed organism
- (b) Spyware developed by Israeli firm
- (c) Training tool for pilots and astronauts based on Augmented Reality
- (d) Prototype of colony on Mars developed by NASA

51. Consider the following statements about recently published 'Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL)':

- 1. The report is published by United Nations Convention to Combat desertification.
- 2. According to this report Agriculture is responsible for 10 to 12% Greenhouse Gas Emission.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

52. The 'Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC)' is published by which of the following?

- (a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- (b) World Meteorological Organisation
- (c) United Nations Environment Program
- (d) UNFCCC

53. The 'Carbon Pricing' means;

- (a) It is an instrument that captures the external costs of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- (b) It is cost required to reduce certain amount of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- (c) It is cost required for exploration of new coal mines.
- (d) It is punitive cost applied to a product equivalent to greenhouse gas emitted during its production.

54. Which one following publishes the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) UNDP
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) New Climate Institute

55. Recently which of the following launched the 'One Trillion Tress Initiatives'?

- (a) UNEP
- (b) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) UNDP

56. Consider the following statements about the political thinking of Buddhist tradition:

1. According to Buddhist tradition the golden age of human society degraded slowly due to emergence of private property and other social evils.
2. They accepted the theory of divine origin of king and his right to maintain law and order in return to tax.
3. The Buddhist theory did not led emphasis on the idea of sovereignty of the people in political matter.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

57. With reference to socio-political life of ancient India consider the following statements:

1. In republican tribes of north India, rights of individual were more important compared to authoritarian monarchs like Magadha.
2. During Vedic phase, territorial loyalty was more important than tribal loyalty.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements about Vedic Aryans and Later Vedic People:

1. During Vedic time barter system was predominant in trade, however, usage of gold coins was started in later Vedic time.
2. Vedic society was egalitarian while later Vedic society was patriarchal.
3. Elements of Sati tradition did appear first time in later Vedic phase.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None is correct

59. Consider the following statements about the Jainism:

1. All twenty-four Tirthankaras of Jainism were belonging to Kshatriya clan.
2. Mahavira developed theory of Karma in great detail and rejected the role of god as a destiny shaper.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following religious principles:

1. Satya
2. Ahimsa
3. Samyak Sankalpa
4. Samyak Samadhi

Which of the above is/are the part/parts of Aryashtangikamarga (Noble Eightfold Path) of Buddhism?

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

61. With reference to the religious and bhakti tradition of medieval period which of the following pairs is/are not correctly matched?

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- (a) Mirabai : Ulatbasini
- (b) Chaitanya : Kirtana
- (c) Tukaram : Abhanga
- (d) Kabir : Bijak

62. Consider the following statements about the 'Din-i-ilahi' faith of Akbar:

1. Akbar wanted to propagate Din-i-ilahi as a universal religion for all people as, according to him, it was preaching tolerance.
2. Raja Man Singh accepted the Din-i-ilahi and become the first follower after Akbar.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

63. With reference to the cultural history of medieval India the 'Arabesque' is a:

- (a) Style of Dome
- (b) Mughal garden style
- (c) Musical form
- (d) Decorative art form

64. Consider the following statements about Alauddin Khilji:

1. He was worried about the Mongol invasion on Delhi and as a response to it he built a garrison town near Delhi.
2. Ibn Battuta was appointed as Kazi of Delhi during his reign.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

65. Which one of the following statements is not correct about the Harrapan culture?

- (a) It seems that streets with drains were laid out first and then houses built along them.
- (b) There are no windows in the walls along the ground level in Harappan settlements.
- (c) There were differences in the way the burial pit was made.
- (d) All of the above are correct.

66. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. Bhore Ghat : Western Ghat
- 2. Goran Ghat : Eastern Ghat
- 3. Haldighat : Mount Abu

Which of the pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

67. Which of the following are the potential benefits of the proposed National Water Grid?

- 1. Increase in total irrigation area
- 2. Flood control in North India
- 3. Protection of fresh water biodiversity to a larger extent

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

68. This lake remains frozen in winter season, it is sacred lake for both Buddhist and Hindus. The lake is;

- (a) Dal lake
- (b) Wular Lake
- (c) Tsongmo Lake
- (d) Renuka Lake

69. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Green Revolution?

- 1. Use of High Yielding Varieties of crops led to generation of more employment opportunities.
- 2. Wages of unorganised labour rose to many folds.
- 3. Tenant farmers used innovation and technology in farming to a much larger extent.

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

70. Which of the following States does not share border with Bangladesh?

- 1. Jharkhand
- 2. Manipur
- 3. Meghalaya
- 4. Odisha

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion 2019-2024:

1. It aims to make financial services available, accessible, and affordable to all the citizens in a safe and transparent manner and to adopt a multi-stakeholder approach for sustainable financial inclusion.
2. It was prepared by NITI Aayog with an aim to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-2025.

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

72. Consider the following statements regarding the Tuberculosis elimination in India.

1. Government of India has launched National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis, under which it plans to eliminate TB by 2030.
2. NIKSHAY is a web-based TB surveillance system for both government and private health care facilities.
3. SeeTB is a new device developed by Indian researchers to diagnose Tuberculosis.

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

73. The “Code on Wages 2019” which seeks to regulate wages and bonuses and timely payment of wages of which of the following employees?

1. Unskilled
2. Semi-skilled
3. Managers
4. Any member of the Armed Forces of the Union

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

74. Consider the following pairs regarding the Indian bilateral military exercises:

Exercise Partner Country

1. ZA'IR-AL-BAHR - Oman
2. MITRA SHAKTI - Indonesia
3. SURYA KIRAN - Nepal

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

75. “Agreement on Rules of Origin” is frequently seen in the news. It is related to which of the following International Organizations?

- (a) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (b) World Bank
- (c) World Trade Organization
- (d) Asia - Pacific Economic Cooperation

76. Consider the following statements about the 'Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide':

1. Genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under International law.
2. India is a non-signatory to the convention.

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

77. 'UNNATI' programme, sometimes seen in news, is related to

- (a) (a) A national strategy for accelerating energy efficiency in India.
- (b) (b) A flagship program of the Ministry for Human Resource Development (MHRD) to link the Higher Education Institutions with villages.
- (c) A capacity building programme on nanosatellite development.
- (d) A programme to replace incandescent lamps with LED bulbs to promote energy efficiency.

78. Yuelu Declaration, sometimes seen in news, is related to:

- (a) Climate Change Mitigation, adopted in 25th COP of UNFCCC.
- (b) Upholding Women rights by UN Women.
- (c) Protection and Promotion of Linguistic Diversity.
- (d) Elimination of TB by 2050.

79. What was the purpose of the Inter-Creditor Agreement signed by Indian banks and financial institutions recently?

- (a) To lessen the Government of India's perennial burden of fiscal deficit and current account deficit.
- (b) To support the infrastructure projects of Central and State Governments.
- (c) To act as independent regulator in case of applications for loans of Rs 50 crore or more.
- (d) To aim at faster resolution of stressed assets of Rs 50 crore or more which are under consortium lending.

80. Which of the following best describes the SEAD initiative, sometimes seen in news?

- (a) Involving the farmers for training in quality seed production and thereby to make available quality seeds to others at appropriate time and affordable cost.
- (b) Networking of bank branches which enables customers to operate their accounts from any branch of the bank on its network regardless of where they open their accounts.
- (c) Restoring and enhancing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures.
- (d) Promotion of manufacture, purchase, and use of energy-efficient appliances, lighting and equipment.

81. The latest Economic Survey 2019-2020 discussed a new term called 'Thalinomics'. In this context, which one of the following statements is not correct?

(a) It is an attempt to quantify what a common person pays for a Thali across India.

(b) The main purpose is to understand the evolution of food prices over a period of time.

(c) The wages of workers engaged in unorganized sector were considered for the analysis.

(d) The year 2015-16 is considered as a year when there was a shift in the dynamics of Thali prices.

82. Consider the following statements with reference to "Eastern Ghats – Environment Outlook" recently seen in news:

1. It is released by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

2. It reported that the degradation of Eastern Ghats had accelerated since the 1970s.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to Eklavya Model Residential Schools.

1. Its objective is to impart quality middle and high level education to children belonging to rural areas.

2. It is implemented by Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

84. Consider the following statements about 'The State of India's Birds 2020' report:

1. It is the first comprehensive assessment of the distribution range, trends in abundance, and conservation status for most of the bird species that regularly occur in India.

2. It is released by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

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.** Consider the following statements with reference to 'Hormuz Peace Initiative'.
1. It is an initiative led by United States of America.
 2. Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Aden.
- 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
- 86.** "Project REPLAN", sometimes seen in news, is related to
- (a) New technology for soft landing on moon
 - (b) To reduce the plastic wastes in nature
 - (c) Safe Recovery of crew module in case of any exigency before launch in human spaceflight program
 - (d) Introduction of African Cheetah in Indian forests
- 87.** It is a nationwide campaign comprising of more than 1200 NGOs and other citizen led organizations working together on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance in India. The above description best describes
- (a) Association of Democratic Reforms
 - (b) SVEEP Programme of Election Commission of India
 - (c) India International Institute of Democracy & Election Management
 - (d) National Election Watch
- 88.** The term 'Torrefaction' recently seen in news is related to which among the following?
- (a) New technology for soft landing on moon.
 - (b) Physical property of metals defining their ability to be hammered, pressed, or rolled into thin sheets without breaking.
 - (c) Process for making high energy bio-coal from agri-waste.
 - (d) A method to produce biodiesel.
- 89.** Consider the following statements regarding the "Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana".
1. The scheme aims to provide basic civic amenities to improve the quality of life for forest dwellers.
 2. The scheme is an initiative of Ministry of Tribal 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
- 90.** Recently India has acceded to the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Hong Kong Convention. This convention is aimed at
- (a) Ensuring the safe passage of the Maritime ships.
 - (b) Setting global standards for safe and environmentally sound ship recycling practices.
 - (c) Banning the practice of Whale hunting in the international oceans.
 - (d) Regulating the use of marine natural resources.

91. Consider the following statements.

1. India has ratified to Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC) of IAEA.
2. CSC aims at establishing a minimum national compensation amount to compensate the damage caused by a nuclear incident.
3. CSC came into force in January 2020.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements with reference to Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

1. It is an inter-governmental organization that aims at strengthening regional cooperation and sustainable development within the Indo-Pacific region.
2. All the members of SAARC are members of IORA.
3. Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD) is a flagship initiative of the IORA.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

93. Consider the following statements about 'Silver Line Project', often seen in news.

1. It is a Semi High-Speed Rail corridor.
2. It aims to connect all the North-Eastern States of India.
3. It is a part of Diamond Quadrilateral Network of Indian Railways.
4. It is an extension of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor.

Which of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

94. Nobel Prize in Physics, 2019 has been awarded to which of the following discoveries/inventions?

1. Theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology.
2. Development of lithium-ion batteries.
3. Discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solartype star.
4. Groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

95. With reference to India State Level Disease Burden Initiative (ISLDBI), consider the following statements.

1. One of its objectives is to provide systematic knowledge of the health status and trends in different parts of India.
2. It releases the National Health Profile every year.

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

96. Consider the following statements about 'Geotextiles', recently seen in news:

1. Geotextiles are natural permeable textile material.
2. They are used to improve soil characteristics.
3. They are used in road construction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

97. What is Starlink Mission, sometimes seen in news?

- (a) A near-Earth asteroid mission by NASA.
(b) A satellite constellation development project by SpaceX to deploy the world's most advanced broadband internet system.
(c) An upgrade of the Large Hadron Collider of CERN.
(d) A network of stratospheric balloons designed to bring Internet connectivity to rural and remote communities worldwide.

98. Consider the following statements regarding the "Our Future on Earth Report, 2020":

1. The report is prepared with the aim of reducing carbon footprint and halting global warming below 2 degree Celsius by 2050.
2. It was released 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

99. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY):

1. The scheme provides financial support for the eligible employees for being rendered unemployed.
2. It is targeted for employees earning wages less than or equal to Rs 15,000/- per month.

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

100. Which of the following Convention's Conference of Parties (COP) is related to Sharm El-Sheikh declaration.

- (a) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- (b) Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- (c) Rotterdam Convention
- (d) Convention on Biological Diversity