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1. Which of following is/are correct with respect to the Regional Council of NITI Aayog?
- (a) These are formed to address specific issues & contingencies impacting more than one state or a region
- (b) They are formed for a tenure of 5 years
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above
2. Which of the following states with respect to Co-operative societies is/are not correct?
1. Right to form co-operative societies is a fundamental rights
2. This right is given by Article 21 of constitution.
3. Co-operative societies are also mentioned in part IX of the constitution.
- Choose the correct answer from below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All 1, 2 and 3
3. Which of following statements is/are correct?
- (a) The phrase 'Judicial Review' has nowhere been used in constitution.
- (b) Article 136 & Article 143 confer the power of judicial review to judiciary in India.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above
4. The Government of India Act 1909 granted franchise to a limited no. of people on the basis of which of following criteria?
1. Property
2. Tax
3. Education
- Choose the correct answer from below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) All of the above
- (d) None of the above
5. Which of the following is a limitation of Anti-defection law?
- (a) It does not make a differentiation between dissent & defection.
- (b) Its distinction between individual defection & group defection is irrational.
- (c) It does not provide for expulsion of legislature from his party for activities outside legislature.
- (d) It's discriminates between nominated & independent member. If the former joins a party, he is disqualified while latter not within 6 months of entry into legislature.
6. Private equity major KKR & Co. Inc. which bought 2.32% stake in Jio platform recently. Belongs to which of following country?
- (a) China
- (b) USA
- (c) Germany
- (d) Sweden

7. Which of following statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) Article 2 empowers Parliament to form a new state by separation of territory from any state or by uniting two or more states or parts of states.
- (b) Article 3 empowers Parliament to admit into Union of India new states on such terms & conditions it thinks fit.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above
8. Which of following statements is not correct?
- (a) Photochemical smog is a term used to describe air pollution that is result of the interaction of sunlight with certain chemicals in atmosphere.
- (b) One of the primary components of photochemical smog is ozone.
- (c) While ozone in stratosphere protects earth from harmful UV radiation, ozone on ground is hazardous to human health.
- (d) Ground level ozone is formed when emission containing carbon oxides (primarily from vehicle exhausts) and volatile organic compounds interact in presence of sunlight.
9. Who of the following headed a committee appointed by GoI which has proposed the establishment of 'National Institute of Valuers'?
- (a) Raghuram Rajan
- (b) Sidharth Malhotra
- (c) M.S. Sahoo
- (d) B.K Dixit
10. India has recently signed agreement with a country to develop a tourism zone in its islands called as Addu islands to which country do these Addu islands belong?
- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Madagascar
- (d) Maldives
11. Which of following is/are correct about 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme'?
1. It is a central sector scheme with 75% funding from GoI. & 25% from respective state government.
 2. Under the scheme income support of Rs 6000/- per year is provided to every member in a farmers family.
 3. The responsibility of identification of beneficiary farmer families rests with NABARD.
- Choose the correct answer from below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) All are correct
- (d) None is correct
12. The purchase of Indian goods from the revenues of Bengal for selling them abroad by East India Company as known as the company's____?
- (a) Deposits
- (b) Investments
- (c) Shares
- (d) Debentures

- 13.** Which of the following is/are correct with respect to the 'Wahabi movement'?
- (a) Initially the movement directed itself against the Sikhs in Punjab, but after annexation of Punjab it went against the British.
- (b) The main aim of wahabis in India to convert Dar-ul-Harb (non-Islamic territory) into Dar-ul-Islam (Islamic territory).
- (c) Both
- (d) None.
- 14.** 'Hemostat' a material developed to stop rapid blood loss during accidents is made of what of following?
- (a) Rubber
- (b) Plastic
- (c) Starch
- (d) Thermocol
- 15.** After the failure of 2nd Round Table Conference, Gandhiji returned back to India & the suspended Civil Disobedience movement was again resumed. which of the following happened after that –
1. Mahatma Gandhi was arrested.
 2. Sardar Vallabhai Patel was arrested
 3. Congress Party was banned.
- Choose the correct answer from below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 16.** Who amongst the following used the name of goddess Kali & Durga to inspire the feelings of self-confidence, self-sacrifice and self pride amongst the people?
- (a) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (b) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (c) Bipin Chandra Pal
- (d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- 17.** Which of following statements is/are correct?
- (a) Andaman island was named as 'Shaheed' by Subhaschandra Bose.
- (b) Nicobar island was named as 'Swaraj' by Subhaschandra Bose.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above.
- 18.** Who among the following started first textile mill in India?
- (a) J. R. D. Tata
- (b) K. M. Birla
- (c) Cowasjee Nanaboy
- (d) Hari Singhania
- 19.** Which of the following was the most militant of post second world war struggles in India before Independence?
- (a) Moplah
- (b) Telengana
- (c) Tebhaga
- (d) Champaran

20. Who set up a government in exile for India's Independence in Kabul?

- (a) Raja Sikander Singh
- (b) Raja Mahendra Pratap
- (c) Raja Jai Singh
- (d) Raja Prabhu Jadega

21. Which of the following is/are true about the 5G?

1. 5G will help to incorporate Artificial Intelligence in our lives, it can also support Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality services.
2. Till date government does not allowed the 5G trails in India.

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

22. Consider the following statements about Gravitational lensing:

1. Due to gravitational lensing the galaxies appear much, much brighter than they actually are, because they've been highly magnified up to 50 times.
2. Using this effect, it can be worked out how much dark matter exists in the universe.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

23. The blockchain technology generally has key characteristics of;

1. Decentralization
2. Persistency
3. Anonymity
4. Auditability

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

24. The term 'Artificial Neural Network', 'Turing Test' are coming in the news with reference to which of the following;

- (a) Research related to Alzheimer disease
- (b) Artificial Intelligence
- (c) Nanotechnology
- (d) Biotechnology

25. Consider the following statements about the Chandrayaan-2:

1. It was launched by Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle GSLV MkIII-M1.
2. So far only USA and USSR succeeded in soft landing on the moon.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements about the 'Starlink network project':

1. It is NASA's project to send 60 small satellites into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) for building low-cost Internet everywhere on Earth.
2. This allows messages to be sent twice as fast as the fibers used to connect the internet on Earth, regardless of the distance between here and the stars.
3. It is slower than satellite internet system.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements about the GAGAN Mission:

1. It is a joint initiative of Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
2. It consists of three geosynchronous satellites and covers the entire Indian Ocean round the clock.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

28. The name 'Sycamore' is occasionally coming in the news is about?

- (a) Developments regarding the Covid-19 vaccine research.
- (b) Cyclone which recently brought heavy damages at western African coastline.
- (c) Newly developed weather broadcasting system by Skymate weather broadcasting system.
- (d) Quantum computer developed by Google Inc.

29. 'The Planet Nine' is coming sometime in the news, it is a;

- (a) Hypothetical planet in the outer region of the Solar System.
- (b) New project launched by SpaceX for human colony settlement on Mars.
- (c) Potential life habitable planet found at the centre of Milky way Galaxy.
- (d) None of the above

30. The Mauna Loa Observatory (MLO) is;

- (a) Saudi Arabia based observatory aimed to detect gravitational waves.
- (b) The oldest continuous carbon dioxide (CO₂) measurement station in the world situated in Hawaii.
- (c) The Swiss based neutrino observatory which first confirmed the existence of neutrino particle.
- (d) Chili based observatory who spotted black hole at the centre of our galaxy.

31. Consider the following statements about the Sowa-Rigpa medicinal system:

1. It was introduced in India by the Arabs and Persians around the eleventh century.
2. is an art and science of healthy living and a drugless system of healing based on well- founded philosophy.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements about the Emissions Gap Report 2019.

1. According to the report, the top four emitters (China, USA, EU and India) contribute to over 55% of the total emissions over the last decade, excluding emissions from land-use change such as deforestation.
2. It also observed that Even if all current unconditional commitments under the Paris Agreement are implemented, temperatures are expected to rise by 3.2°C.
3. It is jointly published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements about 'WMO Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2019':

1. According to report, 2015-2019 are the five warmest years on record, and 2010-2019 the warmest decade on record.
2. The year 2019 saw low sea-ice extent in both the Arctic and the Antarctic.
3. In 2019, the global mean sea level reached its highest value

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements about the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO):

1. Its supreme body is the World Meteorological Congress which is composed of all WMO Members.
2. It is an organ of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
3. It recently organised the High Mountain Summit at Dharamshala, India.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements about U.N. Environment Finance Initiative (UNEP FI):

1. UNEP FI hosts its Global Roundtable every other year.
2. It is also a founding member of the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative along with the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

36. Recently, a report titled, 'Ocean deoxygenation: Everyone's problem' was released by which of the following:

- (a) International Union for Conservation of Nature
- (b) World Meteorological Organisation
- (c) UNEP
- (d) World Bank

37. Which one of the following statements about UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is not correct?

- (a) It is Headquartered in New York, USA.
- (b) It depends on voluntary contributions for 95% of its funding.
- (c) Our Planet is the flagship publication UNEP.
- (d) United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is governing body of the UNEP.

38. The 'Keeling Curve' appears in the news is about;

- (a) Flattening of Covid-19 spread and reducing new infections rate.
- (b) Increase in opportunities of new jobs as old jobs become obsolete.
- (c) A graph of the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere.
- (d) Death rate caused due to pandemic disease spread.

39. The Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) is aimed at which one of the following:

- (a) Providing humanitarian treatment and safety to refugees.
- (b) Guidelines for peaceful resolution of international border disputes.
- (c) Working principles to operate in international carbon market.
- (d) None of the above

40. Consider the following statements about 'Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)':

1. SCCF was established under the UNFCCC in 2001 to finance projects in all developing country parties relating to: adaptation; technology transfer and capacity building etc.
2. Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, has been entrusted to operate the SCCF.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following geographical regions:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Rajasthan
3. Lesser Himalaya
4. North-East India

At which of these areas the Cuddapah sedimentary rock found on commercial scale?

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

42. The Placer deposits are widely considered as rich source to precious metals, which of the following can be found in placer deposits?

1. Gold
2. Tin
3. Diamond
4. Heavy Minerals

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

43. Which of the following pass located between Pak occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Aksai Chin?

- (a) Rohtang Pass
- (b) Lipulekh Pass
- (c) Karakoram Pass
- (d) Zoji La

44. Consider the following statements:

1. Archaean rock system is the oldest rock system in India.
2. The Coal belts of peninsular India were developed in Gondwana period.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

45. During the Vedic period this river might have flowed towards south and southwest through Bikaner region of Rajasthan and shared its water with legendary river Saraswati. This river is;

- (a) Yamuna
- (b) Chambal
- (c) Ghaggar
- (d) Karnali

46. Consider the following statements about cyclone Nisarga and Amphan:

1. Cyclone Amphan was the first super cyclonic storm occurred in Bay of Bengal in the 21st century.
2. Cyclone Nisarga was the strongest tropical cyclone strike the Maharashtra since 1891.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

47. Which of the following are the diamond rich regions in India?

1. Bundelkhand
2. Panna district of Madhya Pradesh
3. Bababudan Hills of Karnataka

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

48. Consider the following statements about the Ladakh region:

1. Majority of the population of Ladakh is Hindu, followed Buddhist and then Muslims.
2. It is the largest union territory of India.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

49. Kuti Yangti river and Limpiyadhura regions are coming in the news with reference to the bilateral relations between;

- (a) China and Vietnam
- (b) Bhutan and China
- (c) China and India
- (d) None of the above

50. Doklam region is lying between which of the following valleys?

- (a) Chumbi Valley and Ha Valley
- (b) Poonch valley and Dha Hanu valley
- (c) Nubra valley and Lolab valley
- (d) Chumbi Valley and Suru valley

51. Consider the following statements about Economic census in India:

1. The process of Economic Census was first held in 1951.
2. For the first time, an IT based digital platform is being used for data capture, validation, report generation and dissemination.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

52. Which one of the following is/are correct about Financial Sector Regulatory Appointment Search Committee?

- (a) This committee recommends on the posts to be filled due to any vacancy arise in RBI's governors' body.
- (b) It is headed by Cabinet Secretary and includes additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.
- (c) It follows the same process in the selection of Chairman of SEBI and IRDAI.
- (d) All of the above are correct

53. Consider the following statements about the Draft National Statistical Commission (NSC) Bill and identify the correct ones:

1. The bill aims at empowering NSC to become nodal body for all core statistics in country.
2. The NSC is the apex advisory body on statistical matters and its suggestions are binding on the government.
3. NSC is statutory body formed in 2005 on the recommendations of Rangarajan committee.

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

54. Consider the following statements about the Sabka Vishwas-Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019:

1. The dispute resolution component is aimed at liquidating the legacy cases of Central Excise and Service Tax that are subsumed in GST.
2. The amnesty component offers an opportunity to the taxpayers to pay the outstanding tax and be free of any other consequences under the law.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following statements and identify the correct one about the Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS):

1. It was introduced in 2004 by Ministry of finance.
2. It allows resident individuals to remit a certain amount of money during a financial year to another country for investment and expenditure.
3. The remittances can be made in Indian currency only.

Choose the correct option using code given below:

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

56. Consider the following statements about National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

1. Both RuPay and UPI are products of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
2. RuPay is the first domestic Debit and Credit Card payment network of India.
3. NPCL is an initiative of State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

57. Consider the following statements about Banks Board Bureau:

1. It was set up in February 2016 as an autonomous body– based on the recommendations of the RBI-appointed Nachiket More Committee.
2. Its mandate also involved advising the government on top-level bank appointments
3. It can assist banks with capital-raising plans as well as strategies to deal with bad loans.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

58. Which one of the followings best describes the 'Reverse charge mechanism'?

- (a) It the penal charge used by RBI on a scheduled bank if it fails to fulfil interest rate commitments on bank rate.
- (b) It is the charge applied by central government on a development project for violation of Environment Impact Assessment norms.
- (c) It is the penal amount that a manufacturing plant have to pay for violating the limits of greenhouse gas emissions.
- (d) It is GST liability that have to pay by buyer instead supplier of goods and services.

59. Which one the following constructs and periodically publishes the Digital Payments Index (DPI)?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) State bank of India
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Indian Banks Association

60. Consider the following statements about Digital Competitive Index:

1. It is published by World Economic Forum.
2. India rose from 48th place in 2018 to 44th in 2019 as the country has improved overall in all factors -- knowledge, technology and future readiness.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

61. Consider the following statements about the Marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR):

1. It is the minimum lending rate below which a bank is not permitted to lend.
2. RBI can allow in some special cases to lend below MCLR.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

62. Which one of the following is not true about the Supreme court's view/views on Internet?

- (a) Freedom of speech and expression through the medium of internet is a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.
- (b) Suspension of internet for indefinite period not permissible.
- (c) The principle of proportionality of right to freedom of expression cannot be applied to internet.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

63. Consider the following statements about the 'Constitutional Morality':

- 1. In the original constitution the term 'morality' or 'constitutional morality' has not been defined in the Constitution.
- 2. In the 2018 Sabarimala verdict, the majority opinion defined 'morality' in Article 25 to mean constitutional morality.
- 3. SC opined that the scope of this term cannot be considered out of literal text of constitution of India.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

64. The Indian President can be removed from office for;

- (a) Immoral Behaviour
- (b) Proved Criminal cases only
- (c) Violation of constitution
- (d) Grounds are not mentioned by constitution

65. Which of the following is/are not correct about pardoning power of President and Governor?

- 1. Pardon Completely absolves from all sentences and punishment.
- 2. The pardoning power of both president and governor is same in scope.

Choose the correct answer from below:

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

66. Consider the following about United Nations Organisation (UNO):

- 1. UNO has immunity from every form of legal process except insofar as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity.
- 2. Consent of the Government of India is not required to initiate a legal suit against UNO.
- 3. It considered as a State as per the definition under the Constitution of India.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

67. The Mallakhamba is state sport of;

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Madras
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Odisha

68. The Bagru Block printing is in news, which of the following is/are correct about it?

1. It is a traditional technique of printing with natural colour done by the Chippa community in Bagru village of Rajasthan.
2. The main colors used in Bagru are Red and Black.
3. The main theme of this art is secular.

Choose the correct answer using option given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 3 only

69. With reference to art forms in India, which one of the given pairs is not correctly matched?

(a) Himachal Pradesh: Ajrakh Print

(b) Rajasthan: Sanganeri, Ajrakh, Dabu

(c) Madhya Pradesh: Bagh Print, Bherogarh Print (Batik)

(d) Andhra Pradesh: Kalamkari

70. Recently, some art work found on Sulawesi island in Indonesia which may cast new light on the beginnings of modern religious culture; it is a;

(a) Mural Painting

(b) Cave painting

(c) Miniature painting

(d) Inscription engraved on copper plate

71. Consider the following pairs of militias and countries they belong to:

1. Boko Haram - Nigeria

2. Houthi Group - Lebanon

3. People's Protection Units - Syria

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

72. Consider the following statements with reference to UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

1. No city from India has been designated as Creative City under the 'Literature' category of UCCN.

2. Recently, Hyderabad and Jaipur were designated as Creative cities.

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

73. Which of the following reports/indices is not released by NITI Aayog?

(a) Composite Water Management Index.

(b) India Innovation Index.

(c) National Institutional Ranking Framework.

(d) India Health Index.

74. Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an integrated bill payment system in India offering interoperable and accessible bill payment service to customers. Which of the following services is/are covered under BBPS?

1. Municipal Taxes
2. Insurance Premium
3. Mutual funds
4. School fees
5. EMIs

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

75. In the context of Long Term Repo Operations (LTRO), recently carried out by RBI, consider the following statements:

1. The borrowings under LTRO carry same interest rate as of Policy repo rate.
2. This operation enhances the liquidity and facilitates the transmission of monetary policy
3. Due to this LTRO, there is a possibility of increased inflation.

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

76. Which of the following types of power plants are capable of handling sudden changes in demand loads?

1. Coal based power plants
2. Wind turbine power plant
3. Gas fired power plants
4. Hydropower based plants
5. Nuclear power plants
6. Solar photovoltaic based plants

Options:

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

77. 'The Faith for Earth initiative aims to strategically engage with faith-based organizations to achieve the 2030 SDG goals'. The Faith for Earth initiative was launched by

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme.
(b) United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.
(c) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
(d) International Organization for Sustainable Development.

78. Which of the following releases the Global Social Mobility Report?

- (a) World Bank
(b) UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network
(c) World Economic Forum
(d) United Nations Development Programme

79. Consider the following statements:

1. Antibodies are proteins produced and secreted by B cells.
2. Antibodies bind to foreign substances that invade the body, such as pathogens.
3. ELISA is carried out to detect and measure antibodies in the blood.

Which of the given statement/s is/are incorrect?

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

80. Consider the following statements about the Comprehensive National Nutrition survey which was recently in the news:

1. It is the first-ever comprehensive National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) to measure malnutrition.
2. It is different from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) as NFHS collects data only up to 5 years of age whereas NNS collects data of children and adolescents up to 19 years of age.
3. As per this survey, Tamil Nadu and Goa had the highest number of adolescents who were obese or overweight.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements about 'The Biodiversity Finance Initiative'.

1. It is coordinated and managed by United Nations Development Programme.
2. The initiative is implemented in five phases.
3. India is one of the participating countries in this initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. The 'Agreement on Reciprocal Logistics Support' (ARLS), a proposed Logistics Support Agreement is between India and which other country?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) USA

83. 'SAANS' campaign, recently seen in the news, is related to

- (a) A Government mission launched to combat pneumonia.
- (b) An initiative of Green Watch to improve air quality standards in India.
- (c) An initiative of Delhi Government to improve air quality in NCR, Delhi.
- (d) A WHO initiative to reduce acute respiratory infection (ARI) among women in rural areas.

84. Consider the following statements:

1. Earth Bio-Genome Project will sequence and catalog the DNA of all of Earth's eukaryotic biodiversity.
2. Eukaryotic species include all plants, animals, fungi and other organisms whose cells have a clearly defined nucleus surrounded by a membrane.
3. Eukaryotic cells are typically much larger than those of prokaryotes.

Which of the given statement/s is/are incorrect?

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

85. Consider the following statements with reference to GAGAN system, jointly developed by ISRO and Airport Authority of India.

1. It is GPS aided satellite navigation system.
2. It is a part of Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC).
3. It provides benefits to aviation to other modes of transportation, including maritime, highways, and railroads.

Which among the statements given above is/are correct?

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

86. Consider the following pairs.

1. Swadhar - Supporting women in difficult circumstances
2. Ujjawala - Prevention of trafficking of women
3. Mahila E-Haat - Online marketing platform for women
4. Sakhi - To support women affected by violence

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

87. Consider the following statements with reference to the School Education Quality Index (SEQI).

1. It was prepared, compiled and released by Ministry of Human Resource Development,
2. Government of India.
3. It has two categories namely, Outcomes and Governance Processes Aiding Outcomes.
4. Kerala has been ranked first in the overall performance among the States/UTs.

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

88. The 10 year “From ODF To ODF Plus Rural Sanitation Strategy”, 2019 – 2029, focuses on sustaining the sanitation behavior change that has been achieved under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G). Which of the following Ministries is the nodal ministry for implementing this strategy?

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development

89. India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2019 provides information on forest cover, tree cover, mangrove cover, India’s carbon stock etc.

Consider the following statements with reference to the findings of the report.

1. Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover area-wise in the country.
2. Mangrove cover has decreased in the country.
3. Gujarat has the largest area of the wetlands within Recorded Forest Area in the country.

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

90. With reference to the Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (NWFZ), consider the following pairs.

Treaty	Zone
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1. Rarotonga treaty - South Pacific
2. Bangkok treaty - Central Asia
3. Pelindaba treaty - Africa
4. Tlatelolco treaty - Latin America
5. Semipalatinsk treaty – Southeast Asia

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

91. Select the right option:

1. Assertion (statement A): Unlike antibiotics for Bacterial infections, there are no antiviral drugs for Viruses and the treatment for viral disease involves treatment for the symptoms of the disease.
2. Reason (statement B): Unlike Bacterium Viruses remain inactive outside a host organism.

Options:

- (a) Both statement A and B are true and statement B is the correct explanation for A.
- (b) Both Statement a and B are true and statement B is not the correct explanation for A.
- (c) Statement A is true, Statement B is false
- (d) Statement B is true, Statement A is false.

92. Which of the following statements is correct about NIRVIK Scheme which is seen recently in news?

- (a) A dedicated non-lapsable corpus fund to improve the safety and security of women in India.
- (b) A scheme which will facilitate higher credit disbursement to the exporters in India.
- (c) A Minimum Support Price Scheme to market the Minor Forest Produce collected by the tribal population across India.
- (d) An initiative to strengthen research culture and promote innovation with the help of collaborative research in colleges and universities across India.

93. The 6X6X6 strategy which was recently in the news is associated with

- (a) Eradication of TB within 2025.
- (b) Treatment method for AIDS.
- (c) Anaemia testing and treatment.
- (d) Diagnostic method for Japanese Encephalitis.

94. Arrange the following water bodies in South East Asia from North to South:

- 1. South China Sea
- 2. East China Sea
- 3. Yellow Sea
- 4. Bohai Sea

Choose the correct option:

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

95. Which of the following countries have signed and ratified the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty?

- 1. Russia
- 2. U.S.A
- 3. France
- 4. China
- 5. Britain

Options:

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

96. What is PAiSA portal, recently seen in news?

- (a) An application for online submission and monitoring of the proposals submitted by the proponents for seeking Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ Clearances.
- (b) A centralized electronic platform for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission.
- (c) An Implementation Monitoring Cell to promote transparency, accountability, effective delivery of public services and implementation of policies and schemes of Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- (d) None of the Above.

97. Consider the following statements:

1. In the blood, apart from RBC, WBC and platelets, all the other fluid content is known as Plasma.
2. The main role of plasma is to carry hormones, nutrients and proteins to different parts of the body.
3. Plasma constitutes 30% of the total blood volume.

Which of the given statement/s is/are incorrect?

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

98. Consider the following statements with respect to Reverse Vaccinology:

1. It is the technique of identifying the proteins that are exposed on the surface by using genome sequence instead of the microorganism.
2. Reverse vaccinology employs bioinformatics.
3. It has been used on several bacterial vaccines.

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

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

99. Consider the following statements with respect to SVAMITVA scheme:

1. The scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India only.
2. The scheme will be implemented with the collaborated efforts of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Panchayati Raj Departments, State Revenue Departments and Survey of India.

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

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

100. Consider the following statements:

1. The Special 301 Report is a biennial report published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).
2. India has been classified as "Priority Foreign Country" in the Special 301 Report, 2020.
3. China, Indonesia, Russia are on the Priority Watch List of Special 301 Report, 2020.

Which of the given statement/s is/are INCORRECT?

Options:

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