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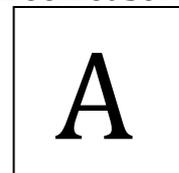
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1. Operation "Samudra Setu", recently seen in news, is:

- (a) An Indian Navy operation to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas during COVID-19 crisis.
- (b) A humanitarian assistance operation to Sulawesi province of Indonesia.
- (c) An Indian Navy operation to evacuate stranded Indians from Socotra.
- (d) An Indian Navy operation to assist Cyclone affected Madagascar.

2. Consider the following statements regarding the "Toda tribe":

- 1. They are endemic to Eastern Ghats and mostly present in Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. They are listed under Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.
- 3. The Todas embroidery has a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

3. "Earthquake Swarm" refers to:

- (a) A series of earthquakes occurring in a region within a relatively short period of time, without a major earthquake.
- (b) The point where the energy is released during an earthquake.
- (c) A mild earthquake preceding the violent shaking movement of an earthquake.
- (d) Earthquakes of volcanic origin.

4. With reference to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), consider the following statements:

- 1. ILO is one of the specialized agencies of the UN formed under the Treaty of Versailles, 1919.
- 2. India is a founding member and a permanent member of the ILO Governing Body since 1922.
- 3. India has ratified all the eight fundamental conventions of ILO.

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

5. Which of the following statements about 'Bond yield', often seen in news, are correct?

- 1. Bond yield is directly proportional to the current value of the bond.
- 2. Greater the yield, greater the current market price of the bond.
- 3. Bond yield is inversely proportional to the current value of the bond.
- 4. Greater the yield, lower the current market price of the bond.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

6. Which of the following is not a centrally sponsored scheme?

- (a) Nutrient Based Subsidy
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- (c) Mid-day meal scheme
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

7. Gilgit-Baltistan borders:

1. China
2. Afghanistan
3. Tajikistan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Corona is the outermost shell of the Sun's atmosphere.
2. Chromosphere is a transparent layer between the corona and the photosphere.
3. Photosphere is the visible surface of the Sun.

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

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding National Agricultural Market (e-NAM):

1. e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading portal to connect existing mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
2. The Union Government has set up an Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF) to develop and upgrade agricultural marketing infrastructure in APMCs and GrAMs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to the Geographical Indications (GI) Tags, Which of the given pairs are correctly matched?

<i>GI Tag</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Arumbavur Kerala	Wood Carvings
2. KandhamalHaldi	Odisha
3. Kholra Chilli	Goa
4. Kandangi Saree	Tamil Nadu

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

11. With reference to the major gas leaks in India, consider the following pairs:

<i>Major gas leaks – Hazardous</i>	<i>substance</i>
1. Bhopal gas tragedy, 1984 - monoxide	Carbon
2. SAIL Bhilai steel plant - Isocyanate gas leak, 2014	Methyl
3. LG Polymers factory - gas leak (Vizag), 2020	Styrene

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

12. Diemer-Bhasha dam, recently in news is a dam being built on which of the following rivers?

- (a) Indus
 (b) Ravi
 (c) Chenab
 (d) Jhelum

13. With reference to the recently released 'Global Nutrition Report, 2020', consider the following statements:

1. It focuses on country-level progress towards the 2025 Global Nutrition targets endorsed by WHO member states to improve maternal, infant and young child nutrition.
2. It is released by United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. With reference to the Geographical Indications (GI) Tags, Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

<i>GI Tag</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Sohrai Khovar Painting	Jharkhand
2. Telia Rimal	Assam
3. Srivilliputhur Palkova	Tamil Nadu

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

15. The Rabat Plan of Action, is related to

- (a) Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- (b) Women Empowerment
- (c) Removal of hazardous substances/ materials from marine environment
- (d) Prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred.

16. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the Office of the President of India?

- (a) The executive power of the Union and States is constitutionally vested upon the President.
- (b) The electoral college of the President consists of elected members of both Houses of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies of the states.
- (c) A person, in order to become the President of India, shall be qualified for election as a member of the Lok Sabha.
- (d) The privileges, emoluments and allowances of the President is determined by the Parliament by law, and it shall not be diminished during his term of office.

17. Consider the following statements with respect to Border Area Development Programme (BADP):

1. Ministry of Defence has been implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) as part of a comprehensive approach to Border Management.
2. The funds under BADP are provided to the States as a 100% non-lapsable Special Central Assistance.
3. The BADP schemes include construction of primary health centres, schools, supply of drinking water and other socio-economic aspects.

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

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

18. Consider the following statements with respect to PM CARES Fund:

1. PM CARES Fund is barred from accepting donations and contributions from individuals and organizations based in foreign countries.
2. It is a Public Authority under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
3. The fund gets annual budgetary support in addition to voluntary contributions from individuals or organizations.

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

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

19. Consider the following statements with respect to Silent Valley National Park which has a large population of lion-tailed macaques.:

1. It is located in the Nilgiri Hills, at the heart of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.
2. River Periyar flows through the national park.
3. It has a large population of lion-tailed macaques.

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

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

20. Bandipur Tiger Reserve is located in which one of the following states?

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

21. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. The 10 non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council are elected by the United Nations General Assembly for a term of four years.
2. The non-permanent members of the Council would be elected according to a regional grouping basis with the highest representation for the western European region.
3. A retiring member of the UNSC is eligible for immediate re-election.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

22. With reference to the provisions made under the National Food Security Act, 2013, consider the following statements:

1. It provides legal entitlement to certain per cent of population to receive highly subsidized food grains.
2. The Households belonging to the category of 'below poverty line (BPL)' are only eligible to receive subsidized food grains.
3. Eligible households under the act includes households covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

23. Which of the following statement/s is/are incorrect?

1. River Vamsadhara is an east flowing river, with its basin spread over the states of Odisha, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh states.
2. River Vamsadhara lies to the south of the Rushikulya river.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

24. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd (MUDRA)':

1. It is a financial institution which provides refinance support to Banks, MFIs and NBFCs.
2. It can offer loans up to Rs. 50 lakhs to the non-corporate, non-farm small/micro enterprises.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. 'Oncomirs' recently in news refer to:

- (a) The process of controlling micro RNAs for bio-fortification.
- (b) Micro RNAs associated with cancer.
- (c) Magnetocaloric materials used for cancer treatment.
- (d) An artificial intelligence-based computer diagnosis framework for rapid and accurate diagnosis of oral cancers.

26. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)':

1. It is one of the five regional commissions of UN Economic and Social Council.
2. Though India is a member of United Nations, it is not a member of ESCAP.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

27. 'It is a rich folk dance-drama mainly seen in the coastal area of Karnataka. The recitation in this art is done mainly in Kannada, but also in Malayalam and Tulu. This temple art form which is over five centuries old, presents the mythological and historical stories of Ramayana, Mahabharata and Bhagavata Purana. While performing, the performers wear massive headgears, use ornaments, elaborate facial make-up and vibrant costumes'. This describe which of the given art forms?

- (a) Bhavai
- (b) Raas Leela
- (c) Krishnanattam
- (d) Yakshagana

28. Which among the following statements about 'herd immunity', often seen in news, is not correct?

- (a) Herd immunity is the indirect protection from a contagious infectious disease that happens when a population is immune.
- (b) Once herd immunity is achieved, the disease is automatically eliminated.
- (c) Herd immunity can be achieved naturally by developing immunity through previous infection.
- (d) Herd immunity can be achieved through vaccination.

29. Consider the following statements regarding New Space India Limited (NSIL):

1. It is a Central Public Sector Enterprise formed to spearhead commercialization of various space products including production of launch vehicles.
2. It functions under the administrative control of Department of Science and technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements:

1. Dihang Dibang Biosphere Reserve is located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Pakke tiger reserve is a part of Dihang Dibang Biosphere.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) is an Indian non-partisan, non-governmental organization which works in the area of electoral and political reforms
2. 'Election Watch' and 'Political Party Watch' are the reports released by ADR.

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

32. Consider the following statements with reference to the Olive Ridley turtle:

1. It is the most abundant sea turtle in the world.
2. It is classified as 'critically endangered' according to IUCN.
3. It is present in the tropical warm waters of Pacific and Indian ocean.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)":

1. It is one of the oldest medical research body in the world that works in the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research.
2. It is funded by the Government of India through the Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

34. Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, sometimes seen in news, is built across which of the following rivers?

- (a) Godavari
- (b) Krishna
- (c) Cauvery
- (d) Vamsadhara

35. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct with respect to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS)?

1. The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) is monitoring the implementation of the scheme in association with state governments.
2. It provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in every financial year to adult members of BPL households only.
3. There is a provision for right to get unemployment allowance in case employment is not provided within 30 days of application for the job.
4. Social Audit of MGNREGA works is mandatory.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

36. If a person is travelling by road from Keonjhar to Imphal, what is the minimum number of states that he/she will have to pass through including the source and destination states?

- (a) 3
(b) 4
(c) 5
(d) 6

37. In which of the following states is the Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- (a) Uttarakhand
(b) Goa
(c) Assam
(d) Odisha

38. Consider the following statements with respect to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS):

1. Under the scheme 100% guarantee coverage is provided for additional funding of up to Rs. 3 lakh crore in the form of a Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line facility.
2. Tenor of the loan under the scheme is four years with a moratorium period of one year on the principal amount.
3. The scheme is applicable to MSMEs and MUDRA borrowers only.

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

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

39. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct with respect to Gaur (Indian bison)?

1. It is currently limited only to India in the South Asian region.
2. It is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and listed in Schedule-1 of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. It has been domesticated in north east India and is referred to as Mithun.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

40. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct with respect to the International Criminal Court?

1. It is based in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. It has jurisdiction over all UN General Assembly members.

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

41. Which of the following is an activity of Non-Banking Finance Companies?

- (a) Having 'industrial activity' as a principal business.
- (b) Issuing cheques drawn on itself.
- (c) Accepting demand deposits.
- (d) Acquisition of securities issued by the Government.

42. Consider the following statements with reference to Tropical cyclones.

1. It is an intense vortex or a whirl in the atmosphere with very strong winds circulating around it in a clockwise direction in the Northern Hemisphere and in anti-clockwise direction in the Southern Hemisphere.
2. The West coast of India is less vulnerable to storm surges than the east coast of India in terms of both the height of storm surge as well as frequency of occurrence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Open Skies Treaty':

1. It is an agreement that allows member countries to monitor signatories' arms development by conducting unarmed surveillance flights over each other's territories.
2. India has signed the treaty in 2016 but not ratified yet.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

44. The Khudol initiative, recently seen in news is related to

- (a) A common national programme to develop and contribute e-learning content.
- (b) A direct online marketing platform to facilitate entrepreneurship opportunities online for women during COVID-19 lockdown.
- (c) A crowd funded initiative in Manipur providing assistance to marginalized and unsupported families which have not got support from any sources as part of Covid-19 Relief Work.
- (d) A standardized online proctored test for students seeking scholarships with Study in India programme.

45. Which of the following is a mountain pass in the Himalayas in East Sikkim district, connecting the Indian state of Sikkim with China's Tibet Autonomous Region?

- (a) Baralacha La
- (b) Kungribingri pass
- (c) Nathu La
- (d) Lipu-Lekh pass

46. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Digital Currency':

1. It is a medium of exchange that is generated, stored and transferred electronically.
2. All Digital currencies are Cryptocurrencies.
3. Libra, Bitcoin and Ether are some examples of digital currencies.

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

47. Consider the following statements with reference to Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) scheme.

1. It aims to enable the Farm Youth to establish network groups to take up resource and capital intensive activities like processing, value addition and marketing.
2. It provides 200 days of guaranteed employment in agriculture and its allied activities.
3. It is an initiative of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

48. Senkaku Islands - a disputed territory, is located in which sea?

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

49. The term "One country, two systems" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of

- (a) Alaska
- (b) Hong Kong
- (c) Hawaiian Islands
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir

50. The 'Char Dham Project' sometimes seen in the news refers to:

- (a) A river-linking project between India and Nepal to link four major trans-boundary rivers.
- (b) A project under Inland Waterways Authority of India which aims at the capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway-1.
- (c) A project under Land Ports Authority of India for setting up of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at major entry points on India's land borders.
- (d) None of the above

51. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana:

1. It aims to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector, and to double the income of fishers and fish farmers.
2. It provides for insurance coverage for fishing vessels and also envisages an annual livelihood support for fishers during ban/lean period.
3. It comes under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. The term 'Mission Kakatiya' sometime seen in the news refers to:

- (a) A mission to restore ancient Karez system which supplies water through underground/ subterranean tunnels of the present-day Karnataka.
- (b) A programme for piped and treated drinking water to every household in the state of Telangana.
- (c) An effort for revival of the age-old art form of Kurumba paintings in Nilgiris of Tamil Nadu.
- (d) A programme for restoring all the minor irrigation tanks and lakes in the State of Telangana.

53. 'Mytella Strigata', recently seen in the news, refers to?

- (a) A newly discovered material which has the capacity to desalinate water.
- (b) An invasive tree species native to South America and Mexico.
- (c) A newly discovered sponge type material, which can quickly cleanup oil spills in oceans.
- (d) An invasive mussel native to South and Central American coasts.

54. 'It is a part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. It is one of the last remaining and best protected habitats for endangered species like the Tiger and the Elephant. The river Kabini forms the southern boundary of this protected area.'

Which of the following protected area is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Melghat Tiger Reserve
- (b) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- (c) Periyar Tiger Reserve
- (d) Nagarhole Tiger Reserve

55. 'Cordyceps militaris', recently seen in the news, refers to?

- (a) An invasive tree species native to Sub-Saharan Africa.
- (b) A medicinal mushroom with anti-oxidant, anti-aging and anti-cancer properties.
- (c) An invasive mussel native to South and Central American coasts.
- (d) A newly discovered sponge type material, which can quickly cleanup oil spills in oceans.

56. With reference to Goods and Services Tax Council, which among the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a statutory body set up by Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.
2. It is mandated only to make recommendations to the Union Government on issues related to Goods and Service Tax.
3. It is chaired by Prime Minister of India. Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Deep Web is the area of the Internet which is not accessible through search engines.
2. Dark Web is part of the Deep Web.
3. Dark Web is shielded by specialised software and is deliberately hidden.

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

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

58. Which of the following are parameters considered in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)?

1. Perception of the stakeholders
2. Outreach and inclusivity
3. Graduation outcomes
4. Research outcome
5. Teaching and learning resources

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

59. Which of the following statement correctly describes white label ATMs?

- (a) ATMs set up, owned and operated by non-bank entities.
(b) ATMs which are owned and maintained by service providers whereas a sponsor bank whose brand is used on ATM takes care of cash management and network connectivity.
(c) ATMs which use security features like fingerprint scanner and eye scanner of the customer to access the bank details.
(d) ATMs limited to operation only in rural areas.

60. Consider the following statements:

1. Largest reserves of coal in the world is found in India.
2. India is the second largest producer of coal.
3. India is the second largest importer of coal.

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

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

61. In which of the following fields does Doppler Effect find application?

1. Weather forecasting
2. Flow measurement
3. Radar technology
4. Medical field
5. Aerospace navigation
6. Military applications

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

62. Which of the following correctly describes the term Phishing?

- (a) It involves making a machine or network resource unavailable to its intended users by temporarily or indefinitely disrupting services of a host connected to the Internet.
(b) It involves disguising oneself as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication to obtain sensitive information.
(c) It involves gaining access to personal electronic devices through mimicking of biometric details of the original user.
(d) It involves locking the user out of their files or their device and demanding an anonymous online payment to restore access.

63. "Rule of Law Index" is released by:

- (a) International Court of Justice
(b) World Justice Project
(c) International Criminal Court
(d) European Court of Justice

64. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct about Sant Dnyaneshwar?

1. Sant Dnyaneshwar also referred to as Jnaneshwar was a 13th-century Indian Marathi saint, poet, philosopher and yogi of the Nath Vaishnava tradition
2. He authored Dnyaneshwari which is a commentary on the Bhagavad Gita.
3. Dnyaneshwar's ideas reflect the dvaita Vedanta philosophy.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

65. Which of the following correctly describes the goal of the Jal Jeevan Mission?

- (a) It envisages providing piped drinking water to all rural households by 2024.
- (b) The scheme aims to provide piped water to every household within the next 5 years
- (c) It is envisaged as a demand-driven and community centred program to provide sustainable access to drinking water to people in rural areas.
- (d) It envisages providing piped drinking water to all BPL households by 2022.

66. Consumer Confidence Survey, a quarterly publication on the perceptions and expectations on general economic situation, employment scenario, overall price situation and own income and spending is released by which of the following?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
(b) Ministry of Finance
(c) NITI Aayog
(d) Ministry of Statistics and Implementation

67. Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961:

1. A diplomat enjoys immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the receiving State.
2. The diplomat is exempt from the jurisdiction of the sending State.
3. The private residence of a diplomatic agent shall enjoy the same inviolability and protection as the premises of the mission.

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

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

68. Consider the following statements with respect to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):

1. IAEA is one of the specialised agencies of the United Nations.
2. India is a founding member of the IAEA.
3. Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT) is a programme created by IAEA.

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

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

69. The Global Press Freedom Index is released by which of the following organizations?

- (a) Amnesty International
(b) UNESCO
(c) Reporters without Borders
(d) United Nations Development Programme

70. Consider the following statements with respect to Lonar Lake:

1. It is a volcanic crater.
2. It is a National Geo-heritage Monument.
3. Lonar Lake and surrounding regions are declared as a wetland of ecological importance under the Ramsar Convention.

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

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

71. Consider the following statements with respect to Gangetic River Dolphins:

1. They are blind and catch their prey using ultrasonic sound waves.
2. They are categorised as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
3. It is the National Aquatic Animal of India.
4. Assam's Bhubaneswar became the first city in the country to have its own city animal with the district administration declaring Gangetic River Dolphins as the official animal of Bhubaneswar.

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

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

72. The SAMADHAN doctrine is directed at

- (a) Indian Ocean domain awareness
- (b) Left wing extremism
- (c) North East insurgency
- (d) Developmental work in Jammu and Kashmir

73. Consider the following statements with respect to Qualified Institutional Placements (QIPs):

1. The QIP allows an Indian-listed company to raise capital from foreign markets without the need to submit any pre-issue filings to market regulators.
2. QIPs are a way to issue shares to the public without the submission of pre-issue filings to SEBI.

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

74. Consider the following statements with respect to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

1. India is the second-largest shareholder in the bank, followed by Russia.
2. All the G-20 nations are members of the AIIB.
3. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.

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

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

75. The Keeladi Excavation site is a Sangam period settlement that is being excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India is situated in which of the following states?

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

76. Consider the following statements with respect to International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC):

1. The corridor connects Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea via Iran.
2. Russia, India and Iran are the founding member states of INSTC.
3. Syria, Oman and Azerbaijan are the members of INSTC.

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

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

77. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. The Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA), previously known as the Bangkok Agreement.
2. India and China are the founding members of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA).

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

78. The 'Tiananmen Square Massacre', sometime seen in the news is related to which of the following countries?

- (a) North Korea
(b) China
(c) Syria
(d) Equatorial Guinea

79. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct with respect to the World Food Programme (WFP)?

1. It is a member of the United Nations Development Group.
2. It is headquartered in Geneva.

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

80. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. The Bosphorus strait connects the Black sea with the Sea of Marmara.
2. The Dardanelles connects the Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea.

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

81. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Space Station is a large spacecraft located in the Low Earth orbit, and orbits earth every 60 minutes.
2. Recently, the Dragon spacecraft of SpaceX became the first private spacecraft to take humans to the International Space Station.

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

82. Consider the following statements with Respect to UN Arms Trade Treaty:

1. The treaty regulates global arms trade as well as the domestic sale or use of weapons in the member states.
2. It establishes common international standards for the regulation of the international trade in ammunition, weapons parts, and arms components.
3. India has not signed the treaty.

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

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

83. Consider the following statements with respect to Government e Marketplace (GeM):

1. It is a state-of-the-art national public procurement platform of the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. It facilitates online procurement of common use goods and services required by various Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings.
3. It provides e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation tools.

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

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

84. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)':

1. It is a governmental, industry-led and industry-managed organization.
2. It was established before Indian independence and aims to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, by partnering industry, Government and civil society.

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. With reference to 'Changpa' community of India, consider the following statements :

1. They live mainly in the State of Uttarakhand.
2. They rear the Pashmina goats that yield a fine wool.
3. They are kept in the category of Scheduled Tribes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

86. Which of the following Protected Area(s) is/are located in the state of Assam?

1. Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park
2. Kaziranga National Park
3. Pakke Tiger Reserve
4. Nameri National Park

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

87. Consider the following:

<i>Name of Cyclone</i>	<i>Region</i>
1. Hurricane	Western Pacific
2. Typhoon	Atlantic Ocean
3. Willy-Willies	Western Australia

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

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

88. What is the purpose of TULIP, which was recently launched by the Union Government?

- (a) To provide internship opportunities to graduates in all Urban Local Bodies and Smart Cities.
(b) To conserve endemic angiosperms across the country, launched on World Environment Day.
(c) To provide guaranteed employment in Urban areas.
(d) To conserve tulips in protected areas from Jammu and Kashmir

89. Consider the following statements with reference to Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance:

1. It is an intergovernmental organisation to ensure adequate supply of vaccines.
2. Their goal is to improve access to new and underused vaccines for children who are living in the world's poorest countries.

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. Which of the following statements with respect to India-Australia bilateral relationship is/are incorrect?

1. Both the countries are the part of 'the QUAD', an informal grouping which is seen as a regional counterbalance to China's influence in Indo-Pacific.
2. The Malabar naval exercise is a two-week naval exercise between the navies of the two countries.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF):

1. It aims to encourage acquirers to deploy Point of Sale infrastructure, both physical and digital modes, in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and north eastern states.
2. It is an initiative of Reserve Bank of India, which manages and administers this fund.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)', often seen in news.

1. It is a trans-continental passage that links China with Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, Russia, Europe and North America.
2. India has recently joined the Belt and Road Initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. With reference to Padma Awards, consider the following statements.

1. The award recognizes achievements in all fields of activities where an element of public service is involved.
2. They are awarded only to Indian citizens.
3. The award amounts to a title and can be used as a suffix or prefix to the awardees' name.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. Which of the following countries are members of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and also the littoral states of Persian Gulf?

1. Kuwait
2. Iran
3. Iraq
4. Saudi Arabia
5. Oman
6. Yemen

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

95. Which of the following is/are recognised as Globally Important Agriculture Heritage Systems (GIAHS)?

1. Saffron Heritage of Kashmir
2. Koraput Traditional Agriculture
3. Kuttanad Below Sea Level Farming System
4. Traditional Agriculture in deltas of River Godavari

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

96. Which of the following countries border Venezuela?

1. Colombia
2. Brazil
3. Ecuador
4. Suriname
5. Guyana
6. French Guiana
7. Panama

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
(b) 3, 4, 5 and 7 only
(c) 1, 2 and 6 only
(d) 2, 5 and 7 only

97. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. The Indian diaspora comprises the largest share of the global migrant population.
2. The United Arab Emirates houses the largest number of Indian diaspora.
3. India is the largest recipient of inward remittances in the world.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

98. Which of the following Indian states share a border with Bangladesh?

1. West Bengal
2. Assam
3. Meghalaya
4. Tripura
5. Mizoram
6. Manipur

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

99. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. African Swine Fever is a hemorrhagic fever with high mortality rates in domestic pigs.
2. African Swine Fever does not cause disease in humans.
3. In April 2020, India reported the first African Swine Fever disease outbreak in the state of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

100. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. The Suez Canal lies on the eastern part of the Sinai Peninsula.
2. The Sinai Peninsula is bound by the Gulf of Suez on its eastern margin and by the Gulf of Aqba on its western margin.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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