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1. Consider the following statements with respect to Rath Yatra:

1. The Puri Rath Yatra is also called the Gundicha Yatra.
2. Rath Yatra is included in the UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Operation Samudra Setu: INS Sunayna
2. Operation Vanilla: INS Airavat
3. Operation Nistar: INS Jalashwa

Which of the given pairs are correctly matched?

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Milan is the bilateral military exercise conducted between India and Maldives.
2. Recently, Operation Sanjeevani was conducted by the Indian Navy, delivering essential medicines to Maldives.
3. India is the largest trade partner of Maldives. Which of the given statement/s is/are incorrect?

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

4. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct with respect to Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)?

1. EIA comes under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. EIA is compulsory for all industrial projects.
3. The environmental clearance for development projects based on EIA is given only by the Central government.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

5. Consider the following statements with respect to National Health Authority (NHA):

1. National Health Authority is the apex body responsible for implementing Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
2. It is the successor of the National Health Agency.
3. It is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Prime Minister.

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

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

6. Consider the following statements with respect to Luhman 16:

1. Luhman 16 is a binary star system.
2. It is a brown-dwarf system in the southern constellation Vela.
3. It is the second closest system to the Sun after Alpha Centauri.

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

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

7. Consider the following statements with respect to Sundarbans in India:

1. Indian Sundarbans was accorded the status of 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention in 1992.
2. It is the 27th Ramsar Site in India.
3. It is a UNESCO world heritage site.

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

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

8. Which of the following pair is wrongly matched?

- (a) Lopinavir-ritonavir: HIV
- (b) Ribavirin: hepatitis C virus
- (c) Interferon beta-1b: Sclerosis
- (d) None of the above

9. Consider the following statements with respect to Styrene:

1. It is an organic compound and is produced naturally in some plants.
2. It is used in the manufacture of rubber and latex.
3. Short-term exposure to Styrene can result in respiratory problems.

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

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Plasma makes up more than 55% of blood in the human body.
2. Plasma carries hormones, nutrients and proteins to different parts of the body.
3. Plasma lacks clotting factor.

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

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

11. The Patriot Missile system has been developed by which of the following country?

- (a) United States of America
- (b) Russia
- (c) Israel
- (d) China

12. The place Susta are often in news with respect to which of the following countries?

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

13. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct with respect to Pangong Tso lake?

1. It lies in the western Ladakh region of India.
2. It is the origin for the Shyok river.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. India shares the longest border with China, followed by Bangladesh.
2. Line of Actual Control (LAC) runs from the eastern limit of Bhutan to a point near the Talu Pass.
3. Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh touch the Indian boundary with China.

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

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

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

1. ELISA is a commonly used analytical biochemistry assay.
2. ELISA has been used in HIV diagnosis.
3. ELISA finds application in the food industry.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

16. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

1. Nathu la – Sikkim
2. Lipulekh Pass – Himachal Pradesh
3. Jelep la – Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

17. Arrange the following from North to South:

1. Tso Kar
2. Tso Moriri
3. Kiagar Tso
4. Pangong Tso

Choose the correct option:

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. DNA and RNA are both nucleic acids.
2. While DNA is a double-stranded molecule consisting of a long chain of nucleotides, RNA is a single-strand helix having shorter chains of nucleotides.
3. Both DNA and RNA contain Adenine, Guanine and Cytosine.

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

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

19. Which of the following would qualify as advantages of Contract farming?

1. Farmers can have improved access to technology, credit, marketing channels and information.
2. Farmers can have an assured market for their produce.
3. It reduces the risk of price fluctuations for both the seller and the buyer.
4. It ensures a consistent supply of agricultural produce with quality, at the right time and lesser cost for the buyers.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

20. Which of the following factors affect Monsoon arrival in India?

1. Western Disturbances
2. Cyclones in the Bay of Bengal
3. Summer temperatures over North India
4. Jet streams
5. Cross-equatorial flow of winds

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

21. The Ship 'Sachet' recently inducted into service is a:

- (a) Offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard
- (b) Interceptor boats of the Indian Coast Guard
- (c) Frigate of the Indian Navy
- (d) Guided Missile destroyer of the Indian Navy

22. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is chaired by

- (a) Union Home Minister
- (b) Prime Minister
- (c) Union Home Secretary
- (d) Cabinet Secretary

23. Cyclone Amphan is named by:

- (a) India
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Oman

- 24.** 'Cerberus' recently seen in news is a:
- (a) Trojan
 - (b) Ransomware
 - (c) Denial of service malware
 - (d) Worm
- 25.** 'Kunduz', frequently seen in the news, is in which country?
- (a) Israel
 - (b) Iran
 - (c) Afghanistan
 - (d) Kyrgyzstan
- 26.** "Operation Juniper" refers to:
- (a) Operation launched to repatriate Indian citizens stranded in Maldives in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - (b) Operation launched by Indian Navy to help cyclonehit Madagascar.
 - (c) Operation launched by Indian Army to stop Chinese from constructing a road in Doklam that would have given them access to Indian Territory.
 - (d) Operation launched by India to assist the victims of the 2018 Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia.
- 27.** The Treaty of Sugauli of 1816 was signed between the East India Company and which other of the following?
- (a) Marathas
 - (b) Kingdom of Nepal
 - (c) Rajputs
 - (d) Kingdom of Myanmar
- 28.** Arrange the following places from North to south?
1. Pangong Tso
 2. Galwan Nalah
 3. Demchok
- Select the correct answer from the code given below.
- (a) 1- 2- 3
 - (b) 1- 3- 2
 - (c) 2- 1- 3
 - (d) 2- 3- 1
- 29.** The Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve is located in which of the following states?
- (a) Assam
 - (b) West Bengal
 - (c) Meghalaya
 - (d) Manipur
- 30.** Which of the following is/are the recommendation/s of Shekatkar Committee?
1. Creation of the post of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
 2. The Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) model for its base workshops and ordnance depots.
 3. India's defence budget should be in the range of 2.5 to 3 per cent of the GDP.
- Choose the correct option:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

31. The term “D10” club is associated with which of the following?

- (a) The group of countries working towards demilitarization of the Kurds inhabited region in West Asia.
- (b) The non-governmental grouping from 10 countries aiming to ensure that the Paris climate deal terms are successfully implemented.
- (c) The group of countries working towards ensuring the speedy development of COVID-19 vaccine.
- (d) A group of 10 democratic countries for partnership on 5G technology

32. The central government’s ‘Swamitva yojana’ deals with:

- (a) Empowering Panchayats
- (b) Rural land ownership records
- (c) Skill development programme
- (d) Refinancing MSMEs

33. Consider the following statements with reference to ‘Global Economic Prospects (GEP)’:

- 1. It is an annual report with a special focus on Emerging Markets and Developing Economies.
- 2. It is released by World Economic Forum.

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

34. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Employee’s Provident Fund is a retirement saving scheme applicable to salaried
- 2. Employees working only in Organised sectors.
- 3. Employee’s Provident Fund Organization functions under the administrative control of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

35. With reference to doping in sports, consider the following statements:

- 1. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), which works for a world where all athletes can compete in a doping-free sporting environment, is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
- 2. The National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), which is the only laboratory in the country responsible for human sports dope testing, functions under the Ministry 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

36. To which of the following organisations, India is not a member/state party?

1. International Criminal Court.
2. International Court of Justice.
3. Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Excise Duty is a form of indirect tax that is levied on goods coming from outside the country.
2. Excise Duty on Petroleum products subsumed under the Goods and Services Tax.

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

38. COVID-19 pandemic Bimal Jalan panel was appointed-

- (a) To look into the faster resolution of stressed assets
(b) To review the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Core Investment Companies (CICs)
(c) For strengthening digital payments ecosystem
(d) To review the Economic Capital Framework of the Central Bank

39. With reference to 'Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)' and 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)', consider the following statements.

1. Both focusses on improving the living standards of rural households.
2. Both are Central sector schemes.
3. Both are implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

40. Which of the following places are located at the tri-junctions near international border?

1. Limpiyadhura – Kalapani – Lipulekh
2. Doklam Valley
3. Galwan – Depsang – Chushul
4. Diphu Pass

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Geological Monuments are areas of geo-heritage, declared by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
2. The Lonar Lake, created by a meteorite impact, is the only national geological monument in Maharashtra.

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

42. Which of the following mountain passes are located in State of Arunachal Pradesh?

1. Nathula
2. Tulung La
3. Bum La
4. Bomdi La

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 and 3 only

43. The 'Global Education Monitoring Report' is released by

- (a) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) World Bank
- (d) Education International

44. Consider the following:

<i>Fauna</i>	<i>IUCN Status</i>
1. Ganges River Dolphin	Endangered
2. Chinese Pangolin	Critically Endangered
3. Leopard	Vulnerable
4. Indian Bison	Vulnerable

Which of the given pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

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

45. Which of the following countries is/are members/participating countries of both Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) and South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)?

1. India
2. China
3. Lao PDR
4. Bangladesh
5. South Korea

Select the correct answer using codes given below.

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

46. 'Natuna Islands', often seen in the news are located in

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

47. Which of the following correctly describes the PM-SVANidhi scheme?

- (a) A scheme aiming to reduce the demand for physical gold, thereby keeping a tab on gold imports and utilizing resources effectively.
- (b) A savings scheme to provide monthly pension for traders and self employed persons on attainment of age of 60 years.
- (c) A special micro-credit facility scheme to provide affordable loans to street vendors and enable them to resume livelihood activities with the easing of lockdown.
- (d) A savings scheme with high rate of interest to boost savings in the economy.

48. Consider the following statements with reference to Solar Eclipse:

- 1. During an annular solar eclipse, the sun's outer edges will be visible to the viewer forming a ring of fire around the Moon
- 2. A total solar eclipse can be viewed only from the Penumbra region.
- 3. Unlike lunar eclipses, solar eclipses last only for a few minutes

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. The Kole wetland is situated in which of the following states?

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

50. Geotextile has application in which of the following?

- 1. Erosion Control.
- 2. Subgrade Stabilization.
- 3. Promoting quick vegetation.
- 4. Embankment protection.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

51. Consider the following Rivers:

- 1. Nubra river
- 2. Shyok river
- 3. Gilgit river
- 4. Tons river

Which of the rivers given above are tributaries of Indus River?

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

52. Consider the following statements with reference to United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

- 1. It publishes the Global report on Trafficking in Persons.
- 2. Blue Heart Campaign is an initiative of UNODC

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

53. Consider the following statements:

1. The main shrine of the famous Jagannatha Temple at Puri was constructed by Ashoka the Great of the Maurya dynasty.
2. Rath Yatra/Festival of Chariots is an important festival associated with the Jagannatha Temple.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements with reference to UN Arms Trade Treaty:

1. It aims to regulate the international trade in conventional arms and Nuclear weapons.
2. India did not join this treaty yet.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. The Payments Infrastructure Development Fund has been set up by which of the following:

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Indian Banks Association
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) None of the above

56. Customs Duty is an indirect tax levied on goods imported into India as well as exported from India. Which of the following is/are not an Import Customs Duty?

1. Countervailing duty
2. Basic Customs Duty
3. Anti-dumping duty

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

57. Consider the following statements with reference to Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

1. It is a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Administration.
2. In the platform, the main seller is the Government and its agencies, whereas the main procurers are private players.
3. GeM Startup Runway allows startups to reach out to the universe of government buyers by offering innovative products unique in design, process and functionality.

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

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

58. eSanjeevani, sometimes seen in news, is:

- (a) An ambulance aggregator developed by students and alumni of IIT, Bombay.
- (b) A Web based national Telemedicine Service developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- (c) a platform that facilitates hosting of all the courses, taught in classrooms from Class 9 till post-graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time.
- (d) A technology system in India that digitizes vaccine stocks and monitors the temperature of the cold chain through a smartphone application.

59. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Gynandromorphism is the adaptation of species living in the constant darkness of
- 2. Caves or sub-terranean surface.
- 3. Hybridisation, bacterial and viral infections, temperature variation and mutations could develop gynandromorphs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements with respect to IN-SPACe:

- 1. It is the only commercial arm of the Department of Space.
- 2. It is tasked with regulating and promoting building of routine satellites, rockets and commercial launch services through Indian industry and start-ups.

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

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

61. Consider the following statements:

- 1. International Criminal Court (ICC) is an independent entity governed by the Rome Statute.
- 2. ICC is the world's first permanent international criminal court.
- 3. ICC settles disputes between states and gives advisory opinions on international legal issues referred to it by the UN.
- 4. India is a party to the Rome Statute.

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

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

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

1. The United Nations was founded in 1945.
2. The United Nations is headquartered in Washington.
3. India is a founding member of the United Nations.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

63. Which of the following statements are correct with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)?

1. Exclusive economic zone (EEZ) extends to 100 nautical miles from the baseline set as per the UNCLOS.
2. It establishes general obligations for protecting freedom of scientific research on the high seas.
3. It has established a legal regime for controlling mineral resource exploitation in deep seabed areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

64. Which of the following is the correct description of the S-400 Triumf?

- (a) Anti-submarine warfare helicopter
(b) Naval surveillance system
(c) Third generation Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
(d) Anti-aircraft weapon system

65. Consider the following statements with respect to Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program (STARS):

1. It aims to improve the quality and governance of school education in all the States and Union Territories of India.
2. The project will be implemented through the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

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

66. Consider the following statements with respect to River Ambarnaya:

1. It is a river in Siberia, within the Arctic Circle.
2. It flows in a northerly direction into Lake Pyasino.

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

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

67. Kholongchhu hydropower project is a joint venture between India and which one of these countries?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) China
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) None of the above

68. Consider the following statements with respect to Rafale jets:

1. Rafale is a Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft.
2. It can be used to perform ground and sea attacks.
3. It is a twin-engine jet capable of nuclear strike deterrence.

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

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

69. 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

70. Consider the following statements with respect to Silent Valley National Park:

1. It is located in the Nilgiri Hills, 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

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

1. The scheme is applicable to MSMEs and MUDRA borrowers only.
2. 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.
3. Tenor of the loan under the scheme is four years with a moratorium period of one year on the principal amount.

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

72. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct:

1. States are guaranteed a 14 per cent tax revenue growth in the first five years after GST implementation.
2. As per the GST act, the Centre must pay the States full compensation for any shortfall in GST revenue collections until 2022.
3. The compensation cess meant to finance the compensation paid to the states is levied on all goods.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

73. 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 from 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 only

74. 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

75. Consider the following statements about Dibru-Saikhowa National Park:

1. It is also a Biosphere Reserve situated on the south bank of the river Brahmaputra.
2. The park is bounded by the Brahmaputra and Lohit Rivers in the north.
3. It is an Important Bird Area (IBA) notified by the Bombay Natural History Society.

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

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

76. 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.
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

77. The Keeladi Excavation site is situated in which of the following states:

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

78. 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 from the code given below.

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

79. Consider the following statements with respect to the Malabar Rebellion of 1921

1. It was the riots by Moplahs, directed against the British and also the Hindu landlords.
2. The British viceroy in India during the rebellion was Lord Reading.

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

80. Consider the following statements with respect to Koundinya wildlife sanctuary:

1. Koundinya wildlife sanctuary is also an Elephant Reserve.
2. It is the only sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh with a population of Asian Elephants.

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

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

81. Consider the following statements with respect to Bal Gangadhar Tilak:

1. He is the author of Geeta rahasya.
2. He founded two newspapers – Kesari in English and Mahratta in Marathi.
3. He was one of the founders of the All India Home Rule League.

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

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

82. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct:

1. Narcondam hornbill is classified as endangered under the IUCN Red List.
2. Narcondam hornbill is endemic to the Narcondam Island in the Lakshwadeep Islands.

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

83. The Logistics performance index is released by which of the following?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) World Economic Forum
- (c) World Trade Organization
- (d) UNCTAD

84. Consider the following statements with respect to Hydrogen Sulfide: It is a colourless and odourless gas.

1. It is poisonous, corrosive and inflammable.
2. It is used to produce heavy water for nuclear power plants.

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

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

85. Consider the following statements:

1. Compulsory License is the grant of permission by the government to entities to use, manufacture, import or sell a patented invention without the patent owner's consent.
2. Indian Patent Act, 1970 deals with compulsory licensing.
3. The TRIPS Agreement does not allow for the use of compulsory licences.

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

86. Consider the following statements with respect to Asian Development Bank (ADB):

1. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
2. The bank admits the members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and non-regional developed countries.
3. It issues Special Drawing Rights (SDR) monetary reserve currency that operates as a supplement to the existing money reserves of member countries.

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

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

87. Consider the following statements:

1. India has an open skies policy with SAARC countries and countries within the 5,000-km radius.
2. Open sky air service agreement allows for airlines from the two countries to have an unlimited number of flights as well as seats to each other's jurisdictions.

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

88. Consider the following statements with respect to ASEEM digital platform:

1. It is an AI-based platform designed to bridge the demand-supply gap of unskilled workforce across sectors.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

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

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

89. Consider the following statements with respect to Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque:

1. It is an example of Byzantine architecture.
2. It was built as the Christian cathedral of Constantinople.
3. It was converted into a mosque by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey.

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

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

90. Consider the following statements with respect to NATGRID project:

1. It is an integrated intelligence grid connecting databases of core security agencies of the Government of India.
2. The office of NATGRID is attached to the Ministry of Defence.
3. The intelligence gathering mechanism relates to immigration, banking, individual taxpayers, air and train travels.

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

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

91. Consider the following statements with respect to Strategic Forces Command (SFC):

1. It works on the directives of the Nuclear Command Authority.
2. It is responsible for the management and administration of India's tactical and strategic nuclear weapons stockpile.

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

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

92. Consider the following statements with respect to Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*):

1. It is the only species of pangolin occurring in India.
2. It is listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. It is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

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

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

93. The Char Dham programme is an initiative to improve connectivity to the Char Dham pilgrimage centres in the Himalayas, namely Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. Arrange the following from East to West:

1. Kedarnath
2. Badrinath
3. Gangotri
4. Yamunotri

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

94. With reference to the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

1. The provisions of this Act apply to citizens of India outside India.
2. Under the UAPA, the investigating agency can file a charge sheet in a maximum of 90 days after the arrests.

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

95. "PRAGYATA Guidelines" refer to the recently released:

- (a) Guidelines for obtaining collateral-free MSME loans, as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
(b) Guidelines on digital education.
(c) Set of procedural guidelines for use in India in cases of sexual harassment.
(d) Guidelines regarding the preparation of coal blocks before bidding.

96. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Loya Jirga':

1. It is a special type of legal assembly, in the traditional code of laws of the Pashtun people.
2. It is an official decision-making body and its decisions are legally binding.

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

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

97. Consider the following statements with respect to "Al-Amal":

1. It is the first Arab and Saudi Arabia's space mission to Mars.
2. Its objective is to land on Mars and provide a comprehensive image of the weather dynamics in the planet's atmosphere.

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

98. Arrange the following areas from West to East: These are the areas of dispute between China and Bhutan

1. Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary
2. Doklam Plateau
3. Jakarlung
4. Pasamlung

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

99. Consider the following statements with respect to World Migration Report:

1. It is published by the International Labour Organisation.
2. It is released biennially.

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. Which of the following committee/s is/are associated with the National Education Policy?

1. T.S.R. Subramanian Committee
2. K. Kasturirangan Committee
3. Madhav Gadgil Committee
4. Bibek Debroy Committee

Choose the correct option:

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