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1. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the powers of a Governor to reserve a bill for the consideration of the President?
1. It is laid down in Article 200.
 2. It is not a discretionary power of the Governor.
 3. It is compulsory, if the bill endangers the position of High Court.
 4. He cannot reserve a money bill passed by the state legislature.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1, 2 and 3 only B. 3 and 4 only
C. 1 and 3 only D. 2, 3 and 4 only
2. Structural unemployment is primarily caused by:
- A. A temporary downturn in the economy
 - B. Seasonal changes in employment opportunities
 - C. Changes in the business cycle
 - D. Mismatches between workers' skills and the requirements of new jobs
3. Consider the following statements regarding Law Commission of India (LCI):
1. It is a statutory body that functions under the Ministry of Law and Justice.
 2. It has definite terms of reference to carry out research in the field of law and makes recommendations to the Government in the form of reports.
- 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
4. Which of the following statements is **not correct** regarding 'Quadrilateral Security Dialogue' (QSD)?
- A. It is a strategic forum comprising four nations, namely the United States of America (USA), India, Australia and Japan.
 - B. Its primary objective is to work for a free, open, prosperous and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.
 - C. It met for the first time in 2017 on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
 - D. Japanese PM Shinzo Abe was the first to pitch the idea for the formation of Quad.
5. What was the primary objective of the Zimmerman Plan in the context of the Indian freedom struggle?
- A. To create an armed uprising in India with the help of Germany during World War I
 - B. To promote swadeshi goods and boycott British goods
 - C. To plan a nationwide non-violent protest against Indian participation in World War II
 - D. To organize the Dandi March and initiate the Civil Disobedience Movement
6. Regarding the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), consider the following statements:
1. It is a broad trough of low pressure in equatorial latitudes where the northeast and the southeast trade winds converge.
 2. It lies parallel to the equator throughout the year.
 3. It is also known as the monsoon-trough during the monsoon season.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None
7. Which one of the following best describes the objective of the NIDHI-PRAYAS program?
- A. To provide financial assistance for large-scale manufacturing projects
 - B. To support early-stage startups in developing prototypes and ideas
 - C. To offer grants for academic research in scientific fields
 - D. To promote rural development and agriculture-based enterprises
8. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** A Solar panel is a device that converts sunlight composed of particles of energy called "photons" into electricity.
- Statement-II:** Photons strike electrons out of their atomic orbits creating an electric field that pulls these free electrons into a directional current generating energy.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
 - B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
 - C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
 - D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
9. Consider the following statements regarding the Chaliyar river:
1. It originates from the Elambalari Hills in the Western Ghats and joins the Bay of Bengal.
 2. Cherupuzha and Karimpuzha are the tributaries of Chaliyar river.
- 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 Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), consider the following statements:
- SMRs are defined as small nuclear reactors with a maximum output of 300 Megawatt (MW) per unit.
 - Non-light water technologies based SMRs are called advanced modular reactors (AMRs).
 - They use nuclear fusion reactions to generate heat that can be used directly or for generating electricity.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only B. 2 only
C. 3 only D. 1, 2 and 3
11. The term Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) is sometimes seen in the news with reference to
- Convention on Biological Diversity
 - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
 - Minamata Convention
 - WHO Pandemic Agreement
12. Gadgil Committee Report and Kasturirangan Committee Report, sometimes seen in the news, are related to:
- Prevention of floods in Bihar and Assam
 - Old pension scheme
 - Protection of Western Ghats
 - Deregulation of defense sector
13. Consider the following:
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| 1. Algeria | 2. Turkey |
| 3. Lebanon | 4. Israel |
| 5. Jordan | 6. Somalia |
- How many of the above-mentioned countries share a border with the Mediterranean Sea?
- A. Only two B. Only three
C. Only four D. Only five
14. Consider the following statements:
- Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) are a type of measurement system used to assess the maturity level of a particular technology.
 - Once a technology has been "flight qualified" and it's ready for implementation into a technology system, it is given the highest level of TRL.
- 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
15. Regarding the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), consider the following statements:
- It aims to produce 50 million tonnes of Green Hydrogen per year in the country by 2030.
 - The Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) program under NGHM offers incentives for making electrolyzers and producing green ammonia.
3. Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters have been launched to boost innovation and support the green hydrogen ecosystem in India.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None
16. Which one of the following is India's only ape species whose conservation has become a pressing global concern?
- Western gorilla
 - Chimpanzee
 - Lar gibbon
 - Hoolock gibbon
17. Consider the following statements regarding Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy 2014:
- It was formulated by the Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary.
 - The Ministry of Law and Justice keeps records whether other Ministries or Departments follow the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, 2014.
- 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
18. Regarding the Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11), consider the following statements:
- It is an indigenously developed genetically modified variant of Herbicide Tolerant (HT) mustard.
 - It contains alien genes Barnase and Barstar that enable breeding of high-yielding commercial mustard hybrids.
 - The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has not approved the environmental release of DMH-11.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None
19. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding passing of the money bill in the state legislature?
- The legislative assembly has more powers than the legislative council with regard to a money bill.
 - The governor cannot return the bill for reconsideration of the state legislature.
 - At the most, the legislative council can detain or delay a money bill for a period of 30 days.
 - A money bill can be reserved for consideration of the President by the governor.

20. With reference to NITI Aayog, consider the following statements:
1. It serves in the spirit of Cooperative Federalism as states are equal partners.
 2. It has the powers to allocate funds to states for various developmental purposes.
 3. E-Amrit portal has been developed by NITI Aayog for sensitizing consumers on the benefits of switching to electric vehicles.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
 - B. 2 and 3 only
 - C. 1 and 3 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3
21. The term "Oslo Peace Accords" and "Camp David Accords" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of:
- A. Cuba
 - B. Israel
 - C. Ireland
 - D. Myanmar
22. Consider the following statements regarding derivatives:
1. Derivatives are financial contracts whose value is linked to the value of an underlying asset.
 2. They are used for various purposes, including speculation, hedging and getting access to additional assets or markets.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
23. Which of the following statements is true about Category I Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) in India?
- A. They primarily invest in listed securities on the stock market.
 - B. They employ diverse or complex trading strategies and may employ leverage including through investment in listed or unlisted derivatives.
 - C. They are exempt from all regulations imposed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
 - D. They are set up to invest in start-ups, early-stage ventures, social ventures, and other sectors important to the economy or society.
24. What is the primary goal of an expenditure-switching policy?
- A. To switch consumer demand from imported goods to domestically produced goods
 - B. To reduce overall government spending
 - C. To increase tax revenues by adjusting tax rates
 - D. To redistribute income among different social groups
25. Regarding Angel Tax, consider the following statements:
1. It was introduced under the Income Tax Act, 1961 in 2012.
 2. It required private companies to pay tax on the excess amount received for issuing shares beyond their fair market value.
 3. The Budget 2024-25 abolishes angel tax for all classes of investors in startups.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
26. Consider the Following statements:
1. Under Transgender Persons Act, 2019 proof of medical intervention in the form of gender-affirming care is mandatory if a person wants to apply for a change to the "male" or "female" category.
 2. Under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 physical examinations are outlawed.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- A. 1 Only
 - B. 2 Only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
27. Consider the following statements:
1. Breeding in rice and wheat, which are largely self-pollinating crops less amenable to hybridisation, has traditionally been a public sector monopoly in India.
 2. The flooding of paddy fields and repeated ploughings for wheat is done by farmers primarily to control weeds.
 3. IIT Madras has developed rice and wheat hybrids with a mutated gene that allows them to withstand the herbicide Imazethapyr, which targets various weeds.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
28. Regarding Rubber Trees, consider the following statements:
1. First discovered by the ancient Olmec, Maya, and Aztec, the latex sap from the rubber tree was once used to make rubber balls.
 2. Hevea brasiliensis is a species of rubberwood that is native to India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal.
 3. Rubber trees are less effective in holding soil compared to the dense forest.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None

29. Consider the following statements:

1. Western Ghats are one of the world's eight hottest biodiversity hotspots.
2. In 2011, the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, headed by ecologist Madhav Gadgil, demarcated all of the region as an ecologically sensitive area (ESA).
3. The Kasturirangan Committee in 2013 recommended designating only 37% of the Western Ghats as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA).

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

30. Regarding the Employment-Linked Incentive Scheme, consider the following statement s:

1. A first-time employee with a monthly salary of up to Rs. 5 lakh is eligible to get up to Rs. 15,000 in three installments.
2. For drawing the second installment, the candidate is required to undergo an online Financial Literacy course.
3. The scheme which is expected to cover about 1 crore employees will last for 10 years.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

31. Consider the following:

Statement I: Trickle-down theory suggests that when the economy grows, increased spending by the wealthy creates jobs and income for others, ultimately benefiting the middle class.

Statement II: The economic theory supporting trickle-down is depicted by the Kuznets curve, which describes a pattern of increase and then decrease in inequality in a society.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

32. Regarding Venezuela, consider the following statements:

1. It is located on the southern coast of South America.
2. It is bounded by the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean to the north, Guyana to the east, and Brazil to the south.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. 1 Only
B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

33. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World Report, 2024 is released by which of the following?

- A. World Bank
B. World Health Organisation
C. International Monetary Fund
D. None of the above

34. Regarding the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI), consider the following statements:

1. The ICI measures the combined and individual performance of production of eight core industries.
2. The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 percent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
3. It is prepared bimonthly and released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Polio is a crippling and potentially deadly viral infectious disease.
2. The virus mainly affects children under 5, multiplying in the intestine and potentially invading the nervous system to cause paralysis.
3. Polio is a disease of modern times and was first detected in the 21st century.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

36. Consider the following statements:

1. Biological weapons spread harmful organisms or toxins that can infect and kill humans, animals, or plants, and are often highly contagious.
2. The Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) effectively prohibits the development, production, acquisition, transfer, stockpiling, and use of biological and toxin weapons.
3. BWC was the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

37. Which of the following best describes the term Greenwashing?
- The process of thoroughly auditing and verifying a company's environmental practices to ensure they meet the highest sustainability standards.
 - A company's initiative to exclusively use eco-friendly materials and transparently share detailed reports about their environmental impact.
 - The act of genuinely improving environmental sustainability and accurately communicating these efforts to the public without any deception or exaggeration.
 - The practice of making misleading claims about the environmental benefits of a product, service, or company to appear more environmentally friendly than it actually is.
38. Consider the following:
- Statement-I:** India has pledged to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070, but in 2023, it ranked fifth on the list of contributors to global warming.
- Statement-II:** Under the Competition Act, 2002, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) can emphasise sustainability policies and enterprise collaboration for greener innovations and release guidance notes on sustainability agreements and exemption methods.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
 - Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
 - Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
 - Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
39. Consider the following statements:
- In India, raw material costs are higher for non-traditional production, given the high import dependence of local units and high tariffs.
 - China's advantage stems from lower costs due to large-scale domestic production and efficient supply chains.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
40. Regarding central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), consider the following statements:
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) initiated a CBDC pilot project for a 'digital rupee,' introducing CBDC-W for wholesale transactions and CBDC-R for retail use as digital fiat money.
 - While money transferred through digital platforms such as UPI is a liability of commercial banks, the digital rupee is a direct liability of RBI.
 - CBDCs allow payments outside the commercial banking sector and enhance resilience in payment systems.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
41. Consider the following statements:
- The 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) is being hosted by India.
 - ICAE is the biggest congregation of agricultural economists committed to the world's food and nutritional security.
 - The founding president of ICAE was Indian former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
42. Regarding Lebanon, consider the following statements:
- It is a country in Western Asia, bordered by Syria to the north and east.
 - It is bordered by Israel to the south, while Cyprus lies west across the Mediterranean Sea.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
43. The term Indexation which is often seen in the news is best described as:
- Indexation is the process of adjusting the original purchase price of an asset or investment in order to neutralise the impact of inflation on it.
 - Indexation is a method used by governments to measure the rate of unemployment in an economy.
 - Indexation refers to the process of indexing website content for better search engine optimization.
 - Indexation is a financial term that describes the practice of adjusting stock prices based on daily trading volumes.
44. Regarding the Saubhagya scheme, consider the following statements:
- Under the Saubhagya scheme free electricity connections to all households (both APL and poor families) in rural areas and poor families in urban areas are provided.
 - Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been designated as the nodal agency for the Saubhagya scheme.

3. The beneficiary households for free electricity connections under the scheme are identified using SECC 2011 data.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

45. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Landslides are a type of "mass wasting," which denotes any down-slope movement of soil and rock under the direct influence of gravity.

Statement-II: Slope movement occurs when forces acting down-slope, mainly due to gravity exceed the strength of the earth materials that compose the slope. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

46. Consider the following statements:

- John Nicholson was a British brigadier-general turned Indian sympathiser who played a crucial role in supporting the Great Revolt of 1857-58.
- The grave of John Nicholson also known as Nicholson Cemetery is a Monuments of National Importance (MNIs) under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

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

47. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The jobs created per unit of gross domestic product (GDP) growth has dropped sharply over the decades everywhere in the world because of technological advances.

Statement-II: The only way to create a significant number of new jobs is to make India an attractive destination for building new manufacturing and service sector capacities.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

48. Consider the following statements:

- The natural rate of interest is broadly defined as the rate when savings are equal to investment, consistent with stable prices.
- The difference between the real policy rate and the natural rate indicates the policy stance.

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

49. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Supreme Court upheld the Lieutenant Governor's (LG) authority to appoint 10 aldermen to the MCD without consulting the state cabinet, ruling it consistent with the statutory framework and Article 239AA of the Constitution.

Statement-II: The 96th amendment to the Constitution of India inserted Article 239AA, which declared the Union Territory of Delhi to be administered by an LG who works on aid and advice of the elected legislative assembly.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

50. Consider the following statements:

- India recently concluded the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee making it the only country to host the event for ten consecutive years.
- During the 46th session, 24 new sites were added, including the Moidams burial system in Charaideo, Assam, bringing India's total to 44 World Heritage Sites and placing it sixth globally.
- During the World Heritage meeting, India signed the historic Cultural Property Agreement (CPA) with the United States (US).

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

51. Consider the following statements:

1. World Heritage Convention aims to protect and preserve the world's most iconic cultural and natural heritage sites of Outstanding Universal Value.
2. In 1939, a 40,000-year-old mammoth tusk figurine was discovered in Harappa, Pakistan.

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

52. The report 'World Development Report 2024: The Middle Income Trap' was recently released by which of the following:

- A. World Bank
B. International Monetary Fund
C. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
D. None of the Above

53. Consider the following statements:

1. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) implements the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.
2. The EPFO and Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) have jointly launched the Employer Rating Survey to assess and encourage employer support for increasing women's workforce participation.
3. Under current EPFO rules, employees with monthly wages up to Rs. 15,000 mandatorily give in a 12% wage contribution, and a matching share is given by the employer.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

54. Consider the following statements:

1. The Economic Survey (ES) of 2023-24 has suggested exploring whether India's inflation targeting framework should focus on the inflation rate excluding food.
2. The headline measure of inflation broadly captures the cost of living of a basket of goods and services consumed by a typical household in daily life.
3. There have been several instances in the recent past when high and persistent food inflation spilled over to headline inflation.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

55. Consider the following statements:

1. While electricity generation is in the centre list, transmission, and distribution of electricity are the Concurrent Subjects under Schedule 7 of the constitution.
2. India has set a roadmap for meeting 50% of India's energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030.

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

56. Consider the following statements:

1. World Athletics's definition of hyp erandrogenism is that it is a condition where a female athlete tests in excess of 10 nanomoles of testosterone per litre of blood.
2. The Olympics now permits transitioning athletes to compete, without completing sex reassignment surgery unlike before the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

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

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Waqf is the permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties for religious, pious, or charitable purposes as recognised by Muslim law.
2. Waqfs along with trusts are regulated under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882.
3. A Waqf board is a legal entity capable of acquiring, holding, and transferring property and can sue and be sued in court.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

58. Consider the following statements:

1. Official development assistance (ODA) is aid aimed at promoting the economic development and welfare of developing countries, including loans and credits for military purposes.
2. Japan is one of the largest providers of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India.

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

59. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The challenge of providing nutrition will need to be addressed at multiple levels, including improving the availability of food items and containing the ill effects of processed food.

Statement-II: The National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) reveals a significant increase in the percentage of overweight children, men, and women between 2015-16 (NFHS-4) and 2019-21 (NFHS-5).

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

60. Regarding Contempt of Court, consider the following statements:

- 1. Contempt of court protects judicial institutions from attacks and criticism and punishes those who undermine its authority.
- 2. When the Constitution was adopted, Article 19(2) included contempt of court as a restriction on freedom of speech and expression.
- 3. Article 129 of the Constitution grants the Supreme Court the power to punish contempt of itself, while Article 215 grants the same power to the High Courts.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

61. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The addition of permanent assets in a country is commonly measured as gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), typically stated as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- 2. GFCF normally rises during periods of sustained economic growth and is lower when the economy slows.
- 3. In FY23, GFCF was 34% of GDP, but the private sector's share in capital formation has been steadily declining, with the government being the major contributor.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

62. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is the world's largest regional trading arrangement, covering all of East Asia, including India.
- 2. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is led by China and currently covers 11 countries.
- 3. India has recently cancelled all existing Bilateral investment treaty (BITs) unilaterally and proposed that India's partners accept the new model BIT.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

63. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) could increase the costs and reduce the competitiveness of Indian exports to the EU, especially in sectors like steel and aluminum.

Statement-II: CBAM aims to fairly price the carbon emissions of carbon-intensive imports and encourage cleaner industrial production in non-EU countries.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

64. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) refers to seven security forces in India under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 2. Assam Rifles is the only central force which is not under the ambit of the Central Armed Police Forces.
- 3. It came into being in 1835, as a militia called the 'Cachar Levy', to primarily protect British Tea estates and their settlements against tribal raids.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

65. Regarding Great Indian Bustard, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is considered India's most critically endangered bird.
- 2. In India, it is only found in Rajasthan.
- 3. It is considered the flagship grassland species, representing the health of the grassland ecology.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

66. Regarding the Quit India Movement, consider the following statements:

1. The All India Congress Committee passed the Quit India resolution on 8 August 1942.
2. Mahatma Gandhi's speech, marking the launch of the Quit India Movement, famously urged, "Do or Die"—either to free India or perish trying.
3. After playing an underground role in the movement for 21 months, Bal Gangadhar Tilak was arrested in Bombay on May 10, 1944.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

67. Consider the following statements:

1. Inflation targeting in India is a monetary policy framework that was adopted by the Reserve Bank of India in 2016.
2. An accommodative stance means the central bank is prepared to expand the money supply to boost economic growth.
3. A Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) is a liquidity window through which the RBI gives banks an option to park excess liquidity with it.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

68. Consider the following statements:

1. Household Consumption Expenditure Survey(HCES) is conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) every year.
2. The data collected in HCES is also utilised for deriving various other macroeconomic indicators such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP), poverty rates, and Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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

69. Consider the following statements:

1. Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution outline the powers, privileges, and immunities of Parliament and its members.
2. The All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) has played a crucial role in shaping the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in India's legislatures.

3. The Lok Sabha has an ad-hoc Ethics Committee, whose recommendations significantly impact the conduct of members.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

70. Regarding the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, consider the following statements :

1. It was launched in November 2015 to reduce the demand for physical gold and channel domestic savings into financial investments instead.
2. The bonds are available for purchase by resident individuals only.
3. Gold bonds have a maturity period of eight years, with the option to exit the investment after the first five years.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

71. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Union government has decided to expedite and streamline visa approval for Chinese technicians involved in manufacturing.

Statement-II: The Union government's move is expected to ease complications, particularly for the 14 sectors under the production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

72. Consider the following statements:

1. The "Purvodaya" plan aims for comprehensive development in the eastern region of India, including Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh.
2. Eastern states collectively hold a substantial portion of India's natural resources, including around 80% of the country's iron ore and 100% of its coking coal.
3. In 2022-23, these states contributed only about 17.26% to India's GDP because they are far behind other states in terms of economic and social development.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

73. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Act, 2007 requires private broadcasters to share live signals of sports events of national importance with Prasar Bharati.

Statement-II: Prasar Bharati, established by the Prasar Bharati Act, 1997, is India's largest statutory autonomous public broadcasting agency.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

74. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Even though India has not ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) it has enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWDA).

Statement-II: Persons with 'mental illness', as a category of persons with disabilities, are guaranteed a host of rights under the RPWDA, including the right to health care.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

75. Consider the following:

Statement-I: India is neither a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol nor does it have any specific domestic legislation on refugees.

Statement-II: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizes empowering vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities and refugees.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

76. Consider the following statements:

1. The first synchronous census was taken in 1881, by W.C. Plowden, Census Commissioner of India.
2. The Census of India Act, 1948 provides the legal framework for carrying out the Census specifying its timing and periodicity.

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

77. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Space Station, currently managed by the US, Russia, Canada, Japan, and European space agencies, is anticipated to be decommissioned by 2030.
2. Yuri Gagarin from the Soviet Union was the first human in space, flying aboard the Odysseus Spacecraft in 1965.

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

78. Consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court has ruled that states are empowered to make changes to the Scheduled Caste (SC) list as published under Article 341 of the Constitution.
2. Article 341(1) of the Indian Constitution vests the power to specify SC in various states and union territories with the President of India.
3. Article 335 of the constitution ensures that while making appointments to government services, the claims of SCs and STs are considered without compromising administrative efficiency.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

79. Regarding the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to combat money laundering related to illegal activities such as drug trafficking, smuggling, and terrorism financing.
2. Section 25 of PMLA provides for the establishment of an Appellate Tribunal, which is vested with the power to hear appeals against orders passed by the Adjudicating Authority.
3. PMLA mandates banks and financial institutions, to maintain records of transactions and report suspicious transactions to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

80. Consider the following statements:

1. Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) has waived the requirement for clinical trials for new drugs if Pharma companies have received approval from any country in the world.
2. Drugs approved through the waiver must still conduct "Phase IV post-marketing surveillance" to monitor any serious side effects.

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

81. Regarding Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar, consider the following statements:

1. Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is a prestigious set of awards that recognize and encourage significant achievements by scientists, technologists, and innovators of Indian origin.
2. Under the Vigyan Ratna category of awards, up to 25 awards are given annually to individuals for their distinguished contributions in any field 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

82. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution has adopted the British system of parliamentary democracy, with the cabinet form of government for the Union and the States.
2. The highest decision-making body in parliamentary democracy is the cabinet headed by the President at the Centre and the Governor in the State.
3. The cabinet of the Union or of a State has exclusive and final authority to frame a policy on any matter.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

83. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Section 29A of the Representation of The People Act (RPA), 1951 defines a political party as any association or body of individual citizens of India calling itself a political party.

Statement-II: Under Section 29C of the RP Act 1951, the law mandates political parties to declare to the Election Commission of India all contributions received from individuals or companies, excluding government companies.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

84. Regarding Precision nutrition, consider the following statements:

1. It involves understanding an individual's metabolism, microbiome, and how their body responds to food and calorie expenditure to determine the best dietary practices for them.

2. It focuses on systems biology and a multi-omics approach, integrated with bioinformatics and machine learning to provide evidence-based individualised nutrition recommendations.

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. Regarding Continuous glucose monitors (CGM), consider the following statements:

1. Continuous glucose monitors (CGM) are commonly used by people with diabetes to monitor interstitial blood glucose responses to food.

2. These devices are implanted in the subcutaneous layer (just under the skin), to record blood glucose levels minute by minute.

3. The Union Cycliste Internationale encourages athletes to use CGM during competitions for better transparency.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

86. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Maldives, located south of India, is strategically important in the Indian Ocean as a key access point to the Arabian Sea.

Statement-II: Until the first half of the 12th century, Buddhism was the principal religion in the Maldivian islands.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

87. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The current account deficit-to-GDP ratio reflects the gap between a country's domestic saving and investment rates from a national accounting perspective.

Statement-II: A current account deficit adds to the net external liabilities of the economy.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

88. Consider the following statement:

1. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), staffed by the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), handles India's foreign policy and oversees the country's international interests.
2. In 1968, India established its external intelligence service to uncover and address hidden threats affecting the country's interests.
3. The formation of new security structures in India began in 1999 with the creation of the National Security Council chaired by the Prime Minister.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

89. Consider the following:

1. Red Fort, built in 1648, was the capital of Shahjahanabad.
2. During the 1857 uprising against colonial rule in the country, Red Fort emerged as an important symbol of our freedom movement.

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. Regarding the announcement for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Union Budget 2024-25, consider the following statements:

1. The new credit guarantee scheme aims to facilitate liquidity for manufacturing MSMEs without requiring collateral or third-party guarantees.
2. To better include MSMEs without formal accounting systems banks are encouraged to use digital footprint scoring for in-house credit assessments.
3. The budget has increased the 'Tarun' Mudra loan limit from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

91. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: There has been a widening gap between slower bank deposit growth and faster credit growth.

Statement-II: Investors today are less willing to pay for financial institutions' role in lending, leading to a significant shift in financial markets.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

92. Consider the following:

1. Agriculture performance and food inflation are influenced by the vagaries of the weather and are outside the government's control, so they can be treated as transitory.
2. Historical data shows a high correlation between southwest monsoon and agriculture Gross Value Added (GVA), given cultivation is largely rain-dependent in India.
3. Persistent high food inflation reduces household discretionary spending, leading them to either postpone or cut back on consumption.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

93. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: "Make in India" initiative launched in 2014 was designed to rejuvenate the manufacturing sector by promoting innovation and positioning India as a global leader in production.

Statement-II: Combination of a growing market and a steady supply of labour creates an environment ripe for business expansion, making India a preferred location for companies looking to establish or expand their manufacturing operations.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

94. Consider the following statements:

1. The last El Niño likely caused delayed winter, reduced monsoon rains, and unusually high temperatures, especially in Central and South Peninsular India.
2. The evenly distributed rains both spatially and temporally have resulted in a larger area being planted with major kharif crops like paddy, pulses, maize, and oilseeds.
3. Cotton acreage has declined as farmers are shifting to groundnut, maize, or paddy, mainly due to pink bollworm attacks and the lack of effective yield-protecting technologies after Bt cotton.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

95. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Central Government waived the requirement of clinical trials for five categories of drugs if they have been approved by regulators in the US, UK, Australia, Japan, Canada, and the EU.

Statement-II: The waiver could be the first step in enabling doctors in the country to deploy novel therapies for Alzheimer's, advanced stages of cancer, and autoimmune disorders.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

96. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Digital platforms often enhance competition by lowering entry barriers and spurring innovation, eventually safeguarding the interests of consumers and small sellers.

Statement-II: The Digital Competition Bill (DCB), a proposed law that aims to regulate large technology players, does very little to account for pro-competitive effects.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

97. Consider the following statements:

1. The Sagarmala scheme has reduced turnaround time to 0.9 days, outperforming countries like the US and Singapore.
2. Airports in India are transitioning to green energy, with the Airports Authority of India aiming for net-zero emissions by 2030.
3. The National Infrastructure Pipeline targets completing projects worth USD 1.4 trillion by 2025, with 100% investment from the public sector.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

98. Consider the following statements:

1. Waqf is a unique Islamic charitable endowment, involving properties movable and immovable.
2. All profits from waqf properties are to be used for charity.
3. Over time, the property can become a waqf through consistent use, making its purpose permanent and unchangeable.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

99. Consider the following statements:

1. A Ponzi scheme is an investment scam that pays early investors with money taken from later investors to create an illusion of big profits.
2. Chit funds are a key savings institution in India and a major component of the unorganized money market.
3. Chit funds are included in the definition of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) by RBI under the sub-head Miscellaneous Non-Banking Company (MNBC).

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

100. Consider the following:

1. The Special Marriage Act of 1954 (SMA) governs a civil marriage where the state sanctions the marriage rather than the religion.
2. The SMA enables marriage between inter-faith or inter-caste couples without them giving up their religious identity or resorting to conversion.

3. The SMA requires a one-month notice to be posted in public with the names, phone numbers, and addresses of the couple.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

101. Consider the following statements:

- The Supreme Court in *Harish Uppal vs. Union of India* (2003) categorically states that lawyers must not engage in strikes or abstain from court work under any circumstance.
- In India's court management system, judges set timelines with lawyers at the case-admission stage to ensure cases are resolved within a pre-determined timeframe.

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

102. Consider the following statements:

- Zika virus infection runs a risk of suffering from Guillain-Barré syndrome, a neurological disorder in which the immune system mistakenly attacks part of the peripheral nervous system.
- Chandipura virus (CHPV) is transmitted by various species of sandflies, such as Phlebotomine sandflies, *Phlebotomus papatasi*, and mosquitoes such as *Aedes aegypti*.
- The organism that causes Nipah Virus encephalitis is an RNA or Ribonucleic acid virus and is closely related to Hendra virus.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

103. The terms WannaCry, Shamoon, and Petya were recently seen in the news in the context of:

- A. Cyber Attacks
B. Natural Disasters
C. Space Exploration
D. Medical Breakthroughs

104. Consider the following statements:

- India ranks among the top 10 by GDP and is second globally in public funding for scientific research, allocating 5% of its GDP annually over the past decade.
- The 2015 'Dehradun Declaration' by the directors of CSIR labs aimed to market patents as a strategy for self-financing research.

3. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation, established under the ANRF Act of 2023, aims to fund research and strengthen connections between R&D, academia, and industry in the country.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

105. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The 2024-25 Union Budget outlines a comprehensive plan with a focus on transport and logistics, critical to the Viksit Bharat vision.

Statement-II: India's ambitious vision to achieve developed nation status by 2047 hinges on a transformative journey through infrastructure development.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

106. Consider the following statements:

- Emergency contraception methods prevent pregnancy after intercourse and are most effective when used within five days, with effectiveness increasing the sooner they are used.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently banned the use of emergency contraceptive pills (ECPs) due to their adverse effect.
- With research and technological advancements, contraceptive choices will continue to expand for men and women to respond to their unique needs for contraception.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

107. Regarding the Simon Commission, consider the following statements:

- It proposed the abolition of dyarchy and the establishment of representative government in the provinces which should be given autonomy.
- It suggested that the North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan should get local legislatures and the right to be represented at the center.

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

108. Regarding the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), consider the following statements:

1. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2024 was recently released by the NITI Aayog.
2. Three new categories have been released this year, Open Universities, Skill Universities, and State-funded government universities.
3. The ranking framework evaluates institutions on fifteen broad parameters.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

109. Regarding the Textile Industry, consider the following statements:

1. Apparel, which is the last stage of a textile value chain, is also the stage where maximum value addition happens.
2. In India, the industry's major challenge is its poor economy of scale with 80% of textile and apparel producers being MSMEs with small-scale operations.
3. While Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu are important sources of raw materials for the industry, the spinning facilities are predominantly in the southern states.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

110. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: According to an IPCC report, changing monsoon patterns, deadlier heatwaves, rising sea levels, and intense storms present severe risks to India's agriculture sector.

Statement-II: The Indian Council of Agricultural Research began a project on climate-resilient farming in 2011, aiming to develop crops that sustain or boost yields under stressful conditions.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

111. Consider the following statements:

1. India has moved beyond its 'security first' approach and is willing to engage neighbours through an all-round policy emphasising trade and development along with security.

2. India has strengthened its naval presence in Lakshadweep and developed a new base on Minicoy Island, near the Maldives, as a precautionary measure.

3. Even though India is an island of economic growth and stability in the region, its path forward lies through a stable and secure neighbourhood.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

112. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The government's periodic labour force surveys show a substantial increase in employment in agriculture from 44% of total employment in 2017-18 to 45.8% in 2022-23.

Statement-II: India remains one of the few examples left in the world of an enormous population still largely dependent on agriculture as less than half of the workforce still lives off the land.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

113. Consider the following statements :

1. A rising and persistent gap between bank deposits and credit growth has led to the worst deposit crunch in last two decades.
2. The negative effects of declining deposit growth can extend beyond the banking sector and spill over into the broader economy.

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

114. Consider the following statements:

1. More than 50% of children under the age of five in India suffer from chronic malnutrition.
2. Anaemia rates in Indian women and children are higher than the global average.
3. To address malnutrition and hunger among school-going children, the government runs the mid-day meal (MDM) programme covering about 12 crore children in the country.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

115. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Mpxo to be a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) for the second time in two years.
2. The 2022 Mpxo outbreak in the U.K. was caused by the milder clade 2b virus while the current outbreak is driven by more lethal clade 1b which spread through sexual contact only.

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

116. Consider the following statements:

1. The proportion of spending on food items is often used as an indicator of living standards and poverty, with a high food share making households vulnerable to rising food prices.
2. India is an economy in which the share of food in household expenditure is close to 50%.
3. Food price inflation in India has continuously been negative for the last ten years.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

117. Consider the following:

Statement-I: In 2002, the 86th Amendment to the Constitution provided the Right to Education as a fundamental right under Article 21A of the Constitution.

Statement-II: The 93rd Constitution Amendment Act enabled the State to create special provisions, such as reservations for the advancement of any backward classes of citizens in all aided or unaided educational institutes including minority educational institutes.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

118. Consider the following statements:

1. The Women's Indian Association, founded in 1917, was the first national organization focused on tackling the issues faced by women.
2. Stri Dharma was the mouthpiece of the Women's Indian Association and carried regular articles highlighting the plight of women including factory workers.

3. In 1947, the sub-committee on women of the National Planning Committee, formed in 1939 by Mahatma Gandhi called for equality of opportunity in employment.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

119. Global Gender Gap Index is released by which of the following?

- A. World Economic Forum
B. World Bank
C. World Health Organisation
D. None of the Above

120. Consider the following statements:

1. As per Article 42 of the Constitution of India, the State shall endeavour to secure a uniform civil code for the citizens throughout the territory of India.
2. Dr. B R Ambedkar was against the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), but the Constitution's Drafting Committee still included the provision.

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

121. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Prime Minister recently unveiled 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient, and biofortified seed varieties of agricultural and horticultural crops developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Statement-II: The key to boosting production and lowering costs, especially in water-scarce regions and challenging weather conditions, is using high-quality seeds.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

122. Which of the following countries are parts of the Five Eyes Alliance?

1. Canada
2. United States
3. United Kingdom
4. Australia
5. India
6. New Zealand
7. France

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 B. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
C. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 D. 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7

123. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Recently, the Supreme Court has ruled that the power to impose taxes on mineral rights resides solely with the states.

Statement-II: As per the Supreme Court ruling the royalty paid by minors to the Centre can't be called a tax but is a contractual payment.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

124. Consider the following pairs:

Ports	Country
1. Port of Newcastle	Australia
2. Port of Abbot Point	Tanzania
3. Dar es-Salaam Port	Israel

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

- A. 1 Only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1,2 and 3

125. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) announced in Union Budget 2024 aims to modernize mental health facilities and upgrade psychiatric wings in medical institutions.
- 2. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru is the National Apex Centre, coordinated activities of Tele MANAS across India.

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

126. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) requires all EU imports to bear the same cost for each tonne of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted as those being produced in the EU.
- 2. The CBAM's current phase, which runs till 31 December 2025, is focused on detailed data reporting of both direct and indirect emissions.
- 3. The impact on Indian aluminum exports to the EU could exceed 70%, largely shutting the EU market for Indian aluminum, as Indian smelters rely on coal-fired electricity.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

127. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Indexation in capital gains was first introduced in the 1992-93 Budget on the recommendation of the Raja J Chelliah Committee.
- 2. In 2004, the budget removed the taxation of Long Term Capital Gains Tax (LTCG) on equity and instead introduced the securities transactions 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

128. Regarding Bamboo, consider the following statements:

- 1. India with 136 well-documented native species of bamboo is the world's largest bamboo producer.
- 2. As per the Indian Forest Act, 1927 bamboo is designated as a "tree", which allows it to be cultivated as an agricultural crop.
- 3. Bamboo is a reliable source for ethanol and bio-energy production due to its fast rate of growth and abundance.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

129. Consider the following:

Statement-I: As per Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 approval from the central or state government or a competent authority is required before initiating an inquiry or investigation if a public servant is accused of committing an offense under the act while discharging their official duties.

Statement-II: Section 17A is seen as a procedural safeguard to ensure that investigations are conducted judiciously and with appropriate oversight, preventing misuse of investigative powers.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

130. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) is a treaty between two countries aimed at protecting investments made by investors of both countries.
- 2. BITs empower foreign investors to directly sue the host state before an international tribunal if the investor believes that the host state has breached its treaty obligations.

3. While India has unilaterally terminated almost all its BITs, the one with Bangladesh continues to exist.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

131. Regarding Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, consider the following statements:

1. The Lieutenant governor (LG), has key powers including over the police, appointment and transfer of civil servants, sanction to prosecute, and even finances.
2. The new rules under the act lay down that the LG's decisions cannot be reviewed by the Council of Ministers.
3. The ministers' schedules and/or agendas of meetings will have to be submitted to LG's office at least two days earlier.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

132. Regarding Mpox, consider the following statements:

1. Mpox, a viral illness caused by the monkeypox virus has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) by the World Health Organization.
2. The PHEIC designation is the highest level of alarm under International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005), reflecting the disease's potential to spread beyond Africa.

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

133. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the biggest bilateral lender to Maldives, and approximately 70% of the Maldives' sovereign guarantees are owed to Indian lenders.
2. The Maldives has proposed to upgrade the current Preferential Trade Agreement with India to a Free Trade Agreement.
3. Maldives has upgraded the country's relations with China to a strategic comprehensive partnership and agreed to participate in the Global Security Initiative.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

134. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Increasing workplace safety is an important factor in raising women's participation in the labour force and the workforce.

Statement-II: Closing the gender gap in labour force participation rates (LFPR) can raise the gross domestic product (GDP) in developing countries significantly.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

135. Consider the following statements:

1. Quantum computers, which can process vast amounts of information simultaneously, could break existing encryptions in seconds.
2. Quantum cryptography is a method of securing transmissions using the principles of quantum mechanics.
3. Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) allows two parties to share a secret key that can be used to encrypt and decrypt messages.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

136. Consider the following statement:

Statement-I: In the wake of climate change and the pressing need for sustainable agricultural practices, artificial intelligence-based solutions and geospatial technology can change India's agricultural landscape.

Statement-II: National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS) is an artificial intelligence-based system that are helping in pest management across the country.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

137. Regarding Open Networked Courts (ON Courts), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It enables litigants to respond to summons, submit documents, reschedule hearings, and even appear in court from anywhere.
2. It helps lawyers manage their schedules more efficiently with a smart calendar that uses algorithms to find the best times for future hearings.

3. For court staff, it eliminates manual data entry entirely, providing a rule-based, case-specific e-filing system that reduces the need for manual review.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 only D. 1, 2 and 3

138. Consider the following statements:

1. The Social Progress Index (SPI) assesses the performance of states and Union territories on aspects of social development and ranks them.
2. The lower social progress rankings for southern states underline the critical need for focused development strategies to address performance on socioeconomic indicators.
3. Achieving beta convergence in economic performance and human development is crucial for the southern regions to realise their potential in a developed Indian economy.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

139. Consider the following statements:

1. Ukraine holds the largest territory in Europe after Russia.
2. Germany is the largest economy in Central Europe.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2 D. Neither 1 and 2

140. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India, have developed several guidelines and recommendations on climate-related financial risks for their regulated entities.

Statement-II: Banks often have incomplete asset-level location data that fails to capture the exposure of adaptive capacity to climate change risks such as heatwaves, floods, precipitation, and drought.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

141. Consider the following statements:

1. The previous service tax law laid the foundation for Goods and Services Tax(GST), which adopted many of its concepts.

2. While many GST issues have been resolved effectively, related-party transactions (RPTs) have remained unsettled for years.

3. Compared with transfer pricing (TP) provisions under the income tax law, RPT is well-defined with a complete valuation framework.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

142. Consider the following:

Statement-I: China began economic reforms in 1978, starting with agriculture by dismantling the commune system, introducing the household responsibility system, and freeing most crop prices from government control.

Statement-II: China is the hub of global manufacturing, and its per capita income is almost five times that of India in dollar terms.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

143. Consider the following statements:

1. The first edition of the "Voice of the Global South Summit" with the theme "An empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future" was recently convened by India.

2. India has expressed willingness to contribute USD 25 million to a Social Impact Fund to accelerate progress in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in the Global South.

3. The Prime Minister of India has proposed a "Global Development Compact" which will be based on India's development journey and experiences of development partnership.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

144. Consider the following statements:

1. Mediation refers to a voluntary process in which an impartial third-party mediator assists disputing parties to reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

2. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) explicitly provides for the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to refer matters to mediation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2 D. Neither 1 and 2

145. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture, 2024 Report is released by which of the following:

- A. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
B. World Bank
C. Oxfam
D. Annamrita Foundation

146. Consider the following statements:

- Modern banking is based on the fractional reserve system, wherein banks retain a fraction of their deposits and lend the rest.
- In India, deposit insurance is administered by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. 1 Only B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2 D. Neither 1 nor 2

147. Consider the following statements :

- The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) which is a unit of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) insures deposits across the banking system.
- As a wholly owned subsidiary of RBI DICGC has in-principle access to liquidity support from RBI in case of need.
- DICGC collects 94% of premiums from commercial banks and invests them in government securities, which are stable investments.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

148. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Statutory Regulatory Authorities (SRAs) ensure independence from politics and distance regulatory decisions from political considerations.

Statement-II: Judges of the Supreme Court and the Chief Election Commissioner can only be removed with parliamentary approval, which requires a majority vote and a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

149. Consider the following statements:

- Among the four drivers of the economy, government spending, particularly through capital expenditure, has been the predominant force behind India's growth in recent years.
- India's manufacturing sector has a high level of spare capacity compared to other major economies, such as Brazil and those in the European Union.
- The spare capacity in India's manufacturing is lesser than that of the services sector.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

150. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: 60% of low-income countries spend each year around five times more on debt servicing than on climate adaptation.

Statement-II: Financing for sustainable development goals (SDGs) continues to be predominantly delivered as loans, a large share of which is non-concessional, adding to existing debt pressures.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

151. Consider the following statements:

- Data localization forces multinational banks to split their operations, leading to lower costs and higher competitiveness.
- Globally, European and US banking is gravitating towards an open data protocol, while Asian banking is fragmenting over data localisation.
- Asian banks want to handle more international transactions, and new rules are pushing foreign banks to keep and manage data within the country where the transactions happen.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

152. Consider the following statements:

- Passive euthanasia refers to the practice of allowing a person to die by withholding or withdrawing medical treatments that are necessary to maintain life.

2. The Supreme Court recognised passive euthanasia in the Kesavananda Bharati case for the first time in 1973.

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

153. Consider the following statements:

- In 2016, India switched to a bivalent oral polio vaccine that only contains weakened type 1 and type 3 viruses, moving away from the previous trivalent vaccine.
- Unlike in the case of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), immunodeficient children are supposed to be administered oral polio vaccine (OPV).

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

154. Consider the following statements:

- While the Income-Tax Act, 1961 exempts religious and charitable waqfs, family waqfs must still pay income tax if their income is used for both family and religious or charitable purposes.
- Many agrarian family waqfs were acquired by the government on nominal payments under land reform laws.
- Waqf Act, 1995 does not include family waqfs within the definition of waqf.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

155. Consider the following pairs:

Place	Country
1. Kursk region	Ukraine
2. Pokrovsk	Russia
3. Warsaw	Poland

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

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

156. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Predatory pricing involves selling goods or services at a price higher than their cost of production.

Statement-II: Predatory pricing harms existing competitors and discourages new businesses from entering the market.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

157. Consider the following statements:

- Reactive disaster management responses to forecasts are often inadequate to save lives and livelihoods.
- Integrating indigenous knowledge with modern science offers a holistic approach to managing environmental risks.
- India's data accessibility policy mandates that data from all ministries and departments should be open and shareable.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

158. Consider the following statements:

- As per the latest World Health Organization (WHO) Global Tuberculosis (TB) Report, Afghanistan has the highest number of TB cases in the world followed by India.
- India will eliminate tuberculosis (TB) by 2025, ten years ahead of the World Health Organization's (WHO) goal to cut TB deaths by 95% by 2035.

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

159. Consider the following statements:

- Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS) aims to serve as a unified platform for monitoring legal cases involving the Government of India across all ministries and departments.
- Although a National Litigation Policy was recommended, it took 22 years to introduce NLP 2010, which aimed to make the government a more "efficient" and "responsible" litigant.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. 1 Only B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2 D. Neither 1 nor 2

160. Consider the following statements:

- A key indicator of a developed society is the level of trust the government places in its citizens, businesses, and institutions.
- Transparency is key to building trust between governments and businesses, and using technology can help achieve this.

3. Digital transactions leave a clear record that helps spot and prevent wrongdoing quickly, cutting down on the need for complex regulations.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

161. Consider the following statements:

- The agriculture sector engages nearly 46% of the Indian workforce while the contribution of the agriculture sector to India's Gross domestic product(GDP) is about 35%.
- Transforming Indian agriculture depends on adopting sustainable practices that ensure long-term productivity and environmental health.
- The Electronic National Agriculture Market (eNAM) integrates existing markets through an electronic platform and improves market access ensuring better price realization for farmers.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

162. Consider the following statements:

- The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, with Rs. 1 lakh crore financing facility, supports the development and modernisation of post-harvest management infrastructure.
- The Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) initiative aims to ensure transparent property ownership in rural areas.
- The 2024-25 Budget allocates Rs. 20 lakh crore for targeted agricultural credit and introduces the Agriculture Accelerator Fund to boost agricultural innovation and growth.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

163. Regarding the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), consider the following statements:

- The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) promises retirees a fixed pension, unlike the National Pension Scheme (NPS).
- Upon a retiree's death, their immediate family would be eligible for 100% of the pension last drawn by the retiree.

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

164. Regarding India-US relations, consider the following statements:

- A binding Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA) mandate the US and India to provide reciprocal priority support for goods and services that promote national defence.
- The Memorandum of Agreement regarding Assignment of Liaison Officers allows India to post liaison officers in the US.

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

165. Regarding BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Employment and Environment) Policy, consider the following statements:

- A major aim of this policy is to stimulate the transition of chemical-based industries to more sustainable bio-based industrial models.
- It will promote a circular bioeconomy and provide an impetus to achieving net zero carbon emissions by encouraging the utilisation of waste from biomass.
- It will create novel solutions for fostering the growth of India's bioeconomy, facilitating scaling up and commercialisation of bio-based products.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

166. Consider the following statements:

- India and China are the world's largest banana-producing and exporting nations.
- The Cavendish variety of bananas, the most economically significant, holds around 47% of the market share and accounts for over 95% of global banana exports.
- In addition to its economic value, the banana plays a crucial role in the global ecosystem, with millions of acres of plantations supporting various insects, birds, and animals.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

167. Consider the following pairs:

Mission	Country
1. Luna 25 probe	Russia
2. Aditya L1	India
3. Shenzhou 13	Japan

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

168. Consider the following statements:

1. The US and India have pledged to enhance coordination on planetary defence, focusing on protecting Earth and its space assets from asteroids and near-Earth objects.
2. China has dubbed near-Earth object defence a priority area as this potentially involves nuclear technology.
3. India has declined to sign the Artemis Accords due to concerns over sovereignty.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

169. Consider the following statements:

1. In Vishaka and Ors vs State Of Rajasthan and Ors (1997), a series of guidelines was prescribed by the Supreme Court of India to prevent workplace harassment.
2. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 provides for the constitution of an internal complaints committee (ICC).
3. In Nipun Saxena vs Union Of India (2018), the Supreme Court said that the object of Section 228A of the Indian Penal Code is to protect survivors from hostile discrimination and future harassment.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

170. Consider the following statements:

1. Russia and India have developed a growing collaboration on the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) in Bangladesh.
2. The Sri Lankan cabinet announced that it would transfer Sri Lanka's Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport management for 30 years to an Indo-Russian joint venture.

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

171. Consider the following statements :

1. The first European-style bank, Bank of Hindostan, was set up in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 1771 by managing agents Alexander and Company.
2. The 2024-25 budget has announced the setting up of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) to formalise inter-regulator coordination.
3. For the economy to drive private sector investment, create jobs, and grow, having a strong and active corporate bond market is crucial.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

172. Regarding the Mpox outbreak, consider the following statements:

1. The current outbreak is primarily sexually transmitted while the 2022 outbreak spread through both sexual and nonsexual contact.
2. Jynneos, a smallpox/Mpox vaccine, is believed to be able to shield at-risk people from Mpox.

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

173. Consider the following statements:

1. Nearly 47% of term deposits in India are now held by senior citizens.
2. The interest rate and principal of Fixed Deposits(FDs) do not fluctuate with changing market conditions.
3. The major difference between FDs and debt funds is that interest income on FDs is taxed on redemption, while gains from debt funds are taxed on an accrual basis.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

174. Consider the following statements:

1. The island of Great Nicobar is the southernmost tip of India and a part of the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago that comprises 600-odd islands.
2. The Nicobarese tribes of Great Nicobar are predominantly hunter-gatherers and are classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group within the list of Scheduled Tribes.
3. The Shompen tribe practises farming and fishing and has two groups, the Great Shompen tribe and the Little Shompen tribe.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

175. Regarding Tripura, consider the following statements:

1. The erstwhile princely state of Tripura merged with the Indian Union after independence on 1st July 1949.
2. The state is situated in the Northeastern part of India and has an 856 km long international border with the neighboring country of Bangladesh.
3. The state has many rain-fed, non-perennial rivers and streams flowing to neighbouring Bangladesh.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

176. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), consider the following statements:

1. Launched in 2015, the initiative aimed to boost entrepreneurship by offering collateral-free micro-loans up to Rs 10 lakh helping many small and micro businesses.
2. The MUDRA loans are disbursed by Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) only.
3. About 69% of the MUDRA loan accounts are held by women, and 51% belong to SC/ST and OBC entrepreneurs.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

177. Consider the following statements:

1. Data portability empowers users to switch between services easily while retaining their data, thereby reducing lock-in effects and enhancing consumer choice.
2. The architectural principles of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) prioritise interoperability, data portability, and user control over personal data.
3. The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 provides robust mechanisms for enforcing data protection standards.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

178. Consider the following statements:

1. The Under-five mortality rate (U5MR), has been coming down steadily over the decades in India.
2. Before birth, the age, nutritional status, and general well-being of the mother have no significant impact on determining the birth weight of the baby.
3. Mission Indradhanush over the last decade has increased full immunization coverage among 12–23 month-old children to about 76%.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

179. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: In India, only 37% of urban residents have easy access to public transportation.

Statement-II: Ensuring effective mass transit infrastructure in urban areas is integral to reducing our energy intensity and achieving energy self-sufficiency. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

180. Consider the following statements:

1. Lateral entry into bureaucracy refers to the process of hiring experts from the private sector, academia, or public sector undertakings (PSUs).
2. The aim of the lateral entry scheme proposed by Sukhamoy Chakravarty Committee was to inject new competencies at the level of joint secretaries in the government.

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

181. Consider the following statements:

1. Under the 2017 rules, the RBI instructed non-banking financial company peer-to-peer (NBFC-P2P) platforms not to sell any products other than loan-related insurance.
2. The existing rules already barred an NBFC-P2P from providing or arranging any credit enhancement or credit guarantee for a customer.
3. From mid-November, 2024 lenders' funds awaiting transfer to a borrower, in an escrow account, should not remain there for more than T+1 day.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

182. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: In India, the rise of theme-based funds and the growing interest in mid-and small-cap stocks make demerged entities more attractive.

Statement-II: Demergers allow each entity to pursue niche growth strategies and respond more effectively to their respective markets.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

183. Consider the following statements:

1. Census exercise has been conducted without fail from 1881 to 2011.
2. As of June 2024, India was one of 44 out of 233 countries that hadn't conducted a Census this decade.
3. Several public schemes such as the National Food Security Act, 2013 the National Social Assistance Programme, etc, are dependent upon the Census being conducted.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

184. Consider the following statements:

1. Currently, India's education system is the third-largest in the world, trailing only China and the US.
2. The 1966 Mudaliar Commission proposed a Common School System (CSS) in India.
3. CSS was designed to provide equal educational opportunities by integrating public schools, government-aided schools, and recognized private schools under a common standard.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

185. Consider the following statements:

1. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), waived the requirement for clinical trials in India for drugs approved in the United States.
2. The waiver, which excludes 'new drugs used in pandemic situations,' will slow down the availability of critical vaccines such as MVA-BN in the country.

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

186. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: To increase women's participation in the labour force, attention is now being paid to childcare.

Statement-II: A key reason for women's low economic participation is the disproportionately high burden of care that they shoulder within the family.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

187. Regarding Lord Murugan, consider the following statements:

1. Lord Murugan, also known as Kartikeya, Skanda, or Subrahmanya, is a Hindu deity.
2. He is the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, depicted with six faces and a peacock as his mount.
3. Murugan is the primary Hindu god in Tamil Nadu, and he is revered only in India.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

188. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC) scheme has been key to PMAY-U's scale and accounts for 62% of PMAY-U's overall sanctions.

Statement-II: It has been successful in small cities where land ownership is more accessible, and household land ownership is crucial for qualifying for BLC.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

189. Consider the following statements:

1. As per the Longitudinal Aging Survey in India, more than one out of four people attribute health-related expenses as the number one reason for indebtedness in urban areas.
2. Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity (SACRED) is an IT platform that brings Senior Citizen employment seekers and employment providers together.
3. The National Education Policy, 2020 has introduced the concept of "professors of practice" for appointing experts, including retired professionals, in higher education institutes.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

190. Regarding Synthetic Biology, consider the following statements:

1. It leverages advances in genetic engineering and bio-computing to develop new biological systems that have been designed to perform specific functions.
2. It will, by the end of the decade, account for more than a third of global output, nearly USD 30 trillion in value.
3. It has applications in various fields, including health and beauty, fashion and textiles, food and agriculture, as well as mining and construction.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

191. Regarding Unified Lending Interface, consider the following statements:

1. Unified Lending Interface seeks to enhance lending to various sectors of the economy, especially agriculture, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
2. ULI platform would facilitate a seamless and consent-based flow of digital information from multiple data service providers to lenders.
3. Seamless delivery of credit and a quicker turnaround time without requiring extensive documentation will benefit both borrowers and lenders.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

192. Regarding Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), consider the following statements:

1. Under the scheme, a basic savings bank deposit (BSBD) account can be opened only in the State Bank of India branch by persons not having any other account.
2. There is no requirement to maintain any minimum balance in PMJDY accounts.
3. Interest is earned on the deposit in PMJDY accounts.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

193. Regarding the Black Sea Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. The initiative allows for commercial food and fertilizer exports from three key Ukrainian ports in the Black Sea namely Odesa, Chornomorsk, and Yuzhnyi.

2. The Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) which is hosted in India was established to monitor the implementation of the 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

194. Regarding Tuberculosis(TB), consider the following statements:

1. Tuberculosis(TB), caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis, can affect various organs, most commonly the lungs, pleura, lymph nodes, intestines, spine, and brain.
2. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended a shorter, safer, and more effective regimen called BPaL/M for all drug-resistant TB patients.
3. India will soon introduce the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended shorter regimens for drug-resistant TB.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

195. Consider the following statements:

1. Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) is a market-based method that uses economic incentives to reduce pollutant emissions.
2. Emissions trading, or cap and trade, aims to ensure energy efficiency by limiting energy use to a prescribed amount for a given output.

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

196. Consider the following:

Statement-I: A case of iVDPV (immunodeficiency-related vaccine-derived poliovirus) affects only a single child, whereas cVDPV (circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus) can impact the entire community.

Statement-II: Although the last instance of wild poliovirus in India was documented in 2011, there are still occasional reports of vaccine-derived poliovirus cases.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

197. Consider the following statements:

1. India and Pakistan have recently agreed to elevate their bilateral relationship to a Strategic Partnership.
2. The United States has emerged as the biggest defence importer of India-made subsystems.
3. India and Ukraine have recently signed four agreements covering areas such as agriculture, the food industry, medical product regulation, and cultural cooperation.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

198. Consider the following statements:

1. The Digital Girls' Hub (DGH) aims to equip girls in rural areas with access to digital literacy, jobs, social protection schemes, and entrepreneurial skills.
2. The Skill Impact Bond aims to support 50,000 disadvantaged youth, 60% of whom are women with skilling and livelihoods.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. 1 Only B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2 D. Neither 1 nor 2

199. Consider the following statements:

1. The majority of global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) outflows come from developed economies, led by the US and Japan.
2. All ASEAN economies and India are members of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).
3. ASEAN economies such as Vietnam, Thailand, and Malaysia have already secured a lead relative to India in the process of global value chain (GVC) diversification.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

200. International Intellectual Property Index, 2024 is released by which of the following:

- A. World Intellectual Property Organization(WIPO)
B. U.S. Chambers of Commerce
C. World Bank
D. International Monetary Fund

201. Regarding BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Policy, consider the following statements:

1. This policy will facilitate the expansion of India's skilled workforce and provide a surge in job creation.
2. This Policy will steer India on the path of accelerated 'Green Growth' by promoting a 'Circular Bioeconomy'.

3. This will however hinder technology development and commercialization by closing down Biomanufacturing and Bio-AI hubs.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

202. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The State Election Commissions (SECs) were brought into existence by Articles 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution introduced by the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments Act, 1993.

Statement-II: Regular and fair elections to local governments are essential for real grassroots democracy and effective service delivery in both cities and villages. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

203. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: As per the 2023 World Air Quality Report by IQAir, India is the third most polluted country in the world and has the most polluted capital.

Statement-II: India has transitioned directly from Bharat Stage (BS) IV to BS VI emission standards.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

204. Right to Disconnect, which was recently in the news is best described as:

- A. It's a law that allows people to ignore work messages after hours, beyond their paid time.
B. It is a policy that mandates a minimum wage increase for all employees.
C. It is a regulation that limits the maximum number of work hours per week to 40 hours.
D. It is a law that provides employees with additional paid vacation days annually.

205. Regarding the Industrial Parks Policy, 2024, consider the following statements:

1. The industrial parks policy, 2024 aims to establish 12 enclaves to form a “golden quadrilateral” of industrial parks.
2. The central and state governments, along with the private sector, will develop “plug and play” integrated smart industrial cities that include residential and commercial zones.
3. The contribution from states will come in the form of equity and the Centre will provide land.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

206. Consider the following statements:

1. Space has no air and experiences extreme temperatures, and without an atmosphere or magnetic field, humans are unprotected from solar radiation.
2. Extended periods of zero gravity in space can cause muscle weakening and other health issues.
3. Spaceflight requires periods of acceleration, which results in the body being subjected to 910 times normal gravity.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

207. Consider the following statements:

1. The Old Pension Scheme (OPS) promised fixed benefits, with no contribution from employees.
2. The New Pension Scheme (NPS) changed from a system with guaranteed benefits to one where returns depend on how well the investments perform.

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

208. Regarding the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 aims to safeguard citizen’s data, including cross-border sharing.
2. It empowers individuals with the right to know and control their personal data.
3. It mandates the deletion of personal data either when the user withdraws consent or the purpose for which the data was collected is no longer relevant.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only One B. Only Two
C. All Three D. None

Answers

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| 11. (d) | 12. (c) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) | 16. (d) | 17. (a) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (c) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (c) | 23. (d) | 24. (a) | 25. (c) | 26. (d) | 27. (b) | 28. (b) | 29. (d) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (b) | 32. (a) | 33. (b) | 34. (b) | 35. (b) | 36. (d) | 37. (d) | 38. (b) | 39. (c) | 40. (c) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (c) | 43. (a) | 44. (d) | 45. (a) | 46. (b) | 47. (b) | 48. (c) | 49. (c) | 50. (a) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (a) | 53. (c) | 54. (d) | 55. (b) | 56. (c) | 57. (b) | 58. (b) | 59. (a) | 60. (d) |
| 61. (c) | 62. (a) | 63. (a) | 64. (b) | 65. (a) | 66. (a) | 67. (d) | 68. (b) | 69. (b) | 70. (a) |
| 71. (a) | 72. (c) | 73. (b) | 74. (d) | 75. (b) | 76. (a) | 77. (a) | 78. (b) | 79. (c) | 80. (b) |
| 81. (a) | 82. (a) | 83. (b) | 84. (c) | 85. (a) | 86. (b) | 87. (b) | 88. (d) | 89. (c) | 90. (a) |
| 91. (a) | 92. (d) | 93. (a) | 94. (c) | 95. (a) | 96. (b) | 97. (b) | 98. (c) | 99. (d) | 100. (d) |
| 101. (a) | 102. (c) | 103. (a) | 104. (b) | 105. (a) | 106. (b) | 107. (c) | 108. (a) | 109. (d) | 110. (b) |
| 111. (c) | 112. (a) | 113. (c) | 114. (d) | 115. (a) | 116. (b) | 117. (c) | 118. (b) | 119. (a) | 120. (d) |
| 121. (a) | 122. (b) | 123. (b) | 124. (a) | 125. (b) | 126. (c) | 127. (c) | 128. (a) | 129. (a) | 130. (c) |
| 131. (d) | 132. (c) | 133. (b) | 134. (a) | 135. (d) | 136. (b) | 137. (d) | 138. (a) | 139. (a) | 140. (a) |
| 141. (c) | 142. (b) | 143. (b) | 144. (a) | 145. (a) | 146. (d) | 147. (c) | 148. (b) | 149. (b) | 150. (a) |
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| 161. (b) | 162. (c) | 163. (a) | 164. (b) | 165. (d) | 166. (b) | 167. (b) | 168. (b) | 169. (c) | 170. (c) |
| 171. (b) | 172. (b) | 173. (b) | 174. (a) | 175. (d) | 176. (b) | 177. (d) | 178. (b) | 179. (b) | 180. (a) |
| 181. (c) | 182. (a) | 183. (c) | 184. (b) | 185. (a) | 186. (a) | 187. (b) | 188. (a) | 189. (d) | 190. (c) |
| 191. (d) | 192. (b) | 193. (a) | 194. (c) | 195. (d) | 196. (b) | 197. (b) | 198. (d) | 199. (b) | 200. (b) |
| 201. (b) | 202. (a) | 203. (b) | 204. (a) | 205. (b) | 206. (c) | 207. (c) | 208. (d) | | |