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1. The anti-profiteering clause in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) framework is designed to:
 - A. Ensure that businesses charge prices lower than MRP to consumers.
 - B. Prevent businesses from going into recession.
 - C. Ensure that the benefits of tax rate reductions are passed on to consumers.
 - D. Allow businesses to prevent double taxation
2. With reference to Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:
 1. By convention, if the Speaker is from the ruling party, the Deputy Speaker is from the opposition.
 2. If the position of the Speaker is vacant, the duties of the office of Speaker shall be performed by the Deputy Speaker.
 3. Till date, no Deputy Speaker performed the role of a Speaker.
 How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
3. In recent years Kenya, Zambia and Ghana caught the international attention for which one of the following reasons common to all of them?
 - A. Discovery of rich deposits of rare earth elements
 - B. Establishment of Chinese military bases
 - C. Successful military coups
 - D. High foreign debts
4. Consider the following:
 1. Quantum Technology
 2. Semiconductors
 3. Defense Industrial Cooperation
 4. Commercial Space Opportunities
 How many of the above-mentioned technologies are covered under the US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)?
 - A. Only one
 - B. Only two
 - C. Only three
 - D. All four
5. Consider the following statements regarding Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs):

Statement-I: They are integral to encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and fostering economic growth.

Statement-II: They protect investments by preventing undue interference with the foreign investor's rights.

 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
6. Which of the following statements about the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is NOT correct?
 - A. It was established in 2001 and has its headquarters in Beijing.
 - B. It is a permanent intergovernmental international organization.
 - C. India and Pakistan are Dialogue Partners of the SCO.
 - D. In 2005, the SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group was established.
7. Regarding the Qutub Minar of Mehrauli, consider the following statements:
 1. It was built by Qutub-ud-din and finally completed by Iltutmish.
 2. Muhammad bin Tughluq rebuilt its two storeys after it was damaged by lightning.
 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
8. Consider the following statements about the Kuznets curve:

Statement-I: It shows that economic inequality tends to decrease during the early stages of economic development, but then increases as a country becomes more developed.

Statement-II: It is based on the idea that as countries develop, they move from farming to manufacturing, leading to higher wages and more income for urban workers.

 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. In which among the following cases the Supreme Court of India held that right against the adverse effects of climate change is a Fundamental Right?
 - A. K. Puttaswamy vs Union of India, 2017
 - B. Supriya Chakraborty vs Union of India, 2023
 - C. Anoop Baranwal vs Union of India, 2023
 - D. MK Ranjitsinh & ors vs Union of India & ors, 2024

10. Consider the following:
1. Second Anglo-Burmese War
 2. Panjdeh Incident
 3. Formation of Indian National Congress
 4. Imperial Service Corps
 5. Report on the Conditions of the Lower Classes of Population in Bengal
- How many of the above events took place during the tenure of Lord Dufferin?
- A. Only two
 - B. Only three
 - C. Only four
 - D. All five
11. Which one of the following best represents "Mahalanobis Distance" in statistics?
- A. Similarity between two sets of observations.
 - B. Difference between sample means.
 - C. Correlation between two variables.
 - D. Variance within a single dataset.
12. Consider the following statements regarding "DigiYatra":
1. It facilitates paperless travel and avoids identity check at multiple points.
 2. It also facilitates self-Bag Drop and Check-in using facial recognition.
 3. It is being implemented by the DigiYatra Foundation, a statutory body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
13. Consider the following statements:
1. The Financial Stability Report (FSR) is released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) annually.
 2. FSR reflects the collective assessment of the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council on risks to financial stability.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
14. With reference to GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), consider the following statements:
1. The GSTAT is the Appellate Authority established under the Central Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act, 2017.
 2. It hears various appeals under the GST Act, 2017 and the respective State/Union Territories GST Acts against the orders of the first appellate authority.
 3. It does not have any State Benches.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
 - B. 2 and 3 only
 - C. 1 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3
15. What is a key advantage of using 1-bit Large Language Models (LLMs) in Machine Learning?
- A. They require less training data.
 - B. They enhance the quality of media content processing.
 - C. They significantly reduce computational resource requirements.
 - D. They improve image resolution in graphics processing.
16. Consider the following countries:
1. Afghanistan
 2. Iran
 3. Pakistan
 4. Iraq
 5. Oman
- How many of the above-mentioned countries form part of the Golden Crescent?
- A. Only two
 - B. Only three
 - C. Only four
 - D. All five
17. Q1."Galilee region", sometimes seen in the news, is located in
- A. Israel
 - B. France
 - C. South Africa
 - D. Sri Lanka
18. Consider the following statements:
1. Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) project interlink all police stations for the purpose of investigation, data analytics, research and policy making.
 2. The Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) integrates Police, Courts, Jails, Forensic Lab and Prosecution.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
19. With reference to K-Shaped economic recovery, consider the following statements:
1. It occurs when different parts of the economy recover at different rates.
 2. This concept first emerged during the Great Depression (1929–1939).

3. Under it, one section of the economy begins to recover while another segment continues to struggle.

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

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

20. Which of the following best describes the totaliser machines being considered by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- A. It sum up the votes from different polling stations to provide a cumulative total for each candidate.
B. It predicts the outcome of an election based on early voting trends.
C. It mixes votes from multiple Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to ensure voter anonymity.
D. It verifies the accuracy of voter lists by cross-checking with other government databases.

21. Consider the following statements regarding Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC):

1. CBDC is a legal tender akin to sovereign paper currency issued by a central bank in a digital form.
2. It is exchangeable at par with the existing currency and shall be accepted as a medium of payment.
3. CBDCs have the possibility of programming the money by tying the end use.

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

22. Which of the following best describes a “kangaroo court”?

- A. A legal court that specializes in cases related to wildlife conservation and animal rights.
B. A temporary court set up in remote areas to administer justice where regular courts are not accessible.
C. A court that deals exclusively with disputes between businesses and corporations.
D. An informal court held by a group of people without legal authority, often disregarding established legal procedures and fairness.

23. With reference to Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), consider the following statements:

1. Chaired by the Union Finance Minister, it aims to strengthen and institutionalize the mechanism for maintaining financial stability.
2. The FSDC Sub-committee has been set up under the chairmanship of RBI Governor.
3. Its members include the heads of RBI and SEBI only.

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

24. With reference to National Commission on Farmers (NCF) under Prof Swaminathan, consider the following statements:

1. It called for the setting up of a National Board for “New Deal for Women in Agriculture”.
2. It recommended a code of conduct for contract farming.
3. It recommended the fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) based on C2 (actual cost of production) plus 50%.

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

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

25. Consider the following statements:

1. Cement, Coal, Crude Oil and Telecommunications are included in the list of Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI).
2. The Eight Core Industries comprise around 40% of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

26. What is the primary purpose of a sandbox approach in the fintech industry?

- A. To accelerate the approval process for financial products.
B. To enhance customer relationship management systems.
C. To improve the security of online transactions through encryption.
D. To provide a controlled environment for testing innovative financial technologies without regulatory repercussions.

27. Consider the following:

1. Partnership for security and sovereignty
2. Partnership for the planet
3. Partnership for the people
4. Partnership for Strategic Minerals

Which of the above mentioned are part of the Indo-French Roadmap "Horizon 2047"?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

28. With reference to "Motion of Thanks", consider the following statements:

1. The address of the president is discussed in the Lower House of Parliament only on a motion called the "Motion of Thanks".
2. It is put to vote at the end of the discussion.
3. Its failure to pass in the House amounts to defeat of the government.

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

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

29. Regarding the Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. It will be the second home for cheetahs in India, after the Panna National Park.
2. The Narmada river cuts the sanctuary into two almost equal halves.
3. It has a savanna ecosystem comprising open grasslands interspersed with dry deciduous trees and shrubs.

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

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

30. What is the primary purpose of classifying a loan as a Special Mention Account (SMA) in banking?

- A. To denote loans that are performing exceptionally well.
- B. To identify loans that are overdue but not yet classified as non-performing assets (NPAs).
- C. To categorize loans that have been repaid in full.
- D. To highlight loans that have been written off

31. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN):

1. It is a central sector scheme launched to supplement financial needs of land holding farmers, subject to exclusions.
2. Amount is transferred to the State Government for onward disbursement to the farmers.
3. It also seeks to provide Rs 3,000 as monthly pension to the Small and Marginal Farmers once they attain 60 years of age.

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. The Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has the twin task of rehabilitating Tibetan refugees and restoring freedom and happiness in Tibet.
2. Initially, CTA was based in Dharamsala but later moved to New Delhi.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

33. Consider the following parliamentary committees:

1. Public Accounts Committee
2. Committee of Privileges
3. Committee on Subordinate Legislation
4. Railway Convention Committee
5. Committee on Public Undertakings

How many of the above-mentioned parliamentary committees are standing committees?

- A. Only two
- B. Only three
- C. Only four
- D. All five

34. Regarding the Ethics Committee, consider the following statements:

1. The first Ethics Committee in the post-independence era was constituted in 1950 on the recommendation of John Mathai.
2. It enforces the code of conduct of members of Parliament.
3. It examines the cases of breach of privileges of the House and its members.

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

35. The term "Labour Inspection Convention" is sometimes seen in the news with reference to

- A. International Labour Organization
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. UN Economic and Social Council
- D. United Nations Human Rights Council

36. Which one of the following best describes the fiscal deficit?
- The difference between the government's total revenue and total expenditure, including borrowings.
 - It shows the borrowing requirements of the government. for meeting expenditure excluding interest payment.
 - The amount by which a government's total expenditures exceed its total revenue, excluding money from borrowings.
 - Shortfall in total tax revenue collected by the government in a fiscal year.
37. What is the primary objective of the Koppillil Radhakrishnan Committee, recently constituted by the Ministry of Education?
- To investigate financial irregularities in the functioning of universities.
 - To analyze the end-to-end examination process and suggest measures to forestall any possible breach.
 - To study and improve agricultural education in India
 - To review and suggest improvements in India's higher education system.
38. Consider the following statements regarding Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA):
- It is a statutory body constituted on the recommendation of Naresh Chandra Committee.
 - It regulates tariffs and other charges for aeronautical services at major airports.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
39. With reference to the Prime Minister's WiFi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI), consider the following statements:
- It was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to enhance the proliferation of public WiFi hotspots.
 - It aims to establish a public Wi-Fi network across the country through the creation of Wi-Fi Access Points (WAPs).
 - Public Data Offices (PDOs) establish Wi-Fi hotspots and provide internet access to users.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
40. Consider the following statements regarding Shell Companies:
- It is created to hold funds and manage another entity's financial transactions.
 - Like traditional companies, they have employees and are traded on exchanges.
 - There are also tax benefits to setting up a shell company.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
41. Consider the following statements regarding privileges and immunities of Indian President:
- The president enjoys personal immunity from legal liability for his official acts.
 - During his term of office, S/he is immune from any criminal proceedings, even in respect of his personal acts.
 - After giving 15 days' notice, civil proceedings can be instituted against her/him during his term of office in respect of his personal acts.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
42. Regarding Polio disease, consider the following statements:
- Wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) and wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) have been declared eradicated globally.
 - Wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) is endemic only in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
 - Only oral polio vaccine is used to protect against polio disease.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
43. Consider the following:
- Public Internet Access Programme
 - e-Kranti - Electronic Delivery of Services
 - Information for All
 - Electronics Manufacturing
- Which of the above-mentioned are included among the nine pillars of Digital India initiative?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4

44. With reference to biofuels, consider the following statements:
1. Sugarcane, corn and soybeans are used to make biofuels.
 2. They can be used as transportation fuels only.
 3. They have higher emissions intensity than fossil fuels.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
45. The Third Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with:
- A. Allocation of seats in the Rajya Sabha
 - B. Powers, authority, and responsibilities of Panchayats
 - C. Forms of Oaths and Affirmations
 - D. Distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the States
46. Consider the following statements about Yoga school of philosophy:
1. It was founded by Sage Patanjali and is one of the six orthodox schools of Indian philosophy.
 2. It is closely related to Samkhya school.
- 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. With reference to “finfluencers”, consider the following statements:
1. They provide retail investors with information and advice on an array of financial investment areas.
 2. They are registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- 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
48. Consider the following statements regarding Small Modular Reactors (SMRs):
1. They are advanced nuclear reactors that have a power generating capacity of about one-third of the traditional nuclear power reactors.
 2. Prefabricated units of SMRs can be manufactured and then shipped and installed on site.
 3. SMRs can be installed into an existing grid or remotely off-grid for smaller electrical output.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
49. Article 355 of the Indian Constitution deals with which of the following responsibilities of the Union government?
- A. Ensuring that the state governments function according to the provisions of the Constitution
 - B. Providing financial assistance to the states for implementing developmental projects
 - C. Regulating trade and commerce between states
 - D. Consent of the Union Government to raise loans by states
50. Which of the following provisions are adopted from the British Constitution?
1. Directive Principles of State Policy
 2. Rule of Law
 3. Bicameralism
 4. Procedure established by Law
 5. Appointment of state governors by the Centre
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1, 3 and 4 only
 - B. 2 and 3 only
 - C. 2, 3 and 5 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3 only
51. With reference to Brahmaputra river, consider the following statements:
1. It originates from the Ambu Lapcha glacier in Nepal.
 2. It is known as Brahmaputra after meeting with two streams, the Lohit and the Dihang.
 3. The sudden flattening of the river slope in the Assam valley leads to a braided nature of the river.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
52. Which one of the following best describes a Hindu ritual called Angapradakshinam?
- A. Walking around the temple in a clockwise direction while chanting mantras.
 - B. Rolling around the temple premises in a prostrate position as an act of devotion.
 - C. Offering food and other offerings to the temple deity.
 - D. Meditating in front of the temple deity for an extended period.

53. Regarding Swami Vivekananda, consider the following statements:

1. He preached "neo-Vedanta", an interpretation of Hinduism through a Western lens.
2. He took the name "Vivekananda" changing from "Sachidananda" that he used before.
3. While in Chicago, he founded the first Vedanta Society in 1893.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements regarding Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG):

1. It is a group of nuclear supplier countries that seeks to contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
2. It completely prohibits nuclear trade to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was formally established in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1961.

Statement-II: NAM aimed to advance the interests of developing countries in the context of Cold War confrontation.

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

56. With reference to the Agnipath scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It was aimed at recruiting personnel below officer ranks to the Indian Armed Forces for a period of four years.
2. At the end of 4 years, upto 50% of these recruits (Agniveers) can join the services on a permanent commission.
3. Agniveers retiring after 4 years do not draw pensions post-retirement.

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

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

57. Regarding the India-Russia relations, consider the following statements:

1. India-Russia Annual Summit was initiated under President Vladimir Putin's leadership during his visit to India in the year 2000.
2. The Strategic Partnership with Russia has been elevated to the level of "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership."
3. India does not have a 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue mechanism with Russia.

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

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

58. Dasht-e Kavir and Dasht-e Lut deserts, sometimes seen in the news, is located in:

- A. Turkmenistan
- B. Morocco
- C. Jordan
- D. Iran

59. Regarding the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body aimed to promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation.
2. It forges collaborations among the industry, academia, and government departments and research institutions.
3. The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has been subsumed into ANRF.

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

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

60. Presidential Climate Commission (PCC), sometimes seen in the news, is mentioned in the context of the affairs of which one of the following?

- A. South Africa
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. Denmark

61. Consider the following pairs:

Special Provisions	Related State
1. Article 371B	a. Bihar
2. Article 371C	b. Manipur
3. Article 371D	c. Andhra Pradesh

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

62. Regarding National Security Council (NSC), consider the following statements:

1. It was established following nuclear tests by India and Pakistan.
2. It is the apex body for national security management in India.
3. Prior to the formation of the NSC, the functions related to national security were carried out by the Director of the Intelligence Bureau.

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 statements regarding Ratle hydroelectric project:

1. It is a "Run of River" project on river Chenab in Ladakh.
2. It has been disapproved by the World Bank as it violates the Indus Water Treaty 1960.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

64. With reference to coffee cultivation, consider the following statements:

1. It is generally grown under strong sunshine.
2. The two most common species of coffee plants are Arabica and Robusta.
3. Arabica has a sweeter and smoother taste while Robusta is generally more bitter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding cervical cancer vaccine:

1. Cervavac vaccine is India's first indigenously developed vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer.
2. The vaccine against cervical cancer is the first recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (rDNA) vaccine in the world.

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

66. Subic Bay and Clark Air Base, recently seen in the news, is located in

- A. Israel
- B. Australia
- C. Philippines
- D. Qatar

67. With reference to Persian Gulf, consider the following statements:

1. It is situated between the Arabian Peninsula and Iran.
2. Qeshm is the biggest island in the Persian Gulf near the straits of Hormuz.
3. Bandar Abbas is an essential port facility in the southern part of Oman.

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

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

68. The Thimpu talks, 1985 was organized for the resolution of which of the following?

- A. Wildlife crime in Manas National Park
- B. Exchange of enclaves between India and Bangladesh
- C. Insurgency operating from Bhutanese soil
- D. Resolution of the Sri Lankan civil war

69. What Consumers Rights are guaranteed under Consumer Protection Act, 2019?

1. Right to Safety
2. Right to be Informed
3. Right to be heard
4. Right to Consumer Awareness

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

70. Regarding the Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), which of the following statements is **not** correct?
- A Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is a company engaged in financial activity as its principal business.
 - The term “principal business” is defined in the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
 - 50-50 test is applied to determine whether or not a company is into financial business.
 - NBFCs do not form part of the payment and settlement system.
71. Consider the following statements about the “canons of taxation”:
- It refers to the guiding rules and principles to make the tax collection system effective and functional.
 - In his famous book “Wealth of Nations”, Adam Smith presented 6 canons of taxation.
 - Equity and Certainty are among the canons of taxation mentioned by Adam Smith.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
72. What is the primary purpose of implementing Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) regulations in the stock market?
- To ensure that private companies remain entirely privately owned.
 - To increase market liquidity and ensure a wider distribution of shares among investors.
 - To concentrate ownership of shares among a small group of investors.
 - To encourage foreign investment in domestic companies.
73. Consider the following statements regarding Gujjar-Bakerwal community:
- They are the largest group in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - They were given the scheduled tribes (ST) status, along with Gaddis and Sippis.
 - They practice transhumance.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
74. Regarding the Black Sea, consider the following statements:
- Romania, Turkey, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Russia and Georgia share a border with the Black Sea.
 - It is also surrounded by the Pontic, Caucasus and Crimean Mountains.
 - It connects with the Mediterranean Sea through the Bosphorus Strait, the Sea of Marmara, and the Dardanelles Strait.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
75. Consider the following:
- Interest earned on loans
 - Transfer from Reserve Bank of India’s surplus
 - Communication services fees
 - Wealth tax
- Which of the above mentioned are components of non-tax revenue?
- 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 3 and 4 only
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4
76. With reference to Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), consider the following statements:
- It is released by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
 - It introduces an element of healthy competition through a system of assessing states based on their performance in business reforms.
 - The objective of assessing the States/UTs is to create a hierarchy amongst States/UTs to augment Ease of Doing Business.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
77. What is the primary role of the US offered Stryker combat vehicle in military operations?
- Main battle tank
 - Reconnaissance
 - Artillery
 - Infantry carrier
78. Which one of the following best describes cross-subsidization?
- Transferring funds between unrelated companies
 - Using profits from one product or service to support another
 - Investing in multiple stock markets simultaneously
 - Borrowing funds from international sources to fund sick industries

79. Consider the following statements regarding RBI surplus transfer to government:

1. The economic capital framework (ECF) devised a method to determine how much surplus the central bank should transfer to the government.
2. In an accounting sense, surplus transfer negatively affects the size of the RBI balance sheet.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

80. With reference to Leader of the House, consider the following statements:

1. Under the Rules of Lok Sabha, the "Leader of the House" means the prime minister, if he is a member of the Lok Sabha.
2. There is no concept of "Leader of the House" in the Rajya Sabha.
3. The same functionary in the United States is known as the "majority leader".

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding Article 167 of the Indian Constitution:

1. It lays down the duties of the chief minister to furnish information to the Governor.
2. It is the duty of the Chief Minister to communicate to the Governor all decisions of the Council of Ministers relating to the administration and proposals for legislation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

82. Regarding the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN Abhiyaan), consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan.
2. Its target is to decrease stunting, under-nutrition, anemia, and low birth weight by 2% per year for each condition.
3. Early Childhood care and Education, WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), De-worming and ORS-Zinc are among the key nutrition strategies and interventions.

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

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

83. With reference to the Malthusian Theory Of Population, consider the following statements:

1. Thomas Robert Malthus outlined his theory of population growth in his work "Essay on Population".
2. He argued that human populations tend to grow at a much faster rate than the rate at which the means of human subsistence can grow.
3. He believed that "negative checks" in the form of famines and diseases were inevitable to control population growth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

84. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)?

1. It was convened under the auspices of the United Nations in Vienna.
2. It introduced the concepts of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.
3. It adopted the Programme of Action by consensus which focuses on meeting the needs of individual women and men, rather than on achieving demographic targets.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

85. In India, the headline inflation is determined on the basis of

- A. Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)
- B. Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- C. Index of Industrial Production (IIP)
- D. Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI-C)

86. Sometimes seen in the news, the Port of Murmansk is located in

- A. Finland
- B. Indonesia
- C. Russia
- D. Egypt

87. Regarding the Initial Public Offerings (IPO), consider the following statements:
1. An IPO is the selling of securities to the public in the secondary market.
 2. Under IPO, Book Building is a process used for efficient price discovery.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
88. Consider the following statements about :
1. National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) is an outreach organization of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).
 2. MPEDA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
89. Consider the following statements regarding Global Development Initiative (GDI):
1. India proposed the GDI at the 76th session of the United Nation General Assembly.
 2. It focuses on poverty reduction, food security, anti-epidemic and vaccines, climate change and green development.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
90. Consider the following statements:
1. The Shah Bano case 1985 is seen as one of the milestones in Muslim women's fight for rights in India.
 2. The case laid the ground for Muslim women's fight for equal rights in matters of marriage and divorce.
- 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
91. Regarding the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grants, consider the following statements:
1. The Centre provides the PDRD grant to the States under Article 275 of the Indian Constitution.
 2. They are paid out of the Consolidated Fund of India.
 3. They are released as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission in monthly installments.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
92. With reference to Alzheimer's disease, consider the following statements:
1. It is a brain disorder that causes the brain to expand and brain cells to proliferate.
 2. Deposits of a protein fragment called beta-amyloid damages and kills nerve cells.
 3. There is no cure for Alzheimer's disease.
- 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
93. Consider the following:
1. Gross Value Added
 2. Gross Value of Output
 3. Labour Employment
 4. Labour Quality
 5. Capital Stock
- How many of the above-mentioned parameters are included in the RBI's Measuring Productivity at the Industry Level-The India KLEMS database?
- A. Only two
 - B. Only three
 - C. Only four
 - D. All five
94. Consider the following statements regarding Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI):
1. It is the health intelligence wing of the Central Bureau of Investigation in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 2. It publishes "National Health Profile" which highlights most of the relevant health information.
 3. It collects the information on reform initiatives for Health Sector Policy Reform Option Database (HS-PROD).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. 2 and 3 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3

95. Regarding Per Drop More Crop, consider the following statements:
1. It is a Central Sector Scheme focused on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through micro irrigation.
 2. It is a component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
 3. Financial assistance is provided by the government for installation of micro irrigation systems.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
96. The Tenth Schedule was added to the Indian Constitution by which amendment?
- A. 52nd Amendment Act, 1985
 - B. 42nd Amendment Act, 1976
 - C. 44th Amendment Act, 1978
 - D. 61st Amendment Act, 1988
97. Consider the following:
1. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
 2. Wassenaar Arrangement
 3. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
 4. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Headquarter/Secretariat of how many of the above-mentioned organizations are based in Vienna, Austria?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. Only Three
 - D. All Four
98. Regarding the Bharat New Car Assessment Program (NCAP), consider the following statements:
1. It proposes a mechanism of awarding "Star Ratings" to automobiles based upon their performance in crash tests.
 2. It is mandatory in nature for all vehicles upto 2500 kg.
 3. The assessment of the vehicle is performed for Adult Occupant Protection (AOP) only.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
 - B. 1 and 2 only
 - C. 2 and 3 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3
99. With reference to Public Distribution System (PDS), consider the following statements:
1. It is a food security system established under the Ministry of Rural Development.
 2. PDS emanated from the critical food shortages of the 1960s.
 3. The Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) was launched to improve its reach in the far-flung, hilly, remote and inaccessible areas.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
100. Consider the following statements regarding the 16th Finance Commission:
1. Under Article 280 of the Constitution, 16th Finance Commission was constituted with BVR Subrahmanyam as its Chairman.
 2. Its recommendations will cover a period of 5 years commencing 1st January, 2026.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
101. Consider the following statements about the Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2017:
1. It allows 26 weeks of paid leave after childbirth to both biological and surrogate mothers.
 2. Every establishment having 10 or more employees shall have a creche facility.
 3. Women in the unorganized sector cannot avail maternity benefits.
- 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
102. What is the primary purpose of the National Conservatism Conference?
- A. To promote national identity, sovereignty, traditional values, and conservative policies.
 - B. To focus on protectionist international trade agreements and global economic policies.
 - C. To promote progressive social policies and environmental sustainability.
 - D. To discuss strategies for increasing technological advancements in the private sector.
103. Which of the following was regarded as the "Economic Constitution of India" or "The Bible of State Capitalism"?
- A. Industrial Policy, 1980
 - B. New Industrial Policy 1991
 - C. Industrial Policy Statement, 1977
 - D. Industrial Policy Statement, 1956

104. Consider the following statements regarding North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):

1. The foundations of NATO were officially laid down with the signing of the Paris Treaty 1949.
2. The Treaty that established NATO derives its authority from Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

105. Consider the following statements regarding Trishuli river:

1. It originates in Uttarakhand and enters Nepal forming a deep gorge.
2. The valley carved by this river formed the ancient trade route between Kathmandu and Tibet.
3. It is one of the tributaries of the Narayani river.

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

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

106. Which one of the following best describes a "Hung Parliament"?

- A. A Parliament where no single political party wins a majority in the Lower House.
- B. A Parliament where all decisions are made by a single ruling party.
- C. A Parliament that only meets during emergency situations.
- D. A Parliament that is dissolved and re-elected every year.

107. Regarding the motion of confidence in the Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. It is a legislative device to cope with the emerging situations of fractured mandates resulting in hung parliament.
2. The governments formed with narrow majority prove their majority on the floor of the House only when called upon by the President.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

108. What is an inflationary gap?

- A. The gap between the highest and lowest prices of goods in a market.
- B. The period when inflation rates are at their highest in a given year.

C. The difference between the nominal and capital formation.

D. The difference between actual GDP and potential GDP when actual GDP exceeds potential GDP.

109. With reference to "sanskritization", consider the following statements:

1. The concept was first introduced by Prof. MN Srinivas in his book "Religion and society among the coorgs of South India".
2. It is a process where lower caste people adopt the customs, rituals, and lifestyle of a higher caste.
3. In this process, lower caste people try to change the social structure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

110. The Inter-State Council consists of

1. Prime Minister
2. Chief Ministers of all states
3. Chief Ministers of union territories having legislative assemblies
4. Eight Union Cabinet Ministers
5. Administrators of union territories with legislatures

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

111. With reference to economy, which one of the following best describes libertarian paternalism, sometimes seen in the news?

- A. A philosophy that combines freedom of choice with gentle guidance towards beneficial behaviors.
- B. A system where the government makes all decisions for individuals to protect their well-being.
- C. A theory advocating for complete freedom without any government intervention.
- D. A concept where individuals are forced to follow strict rules for their own good.

112. What does Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) primarily entail?

- A. Reducing taxes on producers that adopt sustainable industrial processes.
- B. Increasing consumer awareness about environmental issues.
- C. Promoting international trade agreements among producers.
- D. Shifting responsibility for waste management from consumers to producers.

113. Regarding Madhesis people in Nepal, consider the following statements:

1. They have castes and ethnicities similar to Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh.
2. They belong to the Madhesh region that has historically been part of the larger Mithila region.
3. They are the largest group of original settlers in Nepal.

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

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

114. With reference to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to enhance the livelihood security by providing at least 200 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year.
2. Guaranteed wage employment is given to both urban and rural households whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.
3. It encourages a sense of community and collective responsibility by strengthening Panchayat Raj institutions.

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

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

115. "Rising Above the Heat: Strengthening Women's Resilience to Heat Stress" report has been released by the

- A. World Meteorological Organization
- B. World Bank
- C. Asian Development Bank
- D. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

116. In the long run, the Phillips Curve, showing relationship between inflation and unemployment, is often considered to be:

- A. Downward sloping
- B. Upward sloping
- C. Horizontal
- D. Vertical

117. Consider the following statements regarding US Presidential election:

1. The President and Vice-President are elected directly by citizens.
2. If no candidate receives the majority of electoral votes, the decision is made by the House of Representatives.

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

118. Consider the following statements:

1. The eastern Himalayas rise abruptly from the plains and suddenly attain great elevations within a short distance from the foot of the mountains.
2. The western Himalayas rise gradually from the plains through a series of ranges.

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

119. Which sector is primarily targeted by the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)?

- A. Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- B. Tourism
- C. Healthcare
- D. Agriculture

120. Consider the following statements:

1. The personal savings rate is the percentage of disposable income that goes into savings for retirement or other goals.
2. Disposable income is the money left for an individual or household to spend or save after deducting taxes, as well as other mandatory charges.

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 statements regarding GDP deflator:

1. It shows the relation between nominal GDP and real GDP.
2. It includes the value of intermediate goods.
3. It captures the changes in prices of goods imported from abroad.

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

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

122. Which one of the following releases the “Children’s Climate Risk Index (CCRI)” report?
- World Health Organization (WHO)
 - United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
 - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - Children International
123. With reference to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, consider the following statements:
- A child is defined as a person who has not completed 16 years of age.
 - It provides for the formation of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB).
 - JJB may transfer a person to Children’s Court for trial as an adult if he is alleged to have committed a heinous offense.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
124. Regarding the PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI), consider the following statements:
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme to be funded in a 60:40 ratio by the Centre and all states
 - PM SHRI schools are managed by the central government and state government only.
 - It showcases the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
125. Which of the following best describes the concept of leakage in economics?
- An increase in domestic investment.
 - A decrease in government spending.
 - The outflow of money from an economy, reducing funds for domestic spending.
 - The outflow of foreign capital from the domestic market.
126. Which of the following statements is **not correct** regarding Payment Banks?
- It was set up on the recommendations of the Nachiket Mor Committee.
 - The money received as deposits can be invested in secure government securities only in the form of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR).
 - It can accept demand deposits in the form of savings and current accounts.
 - They are registered under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
127. Consider the following statements regarding the Gulf of Aden:
- It is located between the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa.
 - It connects the Red Sea to the Arabian Sea via the Strait of Hormuz.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
128. Consider the following statements about the Bhojshala Temple:
- It was originally a temple of goddess Sarasvati located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
 - It was built by Paramara King Bhoja in circa 11th Century AD.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
129. Consider the following statements regarding robot tax:
- A robot tax is the idea that businesses substituting human employees with automated machines should be obligated to pay a tax.
 - When companies replace people with machines, the government loses tax revenue.
- 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
130. Which one of the following best describes the Ricardian Equivalence Theory?
- When a country produces goods it makes best, it can trade more efficiently with other countries.
 - Government deficits do not affect demand because people save more, expecting future taxes to repay the debt..
 - In the long run, the economy will return to full employment on its own, regardless of fiscal or monetary policies.
 - Changes in the money supply directly affect price levels and inflation but not real output or employment in the long term.

131. Consider the following statements:

1. India ranks fifth in global agriculture production.
2. India's share in global agricultural exports is around 8%.

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

132. Consider the following statements regarding Article 341 of the Constitution:

1. As per Article 341(1), the President can specify castes, races, or tribes as Scheduled Castes for a State or Union territory.
2. The central government and the President cannot amend the notification issued under Article 341(1) without a law made by the Parliament.

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. With reference to Indian Knowledge Systems Division (IKS Division), consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the Ministry of Ayush.
2. It was established to preserve and disseminate IKS for further research and societal applications.
3. It focuses on five fundamental principles when undertaking any activity.

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

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

134. What is the primary objective of an Inverse Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF), sometimes seen in the news?

- A. To provide exposure to a diversified portfolio of stocks from different rival sectors.
- B. To amplify the returns of an underlying index by borrowing to invest more aggressively.
- C. To generate returns that move in the opposite direction to the performance of an underlying index or asset.
- D. To invest in commodities such as gold or silver through futures contracts.

135. Regarding the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR), consider the following statements:

1. It has been developed by the Securities and Exchange Board in India (SEBI) that requires Indian companies to provide measurable data on sustainability factors.

2. The disclosure requirements are based on the principles of the National Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct.

Select the correct statements using the code given below:

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

136. With reference to Sugarcane, consider the following statements:

1. It is a tropical as well as a subtropical crop.
2. It can be grown only on the alluvial soil.
3. It is the main source of sugar, gur (jaggery), khandsari and molasses.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

137. Consider the following statement:

1. Strategic autonomy means a country's ability to make its own decisions in foreign policy without being influenced or controlled by other countries.
2. Theoretically, only a lone superpower in a unipolar international order truly possesses strategic autonomy.

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

138. "One Trillion Trees" project sometimes seen in the news, is an initiative of:

- A. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- B. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- C. Global Forest Coalition (GFC)
- D. World Economic Forum (WEF)

139. Consider the following statements regarding trade deficit:

1. It occurs when the value of a country's imports exceeds the value of its exports.
2. It results in currency depreciation resulting in benefits like preference of Indian exports due to more competitive prices.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

140. Regarding the Foreigners Tribunals (FTs), consider the following statements:

1. They are purely judicial bodies formed through the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964.
2. They have the powers of a civil court in certain matters such as summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person.
3. If the person fails to provide any proof of citizenship, the FT can send him to a detention center.

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

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

141. With reference to Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), consider the following statements:

1. Initially, it was launched as the Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) but later renamed as UIP.
2. UIP is a part of the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme.
3. Under UIP, immunization is being provided free of cost against various preventable diseases including Hepatitis B.

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

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

142. Which one of the following best describes "rent-seeking" in economics?

- A. The process of earning rental income from property investments.
- B. The practice of increasing one's share of existing wealth without creating new wealth.
- C. The act of negotiating better rental agreements with land banks.
- D. The method of setting competitive prices in a free market.

143. With reference to Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs), consider the following statements:

1. It is owned by both the central government and state governments.
2. It is funded by government surpluses like revenues from natural resources, proceeds from divestment, privatization, etc.
3. It includes investments in foreign financial assets and public pension funds.

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

144. What is the main concept behind "nudge theory" in behavioral economics?

- A. Influencing people's behavior by using large financial incentives.
- B. Using direct orders and mandates to change people's actions.
- C. Encouraging desired behaviors through subtle changes in the environment or choices.
- D. Implementing strict regulations to control market activities.

145. Consider the following statements regarding Article 16 of the Indian Constitution:

1. Article 16 provides for equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters of employment or appointment to any office under the State.
2. It empowers both Parliament and state legislatures to make laws that prescribe residence as qualifications within a state or union territory.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

146. Regarding the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE), consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to highlight the challenges faced by India's informal sector.
2. It is designed to measure the activities of unincorporated non-agricultural manufacturing businesses only.
3. It helps in the compilation of National Accounts Statistics and also to gauge the demand-side employment scenario.

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

147. What distinguishes parametric insurance products from traditional insurance products?

- A. They offer coverage only for property damage.
- B. They make payouts based on predefined parameters or triggers
- C. They require extensive documentation to process claims.
- D. It is indemnity-based and compensates for actual loss incurred.

148. Consider the following countries:

1. China
2. Japan
3. India
4. Myanmar
5. Philippines
6. Australia

How many of the above-mentioned countries are members of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)?

- A. Only two
- B. Only three
- C. Only four
- D. Only five

149. Consider the following:

1. Malimath committee
2. Justice Verma panel
3. Ranbir Singh committee

How many of the above committee/panel were constituted for reforming the criminal justice system ?

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

150. With reference to Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs), consider the following statements:

1. It is the first spot physical gold exchange trading product.
2. They are similar to stocks and are traded and held in Demat accounts.
3. Individual investors are not allowed to buy and sell gold on the stock exchanges.

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

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

151. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY):

1. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is responsible for the overall administration of this central sector scheme.
2. Setting up of AIIMS and Upgradation of Government Medical College(GMC) are two components of PMSSY.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

152. Banihal Pass is located in which of the following Himalayan Ranges?

- A. Pir Panjal Range
- B. Zaskar Range
- C. Dhauladhar Range
- D. Karakoram Range

153. Which of the following best describes CrowdStrike, sometimes seen in the news?

- A. A company specializing in cloud-based data storage solutions.
- B. A cybersecurity firm known for its endpoint protection and threat intelligence services.
- C. A social media platform for professionals.
- D. A financial services company offering investment banking and wealth management.

154. What is the primary purpose of the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)?

- A. To provide financial aid for educational programs in developing countries.
- B. To create a multilateral trading system for agricultural products.
- C. To establish a framework for emergency financial support among BRICS countries.
- D. To enhance the security cooperation between member countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

155. Consider the following:

1. Basic Customs Duty (BCD)
2. Countervailing Duty (CVD)
3. Additional Customs Duty or Special CVD
4. Protective Duty

Which of the above mentioned taxes are examples of custom duty?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

156. Regarding Article 25 of Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. It says that all persons have the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion.
2. It covers both religious beliefs and religious practices.
3. It grants freedom to every religious denomination to manage its religious affairs.

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

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

157. With reference to Uniform Civil Code (UCC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a set of uniform rules on personal law subjects that apply to all citizens, regardless of religion, community, race, sex, or caste.
2. It is one of the Directive Principles mentioned in Part IV-A of the Constitution.
3. Personal law subjects such as marriage, divorce, inheritance come under the Concurrent list of the Constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

158. Regarding the Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), consider the following statements:

1. It aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.
2. Central funding to states is made on the basis of critical appraisal of State Higher Education Plans.
3. It would create new universities through upgradation of existing autonomous colleges and conversion of colleges in a cluster.

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

159. Which of the following Indian states do not share a border with Bangladesh?

- A. Manipur
- B. Mizoram
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Tripura

160. Consider the following statements about Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):

1. It was established as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, following the Royal Commission on Agriculture's report.
2. It is the apex body for coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

161. Consider the following regarding Gross Domestic Product (GDP):

1. Value of final consumer goods and services produced in a year
2. Value of new capital goods produced and addition to the inventories of goods
3. Net Factor Income from Abroad

Which of the above are considered for calculating the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

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

162. Consider the following statements:

1. In fresco method, paintings are made on wet plaster, allowing the pigments to absorb into the wall.
2. Tempora is a painting method on dry plaster that is re-wetted with lime water.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

163. West Bank, the larger of the two Palestinian territories, shares a border with which of the following?

- A. Mediterranean Sea
- B. Dead Sea
- C. Red Sea
- D. Persian Gulf

164. With reference to the Economic Survey, consider the following statements:

1. It is an annual document released by the Ministry of Finance, usually a day before the Union Budget.
2. It is prepared by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under the guidance of the Finance Secretary.
3. Up to 1991, it was presented along with the Union Budget.

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

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

165. Regarding the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG), consider the following statements:

1. It is a new annual financial target that developed countries must meet from 2030 onwards to provide climate finance to developing countries.
2. It will supplement the previous commitment of USD 100 billion per year that developed nations had pledged.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

166. Which of the following statements are correct regarding PRASHAD Scheme?

1. It was launched for enriching the religious tourism experience.
2. The Ministry of Culture provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments for promoting tourism at identified destinations.
3. It also seeks to involve Public Private Partnership (PPP) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

167. The Trade and Development Report is published annually by which organization?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- D. World Trade Organization (WTO)

168. Regarding the G20 group, consider the following statements:

1. It originated from the 1997-98 financial crisis affecting the countries in East and Southeast Asia.
2. Initially, it worked as a forum for the Central Bank Governors and Finance Ministers of the major industrialized and developing economies.
3. After the 2008 global financial crisis, it was upgraded to the level of Heads of State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

169. Consider the following:

1. The Employees' Provident Funds Scheme 1952 (EPF)
2. The Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 (EPS)
3. The Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance scheme 1976 (EDLI)

Which of the above mentioned schemes are operated by the Central Board of Trustees under the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)?

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

170. Regarding National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), consider the following statements:

1. It is administered by the Ministry of Rural Development and is being implemented in rural areas only.
2. It is intended to secure for the citizens adequate means of livelihood and raise the standard of living.
3. The Annapurna scheme provides food security to senior citizens who are eligible but not covered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS).

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

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

171. Which of the following best describes fiscal consolidation?

- A. The process of reducing government deficits and debt accumulation.
- B. The process of increasing government spending and expanding the fiscal deficit.
- C. The strategy of lowering taxes to stimulate economic growth.
- D. The practice of central banks increasing interest rates to control inflation.

172. Which of the following are examples of capital assets?

1. Agricultural land in rural India
2. Equity shares in a company listed on a recognized stock exchange in India
3. Zero coupon bonds

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

173. Which of the following statements is **not correct** about the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme For Holistic Nourishment (PM-POSHAN)?

- A. It is a centrally sponsored scheme by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- B. One hot cooked meal is provided to the children studying in both Government and Government aided schools.
- C. It addresses two of the pressing problems for the majority of children in India i.e., hunger and education.
- D. It is one of the many schemes under the umbrella scheme "Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS)".

174. With reference to angel tax, consider the following statements:
1. It targets investments made by listed companies through the issuance of shares.
 2. It was imposed on any premium paid by investors above the fair market value of the shares.
 3. It was introduced to address concerns related to money laundering.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. 2 and 3 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3
175. What does the term "tax buoyancy" refer to?
- A. The ability of a government to increase tax rates without reducing economic growth.
 - B. The responsiveness of tax revenue to changes in the tax rate.
 - C. The relationship between the growth rate of tax revenue and the growth rate of the economy.
 - D. The capacity of the tax system to generate revenue in a stable economic environment.
176. Which of the following best describes the main objective of the "Seed Village Concept"?
- A. Encouraging farmers to use their own seeds and avoid buying seeds from others.
 - B. Training farmers to produce high-quality seeds for others at the right time and affordable cost.
 - C. Designating certain villages exclusively for the production of certified seeds.
 - D. Helping village entrepreneurs start seed companies by providing them with technology and finance.
177. Which of the following best describes "effective capital expenditure"?
- A. Expenditure on recurring operational costs such as salaries and maintenance.
 - B. Sum of Capital Expenditure and Grants-in-Aid for Creation of Capital Assets..
 - C. Expenditure on investments made to expand the existing schemes capacity or reach.
 - D. Investment on cloud computing, and cybersecurity measures.
178. Consider the following statements regarding National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM):
1. It aims to build the shared digital infrastructure to strengthen the capacity of the urban ecosystem.
 2. People, Processes and Platforms are three key pillars of NUDM.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
179. With reference to U-WIN platform, consider the following statements:
1. It aims to digitize India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).
 2. It captures each and every vaccination event of all pregnant women and children under UIP.
 3. Beneficiary records from Co-WIN cannot be accessed through U-WIN.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
180. What does the term "tax net" refer to in the context of taxation?
- A. The total amount of tax collected by the government.
 - B. The framework of laws and regulations governing tax collection.
 - C. The financial incentive programs designed to reduce tax liabilities.
 - D. The range of individuals and entities that are subject to taxation.
181. Consider the following statements regarding Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme:
1. It was conceived to scale up domestic manufacturing capability, accompanied by higher import substitution and employment generation.
 2. The incentives given are calculated on the basis of incremental sales only.
 3. Only domestic companies are eligible to receive financial rewards for manufacturing in India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
 - B. 1 and 2 only
 - C. 2 and 3 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3
182. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)?
- A. They are voluntary organizations run by farmers who make decisions and set policies together.
 - B. They can be registered only under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
 - C. Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) provides support to FPOs.
 - D. It is formed by a group of producers for either farm or non-farm activities.
183. Consider the following statements regarding National Mission on Natural Farming:
1. It has been formulated by upscaling the Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP).
 2. Farmers receive financial assistance for the creation of on-farm input production infrastructure.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

184. Consider the following statements about Upanishads:

1. They are philosophical and spiritual treatises that were written outside the context of the Vedas.
2. They explore Brahman as the divine essence from which the soul (Atman) originates.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

185. Which of the following is not a part of the Asia-Pacific Four (AP4) countries of NATO?

- A. South Korea
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. Philippines

186. Consider the following states:

1. Maharashtra
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Chhattisgarh
4. Orissa
5. Andhra Pradesh
6. Tamil Nadu

The Godavari river basin extends into how many of the states mentioned above?

- A. Only two
- B. Only three
- C. Only five
- D. All six

187. Consider the following statements regarding International Criminal Court (ICC):

1. It investigates and tries individuals charged with genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.
2. As a court of last resort, it seeks to replace the national courts.
3. It is the world's second permanent international criminal court after the International Court of Justice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

188. Consider the following statements about Diabetes:

Statement-I: Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the body cannot effectively use the insulin Pancreas produces.

Statement-II: Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood glucose.

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. With reference to Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010, consider the following statements:

1. Registration under the FCRA is essential for receiving foreign donations in India.
2. It prohibits journalists and media companies from receiving foreign funds.

Select the correct statements using the code given below:

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

190. Which of the following best describes the process outlined in the "Flying Geese Theory"?

- A. Countries developing independently with no influence on each other
- B. Countries in Asia developing industries sequentially, following the lead country
- C. Countries experiencing economic downturns in a synchronized manner
- D. Countries relying heavily on agricultural exports to boost their economies

191. Regarding the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN), consider the following statements:

1. It is a unique alphanumeric code assigned to each individual land parcel to provide an unambiguous identification system.
2. It is part of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).
3. It is based on an international standard which complies with Electronic Commerce Code Management Association (ECCMA) standard.

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

192. A primary deficit is often viewed as an indicator of:
- Economic stability
 - Government efficiency
 - Structural imbalance in the government's finances
 - Low public debt
193. Consider the following statements regarding the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution:
- The Union List gives the Central government the power to regulate mines and mineral development.
 - The right to tax mineral rights is conferred on the States.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
194. Regarding the International Court of Justice (ICJ), consider the following statements:
- The Court entertain cases of legal disputes between members of the United Nations only.
 - It does not have any advisory jurisdiction.
 - Member states have no permanent representatives accredited to the Court.
- Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
195. With reference to Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR), consider the following statements:
- It is a specialised identification system designed by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions for all students in India.
 - It is part of the 'One Nation, One Student ID' program aligning with the National Education Policy 2020.
 - It helps digitally store, manage, and access academic credits, including degrees, diplomas, certificates, training details, and co-curricular accomplishments.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
196. Consider the following statements regarding the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC):
- It is a regional organization that was established with the signing of the New Delhi Declaration.
 - It constitutes five members from South Asia and two from Southeast Asia.
 - India, Nepal and Bhutan were among its founding members.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
197. Regarding the Operation Greens, consider the following statements:
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY).
 - National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) is the nodal agency for implementing price stabilisation measures.
 - Its long term interventions include development of post-harvest processing facilities.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
 - Only Two
 - All Three
 - None
198. Global Civilisation Initiative (GCI) is an initiative of which of the following?
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
 - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
 - United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
 - None of the above
199. What was the primary objective of the B.N. Srikrishna Committee constituted by the Ministry of Finance in March 2011?
- To reform India's corporate sector
 - To recommend changes to the legislative framework governing India's financial sector
 - To oversee the implementation of digital banking in India
 - To develop a new economic policy for India
200. Consider the following:
- Derivatives
 - Equity-oriented units of mutual funds
 - Securitized debt instruments
- Securities Transaction Tax (STT) is applicable on which of the above mentioned securities?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 only
 - 1, 2 and 3

201. Consider the following statements about the NITI Aayog:

1. The Prime Minister of India is the ex-officio chairman of NITI Aayog.
2. The CEO of the NITI Aayog convenes a Regional Council as and when needed.
3. It is an advisory body without any powers of resource distribution or allocation to States.

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 statements regarding Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB):

Statement-I: CPCB is a statutory organization that was constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

Statement-II: CPCB has been entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

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: Covaxin has been developed using Whole-Virion Inactivated Vero Cell derived platform technology.

Statement-II: Inactivated vaccines do not replicate and are therefore unlikely to revert and cause pathological 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

204. Consider the following statements:

1. Creation of the Office of Chief of Defence Staff
2. Creation of Tri Service War theaters
3. Reducing the age of Commanding Officers

How many of the above-mentioned were recommended by the Kargil Review Committee?

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

205. Consider the following statements:

1. Cabinet Committees are extra-constitutional bodies.
2. Headed by the Defence Minister, Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) makes all the important decisions on defense policy and expenditure.

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

206. What does the Debt-to-GDP ratio signify in an economy?

- A. The ratio of a country's annual revenue to its total debt
- B. The country's economic growth increased due to borrowing
- C. The country's ability to repay its debt
- D. The effectiveness of the country's monetary policy

207. Which of the following statements is **not correct** regarding off-budget borrowings?

- A. It refers to a government's practice of raising funds without including these expenditures in the official budget.
- B. They are taken by state-run agencies to finance government programs and subsidies outside the traditional budget.
- C. It helps keep the country's fiscal deficit within acceptable limits.
- D. State-run agencies raise funds through bonds that offer lower interest rates than government securities.

208. Which one of the following best describes Charaideo Moidams?

- A. Ancient rock carvings found in Assam
- B. Historical burial sites of the Ahom kings in Assam
- C. Traditional Assamese festivals
- D. A series of temples dedicated to Hindu deities in Assam

209. Regarding Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), consider the following statements:

1. It is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students' reading, mathematics, and science literacy.
2. It is conducted every 5 years by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
3. India never participated in the PISA test.

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

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

210. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Southern Syria and the capital Damascus are clearly visible from the top of the Golan Heights.

Statement-II: The Golan Heights provide Israel with an excellent vantage point for observing Syrian movements.

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

211. With reference to Census in India, consider the following statements:

1. First non-synchronous census was conducted in India in 1872 during the reign of Governor-General Lord Mayo.
2. The first synchronous census conducted under British rule was by Census Commissioner W. W. Plauden.
3. In the modern era, the responsibility of conducting the decadal census rests with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

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

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

212. What is data poisoning in the context of machine learning?

- A. A technique to enhance the performance of a machine learning model.
- B. A process of cleaning and preprocessing data to improve model accuracy.
- C. A type of attack where harmful data is added to the training set to change how the machine learning model behaves.
- D. A method for encrypting data to protect it from unauthorized access.

213. Consider the following regarding the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957:

1. It was amended in 2015 to create the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and establish the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET).
2. It was amended in 2023 that allowed only State agencies in the exploration of the atomic minerals.

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

214. Regarding the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1991, consider the following statements:

1. Union Territory of Delhi has been christened the 'National Capital Territory' under Article 239AA.
2. Union Territory of Delhi to be administered by a Lieutenant Governor (LG) who works on aid and advice of the elected legislative assembly.
3. It empowered the LG to refer a difference of opinion on 'any matter' with the Council of Ministers to the President.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

215. The Urgency of now: AIDS at crossroads Report is published by the

- A. The Lancet
- B. Medecins Sans Frontieres
- C. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- D. World Health Organization (WHO)

216. Consider the following statements about Khelo India:

1. It was launched to revive India's sporting culture by engaging with children at the grassroots level.
2. As part of Khelo India, the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) and Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) were established as annual national sports events.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answers

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| 11. (a) | 12. (b) | 13. (b) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (b) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) | 20. (c) |
| 21. (d) | 22. (d) | 23. (a) | 24. (b) | 25. (b) | 26. (d) | 27. (c) | 28. (b) | 29. (a) | 30. (b) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (a) | 33. (c) | 34. (b) | 35. (a) | 36. (c) | 37. (b) | 38. (c) | 39. (a) | 40. (b) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (a) | 43. (d) | 44. (a) | 45. (c) | 46. (c) | 47. (a) | 48. (c) | 49. (a) | 50. (b) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (b) | 53. (c) | 54. (a) | 55. (a) | 56. (b) | 57. (b) | 58. (d) | 59. (c) | 60. (a) |
| 61. (c) | 62. (b) | 63. (d) | 64. (c) | 65. (a) | 66. (c) | 67. (b) | 68. (d) | 69. (d) | 70. (b) |
| 71. (c) | 72. (b) | 73. (b) | 74. (d) | 75. (a) | 76. (b) | 77. (d) | 78. (b) | 79. (a) | 80. (c) |
| 81. (c) | 82. (a) | 83. (a) | 84. (b) | 85. (d) | 86. (c) | 87. (b) | 88. (a) | 89. (b) | 90. (a) |
| 91. (c) | 92. (b) | 93. (d) | 94. (c) | 95. (b) | 96. (a) | 97. (c) | 98. (a) | 99. (b) | 100. (d) |
| 101. (c) | 102. (a) | 103. (d) | 104. (b) | 105. (b) | 106. (a) | 107. (a) | 108. (d) | 109. (b) | 110. (c) |
| 111. (a) | 112. (d) | 113. (b) | 114. (a) | 115. (c) | 116. (d) | 117. (b) | 118. (c) | 119. (a) | 120. (c) |
| 121. (a) | 122. (b) | 123. (c) | 124. (b) | 125. (c) | 126. (d) | 127. (a) | 128. (b) | 129. (a) | 130. (b) |
| 131. (d) | 132. (c) | 133. (a) | 134. (c) | 135. (c) | 136. (b) | 137. (a) | 138. (d) | 139. (c) | 140. (b) |
| 141. (c) | 142. (b) | 143. (a) | 144. (c) | 145. (a) | 146. (c) | 147. (b) | 148. (d) | 149. (c) | 150. (b) |
| 151. (c) | 152. (a) | 153. (b) | 154. (c) | 155. (d) | 156. (b) | 157. (c) | 158. (d) | 159. (a) | 160. (c) |
| 161. (a) | 162. (c) | 163. (b) | 164. (a) | 165. (d) | 166. (c) | 167. (c) | 168. (d) | 169. (d) | 170. (b) |
| 171. (a) | 172. (b) | 173. (a) | 174. (c) | 175. (c) | 176. (b) | 177. (b) | 178. (c) | 179. (b) | 180. (d) |
| 181. (a) | 182. (b) | 183. (c) | 184. (b) | 185. (d) | 186. (c) | 187. (a) | 188. (a) | 189. (c) | 190. (b) |
| 191. (d) | 192. (c) | 193. (c) | 194. (b) | 195. (c) | 196. (a) | 197. (b) | 198. (d) | 199. (b) | 200. (d) |
| 201. (b) | 202. (b) | 203. (a) | 204. (c) | 205. (a) | 206. (c) | 207. (d) | 208. (b) | 209. (a) | 210. (a) |
| 211. (b) | 212. (c) | 213. (a) | 214. (d) | 215. (c) | 216. (c) | | | | |



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