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1. Consider the following statements regarding the Enforcement Directorate (ED):
1. It is responsible for enforcing economic laws and fighting economic crimes in India.
  2. It works under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
- 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
2. With reference to Public Interest Litigation, Consider the following statements:
1. It is not defined in any statute or in any act.
  2. The court can take suo moto cognisance of the matter
  3. The first reported case of PIL was Hussainara Khatoon vs. the State of Bihar (1979).
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- A. Only one
  - B. Only two
  - C. All three
  - D. None
3. With reference to Avian Influenza (H5N1), Consider the following statements:
1. H5N1 is a type of influenza virus that causes a highly infectious severe respiratory disease in birds.
  2. India experienced the first H5N1 outbreak in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat in 2015.
  3. It is a non-communicable disease in human beings.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- A. Only one
  - B. Only two
  - C. All three
  - D. None
4. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is a consensus document.
- Statement-II:** The political parties have themselves agreed to keep their conduct during elections in check and to work within the Code.
- 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.
5. With reference to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Consider the following statements:
1. It is the National Meteorological Service of the country and the principal government agency in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.
  2. It is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of 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
6. With reference to Indian economy, consider the following:
1. Bank rate
  2. Open market operations
  3. Public debt
  4. Public revenue
- Which of the above is/are component/ components of Monetary Policy?
- A. 1 and 2
  - B. 2, 3 and 4
  - C. 1 and 3
  - D. 1, 3 and 4
7. With reference to ASEAN, Consider the following statements:
1. It was established in 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.
  2. Its chairmanship rotates annually based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States.
- 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 regarding Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs)
1. They can accept public deposits for a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 60 months and can accept demand deposits.
  2. They do not form part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on itself.
- 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

9. Consider the following statements:
1. The Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) was launched in 1974 by the World Health Organization (WHO).
  2. WHO recommended six vaccines at the inception of Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) including polio vaccine.
  3. India's National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation provides recommendations on vaccines after reviewing efficacy and cost-effectiveness of vaccines.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
10. Which of the following are compiled by the Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment?
1. CPI for Industrial Workers (IW),
  2. CPI for Agricultural Labourers (AL)
  3. CPI for Rural Labourers (RL)
  4. CPI for Urban Non-Manual Employees (UNME)
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 and 3 only
  - C. 1, 2 and 3 only
  - D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
11. With reference to Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, consider the following statements:
1. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs enacted the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.
  2. The act provides that the States/Urban Local Bodies (ULB) conduct a survey to identify Street Vendors (SVs) at least once in every three years.
  3. The act establishes a Town Vending Committees (TVCs) and mandates 50% representation of vendors in TVC elected by the vendors themselves.
- 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
12. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2021, the CHIPS and Science Act, 2022, and the Inflation Reduction Act, 2022 were sometimes seen in the news is associated with
- A. USA
  - B. China
  - C. Japan
  - D. India
13. "Regional Economic Outlook report" is published by which of the following?
- A. Crisil
  - B. Asian Development Bank
  - C. Reserve Bank of India
  - D. International Monetary Fund
14. Consider the following statements about the credit-deposit (CD) ratio for banks:
1. The credit-deposit ratio (CDR) represents the percentage of loans a bank has issued relative to its total deposits.
  2. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prescribed a credit-deposit (CD) ratio of 75% for banks to avoid any asset-liability mismatch.
- 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 Political risk insurance (PRI), consider the following statements:
1. Political risk insurance (PRI) provides a more stable environment for investments into developing countries.
  2. The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) promotes investment in developing countries by offering political and economic risk insurance.
  3. The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) is a member of the World Bank Group and is headquartered in New York.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 and 3 only
  - C. 3 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3

16. As per RBI's guidelines, which of the following criterias are required to be fulfilled for listed small finance banks (SFBs) to qualify for a universal banking license:
1. SFBs intending to convert into universal banks must have a minimum net worth of Rs 100 crore.
  2. SFBs should have gross non-performing assets of less than 3.5% and net non-performing assets of less than 1.5% in the previous two financial years.
  3. SFBs also need to be profitable for the last five fiscals.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
17. Which of the following are examples of direct taxes in India?
1. Customs duty
  2. Dividend Distribution Tax
  3. Capital Gains Tax
  4. Income Tax
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2, 3 and 4
  - C. 1 and 3
  - D. 1, 2 and 5
18. Consider the following statements regarding Agriculture Export Policy, 2018 :
1. The policy was released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and aims to increase agricultural exports.
  2. It strives to promote novel, indigenous, organic, ethnic, traditional and non-traditional Agri products exports.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. Both 1 and 2
  - D. Neither 1 nor 2
19. Consider the following statements regarding Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960:
1. The act provided for the establishment of the Animal Welfare Board of India.
  2. The act prohibits the use of animals for experiments with a view to securing an animal's life.
- 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
20. The district of "Churachandpur" is sometimes seen in the news is located in
- A. Mizoram
  - B. Meghalaya
  - C. Manipur
  - D. Tripura
21. Regarding the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), consider the following statements:
1. Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is an autonomous body under the Department of Space.
  2. A next generation ultra-violet (UV) telescope called Indian Spectroscopic and Imaging Space Telescope (INSIST) is being developed by Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. Both 1 and 2
  - D. Neither 1 nor 2
22. Which of the following are advantages of Photonic computing?
1. Minimal junction heating
  2. Immune to electromagnetic interference
  3. Provides low-loss transmission
  4. Easy to develop photonic crystals
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1, 3 and 4
  - B. 2, 3 and 4
  - C. 1, 2 and 4
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
23. The term 'fraud stack' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of
- A. Wildlife trafficking
  - B. Cyberattack where hackers manipulate public USB charging ports to steal data
  - C. Bank accounts controlled by crime cartels without their owners being aware of their identities being misused.
  - D. 3D printing technology in biomedical research

24. Consider the following statements:
1. Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is referred to as Bharath Nidhi in the Telecom Act, 2023.
  2. The office of the administrator of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is an Attached office of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
  3. USOF's Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) Scheme enables affordable broadband and mobile services in rural and remote areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 3 only
  - D. 1 and 3 only
25. Consider the following statements:
1. A Standard Essential Patent (SEP) is a patent granted for technological invention which is essential for implementation and working of a "standard".
  2. A 'standard' is a set of technical requirements that make sure that technologies interact and work together.
  3. Only national governments can set, develop, coordinate, interpret, and maintain Standard Essential Patent (SEP).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
26. Which one of the following best describes the "Patent holdup" problem?
- A. The act of intentionally delaying the process of obtaining a patent.
  - B. A situation where a patent holder exploits their patent rights to demand higher royalties or fees from licensees.
  - C. A legal mechanism to prevent unauthorized use of patented inventions.
  - D. The process of transferring patent ownership from one entity to another.

27. With reference to Ayushman Bharat, consider the following statements:
1. Ayushman Bharat was launched with the vision to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as recommended by the National Health Policy 2017.
  2. It covers both pre-hospitalization and post-hospitalization expenses such as diagnostics and medicines.
  3. It provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per person per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across public and private empanelled hospitals in India.

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

28. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Under the progressive tax system, taxpayers earning lower incomes are subject to a low rate of tax, and the tax rates increase with an increase in income.

**Statement-II:** A progressive tax system reduces income inequality and follows the principle of equity.

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

29. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the government securities (G-secs)?

1. Government Security is a tradable instrument issued by the government which acknowledges the government's debt obligation.
2. Government securities are either short term (treasury bill) or long term (government bonds or dated securities).
3. State governments cannot issue dated securities.

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

30. With reference to Precision agriculture (PA), consider the following statements:

1. Precision agriculture (PA) ensures that crops and soil receive exactly what they need for optimum health and productivity.
2. It considers aspects such as soil type, terrain, weather, plant growth and yield data when managing crops.
3. It is essentially a primitive form of agriculture that involves the use of indigenous knowledge and traditional tools.

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

31. Which one of the following tribes reside in Manipur?
1. Meitei
  2. Chiru
  3. Gangte
- 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 in respect of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO):
1. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) was set up under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
  2. NOTTO functions as an apex center for all India coordination and networking for procurement and distribution of organs and tissues.
  3. NOTTO implements the National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP).
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
33. Consider the following statements:
1. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is a set of guidelines by the Ministry of Law and Justice for the conduct of free and fair elections in our country.
  2. The MCC applies to all elections from the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies to local bodies.
  3. It explains how parties can lodge complaints to the Election Commission observers in case of a dispute.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
34. Which of the following statements best describes Pareto optimality?
- A. Pareto optimality occurs when resources are distributed equally among all individuals in a society.
  - B. Pareto optimality is achieved when it is impossible to make any individual in a society better off without making at least one individual worse off.
  - C. Pareto optimality suggests maximizing the total utility of society regardless of individual preferences.
  - D. Pareto optimality is attained when a society achieves perfect economic efficiency without any market failures.
35. Regarding Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs), consider the following statements:
1. It refers to digital networks that help provide citizens with social services.
  2. India, through India Stack, became the second country after China to develop all three foundational DPIs.
  3. The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to develop an integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 and 3 only
  - B. 2 and 3 only
  - C. 1 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
36. Which of the following groupings is/are related to the Indo-Pacific region?
1. Quad
  2. Squad
  3. AUKUS
- Which of the options given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 3 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
37. Regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), consider the following statements:
1. SDGs address five critical areas of importance i.e., people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership.
  2. The agenda lays out 27 SDGs to be completed by the year 2030.
  3. They are legally binding.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
38. Consider the following statements regarding the Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS):
1. Thrombosis with TTS is a rare condition in which blood clots form in unusual places in the body.
  2. It leads to reduction in the number of platelets.
  3. TTS seems to occur because the body's immune system reacts to the vaccine by making antibodies that attack a protein involved in blood clotting.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None

39. Which of the following are correct regarding Geneva Conventions?

1. The Geneva Conventions codify ethical and legal international standards for humanitarian treatment of those impacted by any ongoing war.
2. The Third Geneva Convention protects civilians, including those in occupied territory.
3. The Fourth Geneva Convention applies to prisoners of war providing protections such as humane treatment and right to religious activities of prisoners.

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

40. Consider the following statements in respect of the "lookout circular" (LOC):

1. An LOC is a notice issued by the Enforcement Directorate to restrict foreign travel of individuals.
2. The Ministry of External Affairs provides a consolidated guidelines for opening LOCs against Indian citizens or foreigners.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. Reservation in India is provided to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) at the rate of 15%, 7.5% and 27%, respectively in case of direct recruitment.
2. Several Muslim communities are entitled to the OBC reservation at the central and State levels under Article 16(4) of the Constitution.
3. The third Backward Class Commission headed by Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy in its report rejected educational reservation for Muslims.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

42. Regarding the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP), consider the following statements:

1. PMGS-NMP aims to provide multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones.

2. The projects pertaining to 7 engines in the "National Infrastructure Pipeline" have been aligned with PM GatiShakti framework.

3. The plan has been developed as a Digital Master Planning tool by Indian Institute Of Management–Ahmedabad (IIM–Ahmedabad).

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

43. Which of the following statements is NOT correct in respect of India's Industrial Policy?

- A. Industrial Policy Resolution, 1948 states that India is going to have a Mixed Economic Model.
- B. Industrial Policy Statement, 1956 classified industries into Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C.
- C. The main thrust of the Industrial Policy Statement, 1977 was promotion of cottage and small industries.
- D. New Industrial Policy, 1991 is regarded as the "Economic Constitution of India".

44. "The mountains of the northern margin rise atop Hkakabo Razi, the highest peak in Southeast Asia. Most of the mountain systems have northern to southern axes. The southern extension of the Shan Plateau is called Bilaukaung range. The country has a number of excellent natural harbors."

Which of the following countries is described in the above passage?

- A. Thailand
- B. Myanmar
- C. Vietnam
- D. Bangladesh

45. With reference to Liquefied natural gas (LNG), consider the following statements:

1. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been reduced to a liquid state, through a process of cooling.
2. LNG is the cleanest of the fossil fuels.
3. Clear, odorless and colorless, LNG is typically 85-95% methane.

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

46. Regarding the Minimum Export Price (MEP), consider the following statements:
1. MEP is the price below which an exporter is not allowed to export the commodity from India.
  2. MEP is a kind of qualitative restriction to trade.
  3. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare imposes MEP.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 1 only
  - D. 2 and 3 only
47. Which of the following are the benefits of forest fires?
1. Seeds germination
  2. Add nutrients to the soil
  3. Allow sunlight reaching the ground
- Which of the options given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 3 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
48. Which of the following statements is NOT correct regarding Kashmir valley?
- A. The Kashmir valley is located between the Great Himalayas and the Pir Panjal range.
  - B. The Kashmir valley is known for the Karewa formations, which are used to grow Zafran, a local saffron type.
  - C. Kolahoi glacier is the main source of water for the river Jhelum.
  - D. Dal and Wular lakes are the two most important saltwater lakes located in the Kashmir valley.
49. Consider the following pairs:
- | List-I                                      | List-II           |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Pavagada Solar Park                      | a. Andhra Pradesh |
| 2. Chari-Dhand wetland conservation reserve | b. Manipur        |
| 3. Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary            | c. Sikkim         |
- How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
50. With reference to the New Online Gaming Rules, 2023, consider the following statements:
1. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced new regulations to protect online gamers from harmful content and addiction.
  2. Online games that involve any kind of gambling (excluding ads) are prohibited.
  3. The gamers have the option to opt-out after reaching their own limits for time or money spent.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
51. Regarding the Mullaperiyar Dam, consider the following statements:
1. The dam is located at the confluence of the Mullayar and Periyar rivers.
  2. The dam is situated in Tamil Nadu but it is operated by the Kerala government.
  3. It was built to divert water from the Periyar River to the Vaigai River basin.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 1 and 3 only
  - D. 2 and 3 only
52. Consider the following statements:
1. The Central Building Research Institute has prepared a comprehensive thermal comfort atlas giving climatological, meteorological, and solar information only for heat waves affected states.
  2. It had established that fly ash from thermal power stations could be used as a raw material for producing cellular concrete and bricks.
- 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
53. With reference to World Press Freedom Index 2024, which one of the statements is not correct?
- A. India ranked 159 among 180 countries in the World Press Freedom Index 2024.
  - B. The index was released by Reporters Without Borders, a UN Specialized agency.
  - C. India's rank improved from 161 in 2023 to 159 in 2024.
  - D. Norway topped the ranking, while Denmark was on the second rank.



54. Which of the following statements best describes Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India?
- MSMEs are defined solely based on their turnover and do not include any criteria related to investment in plant and machinery.
  - MSMEs are classified based on both turnover and investment in plant and machinery, with separate criteria for manufacturing and service sectors.
  - MSMEs are exclusively limited to the manufacturing sector and do not encompass any service-based enterprises.
  - MSMEs are only recognized at the national level and do not receive any support or incentives from state governments.
55. Regarding Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), consider the following statements:
- Copyright is a legal term used to describe the rights that creators have over their literary & artistic works.
  - Works covered by copyright range from books to computer programs, databases, advertisements, maps & technical drawings.
  - TRIPS agreement (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) is established by the World Trade Organization (WTO) to regulate the international trade of intellectual property rights.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
56. Which one of the following best describes Bootstrapping?
- Using only existing resources, such as personal savings, personal computing equipment, and garage space, to start and grow a company.
  - Funding provided by investors to early-stage startups with high growth potential in exchange for equity or ownership in the company.
  - Wealthy person invests his or her own money in a company—usually a start-up—that is in the early stages of development.
  - Supporting infrastructure projects that are economically justified but fall marginally short of financial viability.
57. With reference to the “Global Plastics Treaty”, which of the statements given below is/are correct?
- The UN Environmental Assembly convened in Nairobi, Kenya, to debate the global plastic crisis.
  - In a historic move, all the countries of the United Nations voted to adopt a global treaty for plastic pollution.
  - The treaty aims to resolve the ongoing plastic pollution crisis at all stages of the life span of plastics.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
58. Regarding the “Rules for Registration and Regulation of Foreign Lawyers and Foreign Law Firms in India, 2022, consider the following statements:
- Foreign lawyers can practice foreign law and diverse international law and arbitration matters in India on the principle of reciprocity.
  - Foreign lawyers can appear before Indian courts, tribunals, or statutory authorities.
  - Foreign lawyers or firms would have to be registered with the Bar Council of India (BCI), which would be valid for 10 years.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
59. Consider the following statements:
- An “inheritance tax” is different from “wealth tax”, which is an annual tax charged on wealth when the owner is alive.
  - A land value tax (LVT) takes into account the value of the land, and not the structures built on the land.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
60. Consider the following statements :
- Statement-I** : Wildfires are uncontrolled and rapidly spreading fires that occur in vegetation, forests, or other combustible materials.
- Statement-II** : Areas with Mediterranean climates tend to experience wildfires more frequently.
- 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

61. Consider the following statements :
1. Visegrad Group is the grouping of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia in Central Europe.
  2. The Carpathian Mountains, stretching across Bolivia, Chile and Argentina form a significant geographical feature of Latin America.
  3. The Danube, Rhine, Elbe and Tiber rivers are important rivers in Central Europe.
- Select the correct statements using the code given below:
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 and 3 only
  - C. 1 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
62. Consider the following statements:
1. The World Health Organisation has recommended a ban on added sugars in baby foods for children younger than 36 months.
  2. Sucrose and fructose shall be the preferred carbohydrates for food for infant nutrition.
- 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
63. Which one of the following is NOT correct about the term "Round tripping"?
- A. Round tripping is an illegitimate way to boost earnings, by trading shell transactions or assets.
  - B. Round tripping benefits the organization by inflating the revenue to demonstrate the organization's expansion and to trick and entice investors.
  - C. It is mostly done for profit maximization or non-mutual agreement.
  - D. Commercial banks and derivative products practice this type of trading regularly.
64. In the context of the capital market in India, which of the following are "recordkeepers"?
1. National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL)
  2. Central Depository Services Ltd (CDSL)
  3. Computer Age Management Services (CAMS)
  4. KFin Technologies
- Which of the options given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 3 only
  - D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
65. Consider the following statements about Rafah city:
1. Rafah is a city in the south of Gaza opening into the Mediterranean Sea.
  2. When Israel withdrew from the Sinai Peninsula, Rafah city was split into a Gazan and Egyptian part.
  3. Rafah, Erez and Kerem Shalom are the three crossing points for humanitarian aid in Gaza.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
66. Consider the following statements:
1. Article 39(b) of the Indian Constitution ensures that wealth and the means of production are not "concentrated" to the "common detriment".
  2. Article 31C of the Indian Constitution, inserted through 42nd Amendment Act, 1976, contains provisions related to the saving of laws giving effect to certain directive principles.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. Both 1 and 2
  - D. Neither 1 nor 2
67. With reference to Human development report (HDR) 2023-2024, which of the following statements is not correct:
- A. India has been placed at 124 out of 193 countries and territories.
  - B. The title of the Human development report 2023-2024 is "Breaking the Gridlock: Reimagining Cooperation in a Polarized World."
  - C. The HDR 2023-2024 saw the global Human Development Index (HDI) value fall for the first time two years in a row.
  - D. The Human Development Report (HDR) is published by the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
68. Consider the following statements:
1. The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) is calculated as the labor force divided by the total working-age population.
  2. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report 2022-2023, the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for females increased to around 50%.
- 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. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Key Fact Statement (KFS)?

1. A "Key Fact Statement" is a document that clearly explains lending terms e.g., annual percentage rate, processing fees and penalties.
2. The Reserve Bank of India mandated that all regulated entities provide a Key Fact Statement (KFS) to corporate borrowers.
3. The key fact statement is specifically mandated for loans by scheduled commercial banks to individual borrowers and microfinance loans.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

70. With reference to consumption expenditure, consider the following statements:

1. Private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) is incurred by the resident households within the geographical territory of the country only.
2. The estimates of PFCE are obtained by following the commodity flow approach.
3. The final consumption expenditure of households and Non-profit Institutions Serving Households (NPISH) are estimated together and are not available separately.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I** : Hybrid bonds are a type of capital instrument with both equity and debt characteristics.

**Statement-II** : Basel III Additional Tier-1 bonds are hybrid instruments with features of both equity and debt.

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. Regarding Solid Waste Management Rules (SWM), 2016, consider the following statements:

1. Waste generators need to segregate waste into three streams Biodegradables, Dry and Domestic Hazardous waste before handing it over to the collector.

2. Waste generators need to pay a "User Fee" to the waste collector and a "Spot Fine" for littering and non-segregation.

3. The developers of the Special Economic Zone need to earmark at least 5% of the total area of the plot for a recovery and recycling facility.

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

73. Consider the following statements:

1. Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation aims to highlight racism, discrimination and inequality experienced by black people.
2. Its demands for equality also include mental health, the LGBT community and voting rights.

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

74. Which of the following are the possible applications of Generative AI?

1. Implementing chatbots for customer service.
2. Optimizing new chip designs.
3. Creating photorealistic art in a particular style
4. Suggesting new drug compounds to test

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

75. Regarding the floor test (trust vote), consider the following statements:

1. A floor test is held in legislative bodies to find out whether the government still retains the confidence of the House.
2. Even when the Assembly is not in session, the Speaker retains the right to call for a floor test.
3. The Composite Floor Test is conducted only when more than one person stakes a claim to form the government.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

76. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Double deflation is the conceptually preferred method of computing real value added to an industry.

**Statement II:** Double deflation requires relatively more assumptions about the relationships among gross output and intermediate inputs.

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

77. With reference to mRNA vaccines, consider the following statements:

- 1. Messenger RNA (abbreviated mRNA) is a type of single-stranded RNA involved in RBCs synthesis.
- 2. Individuals who get an mRNA vaccine are not exposed to the virus, nor can they become infected with the virus by the vaccine.
- 3. mRNA from vaccines does not enter the nucleus of the cells and does not alter DNA.

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

78. Which of the following statements best describes oligopolistic competition?

- A. It is a market structure characterized by many firms producing identical products with no barriers to entry.
- B. It is a market structure with only one firm dominating the market, leading to complete control over prices.
- C. It is a market structure characterized by a few large firms dominating the market, each having the ability to influence prices.
- D. It is a market structure where there is intense competition among numerous small firms, each producing slightly differentiated products.

79. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. India spent only around 2% of its GDP on Research and development (R&D) in 2020–21.

2. In India, the R&D spending is driven only by the Central Government followed by the State Governments during 2020–21.

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. Consider the following statements about Direct taxes:

- 1. Direct taxes are directly paid by those on whom it is imposed.
- 2. Direct taxes are imposed on the basis of individuals ability to pay principle.
- 3. Examples of direct taxes include excise duties on fuel, liquor, and cigarettes as well as a value-added tax (VAT).
- 4. Income tax is collected both as personal income tax and corporation tax.

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

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

81. Consider the following statements about Model Code of Conduct (MCC):

- 1. Free and fair elections are a part of the basic structure of the Constitution.
- 2. Aggrieved party can seek relief from the court for violation of the model code of conduct.
- 3. Election Commission of India (ECI) can suspend the recognition of a political party under Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding interim bail:

- 1. Courts empowered to grant regular or anticipatory bail also have the authority to grant interim bail.
- 2. The term "interim bail" is not defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

83. What is the primary challenge addressed by the "protein-folding problem"?
- Determining the sequence of amino acids in a protein molecule
  - Predicting the three-dimensional structure of a protein molecule from its amino acid sequence
  - Studying the catalytic activity of enzymes in protein molecules
  - Investigating the interaction of proteins with other molecules in biological systems.
84. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- There is no scientific evidence of freshwater rivers under the sea.
  - Fresh water is less dense than seawater, so it rises from the bottom of the sea.
  - Clay can hold a lot of water when loose, but when it is compacted it becomes almost impervious.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
85. Identify the animal on the basis of given characteristics:
- They are known for their distinctive red fur and are the largest arboreal mammal, spending most of their time in trees.
  - Their name means "man of the forest" in the Malay language.
  - Their conservation status is critically endangered, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
  - They self-medicate using a paste made from plants to heal a wound.
- Select the correct answer:
- Bonobo
  - Chimpanzee
  - Gorillas
  - Orangutans
86. What is the primary assertion of "The Great Replacement Theory"?
- Chinese policy to become a global power replacing the United States.
  - Promotion of millets in place of Water intensive crops.
  - Claiming that native populations are being systematically replaced by immigrants, particularly in Western countries
  - Advocating for use of Nonrenewable energy resources with renewable ones.
87. Consider the following statements:
- Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) loss shows the gap of input energy into the system and the units for which the payment is collected.
  - Technical losses can be the result of wrong measurement and meter misreading.
  - Commercial losses are caused due to poorly performing transformers and poorly maintained plant equipment.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
88. Which of the technologies have made the Internet of Things (IoT) possible?
- Sensor technology
  - Cloud computing platforms
  - Machine learning and analytics
  - Conversational artificial intelligence (AI)
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
89. Consider the following statements regarding Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM):
- EAC-PM is a statutory body constituted to give advice on economic and related issues to the Government of India.
  - The NITI Aayog serves as the Nodal Agency for the EAC-PM.
  - EAC-PM is appointed every three years and consists of a chairman and four other members.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
90. Regarding the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), consider the following statements:
- India - EFTA trade balance was in favor of India in the year 2023.
  - Norway is India's biggest partner in the EFTA.
  - India has agreed to include issues such as environment and labor in the EFTA.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3

91. With reference to Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, consider the following statements:

1. POCSO Act, 2012 was enacted in response to India's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1992.
2. The act intends to protect children from sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornographic violations.
3. POCSO Act, 2012 is administered by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding styles of Hindustani Music?

1. Thumri is a romantic and erotic style of singing in Eastern India.
2. Tappa was developed from the folk songs of camel riders of North-West India.
3. Ghazal is a poetic expression of both the pain of separation and the beauty of love in spite of that pain.

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

93. Consider the following statements:

1. In Privatization, equity and management control are transferred to a private owner.
2. A strategic sale occurs when the government sells a significant portion of equity to a single buyer but retains managerial control.
3. Corporatization involves reorganizing government units along business lines with a profit motive.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. Which of the following statements is/are correct in respect of COP14 to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)?

1. It led to the establishment of the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (2024-2032).

2. It introduced new global guidelines addressing the impacts of light pollution on migratory species.

3. COP14 achieved an agreement on the West Asian – East African Flyway for conserving migratory bird species among range states.

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

95. Consider the following statements:

1. Limpiadhura, Lipulekh, and Kalapani at the India-Nepal-China trijunction are administered by India.
2. Treaty of Sugauli, 1816 took away the jurisdiction of Nepal's rulers over the land to the east of the Kali 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

96. Which of the following statements best describes the Efficient Markets Hypothesis (EMH)?

- A. It suggests that markets are always perfectly efficient and accurately reflect all available information.
- B. It argues that markets are inefficient due to irrational behavior of investors.
- C. It posits that it is impossible to consistently outperform the market by using available information.
- D. It asserts that market prices are solely determined by supply and demand dynamics.

97. Consider the following statements regarding Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project (PMP):

1. PMP is the centerpiece of the Mahakali Treaty signed between India and Nepal.
2. Pancheshwar Main Dam is proposed on river Kali Gandaki in Nepal.
3. PMP is primarily aimed at flood control in Bihar.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

98. Regarding the Mediation Act, 2023, consider the following statements:
1. Agreements resulting from mediation, except community mediation, are final, binding, and enforceable in the same manner as court judgments.
  2. Once started, a party cannot withdraw from the mediation process.
  3. Disputes involving criminal prosecution are not fit for mediation.
- 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
99. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** Dr. NC Saxena Committee was set up by NITI Aayog to advise it on the estimation of poverty.
- Statement-II:** The Committee recommended that the percentage of people entitled to BPL status should be increased.
- 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
100. Consider the following statements:
1. Deepfakes uses algorithms like generator and discriminator to create and refine fake content.
  2. The combination of the generator and discriminator algorithms creates a generative adversarial network.
- 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
101. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** Core inflation is the change in the costs of goods and services but does not include those from the food and energy sectors.
- Statement-II:** Food and energy prices are exempt from this calculation because their prices can be too volatile or fluctuate wildly.
- 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
102. Regarding the FINTERNET (Financial Internet), consider the following statements:
1. Tokenization and unified programmable ledgers are the twin pillars of FINTERNET.
  2. All the financial assets excluding physical assets would be tokenized and reside on programmable unified ledgers.
  3. These tokens are transferable on unified ledger and programmable platforms.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 3 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 3 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
103. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN)?
1. GSTN is a privately held company formed under the Companies Act, 2013.
  2. GSTN manages the entire IT system of the GST portal.
  3. Private banks and financial institutions own a 51% share in the GSTN, and the remaining 49% share is held by the central government.
- 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
104. Regarding La Nina, which of the following statements is NOT correct?
- A. During La Nina events, trade winds are stronger than usual, pushing more warm water toward Asia.
  - B. It leads to the cooling of surface-ocean waters along the tropical west coast of South America.
  - C. A La Nina year is linked to increased rainfall in India.
  - D. La Nina events last no more than a year.
105. Consider the following statements regarding Consumer Food Price Indices (C FPI):
1. CFPI is a measure of change in retail prices of food products consumed by a defined population group.
  2. CFPI is released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) for three categories -rural, urban and combined.
  3. Globally, the food price index is being released by the International Labour Organization.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None

106. Regarding the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), consider the following statements:

1. GANHRI was established to coordinate the activities of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to comply with Paris Principles.
2. The Paris Principles set out the minimum standards that NHRIs must meet in order to be considered credible and to operate effectively.
3. India's National Human Rights Commission's (NHRC) Status "A" of GANHRI has been retained in its 2024 review meeting.

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

107. The Sagaing region was sometimes seen in the news. It is located in:

- A. Myanmar
- B. Malaysia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Thailand

108. Which of the following ports are envisaged as part of International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC)?

1. Bandar Abbas
2. Bandar-e-Anzali
3. Astrakhan
4. Kochi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

109. What does the term "strategic autonomy" refer to in international relations and geopolitics?

- A. The complete reliance on a single ally for defense and security.
- B. The ability of a nation to independently formulate and execute its foreign policy decisions.
- C. The practice of forming military alliances to counterbalance the influence of a dominant global power.
- D. The pursuit of economic self-sufficiency through protectionist trade policies.

110. With reference to Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006, consider the following statements:

1. The Act established a single reference point for all matters relating to food safety and standards.
2. The Act provided constitutional status to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

3. Food Safety and Standards Rule, 2011 provides for the Food Safety Appellate Tribunal and the Registrar of the Appellate Tribunal.

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

111. Consider the following statements:

1. Debit and credit cards both allow cardholders to obtain cash.
2. Credit cards are issued by banks 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

112. Which of the following is not a member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Oman
- D. Venezuela

113. Consider the following statements regarding Indian secularism:

1. The term 'Secular' was added to the preamble by the 44th Amendment Act, 1978.
2. The Indian concept of secularism requires complete separation of religion and state.
3. In India, the state provides all religious minorities the right to establish and maintain their own educational institutions.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

114. Regarding Ukraine, consider the following statements:

1. Ukraine is the second-largest country on the European continent.
2. Ukraine is bordered by the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea in the south.
3. Ukraine's fertile plains, called Prairies, are ideal for growing crops like wheat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



115. Consider the following pairs:

<b>AI Watchdog</b>	<b>Associated company</b>
1. Fairness, Accountability, Transparency, and Ethics (FATE)	Microsoft
2. Responsible AI	Meta
3. AlgorithmWatch	Open AI

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

116. Consider the following statements:

1. Integrated Theatre Commands (ITCs) envisage integrating the Army, Air Force and Navy into one architecture, ensuring tri-services synergy and jointness.
2. Integration and synergy among the three services- the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force was suggested by Kargil Review Committee (KRC).

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

117. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) covers Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke only.
2. NP-NCD is being implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM) across the country.
3. Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) share four behavioral risk factors i.e., unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity, and use of tobacco and alcohol.

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

118. Consider the following statements:

1. The Gaza Strip borders the Mediterranean sea, Egypt and Israel.
2. West Bank is a land-locked territory bordered by Israel and Jordan.
3. The Gaza Strip, West Bank and Golan Heights are part of the state of Palestine.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two

C. All Three

D. None

119. Consider the following statements regarding Lead pollution:

1. Mining and battery recycling industries are a source of Lead pollution in the world.
2. The potential negative effects of lead are far greater for children than for adults.
3. There is no known safe level of lead exposure.

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

120. What is the purpose of an AI audit?

- A. To assess the financial performance of AI companies.
- B. Comparing efficiency of AI algorithms with human performance.
- C. To ensure that AI systems comply with legal regulations and ethical standards.
- D. To determine the market share of AI technologies in various industries.

121. Regarding hypertension, consider the following statements:

1. Hypertension refers to a situation when the pressure in blood vessels is too high.
2. Excessive pressure can harden arteries, decreasing the flow of blood and oxygen to the heart.
3. "Global report on hypertension: the race against a silent killer" is released by The Lancet.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

122. With reference to trade deficit, consider the following statements:

1. Trade deficit refers to a situation where the country's import dues exceed the receipts from the exports.
2. The calculation of trade deficit includes all types of transactions in capital accounts only.
3. Trade deficit allows a country to consume more than it produces.

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

123. Which of the following Constitutional Amendment Act gave constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?

- 102<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 2018
- 105<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 2021
- 99<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 2014
- 89<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003

124. Consider the following statements about Article 22 of the Indian Constitution:

- Article 22(1) states that any person who is arrested must be informed of the grounds of arrest as soon as possible.
- Article 22(2) states that any person who is arrested must be produced before a magistrate within 48 hours of arrest.
- The fundamental rights guaranteed to arrested persons by clauses (1) and (2) of Article 22 are available to citizens only.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

125. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Public Distribution System (PDS)?

- The responsibility of the Central Government is restricted to procurement and storage of food grains only through the Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- The operational responsibility including identification of eligible families and supervision of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) rest with the State Governments.
- Some States/ UTs also distribute additional items through the PDS outlets such as pulses, edible oils, iodized salt, spices, etc.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 only
- 1, 2 and 3

126. Which of the following are associated with education in India?

- Muhiram Saikia Committee
- Tapas Majumdar Committee
- PROBE report
- Mudaliar Commission

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 2, 3 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

127. Consider the following statements:

- The savings rate measures the share of gross disposable income that is not used by households in final consumption expenditure.
- Saving is a choice to forego some current consumption in favor of increased future consumption.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

128. Regarding the tariffs, consider the following statements:

- Tariffs are a type of non-trade barrier imposed by countries in order to raise the relative price of imported products.
- A specific tariff is one imposed on the basis of units of goods.
- Ad Valorem tariffs are levied on a good based on a percentage of that good's value.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

129. Regarding the benefits associated with the Chabahar port, consider the following statements:

- It offers an alternative route to Afghanistan and Central Asia by bypassing Pakistan.
- It is part of the proposed International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) which provides an alternative to the Suez canal route.
- It will strengthen India's presence in the Gulf region.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

130. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Sri Lankan Civil War?

- Indo-Sri Lankan Accord 1987 proposed a political solution by establishing a provincial council system and devolution of power.
- Operation Tiger was carried out by the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) to take control of Jaffna from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

131. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Himalayan pine trees are prone to forest fires.

**Statement-II:** Himalayan pine trees have resin canals that makes the forest highly vulnerable to fire.

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

132. With reference to the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, consider the following statements:

- 1. It has brought Urban local bodies under the purview of the Constitution's justiciable provisions.
- 2. It added the 12<sup>th</sup> schedule to the Constitution of India containing 29 functional items within the purview of municipalities.

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. Which of the following statements about Prasar Bharati is NOT correct?

- A. It is India's largest public broadcasting agency.
- B. It oversees the operations of All India Radio only.
- C. It is a statutory autonomous body set up under the Prasar Bharati Act, of 1990.
- D. Its objective is to present a fair and balanced flow of information without advocating any opinion or ideology of its own.

134. Which of the following statements about Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) technology is correct?

- 1. CCUS involves capturing Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from sources like power plants and industrial processes.
- 2. The captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored underground in geological formations or utilized in various industrial processes.
- 3. CCUS cannot be retrofitted to existing power and industrial plants.

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

135. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Derivatives are financial contracts that derive their value from an underlying asset, group of assets, or benchmark.
- 2. Futures and Options (F&O) are examples of derivative products in the stock market.

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

136. Regarding the National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- 2. It is being implemented through the National Bee Board.
- 3. It exclusively focuses on the post-harvest management of beekeeping and beehive products.

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

137. Consider the following statements about "Scheme for Care and Support to Victims of under Section 4 and 6 of POCSO Act 2012":

- 1. It aims to provide integrated support and assistance to both minor and adult pregnant girl victims under one roof.
- 2. It is a 100% centrally funded scheme under the Nirbhaya Fund of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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

138. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):

- 1. India is one of its founding members.
- 2. The Council of Heads of State is the highest decision-making body of the SCO.
- 3. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is one of the permanent organs of the SCO.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

139. Regarding the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a facility by which developed countries extend tariff concession to goods originating in developing countries.
2. The principles underlying GSP were formally accepted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> UNCTAD Conference held at New Delhi.
3. This preferential treatment is reciprocal in nature.

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

140. With reference to Russia, India, and China (RIC) trilateral grouping, consider the following statements:

1. RIC as a strategic grouping was established at the 13<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit 2021 in India under the leadership of Vladimir Putin.
2. The group was founded to “end its subservient foreign policy guided by the US.”
3. All three countries are nuclear powers and permanent members of the UN Security Council.

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

141. Consider the following statements about Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK):

1. Control over PoK will provide India a direct land based route to Afghanistan.
2. POK is the only link between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Pakistan.
3. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

142. Which of the following statements best describes MSME dwarfism?

- A. It is the tendency of MSMEs to remain small and not grow into larger enterprises due to a delay in payments.

- B. It is the condition where MSMEs prefer to stay small to avoid the increased regulatory and compliance burden that comes with growth.
- C. It is a strategy used by MSMEs to stay under the radar of larger competitors in the market.
- D. It is a phase of temporary stagnation that MSMEs face before eventually growing into large enterprises.

143. Which of the following objectives were outlined in the National Manufacturing Policy 2011?

1. To increase the contribution of the manufacturing sector to at least 25% of the National GDP by 2022.
2. To create 100 million additional jobs by 2022.
3. To grow India's economy to \$10 trillion by 2032.

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

144. In the context of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC), what does the term "Haircut" refer to?

- A. A reduction in the salaries of employees during the insolvency resolution process.
- B. Comparing depreciation incurred on fixed assets with provisions made against them.
- C. A reduction in the amount owed to creditors, accepted by them during the loan resolution process.
- D. A mandatory restructuring of the management team of the debtor company.

145. Consider the following statements about judicial review:

1. Judicial review is the process of examining the constitutionality of any law passed by the Parliament.
2. Only the Supreme Court can declare any law void if it is found to be violating the provisions of the Indian Constitution.
3. The term “judicial review” is mentioned in Article 13 of the Indian Constitution.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

146. Tabriz city, sometimes seen in the news, is located in:

- A. Iran
- B. Belarus
- C. Israel
- D. Kuwait

147. Regarding the Global Positioning System (GPS), consider the following statements:

1. GPS is a navigation system that can synchronize location, velocity and time data for air, sea and land travel.
2. GPS works through a technique called trilateration.
3. The GPS system consists of a constellation of 7 satellites in six Earth-centered orbital planes.

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

148. Consider the following statements:

1. Qiz Qalasi dam is a joint water project between Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan.
2. Qiz Qalasi dam is built on the Aras 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

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

1. It borders Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and Oman.
2. The only maritime outlet from the Persian Gulf and the rest of the world is through the Strait of Hormuz.
3. Qeshm is the largest island in the Persian Gulf belonging to the UAE.

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

150. Which of the following best describes the term "Ratchet Mechanism" in the context of international trade agreements?

- A. A mechanism that allows countries to temporarily increase trade barriers during economic crises.
- B. A principle that prohibits countries from reversing their commitments to lower trade barriers once these have been made.
- C. A rule that requires countries to progressively reduce their trade barriers over time.
- D. A provision that allows countries to impose higher tariffs on certain goods to protect domestic industries.

151. The term Friendshoring, Nearshoring and Reshoring, sometimes seen in the news, is related to:

- A. Great Pacific Garbage Patch
- B. Climate negotiations
- C. Global supply chains
- D. Genetically Modified Organisms

152. Which of the following programs are associated with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)?

1. World Weather Watch
2. Global Atmosphere Watch
3. World Weather Research

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

153. Consider the following statements regarding Climate Action Tracker:

1. It is a G7 backed scientific project that tracks government climate action and measures it against the globally agreed Paris Agreement.
2. It is a collaboration of Climate Analytics and World Meteorological Organization.
3. It determines likely temperature increases during the 21<sup>st</sup> century using the MAGICC climate model.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

154. Which one of the following best describes WikiLeaks?

- A. A collaborative online encyclopedia that allows users to edit articles.
- B. A website dedicated to publishing classified, censored, or otherwise restricted information.
- C. A social media platform for sharing news and information of cyber criminals.
- D. An e-commerce platform for auctioning looted rare and vintage items.

155. Consider the following statements:

1. Pre-eclampsia is a type of high blood pressure that some people get during pregnancy.
2. Left untreated, it can cause preterm birth and even death of the fetus.

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

156. With reference to Tactical Nuclear Weapons (TNW), consider the following statements:

1. Tactical nuclear weapons (TNWs) typically refer to short-range weapons.
2. They can be launched only from land-based missiles.
3. TNWs are the most-regulated category of nuclear weapons covered in arms control agreements.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

157. Graduate Route visa (GRV) scheme, sometimes seen in the news, is mentioned in the context of the affairs of which one of the following?

- A. United States
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Canada
- D. France

158. Which of the following is correct regarding the International Criminal Court's (ICC)?

1. The ICC is the world's first permanent international criminal court and is governed by the Rome Statute.
2. Based in The Hague, ICC is a judicial body of the United Nations.
3. ICC wields power to prosecute individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

159. Which of the following is an example of Paradiplomacy?

- A. A national government negotiating a free trade agreement with another country.
- B. A state government establishing a trade office in a foreign country to promote local businesses.
- C. An international organization mediating peace talks between conflicting nations.
- D. A multinational corporation lobbying for favorable trade policies in multiple countries.

160. Regarding the Buyback of Shares, consider the following statements:

1. It is the practice where companies decide to purchase their own shares from their existing shareholders.
2. This is typically done at a price that is lower than the current market price.
3. It can be done through an open market mechanism only.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

161. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Pivot to Asia' policy:

1. It is a strategic rebalance announced by the United Nations to give a greater representation to Asian countries in decision making.
2. It was announced at a time when China was becoming more aggressive in its neighborhood.
3. The Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement was a cornerstone of this policy.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

162. Regarding the 'Star Campaigners', consider the following statements:

1. According to the Model Code of Conduct, star campaigners have to be members of the political party that appoints them.
2. A recognised political party both at national and state can appoint a maximum of 100 star campaigners.
3. The travel expenses of star campaigners for political parties do not count as part of the election expenses for individual candidates of that party.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

163. With reference to Consumer Price Index (CPI), consider the following statements:

1. In India, CPI is used to measure price inflation which is largely based on the Laspeyre's price index.
2. All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) is released by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
3. It is used as a macroeconomic indicator of inflation and as a deflator in the national accounts.

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

164. Which of the following principles is NOT typically associated with a constitutional democracy?
- Rule of law
  - Separation of powers
  - Fundamental rights
  - Committed judiciary
165. Consider the following statements:
- Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) are incorporated as a legal entity under the Companies Act 1956.
  - Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) provides support for promotion of FPOs.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
166. Which of the following statements about the Development Financial Institution (DFIs) is NOT correct?
- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NBFID) was established as the principal DFIs for infrastructure financing.
  - DFIs provide long-term finance for sectors with risks too high for commercial banks and regular financial institutions.
  - Like banks, DFIs can accept deposits from people.
  - DFIs source funds from the market, government, as well as multilateral institutions.
167. Which of the following statements best describes the Potential GDP?
- It is a measure of the value of all of the goods and services produced in the economy in a given period.
  - It is the maximum possible output an economy can achieve when operating at full employment and optimal efficiency.
  - It is the total value of finished goods and services produced by a country's citizens overseas and domestically, minus depreciation.
  - It is the amount of money an individual or family has left to spend or save after all taxes are deducted from gross income.
168. Regarding the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), consider the following statements:
- UNCCD is the only legally binding framework set up to address desertification and the effects of drought.
  - It is based on the principles of participation, partnership and decentralization.
  - India is a signatory of UNCCD but not ratified it.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
169. Consider the following countries:
- Japan
  - South Korea
  - Sweden
  - South Africa
  - India
- How many of the above-mentioned countries have recognised Palestinian statehood?
- Only two
  - Only three
  - Only four
  - Only five
170. Regarding INTERPOL, consider the following statements:
- It is the only organization with the mandate and technical infrastructure to share police information globally.
  - INTERPOL's Red Notice is an international arrest warrant to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action.
  - As Interpol of India, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) acts as an interface between the law enforcement agencies of India and other countries.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
171. Consider the following statements about 17+1 Initiative:
- It is a China-led initiative founded with an aim to expand cooperation between Beijing and the Central and East European (CEE) countries.
  - The initiative includes only non-European Union (EU) member states.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2

172. What is the primary objective of the Economic Capital Framework (ECF) implemented by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
- To maximize the profitability of commercial banks under its regulation
  - To ensure compliance with regulatory capital requirements.
  - To facilitate the RBI's intervention in foreign exchange markets.
  - To provide a methodology for determining the appropriate level of risk provisions and profit distribution.

173. With reference to GPT-4 omni, consider the following statements:

- It is a large language model (LLM) developed by Google.
- It is a multimodal AI model that can accept and generate outputs across text, audio, and images.
- It can handle non-English text, making it more accessible to a global audience.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 2 and 3 only
- 2 only
- 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

174. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** AI agents are sophisticated AI systems that can engage in real-time interactions with humans.

**Statement-II:** AI agents can process and respond to a wide variety of inputs including voice, images, and even input from their surroundings.

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

175. Regarding the Insurance sector in India, consider the following statements:

- 'Insurance for All' by 2047 is a comprehensive roadmap adopted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is a non-statutory body set up for protecting the interests of the insurance policyholders.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

176. Which of the following statements are correct?

- Gold constitutes a part of India's foreign exchange reserves.
- Gold reserves can reduce India's dependence on US treasuries.
- According to the World Gold Council, India ranks 3rd in the list of countries with the most gold reserves.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 only
- 1, 2 and 3

177. With reference to the economic history of medieval India, the term 'Dh ow' refers to

- Bonded labor
- Land grants made to military officers
- Merchant ships
- Wasteland converted to cultivated land

178. Regarding the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) project, consider the following statements:

- IMEC was launched on the sidelines of the 2023 G-20 summit in New Delhi by the European Union, Saudi Arabia and Iran.
- The Israeli port of Haifa forms an important link in the IMEC project.
- IMEC envisages laying of cable for electricity and digital connectivity and a pipeline for clean hydrogen export.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

179. Which of the following best describes the Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB)?

- A fund set aside by the central bank to manage unexpected short-term liquidity needs.
- A financial instrument used by banks to hedge against market risks.
- A reserve created by governments to stabilize currency fluctuations.
- A mechanism to ensure that insurance companies can cover large-scale, unforeseen events.



180. With reference to Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM), consider the following statements:

1. It is a global annual meeting conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Antarctic Treaty, 1959.
2. The Consultative Party can vote on resolutions during the ATCM regarding administration, scientific research, environmental protection and logistical cooperation.
3. India is a Consultative Party to the Antarctic Treaty, 1959.

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

181. Consider the following statements about the Taiwan Strait:

1. The Taiwan Strait is part of the Yellow Sea.
2. Taiwan is an island separated from China by the Taiwan Strait.

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

182. Which of the following adopted a law called Artificial Intelligence Act, 2024, the first of its kind in the world?

- A. Australia
- B. Canada
- C. The European Union
- D. The United States of America

183. Farzad B gas and condensate field lies within the jurisdiction of which of the following countries?

- A. Iran
- B. Kuwait
- C. Venezuela
- D. Sudan

184. With reference to Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) programme, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to harness the water potential for enhancing rice production in Eastern India which was hitherto underutilized.
2. It is a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
3. It is being implemented in all the eastern and northeast states of India.

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

185. Consider the following statements:

1. The Southern Oscillation is a change in air pressure over the tropical Pacific Ocean.
2. El Nino is the warm phase of a larger phenomenon called the El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO).
3. The Oceanic Nino Index (ONI) is used to measure deviations from normal sea-surface temperatures.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

186. Regarding the National Building Code, 2016 (NBC), consider the following statements:

1. It provides guidelines for victims as well as the firemen in case of an emergency.
2. It is published by the Bureau of Indian Standards and it is a recommendatory document.
3. Once incorporated in state fire service laws, NBC 2016 becomes a binding document.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

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

187. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)?

1. It is a central sector scheme with a special focus on the northeast region and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala are the major oil palm growing States.
3. State Department of Agriculture is the nodal agency for implementing the programme in the states.

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

188. Which of the following best describes the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) in context of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?
- An international treaty aimed at banning nuclear weapons testing.
  - A set of agreements ensuring that civilian nuclear energy programs are not diverted to nuclear weapons production.
  - A protocol for inhibiting production of nuclear powered missiles.
  - A financial agreement between countries for equitable distribution of nuclear energy.
189. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), consider the following statements:
- It seeks to provide essential services to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), which includes safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation.
  - It was launched as part of 'Reaching The Last Mile', one of the seven Saptarishi priorities enlisted in the 2023-24 union budget.
  - NITI Aayog is the nodal agency for overall policy planning and coordination of programs.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
190. Which of the following statements are correct about the International Court of Justice (ICJ)?
- The Court is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.
  - The Court can only hear a dispute when requested to do so by one or more States.
  - The Court has no jurisdiction to deal with applications from individuals, non-governmental organizations, corporations or any other private entity.
  - It can give advisory opinions on legal matters referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1, 3 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 4 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
191. What is the 'Escape Clause' in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003?
- A provision that allows the government to exceed the fiscal deficit target under specific circumstances.
  - A rule that mandates the reduction of public debt by a certain percentage each year.
  - A clause that permits states to borrow beyond their limits in case of natural disasters.
  - A mechanism to impose sanctions on states that do not adhere to fiscal discipline.
192. With reference to Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF), consider the following statements:
- It is a monetary policy tool used by central banks to manage liquidity in the banking system.
  - LAF was recommended by the Basel Committee on Banking Reforms.
  - The LAF can influence the availability of credit and control inflation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
193. Regarding the Sakhalin-1 oil and gas project, consider the following statements:
- It is located in the Bering Sea in the Russian Far East region.
  - India's state-owned ONGC Videsh fully owns and operates the project.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
194. Consider the following statements about terai region:
- Terai is an ill-drained, marshy and thickly forested narrow tract to the south of Bhabar.
  - The underground streams of the Bhabar belt re-emerge in the terai belt.
  - The Terai region is more prevalent in the western India than in the east.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
195. With reference to United Kingdom (UK), consider the following statements:
- The United Kingdom includes England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

2. The biggest part of the UK is the island of Great Britain, which is made up of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
3. The UK is a member of the European Union.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

196. Which of the following statements regarding Article 14 of the Indian Constitution given below are correct?

1. Article 14 allows class legislation but forbids reasonable classification of persons, objects and transactions.
2. The protection under Article 14 extends to citizen, non citizen and natural as well as legal persons.
3. Equal protection of law implies that the government can take affirmative action in favor of weaker sections of society.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

197. What are the likely consequences of global warming on the intensity of tropical cyclones?

1. Higher wind speeds
2. More intense rainfall
3. Storm surges
4. Shift of tropical cyclones towards higher latitudes

Which of the options given above is/are correct?

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

198. Which of the following best describes the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO)?

- A. A policy requiring electricity distribution companies and certain other entities to purchase a specified percentage of their total power consumption from renewable energy sources.
- B. A mandatory requirement for large corporations to invest in renewable energy projects within their premises.
- C. A subsidy program designed to encourage individual households to install solar panels on their rooftops.

- D. A government initiative that provides tax rebates for companies that manufacture renewable energy equipment.

199. Consider the following statements about Global Capability Centers (GCCs):

1. GCCs are established by multinational corporations (MNCs) to provide specialized services to their parent company and their arms worldwide.
2. GCCs only focus on cost-saving measures.
3. With GCCs, MNCs can maintain control over their operations, ensure quality, and align their offshore activities with their overall business objectives.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

200. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 provides remedies to the consumer for defective goods and deficient services.

**Statement-II:** Clients who are dissatisfied with their advocates can seek the remedy provided for deficiency of services under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

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.

201. Consider the following statements regarding drafting of the Indian Constitution:

1. The idea of a Constituent Assembly for India was put forward for the first time by JL Nehru in 1934.
2. The Constituent Assembly comprised elected members only.
3. Dr BR Ambedkar introduced the "Objective Resolution" in the Constituent Assembly which laid down the philosophy of the Constitution of India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

202. With reference to National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD), consider the following statements:

1. NPPCD was launched at the national level during the Eleventh Five-Year Plan.
2. This programme is being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. Hearing impairment is more common in urban populations than in rural ones.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

203. Which of the following statements are correct about United Nations (UN) membership?

1. The UN requires membership seekers to be "peace-loving" and able and willing to fulfill the UN Charter's obligations.
2. Membership applications need a recommendation without any opposition from five permanent members of the UN Security Council.
3. India has never opposed any country's UN membership.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

204. Consider the following statements about the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992:

1. It mandated the reservation of one-third of seats for women in Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) and offices of the chairperson at all levels of PRIs.
2. Out of the total one-third seats reserved for women, 50% had to be reserved for the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes women.

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

205. Which of the following statements about the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect is NOT correct?

- A. An urban heat island is a metropolitan area that is a lot warmer than the rural areas surrounding it.
- B. Building materials such as asphalt, steel and brick absorb all wavelengths of light energy and convert them into heat.

C. Many modern building materials are impervious surfaces through which water can't flow.

D. Night time temperatures in UHIs usually remain low because of rapid release of trapped heat from surfaces.

206. Which of the following statements accurately reflect the key principles of India's Nuclear Doctrine?

1. Credible minimum deterrence
2. "No First Use" of nuclear weapons
3. Use of tactical nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states
4. Export of nuclear and missile related materials to third world countries

Which of the options given above is/are correct?

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

207. Which one of the following best describes a Global Value Chain (GVC)?

- A. A system where all production processes are completed within one country.
- B. A process where production is fragmented and spread across different countries, each specializing in different stages of production.
- C. A method of trading only raw materials internationally.
- D. A strategy for companies to only sell products within their home country.

208. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I** : The circular economy is about using, reusing and recycling materials and products for as long as possible, instead of constantly making new ones.

**Statement-II** : The linear economy is built on a model of extracting raw materials from nature, turning them into products, and then discarding them as waste.

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

209. Consider the following:

1. Gitanjali
2. Chandalika
3. Ghare Baire
4. Riddles in Hinduism

Which of the writings mentioned above are related to Rabindranath Tagore?

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

210. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States" for strengthening fire services.

**Statement-II:** Fire Service has been included as a Municipal function in the XII Schedule of the Constitution of India.

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. What is the primary goal of the "One Nation, One Subscription (ONOS)" initiative recently seen in the news?

- A. To provide country- wide access to national and international scientific and academic content.
- B. To implement a nationwide mobile network with a single subscription plan.
- C. To create a single subscription for educational contents on the Swayam portal.
- D. To offer a single subscription service for all streaming platforms in India.

212. Regarding the Red Sea, consider the following statements:

1. The Red Sea connects the Indian Ocean with the Atlantic Ocean.
2. Countries bordering the Red Sea are Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia.
3. The Red Sea rift is part of the Great Rift Valley of Africa.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

213. Consider the following pairs:

Agreements	Concerned Parties
1. Minsk Agreements	a. Ukraine and Russia
2. Abraham Accords	b. Israel and Arab states
3. Treaty of Taipei	c. China and Taiwan

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

214. Under "One Nation, One Election", elections to which of the following has been proposed to be held simultaneously by the High-Level Committee (HLC) headed by Ram Nath Kovind?

1. Lok Sabha
2. Rajya Sabha
3. State Legislative Assemblies
4. Municipalities and Panchayats

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

215. With reference to Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), consider the following statements:

1. GPAI is a multi-stakeholder initiative which aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on Artificial intelligence (AI) by supporting cutting-edge research.
2. The United Nations hosts the Secretariat of GPAI.
3. India is one of the founding members of GPAI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

216. Which of the following organizations conducted a study titled "Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector"?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. United Nations Environment Programme
- D. World Bank

## Answers

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. (d)   | 2. (c)   | 3. (b)   | 4. (a)   | 5. (c)   | 6. (a)   | 7. (c)   | 8. (a)   | 9. (c)   | 10. (c)  |
| 11. (c)  | 12. (a)  | 13. (d)  | 14. (a)  | 15. (a)  | 16. (d)  | 17. (b)  | 18. (b)  | 19. (a)  | 20. (c)  |
| 21. (b)  | 22. (d)  | 23. (c)  | 24. (d)  | 25. (b)  | 26. (b)  | 27. (a)  | 28. (b)  | 29. (a)  | 30. (a)  |
| 31. (d)  | 32. (b)  | 33. (b)  | 34. (b)  | 35. (a)  | 36. (d)  | 37. (a)  | 38. (c)  | 39. (c)  | 40. (d)  |
| 41. (b)  | 42. (a)  | 43. (d)  | 44. (b)  | 45. (d)  | 46. (c)  | 47. (d)  | 48. (d)  | 49. (d)  | 50. (a)  |
| 51. (c)  | 52. (b)  | 53. (b)  | 54. (b)  | 55. (d)  | 56. (a)  | 57. (b)  | 58. (a)  | 59. (c)  | 60. (b)  |
| 61. (c)  | 62. (a)  | 63. (c)  | 64. (d)  | 65. (a)  | 66. (a)  | 67. (a)  | 68. (a)  | 69. (a)  | 70. (b)  |
| 71. (b)  | 72. (d)  | 73. (c)  | 74. (d)  | 75. (b)  | 76. (c)  | 77. (c)  | 78. (c)  | 79. (d)  | 80. (c)  |
| 81. (b)  | 82. (c)  | 83. (b)  | 84. (b)  | 85. (d)  | 86. (c)  | 87. (a)  | 88. (d)  | 89. (a)  | 90. (c)  |
| 91. (b)  | 92. (b)  | 93. (c)  | 94. (a)  | 95. (c)  | 96. (c)  | 97. (a)  | 98. (c)  | 99. (d)  | 100. (c) |
| 101. (a) | 102. (a) | 103. (a) | 104. (d) | 105. (b) | 106. (a) | 107. (a) | 108. (c) | 109. (b) | 110. (c) |
| 111. (a) | 112. (c) | 113. (a) | 114. (a) | 115. (b) | 116. (c) | 117. (b) | 118. (b) | 119. (d) | 120. (c) |
| 121. (b) | 122. (c) | 123. (a) | 124. (a) | 125. (b) | 126. (d) | 127. (c) | 128. (c) | 129. (c) | 130. (a) |
| 131. (a) | 132. (a) | 133. (b) | 134. (a) | 135. (c) | 136. (b) | 137. (b) | 138. (b) | 139. (a) | 140. (b) |
| 141. (c) | 142. (b) | 143. (a) | 144. (c) | 145. (a) | 146. (a) | 147. (a) | 148. (b) | 149. (a) | 150. (b) |
| 151. (c) | 152. (d) | 153. (a) | 154. (b) | 155. (c) | 156. (c) | 157. (b) | 158. (d) | 159. (b) | 160. (a) |
| 161. (b) | 162. (b) | 163. (c) | 164. (d) | 165. (c) | 166. (c) | 167. (b) | 168. (b) | 169. (b) | 170. (b) |
| 171. (a) | 172. (d) | 173. (a) | 174. (a) | 175. (d) | 176. (a) | 177. (c) | 178. (b) | 179. (a) | 180. (d) |
| 181. (b) | 182. (c) | 183. (a) | 184. (a) | 185. (c) | 186. (d) | 187. (b) | 188. (b) | 189. (a) | 190. (d) |
| 191. (a) | 192. (a) | 193. (d) | 194. (b) | 195. (b) | 196. (c) | 197. (d) | 198. (a) | 199. (c) | 200. (c) |
| 201. (d) | 202. (a) | 203. (c) | 204. (a) | 205. (d) | 206. (a) | 207. (b) | 208. (b) | 209. (b) | 210. (d) |
| 211. (a) | 212. (b) | 213. (b) | 214. (c) | 215. (a) | 216. (d) |          |          |          |          |



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