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1. Regarding the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), consider the following statements:
1. It was enacted to prevent money laundering and provide for the confiscation of property derived from money laundering.
  2. It was enacted following a 1998 UN General Assembly declaration urging member states to create national anti-money laundering laws.
- 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
2. Regarding Mahatma Gandhi, consider the following statements:
1. He promoted the idea of villages being self-reliant in terms of food, clothing, and other basic needs.
  2. Gandhi's idea of simple living, or "Sarvodaya," promotes the conservation of resources and a reduced ecological footprint.
  3. He disbanded the Hindustani Prachar Sabha in 1942 with the announcement of the Quit India Movement.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One                      B. Only Two  
C. All Three                      D. None
3. Regarding the Self-Respect Movement, consider the following statements:
1. The movement criticised ancient texts that degraded women, and actively promoted contraception as a means of empowering women to control their own bodies.
  2. It was also pivotal in its promotion of inter-caste marriages, which was seen as a push-back to the patriarchal forces controlling choice of partner and marriage.
  3. Throughout the pre-Independence years, the Self-Respect Movement was seen to advocate the prioritisation of political independence over social reform.
- How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- A. Only One                      B. Only Two  
C. All Three                      D. None
4. Consider the following statements:
1. 29 September is designated by the United Nations (UN) as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.
  2. It is jointly convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), NITI Aayog and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- 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
5. Regarding G-77, Consider the following statements:
1. G-77 was formed under the auspices of the BRICS summit held in June 1964.
  2. It is the largest intergovernmental organization of developing countries in the U.N., now comprising 134 countries, comprising almost 80% of the global population.
  3. The Global South is a U.N.-sanctified organisation, while the G-77 is just a term that has made a linguistic comeback.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One                      B. Only Two  
C. All Three                      D. None
6. Consider the following:
- Statement-I:**  
According to carbon standards if an activity is deemed "common practice", it may not qualify for carbon credits, as it is not seen as contributing additional environmental benefits beyond the norm.
- Statement-II:**  
India's vast potential in the agroforestry sector is a unique opportunity to integrate with carbon finance projects through Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation (ARR) initiatives.
- 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
7. Regarding the Summit of the Future, consider the following statements:
1. The Summit resulted in a Global Digital Impact initiative and a Declaration on Future Generations, an inspirational call for national action.
  2. The Summit has resulted in an agreement to a clear pathway for Security Council reform.
- 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. Regarding the Rare earth elements (REEs), consider the following statements:
1. Rare earth elements are a group of 17 chemical elements in the periodic table, specifically the 15 lanthanides along with scandium and yttrium.
  2. Rare earth elements are rarely found in the Earth's crust, but their exploration is most economical.

3. They are used in magnets, catalysts, phosphors, and many other applications where their specific properties are essential.

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

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. India has legalised the use of cryptocurrencies to settle international trade accounts and wants to create an “experimental infrastructure” for such payments.
2. The Reserve Bank of India recently launched the Global Payments Innovation (GPI) to enhance the speed and transparency of cross-border payments.
3. Project Nexus is a global initiative designed to enhance cross-border payments by connecting multiple domestic instant payment systems (IPS).

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

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Under British rule, India began regulating shrine management with the Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920 applicable only to the Muslim community.
2. The Government of India Act, 1935 placed religious and charitable endowments in the concurrent jurisdiction of the central and provincial legislatures.
3. After Independence, the Constitution of India placed religious and charitable endowments concurrently in the hands of the central and state legislatures.

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

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), is based in Geneva and affiliated with the United Nations (UN).
2. GANHRI gives A-status to institutions that meet certain criteria for independence and effectiveness in protecting human rights.
3. The NHRC has been consistently accredited ‘A’ Status since the beginning of the accreditation process for NHRIs in 1945.

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

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

12. Consider the following statements:

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. VIPER      | : NASA                        |
| 2. Altius     | : European Space Agency (ESA) |
| 3. Hope Probe | : ISRO                        |

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

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

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The Atomic Energy Act, 1962 (AEA) is the primary governing statute at the helm of the development and the operation of the nuclear energy sector.
2. AEA, 1962 empowers both the central and state government to produce, develop, use and dispose of atomic energy.
3. The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) have overarching control over the nuclear energy infrastructure.

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

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity (SACRED) portal aims to connect senior citizens with job providers in the private sector.
2. The Senior care Ageing Growth Engine (SAGE), is a joint collaboration between NITI Aayog and Ministry of Health.

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 Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar(RVP), consider the following statements:

1. It honors and supports notable achievements by Indian-origin scientists, technologists, and innovators, including Persons of Indian Origin (PIO), working in India only.
2. The RVP is being introduced for the first time in 2024.
3. It was established to replace the existing science awards, including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, to provide a more inclusive and updated recognition system.

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

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934, was amended in 2016 to introduce a flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework in the country.
2. Monetary policy decisions are being made by a six member monetary policy committee (MPC), consisting of three internal and three external members.
3. The MPC has been mandated to achieve an inflation target (measured in terms of consumer price index) of 4%, with a tolerance band of +/-2%.

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

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

17. Regarding the Francophonie Summit, 2024, consider the following statements:

1. For the first time in 33 years, the summit will be hosted by India.
2. The organisation aims to promote the French language and cooperation between its 88 Member States and Governments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Regarding the Freedom of Speech, consider the following statements:

1. There are legitimate grounds on which free speech can be reasonably constrained.
2. As per Article 14(2) free speech can be restricted on the grounds of breach of security and integrity of India 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

19. Regarding Diplomacy, consider the following statements:

1. Bamboo diplomacy is Vietnam's foreign policy approach that emphasizes flexibility, resilience, and balance, much like bamboo, to navigate global relations.
2. Chequebook Diplomacy involves using financial aid, grants, or investments to secure diplomatic support or favor from other countries.
3. Soft Power Diplomacy relies on cultural influence, values, and ideals rather than military force or economic pressure to achieve diplomatic goals.

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

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

20. Regarding India-Germany Relations, consider the following statements:

1. India and Germany recently partnered up to conduct the first-ever joint exercise SAMPRITI in India.
2. The two countries have established the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership (GSDP) to safeguard the environment.

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

21. Regarding Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), consider the following statements:

1. India achieved the goal of making rural India Open Defecation Free (ODF) in 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. Phase II of SBM was aimed to address the broader aspects of solid and liquid waste management, visual cleanliness, and overall rural sanitation.
3. By 2024-25, the goal is to transform all villages into ODF Plus Model, characterised by sustainable practices and enhanced cleanliness.

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

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

22. Regarding Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), consider the following statements:

1. The NITI Aayog recently released the results of the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2022-23 (FY23).
2. The ASI covers the entire country and remains India's principal source of industrial statistics.
3. It shows that Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh contributed more than 54% to manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) in FY23.

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

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

23. Consider the following statements:

1. The 16<sup>th</sup> century saw the transformation of European warfare through innovations like gunpowder artillery and trace Italian fortifications.
2. Napoleon Bonaparte revolutionised warfare in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century using mass conscription, rapid mobility, and terrain exploitation.
3. The Gulf War marked a new era in military technology, where precision-guided munitions, stealth aircraft, and real-time intelligence played a decisive role.

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

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

24. Consider the following statement:

**Statement-I:**

National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) aims to establish India as a global leader in Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS), merging the physical world with computational systems.

**Statement-II:**

The Mission has set up Technology Innovation Hubs as separate Section 8 companies to turn research into market-ready products aligned with national priorities. 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

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

- The NIRF is a ranking system introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2015.
- It aims to provide a fair and transparent assessment of higher education institutions across India based on various parameters.
- The NIRF evaluates institutions based on five broad categories.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

26. Regarding Political parties, consider the following statements:

- Political parties are recognised as a 'national' or 'State' party under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 by the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (RP Act) lays down the requirements for registration of a political party with the ECI.
- The RP Act, 1951 gives the ECI the authority to deregister a political party for not contesting elections or not holding inner-party elections.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

27. Consider the following statements:

- An Indian defence manufacturer has partnered with Morocco's Royal Armed Forces to set up the first Indian defence plant outside India.

2. The Defence Production Policy of 2018 (DProP 2018) proposed creating employment for 2-3 million workers by 2025.

3. India is the world's largest defence buyer, importing 50% of its needs, while also being the largest exporter of defence equipment.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

28. Which of the following are likely impacts of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)?

- Iron and steel sectors may see costs rise by up to USD 50 per tonne due to carbon taxes and domestic levies.
- Higher costs could push investment to other regions, slowing India's industrial growth.
- It shifts the burden of decarbonisation onto developed countries by taxing imports without accounting for this imbalance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

29. Consider the following statements:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation are making production faster, cheaper, and more efficient.
- Artificial Intelligence boosts data analysis and decision-making, but human oversight is key for ethical decisions.
- The Skill Disruption Index by the World Bank shows the extent of transformation that job roles will undergo.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

30. Consider the following statements:

- Data sovereignty means that a country's data should be subject to its own laws and stored within its territorial boundaries.
- A robust data sovereignty framework can protect Indian citizens from data breaches and secure sensitive government and military operations.
- The Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, 2024 affects Indian businesses and individuals using platforms like AWS, Google Cloud, and Microsoft Azure.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

31. Consider the following statement:

1. Houthi attacks have forced Indian exporters to reroute ships around Africa, adding two weeks and higher costs.
2. Less than half of India's oil comes through the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, a key route for global oil supplies.
3. The Suez Canal, handling 30% of container traffic, is crucial for Asia-Europe trade and oil shipments.

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

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. The 2010 Elephant Task Force constituted by the Environment Ministry advocated science-based monitoring of elephants.
2. India is home to about 60% of the world's Asian elephant population and 138 identified elephant corridors as per the 2017 census.
3. Elephants are the only animals with a gestation period similar to humans.

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

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

33. Regarding Northeast Monsoon, consider the following statements:

1. The Northeast Monsoon, or Retreating Monsoon, occurs from October to December with winds blowing from the northeast.
2. The northeast monsoon is the primary source of rainfall for Tamil Nadu.
3. The northeast monsoon is responsible for more than half of India's annual rainfall.

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

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. The rapid warming of the Arabian Sea has increased the risk of extreme weather events like floods, heat waves, and cyclones.
2. The World Meteorological Organization called the 2018 Kerala floods the 'floods of the century' and linked it to climate change. Kerala has three distinct geographic zones, and all three are facing disasters, especially floods and landslides.

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

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The reform exercise of the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) assessed the States based on reforms implemented by them on designated parameters.
2. RBI has mandated entities in the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) segment to implement tech-based compliance management systems.
3. The NITI Aayog introduced guidelines on Dark Patterns to prevent manipulative practices against consumers.

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

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

36. Consider the following statements:

1. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has transformed global infrastructure financing, often leaving participating countries with significant financial burdens.
2. The Hambantota Port, strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, is part of China's broader geopolitical strategy to secure essential trade and energy supply routes.

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

37. Regarding the monetary policy committee (MPC), consider the following statements:

1. In May 2016, the RBI Act, 1934 was amended to provide a legislative mandate to the central bank to operate the country's monetary policy framework.
2. The MPC fixes the benchmark interest rate or the base or reference rate that is used to set other interest rates in India.
3. The RBI governor has tie-breaking power if there is a voting split between internal and external members.

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

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

38. Regarding the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), consider the following statements:

1. DPI refers to digital systems provided by the public sector to support the digital economy and society.
2. Foundational DPIs include systems like digital identity, payment infrastructure, and data exchange platforms.
3. India has been slow in adopting digital public infrastructure for public service delivery.

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

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

39. Regarding the electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM) sector, consider the following statements:
1. The United States leads global value chains in ESDM sectors, including smartphones, computers, networks, electric vehicles, semiconductors, and operating systems.
  2. Bangladesh is the fastest-growing major ESDM market, aiming to build a strong manufacturing ecosystem and supply chain.
- 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
40. Regarding the classical languages, consider the following statements:
1. Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the recognition of five more languages as classical including Marathi, Bhojpuri, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali.
  2. The University Grants Commission (UGC) supports the creation of Professional Chairs in central universities and research institutions to focus on classical Indian languages.
  3. Languages designated as 'classical' receive various government benefits aimed at promoting their study and preservation.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One                  B. Only Two  
C. All Three                  D. None
41. Regarding the PM Internship Scheme, consider the following statements:
1. The scheme is part of a five-scheme package focused on job creation and skill development.
  2. It aims to provide year-long on-the-job training for youth by matching them with companies.
  3. The scheme targets the skill development of all the country's youths irrespective of age over five years.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One                  B. Only Two  
C. All Three                  D. None
42. Vietnam is surrounded by which of the following?
1. China
  2. Laos
  3. Cambodia
  4. South China Sea
- 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, 3 and 4
43. Consider the following statements:
1. Bhutan is a landlocked kingdom sandwiched between China in the north and India in the south.
  2. Bhutan does not have diplomatic ties with China but a "special relationship" with India.
  3. India is the leading source of investments in Bhutan, comprising 50% of the country's total foreign direct investment (FDI).
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One                  B. Only Two  
C. All Three                  D. None
44. Regarding ISRO's Chandrayaan-4 Mission, consider the following statements:
1. It will be the first manned moon mission of India.
  2. The mission involves five modules assembled in space using two geosynchronous launch vehicle mark 3 (LVM3) rockets.
  3. The mission involves complex space assembly, sample collection, and safe return of samples to Earth, and is scheduled to be completed in 36 months.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One                  B. Only Two  
C. All Three                  D. None
45. Regarding Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), consider the following statements:
1. PMJAY provides free healthcare coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per beneficiary family for secondary and tertiary care across government and private hospitals.
  2. The scheme covers all citizens aged 70 and above, irrespective of their socioeconomic status.
  3. PMJAY excludes pre-existing illnesses and requires a year-long waiting period before benefits are available.
- How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- A. Only One                  B. Only Two  
C. All Three                  D. None
46. Consider the following pairs:
1. State government borrowings in India are perceived to be backed by an implicit guarantee of the Union government.
  2. Unlike private loans where interest rates vary based on the borrower's financial status, state bond yields remain similar even when their fiscal positions differ.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. 1 Only                      B. 2 Only  
C. Both 1 and 2              D. Neither 1 nor 2

47. Regarding the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), consider the following statements:

1. The IBC has helped reduce the gross non-performing asset ratio of banks to a 12-year low of 2.8% by 2023-24.
2. The IBC provides for interim distribution of surplus funds to creditors before a case is fully resolved, as per Section 53.
3. The resolved accounts under IBC took an average of 180 days to conclude, meeting the original timeline goal.

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

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

48. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Recent changes to the Companies Act, 2013 now allow mergers of overseas companies with their 100% Indian-owned subsidiaries without National Companies Law Tribunal (NCLT) approval.

**Statement-II:**

The abolition of the angel tax encourages Indian enterprises to command higher valuations without facing tax scrutiny for genuine investments.

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

49. Regarding the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology, consider the following statements:

1. It was awarded for discovering microRNA, which regulates gene expression after transcription and before protein production in eukaryotes.
2. Before discovering microRNAs, gene regulation was thought to be controlled only by transcription factors that bind to DNA and determine which mRNAs are produced.

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the largest producer and largest exporter of rice in the world.
2. It exports premium basmati rice to high-income markets and relatively cheaper varieties to low-income food-importing countries.
3. Rice export restrictions are typically imposed to control domestic food inflation by preventing supplies from being diverted to export markets.

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

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

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Acinetobacter baumannii is a top World Health Organization (WHO)-listed superbug that resists antibiotics and causes life-threatening infections.
2. Bacteriophages are viruses that invade bacteria and seize their genetic material to make copies of themselves.
3. A higher diversity of the phageome in our bodies increases the risk of diseases like inflammatory bowel disease and colorectal cancer.

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

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

52. Regarding Supreme court decisions, consider the following statements:

1. The MC Mehta judgment stressed balancing development with environmental protection and emphasized the 1992 Rio Conference's precautionary principle.
2. In Pragnesh Shah vs Arun Kumar Sharma and Others, it stated that preventive measures must be taken if there is even some evidence of environmental degradation.

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. Regarding the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), consider the following statements:

1. The Great Indian Bustard (GIB) is the State bird of Manipur and is considered India's most critically endangered bird.
2. It is considered the flagship grassland species, representing the health of the grassland ecology.
3. The National Environment Policy of 2006 introduces "Entities with Incomparable Values" (EIVs) that include unique natural species such as the GIB.

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

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



54. Regarding batteries, consider the following statements:

1. Sulphation in lead-acid batteries causes lead sulphate buildup, increasing their ability to store and release energy efficiently.
2. Battery rejuvenation is an innovative approach that extends battery life while supporting the circular economy by reducing environmental harm and conserving resources.
3. The Electro-Chemical Battery Enhancement Process (EBEP) restores lead-acid batteries nearing the end of their lifecycle to near-full capacity efficiently and eco-friendly.

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

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

55. Regarding food inflation and price increases, consider the following statements:

1. Supply shocks alone are not responsible for rising food prices, as demand factors, such as increasing interest in healthier cereals, also play a role.
2. Non-food product price increases are driven primarily by demand factors, such as higher wages and costs of production.
3. Central banks, including India's, target headline inflation and consider food inflation as part of their monetary policy decisions.

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

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

56. Consider the following statements:

1. The cost of solar power has increased by 89% in the last decade despite advancements in manufacturing and technological innovations.
2. Tandem solar cells use stacked layers of different materials to capture more sunlight, potentially increasing efficiency beyond 40%.
3. Tandem solar cells use perovskite and silicon together to capture more sunlight and increase efficiency.

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

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

57. Regarding the artificial neural networks (ANNs), consider the following statements:

1. In artificial neural networks, neurons work like brain cells, processing inputs based on their connections.
2. The main function of ANNs is to process data by minimizing an energy function, similar to how biological systems reduce energy in states of disorder.

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

58. Regarding India's coal history, consider the following statements:

1. India's first coal mine, the Raniganj coalfield, was established in 1774 by the British East India Company in present-day West Bengal and Jharkhand.
2. The country's first coal-fired power plant, Hussain Sagar Thermal Power Station, was established in Hyderabad in 1920 during Nizam's rule.
3. India as a policy never exports coal to any country.

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

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

59. Regarding the Currency Swap Agreement, consider the following statements:

1. A currency swap agreement between two countries is a contract to exchange currencies with predetermined terms and conditions for liquidity support.
2. These swap operations involve high exchange rates and market risks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Regarding India's AI landscape, consider the following statements:

1. India's AI market is projected to grow at an annual rate of 25-35% by 2027.
2. The logistics sector in India has seen significant improvements due to AI integration, helping reduce inefficiencies.
3. India's AI ecosystem lacks government support, making it difficult for businesses to adopt AI technologies.

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

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Country</b>
1. Aita al-Shaab	: Gaza
2. Deir al-Balah	: Lebanon
3. Aleppo	: Syria

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

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

62. Regarding the Chagos Islands, consider the following statements:

1. The British detached the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 to create the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT).
2. The geostrategic location of the Chagos Islands, about midway between India and Mauritius, makes India an important stakeholder in its maritime security.
3. The US-UK military base on Diego Garcia will continue its operations for the next 99 years, with possible expansion due to rising Chinese naval activities.

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

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

63. Regarding Parole, consider the following statements:

1. Parole is a system of releasing a prisoner with suspension of the sentence.
2. The release is conditional, usually subject to behavior, and requires periodic reporting to the authorities for a set period.
3. Getting Parole is a fundamental right of every convict.

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

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

64. Regarding the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), consider the following statements:

1. The GGA focuses on improving countries' ability to adapt to climate change, especially for nations like India.
2. A key challenge for GGA is the lack of funding and technology support for developing countries.
3. COP28 found that developing nations no longer need financial help for climate adaptation.

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

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

65. Regarding the landmark judgments in India, consider the following statements:

1. The case of Bandhua Mukti Morcha v Union of India expanded the definition of bonded labour in the country and established a national response framework.
2. In 2012, the Supreme Court of India ruled that a missing child should be presumed to be a victim of abduction or trafficking.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. Regarding mental health in India, consider the following statements:

1. India's mental health response does not explicitly account for the role of the climate crisis.
2. The National Mental Health Programme primarily focuses on clinical causes and overlooks environmental stressors.
3. Current policies integrate climate crisis and mental health, leading to unified strategies for managing mental health issues caused by climate disasters.

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

- A. Only one                              B. Only two  
C. All three                              D. None

67. Regarding the monetary policy stances adopted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), consider the following statements:

1. In an accommodative stance, the RBI is inclined to cut interest rates to encourage growth.
2. A neutral stance by the RBI means it can either raise or cut interest rates depending on economic conditions.
3. A hawkish stance is adopted when the RBI aims to reduce inflation, usually by lowering interest rates.

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

- A. Only one                              B. Only two  
C. All three                              D. None

68. Consider the following statements about the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Physics:

1. Techniques used in deep learning, such as the optimisation of neural networks, are influenced by methods from statistical mechanics.
2. The principles of symmetry and invariance, fundamental to physics, are irrelevant to the design of modern neural network architectures.
3. Quantum machine learning can solve certain problems much faster than classical methods, bridging the fields of quantum physics and AI.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding Agentic AI:

1. Agentic AI refers to software that can independently accomplish tasks and make decisions based on its knowledge of the user.
2. AI agents are primarily designed to replace human workers in all industries, eliminating the need for human intervention.

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

70. Regarding Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India, consider the following statements:

1. They cannot accept demand deposits from the public.
2. They are allowed to participate in the payment and settlement systems, enabling them to issue cheques drawn on themselves.
3. They are required to maintain a portion of their deposits in the form of a statutory liquidity ratio (SLR).

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

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

71. Regarding data protection laws, consider the following statements:

1. Data protection laws traditionally rely on the concept of consent, assuming that individuals can freely and rationally decide how their personal data is used.
2. The concept of "Homo privaticus" in data protection law assumes that individuals can effectively manage their own privacy, despite real-world challenges.

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

72. Regarding the Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:

1. GST replaces multiple indirect taxes levied by the Centre and the States, including Central Excise Duty, Service Tax, and VAT.
2. The GST model removes tax cascading and provides seamless tax credits across state boundaries and value chains.
3. Cross-utilization of credits between CGST and SGST is allowed for intra-state and inter-state transactions.

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

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

73. Regarding the Supreme Court's recent judgment on abetment of suicide, consider the following statements:

1. The court ruled that abetment of suicide requires direct and strong encouragement, leaving the person with no choice but to commit suicide.
2. Simply having a relationship or professional connection with the deceased does not automatically make someone guilty of abetment.

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. Regarding India's innovation ecosystem, consider the following statements:

1. India's Global Innovation Index ranking improved significantly from 81st in 2015 to 40th in 2022, driven by increased R&D investment and government initiatives.
2. India's Patent Box regime offers a concessional tax rate on royalty income from patents developed and registered in India to encourage patent commercialisation.
3. Despite rising patent filings, India earns more from its intellectual property rights (IPR) than it pays in royalties to foreign countries.

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

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

75. Consider the following statements:

1. The Act East Policy (AEP) upgraded the earlier Look East Policy by incorporating security cooperation and connectivity with ASEAN nations.
2. India's Indo-Pacific vision, emphasized in 2018, focuses on maritime security, regional stability, and promoting a free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.
3. India's economic engagement with Southeast Asia has surpassed its strategic and diplomatic engagement, largely due to strong trade agreements.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

76. Regarding challenges in the Indian judiciary, consider the following statements:

1. Delays in the judicial process are largely due to inconsistent implementation of case management rules and scheduling practices.
2. The units system for evaluating judges encourages them to focus on simpler cases, often delaying more complex cases that require significant judicial intervention.

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

77. Regarding the Chagos Islands, consider the following statements:

1. The Chagos Islands are located in the Indian Ocean, comprising seven atolls, with the northernmost called Peros Banhos.
2. Fishing in the Chagos Islands is unrestricted, and factory trawlers from outside the Indian Ocean are allowed to operate freely.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

78. Which of the following best describes the likely impact of the Iran-Israel war on the Indian economy?
- A potential decline in global gold prices due to increased supply in the market.
  - A surge in oil prices, leading to inflationary pressures on the Indian economy.
  - An increase in foreign investments in India's stock market due to heightened global investor confidence.
  - Decreasing energy commodity prices, particularly coal and LNG, due to reduced demand.
79. Consider the following statements regarding the "Middle-Income Trap":
- Since 1990, more than two-thirds of world countries have successfully transitioned from middle-income to high-income status.
  - Economies often get stuck at a per-capita income level of USD 4,000-7,000, making it difficult to transition into high-income status.
  - To avoid the middle-income trap, countries need to enhance economic freedom, improve education quality, and ensure equal opportunities for women.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None
80. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:**  
The tax deductibility of interest on money borrowed for an acquisition is capped at 20% of dividends, regardless of the actual interest rates.
- Statement-II:**  
Employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) are taxed at the time of sale, rather than when the stock options are exercised.
- 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
81. Regarding the Kavach System, consider the following statements:
- Kavach is India's National Automatic Train Protection (ATP) System and meets Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4) standards.
  - The system is designed to trigger emergency brakes if a train exceeds the speed limits set by signals, ensuring collision avoidance.
  - Kavach was entirely developed by international vendors in collaboration with Indian Railways to meet global train protection standards.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
82. Consider the following statements regarding protein structure prediction and design:
- Artificial Intelligence models have greatly improved the speed and accuracy of protein structure prediction.
  - Computational methods can now design new proteins with functions not found in nature.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
83. Regarding the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect in Indian cities, consider the following statements:
- The UHI effect causes cities to be significantly warmer than rural areas due to carbon-emitting human activities and poor urban design.
  - The UHI effect mainly affects corporate hubs and privileged sections of society, with minimal impact on marginalised communities.
  - Urban structures like concrete, asphalt, and glass contribute to the UHI effect by trapping heat and increasing energy consumption.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
84. Regarding the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, consider the following statements:
- The RTI Act gives citizens the right to access information from public authorities, and Information Commissions serve as the final appellate authorities under the Act.
  - The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, expanded the RTI Act's scope by enabling easier access to personal information.
  - The Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2014, has been fully operationalised and protects RTI users from retaliation.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only One
  - Only Two
  - All Three
  - None

85. Consider the following statements regarding ethanol production in India:
1. The government of India has set a target of achieving 20% ethanol blending (E20) by the year 2025-26.
  2. Corn, sugarcane, and rice are the only raw materials permitted for ethanol production under the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018.
  3. Second-generation (2G) bioethanol uses agricultural waste as a feedstock and can help alleviate the pressure on food crops.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- A. 1 and 3 only
  - B. 2 and 3 only
  - C. 2 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
86. Consider the following statements regarding the PM-WANI (Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) initiative:
1. PM-WANI aims to provide public Wi-Fi access in both urban and rural areas to bridge the digital divide.
  2. PDOs (Public Data Offices) under PM-WANI are required to enter commercial agreements with telecom service providers (TSPs) to offer public Wi-Fi.
  3. Recent amendments to the PM-WANI framework allow PDOs to utilise surplus bandwidth from existing home or office Wi-Fi access points to establish public hotspots.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 1 and 3 only
  - C. 2 and 3 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
87. Regarding the provisions of India's new bilateral investment treaty (BIT) with the UAE, consider the following statements:
1. The new BIT provisions require foreign investors to exhaust local institutional and judicial remedies within five years before resorting to international arbitration.
  2. The treaty introduces protection for foreign investors against expropriation and other losses due to internationally wrongful acts by the host state.
  3. The inclusion of portfolio investments under the India-UAE treaty is consistent with the revised model text introduced in 2015.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- A. Only one
  - B. Only two
  - C. All three
  - D. None
88. Regarding the Commodity Derivatives Market, consider the following statements:
1. Commodity derivative markets require the participation of both physical market players and financial market players to provide liquidity and reduce impact costs.
  2. Regulatory oversight in commodity derivative markets should focus solely on controlling manipulation rather than price volatility, which is influenced by multiple external factors.
- 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
89. Regarding the global semiconductor industry and India's role, consider the following statements?
1. The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) aims to reduce chip dependence on foreign countries and attract global semiconductor firms to India.
  2. The US Chips Act, 2022, aims to bring all semiconductor operations, including assembly, testing, and packaging, back to the United States.
  3. India's advancements in high-performance computing (HPC) and quantum computing research provide a compelling incentive for global fabs to nearshore operations to India.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
90. Which of the following best describes the issue with the Inverted Duty Structure (IDS)?
- A. The tax rate on final products is higher than that on raw materials.
  - B. The tax rate on intermediate inputs and raw materials exceeds that on the final product.
  - C. Domestic products are taxed at a lower rate than imported goods.
  - D. The government reduces tariffs on all products uniformly.
91. Consider the following statements about India-Russia trade relations:
1. Trade between India and Russia increased significantly after the start of the Ukraine conflict, with oil imports being a major factor.
  2. India became one of the largest exporters of military equipment to Russia during this period.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. Both 1 and 2
  - D. Neither 1 nor 2

92. Consider the following statements about India's oil exploration efforts and the proposed Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 2024:

1. It aims to reduce no-go areas in India's exclusive economic zones by 99%.
2. It seeks to double the area being explored for oil and gas by 2025, including previously prohibited zones.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements regarding the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010:

1. The FCRA was originally enacted in 1976 during the Emergency period to prevent foreign interference in India's internal affairs through financial donations.
2. The 2020 FCRA Amendment imposed a ban on the domestic transfer of foreign funds and reduced the administrative expense limit for NGOs from 50% to 20%.
3. FCRA-registered NGOs are required to disclose assets created using foreign contributions in their annual returns as per the rules amended in 2023.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

94. Consider the following statements regarding nuclear disarmament treaties:

1. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) completely bans nuclear weapons development, testing, and use.
2. The Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) recognizes all countries with nuclear weapons and promotes global disarmament.
3. The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), signed in 1996, has entered into force and prohibits all forms of nuclear tests worldwide.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

95. Which of the following statements is/are true regarding the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and India's role?

1. India has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the Supply Chain Council under the IPEF.
2. The IPEF consists of 14 member countries focusing on economic cooperation, with India joining all four pillars of the framework.
3. The Supply Chain Council under IPEF aims to enhance cooperation for addressing critical supply chain disruptions and resilience.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

96. Living Planet Report 2024 is released by which of the following?

- A. World Bank  
B. World Wildlife Fund (WWF)  
C. Wildlife Conservation Society  
D. Conservation International

97. Regarding the challenges faced by India's manufacturing sector, consider the following statements:

1. Labour regulations in India increase unit costs by more than a third, making it difficult for firms to scale up.
2. Many large manufacturing companies in India operate "multi-plants" within a single state to avoid regulatory and political risks.
3. India's competitors, such as Bangladesh and Vietnam, have smaller median plant sizes in labour-intensive industries.

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

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

98. Regarding water stress and wastewater reuse in India, consider the following statements:

1. India houses 18% of the world's population but only has 4% of the global water resources.
2. Only 28% of sewage wastewater generated per day in urban centres in India is treated and reused.
3. The Union government has mandated 100% wastewater reuse by 2031 for all bulk consumers.

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

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

99. Regarding India's economic strategy in the context of globalisation, consider the following statements:

1. India has seen significant growth in its services exports, and the next doubling of services export revenues could be crucial for its economic growth.
2. In the third globalisation phase, India should focus on exploiting short-term gains like trade diversion and sanctions-busting to enhance its economic standing.
3. Deep integration into global value chains centered in advanced economies is key to sustaining India's export growth.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

100. Regarding the role of institutions in economic growth, as per the analysis of Professors Acemoglu, Johnson, and Robinson (AJR), consider the following statements:

1. Institutions refer to the constraints on the exercise of power, ensuring the protection of property rights and fostering investment and entrepreneurship.
2. Colonial countries where European settlers survived well established less extractive institutions, which led to better long-term economic growth.
3. The success of nations is primarily determined by their natural resources and geographic location.

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

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

101. Regarding the challenges and opportunities for India to achieve Viksit@2047, consider the following statements:

1. India must prioritize primary education to improve future labor productivity and ensure high-quality schooling for all.
2. Investing in agricultural warehousing and logistics can help reduce food inflation and improve the management of agricultural produce.
3. Energy transition, such as the shift to renewable energy and electric vehicles, is expected to increase India's net import bill over the next decade.

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

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

102. Consider the following statements about SpaceX's recent Starship test:

1. The Super Heavy booster was successfully captured using mechanical arms called "chopsticks," minimizing damage and allowing for quick reusability.
2. The second stage of the Starship, after detaching from the booster, is designed to return to the launch pad and be reused like the first-stage booster.

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

103. Regarding the inclusion of gig workers under social security and labour regulations, consider the following statements:

1. The Social Security Code 2020 classifies gig workers as part of the informal sector and provides them only certain social security schemes but not institutional social security.
2. Gig workers are entitled to the same minimum wage protections and occupational safety regulations as formal sector employees under the current labour laws.

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

104. Regarding the recent Supreme Court judgement on Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM), consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court ruled that downloading and storing CSEAM is now considered a criminal offence.
2. The judgement mandates that social media platforms report CSEAM to law enforcement in real-time.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

105. Global Hunger Index (GHI) is released by which of the following?

- A. World Bank  
B. Concern Worldwide  
C. Food and Agriculture Organization  
D. None of the Above

106. Consider the following statements regarding global food insecurity and malnutrition:

1. The global magnitude of the undernourished population is highest in Asia in terms of real counts.
2. A reference diet in South Asia might cost up to 60% of the average daily per capita household income.
3. According to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) statistics, more than 50% of the Indian population is reported to have fewer than two square meals a day.

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

- A. Only one  
B. Only two  
C. All three  
D. None

107. Consider the following statements regarding the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD):

1. It can intercept missiles during their final stage of flight, both inside and outside Earth's atmosphere.
2. Its systems use kinetic energy to neutralize incoming missiles, rather than relying on explosive warheads.
3. Its systems are designed to intercept only short-range ballistic missiles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

108. Consider the following statements:

1. India recently approved the distribution of fortified rice to improve nutrition under the Public Distribution System (PDS).
2. Small and marginal farmers in India hold less than two hectares of land and makeup about 82% of agrarian households.

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

109. Consider the following statements regarding agriculture in India:

1. A focus solely on increasing yield has led to a decline in the nutritional profile of crops such as rice and wheat in India.
2. Intercropping and crop diversity can lead to year-round stable farm income and enhance profitability.
3. Since the Green Revolution, India has significantly increased the diversity of rice varieties and other crops grown.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

110. Consider the following statements regarding food safety in India:

1. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, to set food safety standards.
2. Food safety risks in India often arise due to improper sourcing, unsafe handling, and hygiene practices, especially in the informal food sector.
3. The future of food safety in India should focus primarily on increasing the number of government-run food testing labs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

111. Consider the following statements regarding India's trade with Russia and dual-use technologies:

1. India is a key supplier of dual-use technologies like microchips and machine tools to Russia.
2. The Indian government has eased export norms for certain dual-use items under the Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment, and Technologies (SCOMET) category.
3. India's energy imports from Russia have decreased, but machinery exports have risen due to sanctions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

112. Consider the following statements regarding the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit:

1. Belarus became the 10<sup>th</sup> member state of the SCO during the 2024 Summit in Astana.
2. The Astana Declaration focused on combating terrorism and signed 25 strategic agreements.
3. Beijing has been designated as the tourism and cultural capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) for 2024-2025.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

113. With reference to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO), consider the following statements:

1. ANIIDCO is a quasi-government agency involved in developing and commercially exploiting natural resources in an environment-friendly manner.
2. ANIIDCO was created under the Companies Act, 1956 to balance development with sustainability in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

114. With reference to the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), consider the following statements:

1. The 2003 UNESCO convention on ICH shifted the focus from protecting monuments and sites to safeguarding living traditions and practices.
2. The evaluation of Intangible Cultural Heritage elements is conducted solely by UNESCO experts without community involvement.
3. Incorporating ICH into formal and non-formal education is central to the 2003 convention's aim of safeguarding cultural diversity.

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

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

115. With reference to India's AI Mission, consider the following statements:

1. The IndiaAI Mission aims to develop a robust AI computing infrastructure with high-end GPUs to support AI startups and research in various sectors.
2. One of the key challenges for India's AI Mission is the high cost and limited availability of GPUs necessary for advanced AI applications.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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



116. With reference to India's performance in the 2024 Global Hunger Index (GHI), consider the following statements:

1. India's 2024 GHI score is classified as "serious," with a ranking of 105 out of 127 nations.
2. Although India is the fastest-growing economy, its per capita income is far below the global average, leading to income inequality and food insecurity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

117. With reference to the winners of the 2023 Economics Nobel Work on Institutions and Development, consider the following statements:

1. Extractive institutions generate prosperity but benefit a small group of elites, while inclusive institutions motivate broader societal participation in economic growth.
2. The approach has faced criticism for privileging Western liberal institutions and overlooking the complex realities of colonialism and capitalism.
3. The research primarily focuses on how inclusive institutions were historically established in tropical countries during colonisation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

118. With reference to Third-Party Litigation Funding (TPLF) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court of India has allowed Third-Party Litigation Funding (TPLF) as long as lawyers are not the ones financing the cases.
2. TPLF is expected to improve access to justice, particularly for underprivileged groups, by enabling them to pursue litigation without worrying about financial costs.
3. One of the concerns about TPLF is that funders may have excessive control over case strategy, influencing the outcome for profit.

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

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

119. With reference to the Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charge and loss waivers for renewable energy (RE) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The ISTS waiver helps low-RE states import power from RE-rich states without transmission costs.
2. The continuation of the ISTS waiver has caused an imbalance in RE growth, with most of the capacity concentrated in a few RE-rich states.
3. The phase-out of the ISTS waiver will lead to higher transmission investments in RE-rich states to meet growing energy demands.

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

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

120. With reference to the sale of genetic data under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The Act exempts the processing of personal data during mergers or amalgamations from obtaining prior consent from data principals.
2. After the merger, the new acquirer is free to process genetic data for any purpose, regardless of the privacy policy previously agreed to by the customers.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

121. With reference to the allocation of satellite spectrum in India, consider the following statements:

1. The government has opted for administrative allocation of satellite spectrum, which aligns with global practices in satellite communication.
2. Auctions are considered more transparent and market-efficient than administrative allocation, particularly in commercial telecommunications.
3. The Telecommunications Act 2023 allows for a non-auction route for the allocation of satellite spectrum.

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

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

122. With reference to disaster risk insurance, consider the following statements:

1. Disaster risk insurance aims to provide compensation for losses, helping individuals and governments rebuild after disasters.
2. Parametric insurance ensures compensation is provided based on pre-agreed parameters, reducing the need for bureaucratic scrutiny.
3. India has already implemented disaster-related insurance across all sectors, ensuring complete risk coverage.

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

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

123. With reference to India's electronics manufacturing sector, consider the following statements:

1. Large regional clusters with anchor investors are essential for boosting competitiveness in electronics manufacturing.
2. India's current tax laws make it easier for foreign vendors to manage component inventory seamlessly across borders.
3. India's largest electronics cluster under the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) scheme is the largest in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

124. With reference to the historical context of sex selection in India, consider the following statements:

1. Sex selection technologies became significant only from the 1980s with the arrival of ultrasound technology.
2. The national Child Sex Ratio (CSR) dropped below the overall sex ratio for the first time in 1971.
3. The Government issued a directive in 1978 banning the misuse of amniocentesis in Government hospitals/laboratories.

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

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

125. With reference to NASA's Europa Clipper mission, consider the following statements:

1. The Europa Clipper spacecraft is the largest planetary mission spacecraft NASA has ever built, with its solar arrays spanning about 100 feet.
2. The Europa Clipper mission will orbit Venus directly to study its icy crust and search for signs of life.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

126. With reference to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016, consider the following statements:

1. The IBC provides a time-bound and creditor-driven process for insolvency resolution to improve credit culture in India.
2. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has jurisdiction over individuals and partnership firms under the IBC.
3. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is responsible for implementing the rules and regulations for insolvency and bankruptcy resolution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

127. With reference to the recent India-US deal for Predator drones, consider the following statements:

1. The Predator drones purchased by India are designed for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions and combat operations.
2. All 31 Predator drones will be deployed along India's northern borders with China to enhance surveillance capabilities.
3. The deal includes Sea Guardian drones for the Indian Navy, which are intended for maritime surveillance and anti-submarine warfare.

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

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

128. With reference to India's progress in gender equality and labour force participation, consider the following statements:

1. India has one of the largest gender gaps in the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR).
2. The female LFPR in rural areas is significantly higher than in urban areas, according to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2022-23.
3. India's female LFPR is higher than that of its neighbouring countries like China and Bangladesh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

129. With reference to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), consider the following statements:

1. UNIFIL was established by the UN Security Council in 1978 following an Israeli invasion of Lebanon.
2. UNIFIL's main responsibilities include helping the Lebanese government re-establish authority in the region.
3. UNIFIL operates under the mandate of both the Lebanese government and the Israeli government.

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

130. Regarding the Election Commission of India (ECI), consider the following statements?

1. The Election Commission of India (ECI) was originally a single-member body but has evolved into a multi-member commission.
2. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) has veto power over other election commissioners when decisions are made in the ECI.

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

131. Consider the following statements regarding the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM):

1. DAY-NULM primarily aims to alleviate poverty among urban households by creating opportunities for self-employment and skilled wage employment.
2. Women beneficiaries constitute a significant proportion of the programme, with over 90 lakh women reached through self-help groups (SHGs) by 2024.
3. The mission provides skill training but does not offer credit facilities to SHGs for economic empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

132. Which of the following statements accurately describes the difference between investment and financing in the context of green transition?

1. Investment refers to the deployment of capital into assets such as factories, green energy projects, and research and development activities.
2. Financing refers to the process of internally generating funds from profits to support future investments.
3. Over time, as investments generate returns, companies can reduce their reliance on external capital by repaying debt holders and other financiers.

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

133. Which of the following statements accurately describes the evolving role of strategy in modern industries?

1. The traditional belief that equilibrium is the natural state has been challenged by the need for continuous adaptation and agility.
2. Globalisation is increasingly seen as a consistent force for prosperity, with no major disruptions in recent times.
3. AI tools like predictive analytics and scenario simulations are now critical in helping companies navigate uncertain business environments.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

134. Consider the following statements regarding Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955:

1. It was enacted following the Assam Accord of 1985 and grants Indian citizenship to immigrants who entered Assam from Bangladesh before 25th March 1971.

2. Immigrants who entered Assam between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1966 and 25<sup>th</sup> March 1971 are automatically granted citizenship under Section 6A.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

135. Which of the following statements accurately describes the rationale behind advocating for a market-determined exchange rate in India?

1. A flexible exchange rate acts as a natural shock absorber, stabilising the macroeconomy by adjusting to capital inflows and outflows.
2. The moral hazard increases when the private sector is sheltered from currency risks, leading to more risk-taking and lobbying for favourable policies.

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

136. Which of the following statements correctly describes the right to strike in India?

1. The right to strike is a fundamental right under Article 19 of the Indian Constitution.
2. The Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 provides statutory restrictions on the right to strike.
3. The right to strike is recognized under international conventions, including those of the International Labour Organization (ILO), of which India is a founding member.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

137. Regarding 'Mission Mausam', consider the following statements:

1. 'Mission Mausam' aims to enhance India's weather observation network and improve weather forecasting models by integrating machine learning approaches.
2. The project primarily focuses on covering the eastern coast of India with weather radars, as the western coast already has sufficient coverage.
3. Open access to weather data is restricted in India, and 'Mission Mausam' aims to improve accessibility for researchers and entrepreneurs.

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

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

138. Which of the following is not a priority for businesses according to the B-20 process?

- Increasing military investments for global security.
- Promoting sustainable food systems to ensure better food security.
- Leading digital transformation and innovation, including AI for the common good.
- Facilitating inclusive growth through skill development and financial access.

139. Regarding the relationship between the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), consider the following statements:

- IoT and AI together form a new hybrid known as the Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT), which is expected to grow significantly by 2030.
- AI has overshadowed IoT in terms of hype and industry focus, but IoT continues to play a crucial role in data collection for AI to process.
- The global expansion of IoT has stalled due to a lack of technological advancements, and its adoption has significantly decreased in recent years.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

140. Regarding the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM), consider the following statements:

- PACM allows countries to raise climate ambition by providing opportunities for verifiable emission reductions and facilitating international cooperation.
- PACM only permits emission reductions that are generated within a country, with no option for trading or international cooperation.
- PACM provides financial support to developing nations by allocating a share of proceeds from carbon credit transactions toward adaptation funding.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

141. Which of the following statements about India's Social Security system is correct?

- The Code on Social Security (CSS) 2020 seeks to extend benefits to unorganised workers, but it is yet to be fully implemented.
- Over 90% of India's workforce is covered by formal social security schemes, ensuring widespread protection.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

142. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

The Indian government is planning to establish an international arbitration centre in GIFT City to position India as a hub for global dispute resolution.

**Statement-II:**

Indian companies prefer to resolve disputes through domestic Alternative Dispute Resolution(ADR) centres instead of international arbitration centres.

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

143. Which of the following best describes the Supreme Court's decision regarding Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955?

- The Supreme Court ruled that Section 6A is unconstitutional and must be struck down immediately.
- The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A, acknowledging that it is part of a larger political settlement in the Assam Accord.
- The Supreme Court declared that Section 6A applies to the entire country, not just Assam, as it affects all states equally.
- The Supreme Court ruled that Section 6A applies only to those who entered Assam illegally after 1971, denying citizenship to anyone who came before that date.

144. Regarding Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), consider the following statements:

- India's DPI initiatives, including Aadhaar and UPI, have contributed significantly to financial inclusion, particularly among women.
- Global Digital Compact (GDC) promotes global cooperation, and India has taken a leadership role in mainstreaming DPIs during its G20 presidency.
- The DPI initiatives in India have shown negligible impact on economic development and have not played a significant role in the Global South's digital transformation.

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

- Only One
- Only Two
- All Three
- None

145. Regarding the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwDs) Act, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. The RPwDs Act, 2016, increased the number of recognized disabilities from 7 to 21, with a provision for the central government to add more disabilities.
2. The Act provides a reservation of at least 3% in government jobs and higher education for persons with disabilities.
3. The Act mandates that all existing public buildings must be retrofitted to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities within five years of the 2016 guidelines.

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

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

146. Regarding municipal bonds, consider the following statements:

1. Rajkot's success with municipal bonds was the first instance of any Indian city issuing such bonds.
2. The key challenge for cities in issuing municipal bonds is the need to improve their credit ratings, as less than half of Indian cities had investment-grade ratings in 2021.
3. The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) has no role in encouraging cities to access bond financing.

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

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

147. Which of the following is not part of the PM E-DRIVE scheme?

- A. Electrifying new vehicle segments like e-ambulances and e-trucks.
- B. Developing infrastructure for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
- C. Scaling up public EV charging stations across India.
- D. Allocating funds for electric buses and two-wheelers.

148. Regarding the core constitutional values, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution protects the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens through courts.
2. Smooth transitions of power have not been a significant feature of India's democratic process.
3. Federalism is a core feature of Indian constitutional governance, recognizing linguistic diversity and promoting autonomy for States.

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

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

149. Recently a groundbreaking piece of legislation, the Nature Restoration Law (NRL) aimed at restoring the health of ecosystems was launched in which of the following countries?

- A. United States                      B. India  
C. China                                  D. European Union (EU)

150. Regarding India's fiscal deficit and national debt, consider the following statements:

1. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act of 2003 aimed to limit the general government debt to 60% of GDP by the year 2024-25.
2. A lower fiscal deficit improves investor confidence and can result in better credit ratings for Indian government bonds, leading to lower borrowing costs for the government.
3. The debt-to-GDP ratio in India declined significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, due to the government's strong control over public spending during the crisis.

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

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

151. Regarding Snow Leopard, consider the following statements?

1. The Government of India has identified the snow leopard as a flagship species for the high-altitude Himalayas.
2. Unlike other big cats, snow leopards can't roar.

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

152. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Regulatory bodies such as the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandate the formation of key committees like audit, risk management, and investment committees, which are essential for corporate governance.

**Statement-II:**

Stakeholder relationship committees primarily address operational challenges with no expected role in interacting with investors or addressing emerging business complexities.

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

153. Regarding the International Big Cat Alliance, consider the following statements:

1. It is a multi-country, multi-agency coalition of 96 big cat range countries, and non-range countries aimed at conserving 7 big cats and their habitats.
2. Currently, India, Nicaragua, Eswatini, and Somalia are its members.
3. It includes an Assembly of Members, a Standing Committee, and a Secretariat based in Somalia.

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

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

154. Regarding BRICS grouping, consider the following statements:

1. Iran, Saudi Arabia, and UAE are part of the grouping and collectively contribute to approximately 44% of global crude oil production.
2. During the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza (2014) the leaders signed the Agreement establishing the New Development Bank (NDB).

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

155. Regarding the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a constitutional body formed under Article 338 of the Constitution.
2. Its duty is to recommend accounting and auditing policies and standards to be adopted by companies for approval by the Central Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

156. Regarding Constitutional Morality, consider the following statements:

1. It is a concept that refers to the principles and values underlying a constitution that guide the actions of both the government and the citizenry.
2. The term "constitutional morality" is explicitly mentioned in part III of the Indian Constitution.

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

157. Consider the following statements:

1. The Age of Consent Act of 1891, raised the age of consent for marriage to 12 years.
2. The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 marked the first legal intervention to control child marriages in India.

3. Under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006 the legal age for marriage is set at 21 for women and 25 for men.

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

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

158. Regarding antimicrobials, consider the following statements:

1. The term "antimicrobial" broadly refers to antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals, and antiparasitics used in humans, animals, and plants.
2. These substances have been excessively and improperly used, not just for disease treatment but also as growth enhancers in large-scale food production since the 1950s.
3. In 2000, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended a swift phase-out of antibiotic growth promoters in agriculture and animal farming sectors.

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

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

159. Which of the following best describes the primary goal for children's education according to the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP)?

- A. To achieve foundational literacy and numeracy by grade 3.  
B. To introduce advanced scientific concepts in grade 3.  
C. To focus only on extracurricular activities.  
D. To reduce classroom sizes to 20 students per class.

160. Consider the following statements:

1. The Golden Crescent comprises Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan, a major global hub for opium production and distribution.
2. The Golden Triangle is located at the intersection of Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand notorious for heroin production (Myanmar produces 80% of global heroin).

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

161. The World Economic Outlook is released by which of the following?

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

162. Regarding the Kala Azar, consider the following statements:

1. Kala-azar is transmitted by sandflies, which spread the Leishmania donovani parasite in its visceral leishmaniasis form.
2. In India, kala-azar is considered the second deadliest parasitic disease after malaria.
3. India aims to receive WHO certification for eliminating kala-azar, as cases have been reduced to fewer than one in 10,000 people for two consecutive years.

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

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

163. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 355 of the Indian Constitution mandates that the Union has a responsibility to protect states from external aggression and internal disturbances.
2. The accession of Sikkim to India in 1975 led to the inclusion of Article 371F.
3. The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution does not apply to the state of Tripura.

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

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

164. Consider the following statements regarding supply chain security strategies:

1. The "just-in-time" approach prioritizes high efficiency and cost savings by sourcing materials globally based on price and other key factors.
2. India's approach to supply chain security includes "zero trust" for critical technologies used by the military and intelligence agencies, ensuring stringent security checks.

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

165. Consider the following statements:

1. In Independent Thought v. Union of India (2017), the Supreme Court asserted the right to bodily autonomy and consent.
2. The Supreme Court has completely abolished the "marital rape exception" through judicial precedent.

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

166. Consider the following statements regarding Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs):

1. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) are specialized in handling grid-like data such as images.
2. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) use adversarial training, consisting of two networks, a generator and a discriminator.
3. Autoencoders are commonly used in supervised learning to reconstruct data from compressed inputs.

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

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

167. Consider the following statements regarding the illegal tobacco market:

1. The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019 enforces a nationwide ban on all forms of tobacco and liquor.
2. India's economic burden from tobacco-related diseases and illicit markets is estimated at nearly 1% of the GDP

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

168. Consider the following statements regarding recent trends and challenges in India's economic development:

1. One of India's core economic challenges is the failure to generate sufficient new "good" jobs, despite efforts through skilling and foreign investment in manufacturing.
2. In India, much of the growth in firm size is from adding more small plants rather than expanding individual plant sizes, which limits productivity gains.
3. The garment sector in Bangladesh has a higher proportion of large manufacturing plants compared to India, which affects competitiveness and employment levels.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

169. Regarding the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body set up under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.
2. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Women & Child Development.
3. It inquires into complaints relating to a child's right to free and compulsory education under the Right to Education Act, 2009.

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

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

170. Regarding Commonwealth Games (CWG), consider the following statements:

1. It is a quadrennial international multisport event contested by athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations.
2. It is managed by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), a subsidiary body of the United Nations.
3. The first Commonwealth Games were held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in August 1930.

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

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

171. Consider the following statements regarding the recent India-China agreement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC):

1. India and China agreed to resume limited patrolling in select areas of Ladakh along the LAC.
2. The agreement aims to restore pre-2020 status fully across all areas of the LAC.

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

172. Regarding BRICS grouping, consider the following statements:

1. Recently Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were granted membership in the BRICS.
2. This plurilateral grouping of emerging economies represents more than 35% of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and half of the world's population.
3. The Kazan Declaration, 2024 called for improving global governance by promoting an accountable multilateral system where the voice of the Global South is amplified.

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

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

173. Consider the following statements regarding the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS):

1. The AePS is meant to provide easy and secure access to banking services for the poor and marginalized sections of society, especially in rural and remote areas.
2. It eliminates the need for OTPs, bank account details, and other financial information.
3. Transactions can be carried out with only the bank name, Aadhaar number, and captured fingerprint during Aadhaar enrollment.

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

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

174. Consider the following statements regarding the 2024 Nobel Prize in Economics:

1. The 2024 Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded for research demonstrating how colonial mortality rates influenced economic institutions in former colonies.
2. It contends that individualism and community loyalty were equally significant in determining economic growth across Europe and Asia.
3. It highlights that European institutional changes supporting property rights were pivotal to the Industrial Revolution and long-term economic growth.

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

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

175. Consider the following statements regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) regulation:

1. Effective AI regulation needs countries to work together globally since AI operates across borders and affects many regions at once.
2. India aims to lead global AI regulation by building an approach that includes everyone and used its recent G20 presidency to push for teamwork and step-by-step solutions across nations.
3. Regulatory sandboxes alone are deemed sufficient to address AI's rapid evolution and mitigate risks in real time.

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

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

176. Consider the following statements about recent economic trends in India:

1. Passive income from capital gains has increased for both individuals and companies in the last few years.
2. The rise in retail investments through Demat accounts and SIPs has driven up passive income, as seen in the higher share of long-term capital gains.
3. Policymakers worry that greater focus on financial investments may affect real economy investments, as households shift away from banks.

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

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



177. Consider the following statements regarding the Paris Agreement:

1. The Paris Agreement is a legally binding global accord under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopted during COP21 in 2015.
2. It seeks to limit global warming to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, with an aspiration to limit it to 1.5°C.
3. Each country must submit and update its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) every decade under this agreement.

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

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

178. Consider the following statements regarding the Anti-Defection Law in India:

1. The Anti-Defection Law was introduced in India through the 52<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985 adding the Tenth Schedule.
2. The 91<sup>st</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003 removed the provision allowing a split in a party, requiring at least two-thirds of the members for a "merger" to avoid disqualification.

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

179. Consider the following statements about India's approach to managing air quality in the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP):

1. The recently constituted coordination committee for the IGP airshed by MoEF&CC aims to manage air quality across state boundaries with a regional plan.
2. The current framework for air quality management in India is effective in regulating pollution across both urban and peri-urban areas.
3. Expanding airshed-level management would include establishing differentiated air quality standards and measures across diverse regions to improve health outcomes.

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

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

180. Regarding Web3, consider the following statements:

1. Web3 is mainly about ownership of data, transactions, and assets, unlike Web1 and Web2 which focus on information access and connectivity, respectively.
2. A Web3-powered financial system would reduce the need for intermediaries, potentially eliminating roles like property registrars and clearinghouses.

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

181. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) current lending capacity is restricted, limiting its effectiveness as a financial safety net for member countries.
2. The World Bank's allocation for climate-related projects now comprises two-thirds of its lending, which diverts significantly from traditional development projects.
3. Reforms in the governance structure of both the IMF and World Bank are needed to better reflect the current economic power of nations like India and China.

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

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

182. Consider the following statements regarding India's AI Mission:

1. The mission focuses on building AI capacity solely through government-led initiatives, excluding private-sector involvement.
2. The India Datasets platform will provide anonymized data to startups and researchers to drive innovation in AI.

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

183. Consider the following statements regarding India's FAME and PM E-DRIVE schemes:

1. PM E-DRIVE focuses primarily on increasing the adoption of electric buses, to introduce over 14,000 E-buses in the next two years.
2. Under the updated scheme, incentives for electric two-wheelers (E-2Ws) have been significantly reduced compared to FAME II, reflecting the segment's growth.
3. A new Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) has been introduced to provide financial support to private electric vehicle owners facing cash flow issues.

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

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

184. Consider the following statements regarding the inflation management:

1. The RBI primarily aims to keep inflation within the target range of  $4\% \pm 2\%$  under its Flexible Inflation Targeting (FIT) framework.
2. Food inflation, especially from volatile vegetable prices, has a minor impact on India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation.
3. The RBI's repo rate decisions are often influenced by the inflation levels, especially when food inflation remains high.

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

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

185. Consider the following statements regarding India's energy policies:

1. India's energy demand continues to grow and has not yet peaked, necessitating an annual increase in installed capacity.
2. India has stringent regulations against coal, with India aggressively retiring coal-based plants.
3. India's coal-based energy production remains critical to meeting current energy demands due to limited alternatives such as hydro, nuclear, and natural gas.

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

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

186. Regarding the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), consider the following statements:

1. The MCC is a shared agreement where political parties voluntarily commit to following certain standards of behavior during elections.
2. The MCC is operational from the date on which the election schedule is announced until the date of the result announcement.
3. Uttar Pradesh was the first state to adopt a code of conduct for elections.

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

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

187. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C):

1. The I4C was established by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in New Delhi as a central body to coordinate efforts in combating cybercrime across India.
2. One of the key roles of I4C is to propose updates to cyber laws, ensuring they align with emerging technologies and international standards.
3. The I4C solely focuses on domestic cybercrime issues without any role in handling international legal cooperation.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

188. Consider the following statements regarding biosimilars:

1. Biosimilars refer to a biologic that is very similar to the one that has been cleared by the authorities for prescription by doctors.
2. Biosimilars differ significantly in efficacy and safety from the reference biologic drug.
3. India leads the global biosimilar market and was the first country to approve a biosimilar product for Hepatitis B.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

189. Regarding India-UAE Bilateral Investment Treaty, consider the following statements:

1. India-UAE BIT requires investors to pursue local legal remedies for three years before seeking international arbitration, compared to five years under the 2016 Model BIT.
2. The India-UAE BIT broadens the scope of trade by including portfolio investments which were specifically excluded in the model BIT.
3. There is a significant addition in the form of a negative covenant that bars investors from seeking third-party funding to pursue disputes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

190. Consider the following statements:

1. The Cold War period focused on nuclear deterrence and limited proxy conflicts, while the post-Cold War era saw conflicts in places like Iraq and Syria under unstable conditions.
2. India's economic growth has historically benefited from a stable global order, particularly the "second globalisation" phase starting in 1982.
3. The "third globalisation" emphasizes high freedom in cross-border activities, with access to the global core largely unrestricted.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

191. Consider the following statements about India's Digital Agriculture Mission:

1. The mission includes the development of public digital infrastructure, such as the "Agri-Stack," which assigns a digital identity to each farmer, similar to an Aadhaar card.
2. The mission exclusively focuses on enhancing crop productivity and does not address direct benefit transfers or digitization of land records.
3. The Krishi Decision Support System under the mission aims to utilize remote sensing for data on crops, soil, weather, and water resources.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

192. Regarding "premiumisation", consider the following statements:

1. Premiumisation reflects a general increase in consumers' disposable incomes across various economic segments.
2. A rise in premiumisation always translates to increased demand across all product categories.

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

193. Regarding the National Biopharma Mission (NBM), consider the following statements:

1. It is a collaborative effort between industry and academia, managed by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council.
2. It is a USD 250 million World Bank-supported mission to boost biopharmaceutical development, backing around 150 organizations and 300 MSMEs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

194. Regarding India-Germany relations, consider the following statements:

1. Germany's interest in increasing skilled migration from India is partly due to its shift away from reliance on Russian energy and Chinese suppliers.
2. The new visa policy aims to primarily attract temporary migrants from India's information technology (IT) sector to Germany to address digital workforce shortages.
3. Germany is the only European country to have signed a specific work visa agreement with India.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one  
B. Only two  
C. All three  
D. None

195. Consider the following statements:

1. India's total fertility rate (TFR) is now slightly below the replacement level of 2.1, indicating a potential population decline over time.
2. The demographic dividend in India is expected to peak around 2040, with a limited window for leveraging it to drive growth.
3. Some southern states are concerned about their diminishing shares of fiscal resources and representation due to falling populations and declining birth rates.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one  
B. Only two  
C. All three  
D. None

196. Consider the following statements about the under-representation of women in the Indian judiciary:

1. Entry-level initiatives for women are essential but insufficient, as retention and continued support are equally critical for addressing under-representation in the judiciary.
2. The proportion of women in the higher judiciary, such as the High Courts and Supreme Court, remains significantly higher compared to the district judiciary.
3. Limited infrastructure, such as inadequate washroom facilities, and lack of family-friendly amenities have been identified as deterrents to women's retention in court environments.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one  
B. Only two  
C. All three  
D. None

197. Consider the following statements about the impact of solar energy on communities and sustainability:

1. It enables localised power generation, reducing reliance on centralised infrastructure.
2. It has created economic opportunities for women, improving their access to essential resources and income.
3. The solar industry faces sectoral and geographical investment imbalances, with most funding directed to large-scale projects in developed countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

198. Consider the following statements regarding learning disabilities in India:

1. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, identifies learning disabilities as one of the disabilities, but most schools lack resources to support such students adequately.
2. Studies indicate that students with learning disabilities face higher risks of mental health issues, including anxiety and depression, compared to their peers.
3. Initiatives like PM e-Vidya, and DIKSHA, are part of Digital India's framework to support education but lack provisions specifically for students with learning disabilities.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one                      B. Only two  
C. All three                      D. None

199. Regarding U-WIN, consider the following statements:

1. U-WIN, modeled after Co-WIN, offers a digital solution to facilitate real-time tracking of vaccination coverage in remote regions only.
2. The U-WIN platform allows health workers to track a child's vaccination schedule up until age 16, providing digital records and reminders for due doses.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

200. Consider the following statements regarding the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC):

1. NAAC now uses a two-tier gradation system, with an initial binary classification of accredited or non-accredited, followed by a Maturity-Based Grade Accreditation.
2. The evaluation of academic quality by NAAC aligns well with corporate quality metrics and measurement systems.

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

## Answers

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