

# Monthly Editorial Quiz (Consolidation)

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- 1. Regarding the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), consider the following statements:
  - Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) is a statutory mechanism to coordinate and oversee diverse efforts to improve air quality.
  - It has replaced the 22-year-old Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA), aiming to enhance public participation and interstate cooperation.
  - 3. The Commission would function under the oversight of the elected representatives with regular reports to the Parliament.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 2. Consider the following statements:
  - IndiaStack aims to facilitate a seamless and consentbased flow of digital information, including land records, to lenders from multiple data service providers.
  - Unified Lending Interface (ULI) is a collection of digital tools that enables governments, businesses, and developers to provide services in India without requiring physical presence, paperwork, or cash.

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
- 3. Consider the following statements:
  - Gross Value Added (GVA) is the value that producers have added to the goods and services they have bought.
  - 2. Gross domestic product (GDP) is a measure of the total value of goods and services produced in a country over a specific period of 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 2
- 4. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. A Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is a geographical region that has economic laws that are more liberal than a country's domestic economic laws.
  - India was one of the first in Asia to recognize the effectiveness of the Export Processing Zone model in promoting exports, with Asia's first EPZ set up in New Delhi in 1965.

3. All laws of India are applicable in SEZs unless specifically exempted as per the SEZ Act/ Rules.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Critical raw materials, which account for 60% of the cost of making an EV battery, are mostly located in a few countries, posing a risk of supply chain disruptions due to geopolitical tensions.

**Statement-II:** Critical minerals like lithium, copper, and cobalt are the backbone of emerging technologies such as electric vehicles (EVs), and are key to reducing carbon emissions.

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

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

### 6. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** India has begun efforts to reduce battery waste by reusing, recycling, and repurposing batteries, with the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 integrating recycling into the supply chain.

**Statement-II:** Recycling old batteries could significantly reduce the need for mining new materials like copper, lithium, cobalt, and nickel by 2040, and lower battery emissions by 7-17%.

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 Mahabodhi Temple Complex, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Mahabodhi Temple Complex is one of the four holy sites related to the life of the Lord Buddha.
  - 2. The first temple was built by Emperor Asoka in the 1st century B.C. and the present temple dates from the 5th or 6th centuries.
  - 3. It is one of the earliest Buddhist temples built entirely in brick, still standing in India, from the late Gupta period.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- Consider the following statements:
  - 1. Kavach is an indigenous comprehensive signaling system with anti-collision features developed by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO).
  - 2. It has been adopted as our National Automatic Train Protection (ATP) System.
  - 3. It features centralized live monitoring of train movements through the Global Positioning System.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- Regarding the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), consider the following statements:
  - 1. The JPC is an ad-hoc Committee, established by the Parliament to conduct a thorough examination of a specific subject or Bill.
  - 2. It consists of members from both Houses as well as from the ruling and opposition parties and is chaired by a member of the Lok Sabha.
  - 3. The Prime Minister determines the composition of the JPC, and there is no set limit on the number of members.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 10. Which of the following countries share a border with Sudan?
  - 1. Ethiopia
  - 2. Eritrea
  - 3. Egypt
  - 4. Libya
  - 5. Chad

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- - 1. Under the collegium system, the Chief Justice, along with four or two senior-most Supreme Court judges, recommends the appointments and transfers of judges.
  - 2. The Supreme Court has declared the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act, 2014, and the 99th Constitution Amendment, 2014, unconstitutional.

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
- 12. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. India's spend on R&D as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) is barely 0.65%.
  - 2. In India, the business sector mainly funds R&D in defense, space, agriculture, and nuclear research, with a large portion of the money going to academic institutions.

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
- 13. Regarding GST Council, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The GST Council is a constitutional body responsible for making recommendations on issues related to the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India.
  - 2. The 100th Amendment Act, of 2016 inserted a new Article 279-A in the Constitution, which empowers the President to constitute a GST Council or by an order.
  - 3. The members of the Council include the Union Finance Minister as Chairperson and the Union Minister of State (Finance) from the Centre.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 14. Regarding the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 20 December 2006, and came into effect on 23 December 2023.
  - 2. It is the first universally binding treaty that defines enforced disappearance as a human rights violation and prohibits it.

3. To prohibit enforced disappearance, the convention has four main aspects of combating impunity, prevention, rights of victims, and enforcement.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 15. Consider the following statements:
  - India has recently commissioned its second indigenous nuclear ballistic missile submarine, the INS Arighat.
  - Unlike the INS Arihant, which is a more advanced and operationally focused platform the INS Arighat will mainly serve as a technology demonstrator.

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

### 16. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** In India, nearly half the population relies on agriculture, with most farming being rain-fed.

**Statement-II:** Over the past 25 years, India's drought-prone regions have increased by more than 50%, with increasing drought frequency on account of climate change.

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

### 17. Consider the following statements:

- The African Union Commission (AUC), based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, serves as the secretariat of the African Union and manages its day-to-day activities.
- 2. The Banjul format recognises the three-tiered organisation of Africa and invites partners to cooperate on those levels.

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. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 heatwaves are classified as a notified disaster.

**Statement-II:** Globally, there is enough consensus to classify heatwaves as climate-related disasters, given their ramifications on ecosystems and human health. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the

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- 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

### 19. Consider the following statements:

- Singapore holds a key position in India's Act East policy due to its strong historical ties, economic connections, and mutual goals for regional stability and development.
- 2. India, one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with Singapore, has had bilateral ties dating back to the Non-Aligned Movement.
- The island nation has continually supported India's growing role in regional maritime security through joint naval exercises like Surya Kiran in the Indian Ocean.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 20. Regarding the Section 479 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), consider the following statements:
  - 1. Section 479 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) aims to prevent the unnecessary and prolonged detention of prisoners.
  - 2. The Supreme Court recently extended it to all undertrials, including those with cases from before the new criminal laws took effect on July 1, 2024.

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. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Under SA600, the lead auditor can use subsidiary audit data without being responsible for the work done by another firm.

**Statement-II:** The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) has proposed a revision of accounting rule SA600 so that a parent company's auditor would be held responsible for the work of the auditor of a subsidiary.

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

### 22. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: India's plan to develop 12 smart industrial cities will support the Foreign Trade Policy's target of USD 1 trillion in merchandise exports by 2030, especially for states with low export levels.

**Statement-II:** National Industrial Corridor Development Programme aims to develop new industrial cities as Smart Cities and converge next generation technologies across infrastructure sectors.

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

### 23. Regarding Lok Adalat, consider the following statements:

- 1. Lok Adalats are formal, voluntary and conciliatory dispute resolution forums and have statutory backing under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- 2. It is a component of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system that provides informal, inexpensive, and expeditious justice to the common people.

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

### 24. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Hari Singh, who became the ruler of Kashmir in 1925, was the king when the 'Instrument of Accession' was signed with India.
- 2. On 17 November 1956, the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) under the Constitution of India.
- 3. Before 1962, the Election Commission of India was not responsible for conducting the J&K Assembly

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 25. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Global Digital Compact (GDC) aims to build a collaborative multi-stakeholder framework that strives to address the digital divide, advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and create a secure and inclusive digital environment.

Statement-II: At the 'Summit of the Future', global leaders and stakeholders will gather under the United Nations to promote the Global Digital Compact (GDC). 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

### 26. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India formed the Green Group alliance of 72 developing countries at the first UNFCCC Conference of Parties to resist developed countries' demands for stricter commitments on developing nations.
- 2. India collaborated with Brazil, South Africa, and China in the 2000s to create the BASIC Group, aiming to protect its goals of development and poverty reduction.
- 3. India played a crucial role in climate negotiations, helping to establish the principle that developed countries should bear the primary responsibility for climate change.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. Only two
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 27. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Progressive tax policies are required to redistribute wealth from the affluent to the marginalised. Statement-II: Enforcing labour rights, minimum wages, safety, security, eliminating child labour, protection against exploitation, and collective bargaining is essential to ensure that all workers benefit from economic growth. 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-L
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

### 28. Consider the following statement:

**Statement-I:** The Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) policy, introduced in 2017 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, focuses on creating more housing, work, and shopping opportunities near transit stations. **Statement-II:** The implementation of transit-oriented cities will require restoring the competitive advantage of the concept backed by institutional coordination and reforms in urban planning practices.

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

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

### 29. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Indian Air Force recently completed the first phase of Tarang Shakti, its first multilateral air force exercise in over six decades.

**Statement-II:** Multilateral exercises with friendly nations improve teamwork, build strong relationships, and help participants understand each other's strengths and weaknesses, leading to better operational coordination. 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

### 30. Consider the following pairs:

Body/Act Year

1. Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)

1956

- 2. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 1976-77
- 3. National Green Tribunal (NGT) 2010

How many of the pairs given above is/are not correctly matched?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 31. Consider the following statements:

- Carbon tax operates through prices, raising the cost of fossil fuels, which reduces their use and therefore emissions
- 2. Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) operates directly on the quantity of emissions by setting a limit on the emissions allowed per unit of output.

3. India has decided to implement a carbon tax, with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) responsible for setting the right tax level.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 32. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Employment is key to sustainable economic growth, as a strong job market increases consumption, and demand, and drives economic expansion.
- 2. India's demographic dividend could become a burden if enough jobs aren't created to support the growing population.
- The Indian government has recently announced the employment-linked incentive (ELI) scheme, a policy initiative designed to incentivise businesses to hire more workers.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- **33.** Regarding initial public offering (IPO), consider the following statements:
  - 1. An initial public offering (IPO) is when a private company offers its shares to the public for the first time to raise money from investors.
  - 2. An IPO can be seen as an exit strategy for the company's founders and early investors, realizing the full profit from their private investment.
  - 3. The Dutch held the first modern IPO by selling the Dutch East India Company shares to the public.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 34. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Code on Social Security, 2020 consolidates nine labour laws related to social security into a single, integrated code, aiming to extend coverage to workers across both the organised and unorganised sectors.

**Statement-II:** The Code on Social Security, 2020 mandates benefits for traditional employees, but only guides the central government to create welfare and social security schemes for gig and platform workers.

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

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- 35. Consider the following statements:
  - Solar power generation is consistent due to its source, which can negatively affect the stability of the power grid.
  - 2. Solar energy with battery storage is a great option for powering remote areas far from the grid.
  - India has significantly increased its solar energy capacity over the past decade, reaching over 87 gigawatts, which is nearly 58% of its total renewable energy capacity.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 36. Global Peace Index (GPI), is released by which of the following?
  - A. Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
  - B. World Bank (WB)
  - C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
  - D. World Health Organisation (WHO)
- 37. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. Extreme climate events like severe heatwaves, cold spells, heavy rainfall, and sudden downpours are becoming more frequent.
  - 2. 2023 was the hottest year on record, and India saw extreme weather on 318 of the 365 days.
  - India aims to get 100% of its energy from non-fossil sources by 2030 to ensure energy security through sustainability.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 38. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. B.R. Ambedkar led movements like the Mahad Satyagraha and the Kalaram temple entry movement to draw attention to the ritual discrimination faced by Dalits.
  - 2. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) operates as an autonomous body dedicated to preserving and propagating the legacy of Dr Ambedkar.

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
- 39. Consider the following statements:
  - "Due process of law" means that the government must follow fair and legal procedures before depriving someone of their rights, such as life, liberty, or property.
  - 2. In 1918, the Indian National Congress asked the colonial government to revoke all laws that allowed state authorities to arrest or detain people without due process.
  - 3. The term Due Process of Law is clearly defined in the Constitution of India.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 40. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** High-income countries, despite their advanced economies, are responsible for over 60% of global emissions.

**Statement-II:** Leading global decarbonization needs major investments in transition finance, energy storage, and strengthening value chains with results-based carbon financing.

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
- 41. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. Teachers' Day is observed to honour Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on September 5, 1888.
  - 2. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honour.
  - 3. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was the first President of the nation and the second Vice-President of India.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 42. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. As per the Safe Harbour provision, social media platforms are not held legally liable for user-generated content, as long as they act to remove or address flagged objectionable content.
  - 2. In India, the Information Technology Rules, 2021, require social media companies with over 5 million users to appoint a chief compliance officer.

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
- 43. Regarding the use of technology in the Agriculture sector, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Digital Agriculture Mission is built on the foundation of Digital Public Infrastructure and seeks to harness the latest technological advancements.
  - 2. AgriStack is a digital platform focused on farmers, creating detailed and verified databases on their demographics, land, crops, livestock, etc.
  - The Krishi Decision Support System will integrate information on crops, soil, weather, and water resources to provide a comprehensive geospatial system.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 44. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. Irradiation is a method that uses uncontrolled ultraviolet radiation to kill harmful microorganisms in food, reducing the risk of foodborne illnesses.
  - 2. Food irradiation technology helps keep agri-food products fresh longer, reducing waste and ensuring they reach consumers in good condition.
  - 3. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) offers financial assistance of up to Rs 10 crore per project for setting up food irradiation units.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 45. Consider the following statements:
  - Currently, only half of India's farmed land is irrigated, mostly with groundwater, and excessive use of groundwater has caused dangerous drops in water levels.
  - 2. Micro-irrigation, especially drip systems, cuts irrigation and fertilizer costs while boosting fruit and vegetable yields.

3. About 10% of our land is degraded due to waterlogging, soil salinity, chemical pollution, and nutrient loss.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 46. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes flexible learning, interdisciplinary knowledge, multilingualism, technology, and inclusivity.
  - The National Education Policy is criticised due to its lack of emphasis on teachers' training and development.
  - 3. The NISHTHA programme has been initiated to improve the capacity of teachers.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 47. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** In the past four decades, biotechnology has demonstrated its potential in applications ranging from new vaccines and novel crop varieties to environmental cleanup using microbes.

**Statement-II:** The objective of the Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment (BioE3) Policy is to present a framework to ensure the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and accelerate the development and production of bio-based high-value products.

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

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

**Statement-I:** The Critical Mineral Mission aims to secure the country's critical mineral supply chain by ensuring mineral availability from domestic and foreign sources. **Statement-II:** The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023 removed six minerals from the atomic list, allowing private companies in India to explore them.

- 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. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The primary deficit is the fiscal deficit excluding interest payments on the government's debt.
  - 2. A reduction in fiscal deficit is typically associated with an increase in government spending.
  - 3. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003 sets a target to reduce combined government debt to 40% of GDP by 2024-25.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 50. Consider the following statements:
  - The northeastern part of the Kashmir Himalayas has a cold desert that lies between the Greater Himalayas and the Pir Panjal range.
  - 2. Banihal pass is situated on the Pir Panjal range.
  - 3. The Kashmir Himalayas are famous for Karewa formations.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 51. Consider the following statements about National Medical Commission (NMC):
  - 1. It is an executive body constituted in 2019 replacing the Medical Council of India.
  - 2. It lays down policies for maintaining a high quality and high standards in medical education and make necessary regulations.
  - 3. It exercises appellate jurisdiction with respect to the decisions of the Autonomous Boards.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 52. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. ASEAN was established in 1967 with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.
  - 2. ASEAN focuses on economic, political, military and cultural cooperation.
  - 3. The East Asia Summit (EAS) includes ASEAN members as well as countries like Australia, China, India, Russia and Canada as dialogue partners.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 53. Consider the following statements:
  - Built-in inflation refers to inflation that results from changes in monetary policy, such as interest rate adjustments.
  - 2. Stagflation is an economic situation where there's high inflation, slow economic growth, and high unemployment.
  - 3. High inflation generally leads to decreased interest rates as central banks try to control inflation.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 54. Consider the following statements about The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):
  - 1. In India, the Companies Act, 2013 mandates CSR spending, making it the first country to do so with a defined framework.
  - CSR provisions apply to companies with an annual turnover of Rs 1,000 crore or more, a net worth of Rs 500 crore or more, or a net profit of Rs 5 crore or more.
  - The Act mandates companies to spend 2% of their average net profit in the previous three years on CSR activities.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 55. Consider the following statement:
  - 1. The Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) was introduced in 2014 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
  - 2. The Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) protects children and pregnant women from 12 vaccine-preventable diseases, reducing mortality and morbidity.
  - 3. Mission Indradhanush was launched in 2015 to quickly raise full immunization coverage to 90%.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

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

### 56. Consider the following statement:

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change implements the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) for nationwide air pollution control under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981.
- 2. The NCAP aims to reduce PM10 and PM2.5 levels by 50% by 2024, using 2017 as the base year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

### 57. Consider the following statements:

- Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) (PoSH) Act, 2013 is a legislation enacted by the Government of India in 2013 based on Vishakha guidelines.
- 2. PoSH Act, 2013 mandated setting up of an employment tribunal for grievance redressal.

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. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (Phase II) aims to attain ODF status, manage waste by 2024-25.
- 2. Launched in 2019, Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide water to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) by 2024.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

### 59. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY offers a sum insured of Rs.5 lakh per family for primary and secondary care.
- 2. Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data.
- 3. The National Health Authority (NHA) has been constituted as an statutory body for effective implementation of PM-JAY in alliance with state governments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 3 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only
- 60. Consider the following statements about the fundamental rights enshrined in the Indian Constitution:
  - The Right to Privacy is protected under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees the protection of life and personal liberty.
  - 2. The Right to Education, introduced by 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003 is a Fundamental Right for children aged 6 to 14 years as per Article 21A.
  - Fundamental Rights are suspended during a national emergency by the President under Article 359 of the Constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only
- 61. Consider the following statements:
  - The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is a statutory body operating under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
  - 2. The Cinematograph Act, 1952 regulates film exhibitions in India to ensure they align with societal norms and national interests.

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

## 62. Consider the following statements:

- Samagra Shiksha Scheme is an integrated scheme for school education covering the entire gamut from pre-school to class XII.
- 2. It subsumes the three Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).
- 3. It is a central sector scheme launched by the Ministry of Education in 2018.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 63. Consider the following statements about the Production Linked Initiative (PLI) scheme:
  - The scheme offers companies incentives on incremental sales from products manufactured in India.
  - For specified electronic components, the applicant's consolidated global manufacturing revenue in the target segment must exceed Rs 50 crore in the base year.

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
- 64. Consider the following statements about the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):
  - 1. Established in 1975 RRBs aim to boost the rural economy by providing credit and facilities to small farmers, laborers, artisans, and small entrepreneurs.
  - 2. They are regulated and supervised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
  - 3. RRBs are jointly owned by the Government of India and the state government with an equity holding of 50%.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only
- 65. With reference to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), consider the following statements:
  - 1. ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) oversees the implementation of ASEAN agreements and decisions.
  - 2. ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) is a platform for dialogue and cooperation on political and security issues among ASEAN member countries and their partners.
  - 3. Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC), 1976 established a framework for peaceful relations and cooperation among member states of ASEAN.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None
- 66. With reference to the India TB Report 2024, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The estimated incidence of TB in 2023 decreased slightly as compared to the 2022 estimate.
  - 2. India reached its 2023 target of initiating treatment in 95% of patients diagnosed with the infection.

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
- 67. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Tuberculosis (TB),':
  - TB is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis, belonging to the Mycobacteriaceae family.
  - 2. TB is a very ancient disease and has been documented to have existed in Egypt as early as 3000 BC.,

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
- 68. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. India's National TB Elimination Programme is aimed at eliminating the TB epidemic by 2025.
  - 2. Two vaccines VPM (Vaccine Projekt Management) 1002 and MIP (Mycobacterium Indicus Pranii) have been developed to treat Tuberculosis.

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
- 69. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Cholas (8th-12th century AD) are remembered as one of the longest ruling dynasties in the southern regions of India.
  - 2. The Chola Empire was founded by Vijayalaya who took over the Tanjore kingdom in the 8th century and led to the rise of the mighty Cholas by defeating the Pandyas.

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
- 70. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967':
  - 1. It was first enacted in 1967 with the objective to deal with secessionist movements and anti-national activities.
  - 2. UAPA prescribes life imprisonment, rather than the death penalty, as the maximum punishment for terrorist activities.
  - 3. It empowers the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate and prosecute cases under UAPA across the country.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None
- 71. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Act East Policy':
  - 1. The Prime Minister of India emphasized the four pillars of the Act East Policy (4C's) i.e Cultural exchange, Commercial ties, Connectivity enhancement, and Capacity building.
  - The Act East Policy emphasizes engagement with ASEAN countries, economic integration, partnerships with East Asian nations, and enhanced security cooperation.

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
- 72. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Jainism':
  - 1. Jainism came to prominence in the 6th century BC, when Lord Mahavira propagated the religion.
  - 2. There were 24 great teachers, the first of whom was Lord Mahavira.
  - 3. The word 'Jain' is derived from jina or jaina which means the 'Conqueror'.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None
- 73. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council':
  - 1. It was set up by the President of India as per Article 279A (1) of the Indian Constitution.
  - 2. The Council, according to Article 279 A(4), is meant to "make recommendations to the Union and the states on important issues related to GST.
  - Article 246A of the Constitution gives the GST Council the power to legislate on matters related to GST.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

- 74. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Antihistamines':
  - 1. An antihistamine drug acts against the activity of the histamine receptor proteins that bind to a compound in the body called Acetylcholine.
  - 2. H1 antihistamines are used to block the effects of minor allergies.
  - 3. Antihistamines are common drugs that can be purchased without a prescription and are used to treat short-lived allergic reactions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None
- 75. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)':
  - 1. NCRB was set based on the recommendations of the Tandon Committee and National Police Commission.
  - It acts as a "national warehouse" for the fingerprint records of Indian and foreign criminals, and assists in locating interstate criminals through fingerprint search.

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
- 76. With reference to the Headline inflation, consider the following statements:
  - Headline inflation is a measure of the total inflation within an economy, including commodities such as food and energy prices.
  - 2. The headline inflation figure is reported through the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which calculates the cost to purchase a fixed basket of goods.

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. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Green Tribunal (NGT)':
  - 1. The Chairperson is appointed by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
  - The Supreme Court declared the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) position as a "unique" forum endowed with suo motu powers to take up environmental issues.
  - 3. The Tribunal is bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure 1908.

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None
- 78. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Gandhi promoted the Swadeshi movement, which encouraged the use of locally produced goods and materials.

**Statement-II:** Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolent resistance (Satyagraha) and civil disobedience mobilized millions of Indians, uniting them in a peaceful but determined quest for freedom.

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.
- 79. With reference to the Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture (DEPA), consider the following statements:
  - 1. The consent given under DEPA will be free, informed, specific, clear, and revocable.
  - 2. DEPA is also being launched in the telecom sector following a Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) consultation report on privacy.

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
- 80. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission':
  - It aims to provide digital health IDs for all Indian citizens to help hospitals, insurance firms, and citizens access health records electronically when required.
  - 2. The National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the implementing Agency.

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

- 81. Regarding the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), consider the following statements:
  - The Public Accounts Committee was established in 1921, following its initial mention in the Montford Reforms.
  - 2. The President of India exclusively appoints the Chairman of this Committee.
  - 3. The Public Accounts Committee is constituted every year under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 82. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Indian constitutional scheme envisages that Parliament controls the finances of the country.
  - 2. All expenditure of the government needs prior sanction from Parliament through Appropriation Bills.
  - 3. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is a constitutional office that examines and audits the financial functioning of all government departments.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 83. Regarding Indian Federalism, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Constitution provides for a bicameral legislature consisting of an Upper House and a Lower House.
  - 2. The division of powers is in favour of the states and highly inequitable from the federal angle.
  - 3. Unlike in other federations, the states in India have no right to territorial integrity.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 84. Regarding Sickle cell disease (SCD), consider the following statements:
  - It is a chronic single-gene disorder causing a debilitating systemic syndrome characterized by chronic anemia and acute painful episodes.
  - 2. It is being implemented across all the states and union territories in India.
  - The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Program aims to tackle the major health issues caused by sickle cell disease, especially among the country's tribal communities.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 85. Regarding Gig workers, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Code on Social Security, 2020 recognizes gig workers as a separate category and envisages an extension of social security benefits to them.
  - 2. The Code on Wages, 2019 applies to all sectors excluding gig work, and lays the foundation for a national minimum wage.

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
- 86. Regarding the PM SVANidhi scheme, consider the following statements:
  - Launched in 2020 as a Central Sector Scheme, it provides collateral-free working capital loans to street vendors affected by the pandemic lockdowns.
  - 2. The Scheme is available for beneficiaries belonging to only those States/UTs which have notified Rules and Scheme under the Street Vendors Act, 2014.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 87. Regarding direct-seeded rice (DSR), consider the following statements:
  - 1. DSR eliminates the need for flooding fields, cutting water usage by up to 40%.
  - 2. DSR significantly increases greenhouse gas emissions, hindering global efforts to mitigate climate change.
  - 3. DSR can also improve soil nutrition and help avoid erosion.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 88. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Deep tech refers to the category of startups that create an impact through scientific discovery and engineering, creating an enabling power for their

**Statement-II:** The Anusandhan National Research Foundation, with a dedicated 1 lakh-crore corpus, is investing heavily in research in various fields to ensure deep-tech innovations align with national goals.

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
- 89. Regarding the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), consider the following statements:
  - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) is a flagship scheme that was launched in September 2018 to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
  - Senior citizens of 70 years and above, who are under private health insurance policies or Employees' State Insurance Scheme are not covered under the scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 90. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Delivering health care demands a humancentric approach of empathy and cultural understanding. **Statement-II:** Al can play a crucial role in specific, welldefined tasks within health care, particularly through narrow intelligence, diffusion models and transformers. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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

**Statement I:** Several countries have proposed the idea of a universal basic income (UBI) in response to jobless growth, where output and labor productivity rise without a corresponding increase in employment.

**Statement II:** Universal basic income (UBI) is the concept of a government program in which every adult citizen receives a set amount of money regularly.

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

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

92. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Corals are vital for Lakshadweep, as they support marine life, benefit the fishing community, protect the coast from storms and rising sea levels, and attract tourists.

**Statement-II:** Rising temperatures, plastic pollution, increased acidity, or any disruption to natural habitats can stress corals and eventually lead to their death. 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
- 93. Regarding the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), consider the following statements:
  - ANRF aims to foster greater collaboration between academia, industry, and government while encouraging public-private partnerships for transformative innovations.
  - 2. The ANRF is designed to provide sustained, centralised funding for research across disciplines.
  - The ANRF aims to ease financial worries for researchers by pooling resources and providing ongoing support, allowing them to focus on groundbreaking work.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 94. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** To boost electric vehicle usage and reduce carbon emissions, the Union Cabinet recently approved the PM E-DRIVE scheme replacing the FAME scheme.

**Statement-II:** Since the initial cost of EVs is higher than those operating on internal combustion engines, fiscal support is seen as a necessity to improve adoption.

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

- 95. Consider the following statements:
  - India's ambition to become a developed country by 2047 depends on inclusive growth strategies that ensure all sections contribute to and benefit from economic progress.
  - The labour force participation rate (LFPR) is a key indicator of the participation of individuals in the workforce, through employment or active jobseeking.

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
- 96. Consider the following statements:
  - India wants the Indo-Pacific to retain its openness by adhering to international law and the principle of freedom of navigation.
  - 2. India's "Look East" policy, launched in 1992, focuses on building stronger economic and cultural connections with Southeast Asia.
  - 3. In 2014, India's "Look East" policy was renamed "Act East" to expand its focus to East Asia and enhance maritime security in the region.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 97. Regarding the Purchasing Managers Index, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is a survey-based measure that asks the respondents about changes in their perception of key business variables as compared with the previous month.
  - 2. The purpose of the PMI is to provide information about current and future business conditions to company decision-makers, analysts, and investors.
  - 3. It is calculated separately for the manufacturing and services sectors and then a composite index is also constructed.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 98. Regarding 'Mission Mausam', consider the following statements:
  - 1. It will help equip stakeholders, including citizens, to better manage extreme weather events and climate change impacts, enhancing community resilience.
  - 2. The mission will be implemented under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct? | 102. Consider the following statements:

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

### 99. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: India's infrastructure is improving through plans like PM Gati Shakti and Smart Cities Mission, and the government has committed more money to this by increasing the budget to Rs.11.11 lakh crore.

Statement-II: Improving infrastructure is important for India's economy and is part of the plan to make India a developed country by 2047.

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

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

### 100. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Radcliffe Line serves as the boundary separating Indian-controlled territory from Chinesecontrolled territory.

Statement-II: The India-China border remains undefined in certain areas, leading to tensions between the two countries.

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

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

### 101. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi with the Devanagari script as the national language of the Union.
- 2. The Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) was established in 1960 to promote Hindi in non-Hindi regions.
- 3. Hindi Divas (Hindi Day) is observed every year on September 14.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 1. An inflation target, currently at 4% with a tolerance band of +/- 2%, is fixed once in five years and the next review is due in 2026.
- 2. Food has a weight of 46% in the consumer price index (CPI) basket.
- 3. All monetary policy frameworks are based on the principle that persistent inflation is not a monetary phenomenon.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 103. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Integrated Theatre Commands (ITCs) are designed to improve jointness among the Army, Navy, and Air Force by placing all forces under a unified command structure in a given region.

Statement-II: By bringing together air, naval, and ground operations under one command structure, the ITCs could significantly improve response times and resource utilisation in conflict scenarios.

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

### 104. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The government has launched Open Credit Enablement Network (OCEN) to enable cash flow-based loans to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Statement-II: The informal nature of MSMEs and the absence of relevant documentation puts many small enterprises at a disadvantage in accessing finance.

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

- 105. Regarding BRICS grouping, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The BRICS Leaders' Summit is convened annually.
  - 2. The New Development Bank (NDB) was established with the signing of an agreement by the leaders during the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza (2014).
  - 3. Oman, Saudi Arabia, and UAE, as part of the grouping, collectively contribute to approximately 44% of global crude oil production.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 106. Consider the following statements:

- As per the 2015 amendment to the Mines and Minerals Act, 1957 state governments must set up a non-profit trust called the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) in every district affected by mining.
- 2. The 'National DMF Portal' digitises the administration and oversight of DMFs across India, enabling greater transparency and efficiency in operations.

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

### 107. Consider the following statements:

- AMRUT 2.0 aims to promote the circular economy of water through the development of a City Water Balance Plan (CWBP) by recycling/reuse of treated sewage.
- 2. Swachh Bharat Mission-Rural focuses on maintaining the open defecation-free status, managing solid and liquid waste in rural India, and constructing household toilets.

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

### 108. Regarding Areca nut, consider the following statements:

- 1. China is both the largest producer and consumer of areca nuts.
- 2. Karnataka is the largest areca-growing State in India.
- 3. In recent years, areca cultivation has been badly hit by fruit rot and yellow leaf disease.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

109. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Every country of reasonable economic size now wants a domestic semiconductor fabrication plant to protect against global shortages, and to sustain military production in case of war.

**Statement-II:** Since no country can make all the chips its industry needs, a domestic manufacturer does not assure protection from all shortages.

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

### 110. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Restrictive Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policies in key sectors are hampering the pace of India's economic advancement.

**Statement-II:** FDI brings money and introduces technology, expertise, and global best practices that help industries grow.

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

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

### 111. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The United States has the largest cotton-growing area in the world, covering about 13 million hectares, which is nearly four times that of China.
- 2. India enjoys the distinction of being the only country to grow all the four species of cotton.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 112. Regarding World Nomad Games, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The World Nomad Games are international events featuring traditional sports from the nomadic cultures of Central Asia.
  - 2. Iran is hosting the 5th World Nomad Games (WNG) in its capital city of Tehran.
  - 3. The event celebrates nomadic culture while embracing modernization and fosters a sense of unity among neighboring Central Asian countries with shared ethnic and cultural ties.

How many of the statements given above is/are not | 116. Consider the following statements: correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 113. Regarding the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Act defines "magic remedy" to include talismans, mantras, kavachas, and any other similar items that claim supernatural or magical properties for curing ailments.
  - 2. It regulates drug advertisements but does not ban promotions of magic remedies.
  - 3. It prohibits ads that falsely represent a drug's nature or effectiveness and those promoting drugs for specific diseases listed in the Act.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 114. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The obligation not to supply weapons to states that are possibly guilty of war crimes is an obligation directly based on common Article 1 of the Geneva Convention.

Statement-II: The Supreme Court of India has held that India is under obligation to interpret domestic law in the light of the obligations under the conventions and treaties that India has signed and ratified.

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

### 115. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Eight of the nine planetary boundaries needed for Earth's healthy survival have already been breached.
- 2. The 'planetary overshoot day', has moved from 30 December 1970 to 1 August 2024.

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

- 1. The Beijing Convention enunciates the case for linking sustainable development and climate justice discourses to the rights of future generations.
- 2. The National Green Tribunal of India upheld the principle of intergenerational equity in the right to environment.
- 3. The Summit Of The Future aims to identify multilateral pathways to address the major problems that threaten the common future of humanity.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 117. Consider the following statement:

Statement-I: Under a women-led development approach, women are not just beneficiaries of development, but also set the agenda for development. Statement-II: S. Phangnon Konyak became the first nominated member in the history of the Rajya Sabha to be included in the panel of Vice-Chairman of the House. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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

### 118. Consider the following statements:

- 1. In 2024, the Supreme Court in India Cement v State of Tamil Nadu case held that royalty is not a tax.
- 2. The power to impose taxes on mineral rights resides solely with the states, while Parliament may only impose limitations to prevent hindrances to mineral development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

### 119. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The vehicle scrappage policy 2021 specifically targets over 15-year-old commercial and over 20-year-old private vehicles, requiring them to undergo mandatory fitness tests.
- 2. Under the Supreme Court's order, petrol vehicles older than 15 years and diesel vehicles over 10 years are not allowed to ply on NCR roads.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct? | 123. Consider the following statements:

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

### 120. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India's government debt is currently around 82% of its GDP, one of the highest levels it has ever reached.
- 2. A high level of debt leads to large interest payments, which can reduce funds for productive government spending and slow down economic growth.
- 3. High debt can lead to lower interest rates and negative effects, but if used for productive investments that boost future growth, it can be beneficial, though only to a certain extent.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 121. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) recognises the need to facilitate investments by having readily available land parcels and creating world-class infrastructure ahead of demand.

**Statement-II:** The Centre has approved 12 new industrial cities under the NICDP with an investment of Rs. 28,602 crore.

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

## 122. Which of the following are the likely applications of Drones?

- 1. Military surveillance
- 2. Delivery of payloads
- 3. Roving cameras for movie-makers
- 4. Aiding urban traffic flows
- 5. Surveying rural fields for soil moisture

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Statement-I: Data, combined with AI, has the potential to significantly accelerate the discovery of new treatments, tailor medical interventions to individuals, and improve the overall quality of care.

Statement-II: Establishing regulatory sandboxes for novel healthcare technologies will allow responsible Al-driven innovation which will be key to driving future progress.

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

### 124. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Competition authorities around the world are inclined to scrutinize and challenge mergers that may adversely impact competition in new-age markets.

**Statement-II:** India has joined a small group of nations which require a mandatory competition-law review of deals based on their value.

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

### 125. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: India must remain cognisant of global tax developments, particularly those concerning crossborder transactions.

Statement-II: India's tax-to-GDP ratio at 10-11%, is much lower than the global average.

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

### 126. Consider the following statements:

- FDI are short-term flows and represent only a change in ownership between holders for speculative motives, and do not add to the gross fixed capital stock of the country
- FPI inflows, especially of the green-field type, augment gross fixed capital formation in the host country and can have a positive impact on income and employment.
- India has progressively liberalised its FDI policy regime since 1991, throwing most sectors open to FDI.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 127. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Demographics is a major factor in propelling India's rise given that the median age is around 28 years and 63% of the population is of working age.
- 2. The Economic Survey for 2023-24 states that technological advancements have led to a declining capital-to-output ratio and an increasing capital-to labour ratio.
- According to the Economic Survey more than half of India's workforce in the age cohort of 15-29 years is formally skilled.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 128. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India is highly vulnerable to heat stress and may soon face heat waves beyond human survivability limits.
- Methane contributes significantly to global warming and traps much more heat than CO2 over short periods.
- 3. Reducing short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) such as black carbon and enhancing the National Clean Air Programme can significantly improve air quality and public health.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 129. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Constitution of India enshrines only Hindi as the official language.
- 2. The National Policy on Education, 1968 introduced a three-language formula to spread Hindi across non-Hindi-speaking regions, thereby integrating the nation linguistically.

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

### 130. Consider the following statements:

- The Quad Foreign Ministers announced the expansion of the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) to the Indian Ocean region.
- 2. IPMDA aims to standardise regional laws and enhance accountability for violations of international maritime norms, thus promoting a rules-based order further.
- The Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) represents a growing coalition of nations dedicated to upholding a rules-based maritime order.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 131. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Drowning Prevention Day is a World Health Organization (WHO)-led global event, held annually to raise awareness.
- India has adopted a community-based model called "Anchal" in which childcare centres are set up to ensure institutional supervision of children aged 1-5 years.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recently released a 'Strategic Framework for Drowning Prevention.'

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

# 132. Regarding Fast-track courts, consider the following statements:

- Fast-track courts in India were established to address the phenomenal judicial backlog and ensure timely justice delivery.
- 2. Fast-track courts were designed to deal with petty crimes like pickpocketing, rash driving etc.
- 3. Several factors, such as resource limitations, inefficient investigations, and insufficient staff at the judiciary have plagued the effectiveness of fast-track courts.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 133. Consider the following statements:

- India and the United States launched the Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) which provides for cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI) quantum and biotechnology.
- 2. United States launched AUKUS with Australia and the United Kingdom to provide Australia with high-level defence technologies.
- 3. The United States initiated a quadrilateral arrangement with the Philippines, Japan, and Australia, focusing on security responses to China's actions in the East and South China Seas.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 134. Consider the following statements:

- Both globally and in India, the cost and affordability
  of a healthy diet has been identified as a critical
  constraint to achieving diet quality.
- Countries where nutritious diets are least affordable (as a share of household expenditure) have a greater prevalence of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies.
- 3. In India, the food-based dietary guidelines (FBDG) are developed by the IIT Delhi in collaboration with NITI Aayog.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 135. Consider the following statement:

**Statement-I:** A sovereign wealth fund (SWF) is a government-owned investment fund comprising funds or surpluses created by that entity to meet desired allocation outcomes.

**Statement-II:** Many capital exporting countries, including the US, are looking to establish SWFs and more systematic ways of enhancing returns on a long-term basis.

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

### 136. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs released River Centric Urban Planning Guidelines to ensure sustainable river management while regulating development along the river.

**Statement-II:** With rising urban populations and expanding cities, overuse and exploitation of natural resources, especially rivers, are inevitable consequences. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- 137. Regarding the Indus Water Treaty, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It was signed on September 19, 1960, between India and Pakistan and was brokered by the World Bank.
  - 2. It provides a five-step dispute resolution mechanism.
  - 3. Under the treaty, both countries must set up a Permanent Indus Commission, mandated to meet annually.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 138. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** India's semiconductor industry is in a foundational phase, with a USD 15 billion initiative underway to establish its first advanced fab and packaging facilities.

**Statement-II:** The COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical tensions have exposed vulnerabilities in global supply chains, underscoring the need for domestic chip production to ensure both economic growth and national security.

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
- 139. Regarding the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), consider the following statements:
  - 1. Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) brought a range of benefits including a significant reduction in infant mortality, better school attendance for girls, etc.
  - 2. As per UNICEF report by reducing damage costs, freedom from open defecation has saved 5.2% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) a year.
  - All the cities of India have reached the parameters of Garbage Free Cities (GFC) covering aspects of collection, segregation, storage, scientific processing, etc.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 140. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. While the recommended ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (NPK) fertilisers is 4:2:1, in 2022-23 the ratio of actual applications was 11.8:4.6:1.
  - 2. Currently, urea accounts for 4.3% of India's GHG emissions and 22% of the country's agricultural GHG emissions.
  - 3. The application of urea in fields leads to nitrous oxide (N2O) emission, which is a potent ozone-depleting substance (ODS), causing ozone holes in the stratosphere.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 141. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. In the National Pension System (NPS), individuals contribute to the fund with the company contributing an equivalent amount.
  - 2. The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) takes contributions from the person and assures a pension to not just the individual but also their spouse after the pensioner's death.

3. The provident fund provides a corpus to the contributors and it is mandatory to invest the corpus in NPS.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 142. Regarding Kuno National Park, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is located in the Sheopur district in Madhya Pradesh.
  - 2. It is named after the Kuno River, one of the main tributaries of the Ganga River.
  - 3. Kuno National Park was selected under 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 143. Consider the following statements:
  - The notion of simultaneous elections was part of the original constitutional scheme that was set up when India became independent.
  - 2. There were simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha from the first general election in 1952 till 1967.
  - 3. The Constitution Review Commission report (2002) had emphasised the need to hold simultaneous elections.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 144. Regarding new criminal laws, consider the following statements:
  - 1. Judgments must now be delivered within 45 days after trial completion, and charges must be framed within 60 days of the first hearing.
  - The new laws mandate forensic investigations for crimes punishable by seven years or more and videography for search and seizures.

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

- 145. Consider the following statements:
  - The U.S. central bank's continuous rate hikes and decision to keep rates high have impacted the global economy, causing the dollar to strengthen against most emerging market currencies.
  - 2. A strong U.S. dollar decreases debt service burdens and inflationary pressures for emerging market economies (EMEs).

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

### 146. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Arctic ice serves as a colossal carbon sink and holds an estimated 1.5 trillion metric tonnes of organic carbon, critical for climate stabilisation.

**Statement-II:** The Indian monsoon is connected with the Arctic through an atmospheric river.

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
- 147. Regarding the Arctic Region, consider the following statements:
  - The Arctic Region includes the Arctic Ocean and parts of several countries, including Canada, Indonesia, Russia, the United States, Norway, and Greenland.
  - India's involvement in the Arctic region goes back to 1920, with the signing of the Montreal Protocol.
  - 3. In 2007, India undertook its first research mission to investigate Arctic microbiology, atmospheric sciences, and geology.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 148. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** A group of 22 financially distressed countries has become the largest source of net revenue to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in recent years, with payments exceeding the Fund's operating costs.

**Statement-II:** The IMF's surcharge policy levies additional fees on countries that exceed thresholds for the amount or length of their borrowing from the Fund.

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

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- 149. Regarding Chemhacktica, consider the following statements:
  - Chemhacktica is an adaptation of an MIT-Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency research project called ASKOS.
  - 2. Chemhacktica uses machine learning to map pathways for molecule synthesis.
  - 3. The program finds the easiest and cheapest way to make a molecule by suggesting precursor chemicals and checking their availability online.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 150. Regarding the latest working paper of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), consider the following statements:
  - 1. Rich states have become richer while the poorer ones remain impoverished relative to the national average.
  - 2. Bihar and Uttar Pradesh languish as the poorest states.
  - 3. Himachal Pradesh currently has the highest per capita income in the country.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 151. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. In a parliamentary democracy, the elected government is responsible to the people's representatives and there is an assured term for the Executive.
  - 2. The Constitution-makers chose the parliamentary system over the Presidential system, believing it would better suit India's diversity.
  - 3. The Kovind Committee recommended that elections to the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies should be held once in five years simultaneously.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 152. Regarding Teesta River, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Teesta River originates in India and flows through Sikkim and West Bengal before entering Bangladesh.
  - 2. It is crucial to supporting nearly 14% of Bangladesh's crop production, and almost half a dozen districts of West Bengal are dependent on its waters.
  - An Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC)
    was established in 1972 to ensure the most effective
    joint effort in maximising the benefits of common
    river systems.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 153. Regarding the Fact Checking Unit (FCU), consider the following statements:
  - FCU has been tasked with flagging content deemed to be false information related to the central government and its agencies on social media platforms.
  - 2. If the fact-checking unit identifies any information as false, online intermediaries will be obligated to remove it.
  - 3. The Supreme Court of India has struck down Centre's Fact Check Unit terming it as unconstitutional.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 154. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** A National Security Strategy document outlines the country's security objectives and the ways to be adopted to achieve these.

**Statement-II:** India has begun creating its first-ever National Security Strategy (NSS) after years of discussions in military and strategic circles.

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
- 155. Regarding Pagers, consider the following statements:
  - 1. Pagers, also known as beepers, are wireless devices that receive and display messages.
  - Pagers operate using the Global Positioning System(GPS).
  - 3. Pagers can be modified to trigger signals for remote detonation or alerts without drawing attention.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 156. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) in 2015-16 and 2019-21 show high rates of undernutrition among children and high (and rising) rates of anaemia among adults.

**Statement-II:** Healthy nutritious diets are widely recognised as key to tackling the 'triple burden of malnutrition'.

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

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

### 157. Consider the following statements:

- The Quad is a formal diplomatic partnership between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States with a declared goal of curbing China's influence.
- Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) focuses on integrating the Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia, and the Indian Ocean region (IOR) in the Indo-Pacific.

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
- 158. Regarding Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:
  - 1. In the first five years of GST, states were compensated for any revenue loss based on a 14% annual growth over their 2015-16 revenue levels.
  - 2. The source of the compensation given to states was a cess that the Centre levied and collected on the sale of specific goods.
  - 3. Cess can be imposed only for a specific purpose and is outside the divisible pool of resources between the Centre and the states.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 159. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The central government in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India determines the inflation target in terms of the Wholesale Price Index, once in every five years.
  - 2. RBI has generally kept inflation within the 4-6% band even when inflation has breached the upper limit, the deviations have been modest.
  - 3. Price stability has helped fuel growth because it has allowed businesses to plan without worrying too much that surging their projections will be upset by surging costs.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 160. Regarding the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The temple is positioned on Venkata Hill, which is one of the saptagiri (seven hills) of Tirumala Hills.
  - 2. It is dedicated to Lord Sri Venkateswara, an incarnation of Vishnu.
  - 3. The temple's ancient roots can be traced to the Pallava dynasty, which had a strong influence on the region during the 9th century.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 161. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Economic Survey 2024 has favoured India plugging itself into China's supply chains through Chinese investments in India rather than importing from China.
  - 2. Bangladesh has the highest score of all emerging and developing countries as a potential alternative investment destination to China.

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
- 162. Regarding the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), consider the following statements:
  - 1. ATT bars a country from supplying conventional arms if it has the "knowledge" that these arms "would be used" to commit war crimes.
  - 2. The treaty is binding on India since India is a signatory to this treaty.

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

### 163. Consider the following:

Statement-I: In India, the central government can prohibit the export of defence goods due to India's international law obligations.

Statement-II: Geneva Conventions obligates all states 'to respect and to ensure respect for' International humanitarian law (IHL).

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
- 164. Consider the following statements regarding Section 107 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023:
  - 1. It deals with properties that are "proceeds of crime".
  - 2. It gives unbridled powers to the court to not only attach any property but also to forfeit the proceeds of crime to the government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 165. Regarding Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), consider the following statements:
  - 1. The benefit of the scheme has been expanded to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status.
  - 2. Due to the high cost of treatment Cancer and kidney transplants are kept out of the ambit of the scheme.
  - 3. The unique portability feature of the scheme ensures that beneficiaries avail treatment in hospitals across the country.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 166. Regarding the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), consider the following statements:
  - Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) is a Franceled initiative, launched in 2022, to create a regional framework for deeper economic integration in the Indo-Pacific region.
  - 2. The IPEF has 14 members including Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.
  - 3. India recently signed the Fair Economy and Clean Economy agreements negotiated under the aegis of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 167. Regarding the MSCI All Countries World index, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The MSCI All Countries World index is the primary measure of global stock market performance.
  - 2. India ranks as the fifth largest market in this global index, tied with France.

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. Regarding the National Financial Regulatory Authority (NFRA), consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Companies Act, 2013, provided the regulatory framework for the NFRA, but NFRA came into existence on October 1, 2018.
  - 2. The primary objective of the NFRA has been to strengthen the financial ecosystem and ensure the credibility of financial statements.
  - 3. It is tasked with regulating only listed companies and their audits.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 169. Regarding the National Credit Framework (NCrF) consider the following statements:
  - 1. The National Credit Framework (NCrF) is one of several transformative reforms that are derived from the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.
  - 2. The NCrF is an enabling framework rather than a regulatory one.
  - 3. When higher education institutions (HEIs) adopt the NCrF, students can earn credits for various activities provided they undergo an assessment.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 170. Regarding the 6th Quad Summit, consider the following statements:
  - The Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI) has been introduced to enhance regional maritime security capabilities.
  - 2. A first-ever Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission is planned for 2030, to enhance interoperability.
  - 3. Quad countries committed to a "Cancer Moonshot" for the treatment of cervical cancer.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 171. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Supreme Court has ruled that any act of viewing or displaying child pornographic material over the Internet without actual possession would also amount to "possession" punishable under Section 15 of the POCSO Act, 2012.

**Statement-II:** Supreme Court has advised the government to implement comprehensive sex education programmes that include the legal and ethical ramifications of child pornography.

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
- 172. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) has endeavoured to implement its Model Law developed on four pillars across nations.

**Statement-II:** Integration of cross-border regimes into a nation's legal ecosystem is considered the hallmark of sound insolvency laws.

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

### 173. Consider the following statements:

- 1. In India, fossil fuels meet as much as one-fourth of the country's electricity requirement.
- 2. A major policy objective of transitioning to electric mobility is to decarbonise road transport that contributes to about 12% of India's energy-related carbon dioxide emissions.

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

### 174. Consider the following statements:

- 1. While 20% of the global semiconductor manpower is located in India, India has always been a back-end design and services hub of foreign companies.
- India's Bharat Semi and 3rdiTech have inked a collaboration with the US Space Force to build the first, Indo-US semiconductor fab with a focus on national security.
- 3. The new semiconductor fabrication plant will be established with the objective of manufacturing infrared, gallium nitride and silicon carbide semiconductors.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

# 175. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) show real-world potential in restoring communication, control, and even sensation for those with physical limitations. **Statement-II:** Brain implants are paving the way for revolutionary technologies that allow people with disabilities to interact with the world in ways previously thought impossible.

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

### 176. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The 14th Finance Commission (FC) raised the untied transfers to states by an unprecedented 10 percentage points to 42%.
- 2. The 15th FC for horizontal devolution has given maximum weightage to the demographic performance of the states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

### 177. Lebanon is surrounded by which of the following?

- 1. Syria
- 2. Israel
- 3. Mediterranean 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 and 3

### 178. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Under Article 324, all elections to Parliament and the State legislatures are conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- 2. The money required to hold elections is sanctioned by Parliament as a part of the Budget.
- Under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, state governments are empowered to requisition premises and even vehicles for election purposes.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

### 179. Consider the following statements:

- The United States enjoys a near-monopoly status, controlling 60% of rare earth production, 60% of critical minerals production, and 80% of the processing worldwide.
- 2. Antimony is a critical mineral used in strategic sectors such as defence, for military equipment such as missiles, infrared sensors, flares, etc.

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

## 180. Consider the following statements:

- 1. September 26 marks the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- 2. India is one of the founding members of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which came into effect in 2021.
- 3. Signatories of TPNW are barred from developing, testing, producing, deploying, keeping, or threatening to use any nuclear explosive devices.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 181. Regarding National Pension System Vatsalya (NPS Vatsalya) scheme, consider the following statements:
  - 1. Under the scheme, the Vatsalya account requires a minimum initial contribution of Rs 1,000 to open.
  - Upon reaching adulthood, the account is automatically converted into a standard NPS account.
  - 3. NPS Vatsalya offers market-linked returns, facilitating higher investment growth based on asset allocation decisions and financial market performance.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 182. Regarding Genetically modified crops, consider the following statements:
  - 1. They are plants whose DNA has been altered using genetic engineering techniques.
  - 2. India was the first country in the world to introduce GM crops with the introduction of Bt Cotton.
  - In India, the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is responsible for approving GM crops.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 183. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Many Indian companies and outbound funds are using Mauritius as an investment hub and entry point for investments into Africa.

**Statement-II:** The combination of geographic proximity, political stability, and a strong regulatory environment positioned Mauritius as the go-to destination for structuring investments into Africa.

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

184. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** In India, there are two skill gaps, one where job seekers lack proper skills despite having qualifications due to poor training, and another where they receive no skill training at all.

**Statement-II:** Food processing, textiles, and apparel sector create many jobs and are connected to agriculture and manufacturing, but they may struggle to compete internationally in global markets.

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

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- 185. Regarding Lokpal, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Prime Minister of India is excluded from the jurisdiction of the Lokpal.
  - 2. The Lokpal does not have jurisdiction over Ministers and MPs in the matter of anything said in Parliament or a vote given there.
  - 3. If Lokpal has referred a case to CBI, the investigating officer in such case cannot be transferred without the approval of Lokpal.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 186. Consider the following statements:
  - The Old Pension Scheme (OPS) provided government employees with a fixed pension based on their last salary, with the government fully responsible for paying it.
  - 2. OPS is often viewed as a more secure system compared to the New Pension Scheme (NPS), which ties retirement funds to volatile market conditions.
  - 3. The shift from OPS to NPS represents the neoliberal tendency to reduce state involvement in welfare provisions and transfer risk to individuals.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None

- 187. Regarding Make in India, consider the following statements:
  - It was launched in 2014 and aims to transform the country into a leading global destination for manufacturing and investment.
  - 2. It aims to de-license and de-regulate the industry during the entire life cycle of a business.

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
- 188. Regarding Delhi's Winter Action Plan, consider the following statements:
  - 1. For the first time, drones will monitor pollution hotspots across the city to provide real-time data and enhance pollution control efforts.
  - 2. A dedicated task force will be established to oversee the implementation of the action plan and ensure effective execution.
  - 3. A significant component of the strategy is the mandatory work-from-home policy for all private and government organsiation aimed at reducing vehicular emissions.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 189. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The supreme court recent judgment recommended replacing the term "child pornography" with "child sexual exploitative and abuse material" (CSEAM) strengthening legal protections for minors.

**Statement-II:** The term "pornography" often implies consensual adult behaviour, which mischaracterized the non-consensual and abusive nature of content involving minors

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
- 190. Regarding Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It was proposed as a novel approach for tackling 21st-century economic problems that impact global trade and business.
  - 2. The first in-person meetings of the Supply Chain Council and Crisis Response Network of the IPEF were recently held in New Delhi.

3. India currently holds the vice chair in the Supply Chain Council while the US is in chair.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 191. Regarding Nuclear Energy, consider the following statements:
  - 1. India has abundant nuclear fuel with the largest thorium reserves, accounting for more than half of the world's deposits.
  - 2. The current nuclear capacity of India is a mere 8 gigawatt (Gw) less than 2% of the total installed capacity.
  - Small modular reactor technology allows reactors to be built in factories and transported to sites, increasing the flexibility of nuclear plant operations.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 192. Consider the following statements:
  - The automotive industry accounts for 7.1% of India's GDP and provides direct and indirect employment to 19 million people.
  - 2. The PM E-DRIVE scheme is the successor to the earlier Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles (FAME) II scheme.
  - 3. The PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism scheme could boost public e-bus adoption by facilitating private-sector participation through the public-private partnership route.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 193. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. Starting in 2026, the EU proposes to impose a carbon tax on imported goods based on emissions during the production of goods in the exporting country.
  - 2. The levy would initially apply to only the iron and steel industry.

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 Cess, consider the following statements:
  - 1. A cess is a specific tax the Union government imposes to raise funds for a designated purpose.
  - 2. Cess is not shared with state governments; the money collected stays with the central government.
  - 3. Currently, the only cess the Union government levies is the GST compensation cess.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 195. Regarding Press Note 3 (PN3), consider the following statements:
  - 1. India adopted a new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) regulation called Press Note 3 (PN3).
  - 2. PN3 is enforced through the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.
  - It aims to prevent opportunistic takeovers of Indian companies weakened by the pandemic by requiring prior government approval for investments from neighboring countries.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 196. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. After the 2013 taper tantrum, India focused on strengthening economic stability, helping it handle global challenges in recent years.
  - 2. In India, where food is a major expense, climate shocks can raise inflation for long periods, and policy responses may slow down growth.
  - Sustained geopolitical tensions can also pose serious challenges with disruption in supply chains and capital flows.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 197. Consider the following statements:
  - India is one of the largest e-waste producers in South Asia, generating 1.6 million tonnes from electronics, with over half remaining unprocessed.
  - The E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 introduced the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), mandating producers to take back end-of-life products in return for EPRs.

3. The E-Waste Management Rules, 2022 made it mandatory for every manufacturer, refurbisher, and recycler to register on an online portal developed by the Central Pollution Control Board.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 198. Regarding Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:
  - The switch from value-added tax (VAT) to goods and services tax (GST) changed the tax system from destination-based to source-based for states.
  - 2. In the old system, the exporting state taxed interstate transactions, but now, the revenue goes to the destination state.
  - 3. IGST is the tax on interstate transactions, collected by the Union government, while the exporting state receives no revenue but gets a full input tax credit.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 199. Regarding the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:
  - The BIMSTEC is a regional multilateral organisation whose members lie in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal constituting a contiguous regional unity.
  - 2. BIMSTEC not only connects South and Southeast Asia, but also the ecologies of the Great Himalayas and the Bay of Bengal.
  - 3. It was established in 1997 through the Balfour Declaration, initially consisting of four members, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, known as 'BIST-EC.'

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 200. Global Gender Gap Index is released by which of the following?
  - A. World Economic Forum
  - B. World Bank
  - C. World Health Organisation
  - D. None of the Above

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

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