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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Immediately after the commencement of the examination, you should check that this test booklet does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items, etc. if so, get it replaced by a complete test booklet.
2. This test contains 100 questions. Each question comprises four responses and you have to mark only one as the correct response. In case you feel there is more than one response, mark the one that you consider the best or the most appropriate.
3. Each question carries equal marks, i.e., **2 marks**. However, there will be penalty for wrong answers. For each wrong response to a question, **one-third** of the total marks assigned to the question, will be deducted as penalty.
 - (a) If a student gives more than one answer to a question, it will be treated as wrong answer.
 - (b) If there is no response to a question, there will be no penalty for that question.
4. You have to mark all your responses on the separate Answer Sheet (OMR Sheet).
5. After filling the responses, submit only the answer sheet. You can take away the question booklet.

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1. With reference to Model Code of Conduct, consider the following statements:

1. Model Code of Conduct (MCC) comes into force with the announcement of voting dates and remains in force until the date of the result announcement.
2. Tamil Nadu was the first state to adopt a code of conduct for elections.
3. It is enforceable under The Representation of People Act, 1951.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

2. With reference to Elections, consider the following statements:

1. EVMs and VVPATs used in Indian elections are designed and manufactured by a world class electronic company based in Germany.
2. Indelible ink used in the elections is solely produced by a Public Sector Undertaking of the Government of Karnataka.

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. A Curative Petition is a unique legal remedy available in certain jurisdictions, including India, to rectify miscarriages of justice and address final judgments that may have been rendered unfairly. Which case is the landmark with reference to curative petitions in India?

- (a) Rupa Ashok Hurra v. Ashok Hurra
(b) Shreya Singhal v. Union of India
(c) Common Cause v. Union of India
(d) Minerva Mills v. Union of India

4. With reference to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), consider the following statements:

1. Its members and chairperson are appointed by the President.
2. It possesses the power of a civil court with judicial proceedings.
3. Its decisions are binding and can compel authorities to take specific actions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

5. With reference to the concept of Public Interest Litigation (PIL), consider the following statements:

1. The locus standi in cases of PIL is based on public welfare.
2. The concept of PIL developed in the United Kingdom in the 1960s.
3. In India, the concept of PIL is a result of judicial activism.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

6. With reference to Armed Forces (Special powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA), consider the following statements:

1. Under AFSPA, both central and state governments have concurrent powers to declare an area as 'disturbed'.
2. As per the Supreme Court of India, AFSPA gives unrestricted authority to designate an area as 'disturbed area'.

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

7. Consider the following:

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| 1. President | 2. Governors |
| 3. Chief Ministers | 4. Prime Minister |
| 5. Central Cabinet Ministers | |

Constitutionally, how many of the above enjoy immunity from civil and criminal proceedings until the conclusion of their terms?

- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(c) Only four (d) All five

8. With reference to the elections in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), consider the following statements:

1. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act mandated a 5-year tenure to ULBs.
2. In case of dissolution of ULBs, election shall be held within six months.

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

9. With reference to Special Leave Petition, consider the following statements:
1. It is provided for under the constitution of India.
 2. It is a discretionary power of Indian High Courts.
 3. The Supreme Court has advisory jurisdiction under article 143 of the constitution of India.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None of the above
10. In the first General election (1951-52), which of the following political parties, emerged as the first runner-up?
- (a) Socialist Party
(b) The Communist Party of India
(c) Swatantra Party
(d) Bhartiya Janta Dal
11. With reference to Pulses in India, consider the following statements:
1. India is the largest producer and importer of Pulses in the world.
 2. Punjab and Haryana are among the top 5 pulses producing states in India.
 3. As it's a non-leguminous crop, it needs heavy dose of fertilizer, degrading soil health.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
12. With reference to National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), consider the following statements:
1. It was founded on the day of Gandhi Jayanti and is registered under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002.
 2. It is one of the largest procurement as well as marketing agencies for agricultural products in India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. Consider the following parts of the constitution of India:
1. Part III
 2. Part IV
 3. Part IVA
- How many of the above parts of the constitution contain provision regarding education in India?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
14. In context of Monetary policy stances, the withdrawal of accommodative policy implies which of the following?
- (a) Increasing the money supply in the system to stimulate economic growth.
(b) Lowering interest rates to encourage borrowing and investment.
(c) Implementing measures to boost liquidity and support market stability.
(d) Reducing the money supply in the system which will control inflation.
15. With reference to the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), consider the following statements:
1. Chaired by the Union Finance Minister
 2. Has a statutory basis
 3. Required to meet at least 5 times a year
 4. Required to determine CRR and SLR rates
- How many of the above are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
16. With reference to Nostro accounts, consider the following statements:
1. A Nostro account is held by a bank in another bank.
 2. Nostro and Vostro accounts are held in a foreign denomination.
- 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
17. With reference to the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI), consider the following statements:
1. It is prepared every month by NSO under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
 2. The base year in the current series of ICI has been revised to 2017.
 3. Natural gas and cement industries are the two highest weighted industries in the ICI.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None

18. With reference to Sovereign Green Bonds, consider the following statements:
1. Foreign Institutional Investors operating within the International Financial Service Centre are allowed to invest in India's Sovereign Green Bonds.
 2. Sovereign Green Bonds are considered under the Statutory Liquidity Ratio of a bank.
 3. The difference in interest rates between SGrBs and G-Secs is called a 'greenium'.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
19. India announced its target to achieve net zero by 2070 in which of the following?
- (a) COP 26 of UNFCCC
(b) COP 27 of UNFCCC
(c) COP 15 of UNCBD
(d) COP 16 of UNCBD
20. With reference to Inflation Targeting, consider the following statements:
1. Under the current system, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) aims to keep the inflation rate between 4% and 8%.
 2. RBI reduces policy rates to keep rising inflation under control.
- 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. With reference to Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following:
1. India is a founding member and the fourth largest shareholder in ADB.
 2. It was established before Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and is headquartered at Manila.
 3. Currently, it has no members from outside Asia.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 2 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 3
(d) 1 only
22. With reference to Indian Economy, the term 'Advance Pricing Agreement' is used in reference to?
- (a) An agreement between a company and its suppliers to fix the prices of raw materials in advance.
 - (b) A scheme introduced by the government to set prices of essential commodities for the upcoming financial year.
 - (c) A policy implemented by banks to determine the interest rates on long-term loans in advance.
 - (d) An informal arrangement between taxpayers and the tax authority on transfer prices.
23. With reference to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), consider the following:
1. CBDT is a statutory body
 2. It is a part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.
 3. It is responsible for the administration of direct tax laws through the Income Tax Department.
- Which of the above given statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3
24. Consider the following financial systems:
1. Unified Payment Interface
 2. Aadhar Enabled Payment System
 3. Real Time Gross Settlement
 4. RuPay
 5. National Automated Clearing System
- How many of the above are operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?
- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(c) Only four (d) All five
25. The term 'Salami Slicing' is often referred to in international discourses. What does it refer to?
- (a) It is a strategy where a nation executes minor, steady actions to extend control in contested territories.
 - (b) It refers to a method used by international corporations to reduce production costs by outsourcing labor incrementally.
 - (c) It is a diplomatic tactic where countries break down large agreements into smaller, more manageable negotiations.
 - (d) It denotes the practice of cutting economic aid to developing countries in small, unnoticeable increments over time.

26. With reference to Industries, consider the following statements:

1. The Index of Eight Core Industries is compiled and published monthly by the Index of Industrial Production.
2. The eight core industries comprise more than 60 percent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial production.
3. Electricity is among the top three highest weighted industries among the eight core industries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 2 only (d) 3 only

27. With reference to Katchatheevu island, consider the following statements:

1. It is an uninhabited island located in the Palk strait.
2. There are no structures or buildings on the island.
3. The island comes under the territory of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

28. With reference to High Seas, consider the following statements:

1. It is the area beyond a country's Exclusive Economic Zone.
2. It is considered as the common heritage of all mankind.
3. It covers about half of the Earth's surface.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 only

29. Often seen in the news, what does the 'nine dash line' refer to?

- (a) It is a demarcation used by the United Nations to outline international shipping lanes in the Pacific Ocean.
- (b) It refers to a strategic defense perimeter established by ASEAN countries in the South China Sea.
- (c) They are Chinese claims on the ocean, islands and reefs along its maritime boundary.
- (d) It is a boundary line set by the International Maritime Organization to divide fishing zones in the Indian Ocean.

30. Consider the following countries:

1. Greece
2. Algeria
3. Croatia
4. Albania
5. Turkey

How many of the above countries have a border with Aegean Sea?

- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(d) Only four (d) All five

31. With reference to volcanoes, consider the following:

1. They are a source of metals and precious gems.
2. They can be used to harness power through geothermal and hydroelectric means.
3. Volcanic soils are generally infertile and highly acidic.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3
(b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2
(d) 2 only

32. Carbon credits, also known as carbon offsets, are permits that allow the owner to

- (a) Emit 1 ton of carbon dioxide
- (b) Emit 1 ton of carbon dioxide per month.
- (c) Emit 10 tons of carbon dioxide.
- (d) Emit 1 ton of carbon dioxide or the equivalent in other greenhouse gases.

33. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Environment related fund</i>	<i>Origin</i>
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| 1. Global Environment Facility | : Kyoto Protocol of UNFCCC |
| 2. Adaptation fund | : Paris Agreement of UNFCCC |
| 3. Loss and damage fund | : COP 27 and 28 of UNFCCC |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None

34. Consider the following pairs:

<i>In news</i>	<i>Location</i>
1. Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary	: Haryana
2. Nauradehi Sanctuary	: Chhattisgarh
3. Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary	: Tripura

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

35. The 30×30 target is a global initiative and is a key part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). What is it concerned with?

- (a) It aims to reduce global carbon emissions by 30% by the year 2030
(b) It focuses on increasing renewable energy usage to 30% of the total energy mix by 2030
(c) It aims to reduce the global rate of deforestation by 30% by 2030
(d) It aims to protect 30% of the Earth's land and ocean by 2030 as protected areas

36. With reference to Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECM) sites, consider the following statements:

- The OECM tag is given by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Aravalli Biodiversity Park was declared India's first OECM site.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

37. With reference to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), consider the following statements:

- It has 15 members, including the permanent 5.
- The presidency of UNSC rotates among the members every month.
- India has been elected as the non-permanent member of UNSC more than 10 times.
- The Uniting for Consensus movement supports expansion of the permanent seats of UNSC.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
(c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 2

38. With reference to Tuberculosis (TB), consider the following statements:

- As per the India TB report 2024, mortality rate due to TB is showing an increasing trend.
- TB spreads through the air when people with active TB cough, sneeze, or spit, releasing small droplets containing the TB virus.
- India has a goal to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 (d) 2 only

39. Consider the following statements:

- India gives the biggest contribution of personnels to UN peacekeeping operations.
- Recently, India sent a platoon of women peacekeepers to Abyei, South Sudan.
- India became the first country to deploy an all-women contingent to a UN peacekeeping mission in 2023.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 3 only
(c) 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

40. With reference to Ozone, consider the following statements:

- Ground level ozone is a secondary pollutant, and it is the main ingredient in smog.
- In the stratosphere, ozone completely absorbs sun's ultraviolet radiation.
- Lack of ozone in troposphere can lead to increased risk of skin cancer in human beings.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 3 only
(c) 1 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

41. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Space Debris Removal Initiative</i>	<i>Country</i>
1. CRD2	: Japan
2. NETRA	: India
3. Zero Debris Charter	: Europe
4. Orbital Debris Program	: United States

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

42. With reference to ancient India, Mahavira was generally known by which of the following epithets?
1. Nayaputta
 2. Jitendriya
 3. Nirgrantha
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3
 - (d) None of the above are epithets of Vardhaman Mahavira
43. Hepatitis is caused by infectious viruses (viral hepatitis), and noninfectious agents, leading to a range of health problems, some of which can be fatal.
- There are five main strains of the hepatitis virus: A, B, C, D, and E, each with different modes of transmission, severity, geographical distribution, and prevention methods
- Vaccination is not yet available for which type of Hepatitis virus?
- (a) Hepatitis A
 - (b) Hepatitis B
 - (c) Hepatitis C
 - (d) Hepatitis D
44. With reference to Insurance in India, consider the following statements:
1. Insurance density is defined as insurance premium as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product.
 2. The overall life insurance density has reduced in the last couple of decades.
- 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
45. With reference to the International Labour Organization (ILO), consider the following statements:
1. It was established by the treaty of Versailles and is a specialized United Nations (UN) agency.
 2. India Employment Report 2024 was released by ILO.
 3. It is the only tripartite agency of the UN which has received a Nobel Prize.
- Which of the above given statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
46. The writ of Certiorari is issued by Supreme court or a high court to
- (a) the lower court directing them to either transfer the pending case to the higher court or to quash the order passed by them in a case.
 - (b) any public authority to perform a duty they are obligated to perform
 - (c) a legislature to prevent it from proceeding in a law which it does not have jurisdiction
 - (d) the government to produce a person it has detained before the court to examine the legality of the detention
47. With reference to cotton cultivation in India, consider the following:
1. India is the only country which cultivates all four species of cotton.
 2. No cotton is grown in the northeastern part of India due to the terrain and soil type.
 3. Bt cotton is the only genetically modified (GM) crop approved for commercial cultivation in India.
- Which of the above given statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
48. With reference to e-Rupi consider the following statements:
1. It has been developed by Reserve Bank of India.
 2. It is a pre-paid voucher and can be used even through basic feature phones.
 3. It is expected to play a major role in strengthening direct benefit transfer schemes.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 2
 - (d) 2 and 3
49. With reference to Indian presence in the Antarctica, consider the following statements:
1. All Indian research stations in the Antarctica are located between Ross ice shelf and Ronne ice shelf.
 2. Himadri or 'the abode of snow' was India's first research station built in Antarctica.
 3. India has been a Consultative Party to the Antarctic Treaty since 1983.
- Which of the above given statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

50. Erez and Kerem shalom have been seen in the news in the recent past. What are these related to?
- Border crossing at the junction of two border sections.
 - Newly developed sustainable cities in Scandinavia.
 - Major river ports on the Danube River.
 - Recently discovered archaeological sites in South America.
51. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>PVTGs</i> | <i>State</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Kondha Reddi | : Odisha |
| 2. Shompen | : Meghalaya |
| 3. Chenchus | : Madhya Pradesh |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
52. With reference to Finance commission, consider the following statements:
- It is independent, semi judicial and a statutory authority.
 - The recommendations of the upcoming Fifteenth Finance Commission will remain valid till 2030.
 - It deals with both vertical and horizontal fiscal imbalances.
- Which of the above given statements is/are correct?
- 1, 2 and 3
 - 1 and 3
 - 3 only
 - 2 only
53. Kudremukh National Park is in Chikmagalur district in Karnataka. It offers the visitor 600 km² of undulating mountains and tropical wet evergreen forest. It is noted for its scenic beauty and as a source of multiple rivers. In this context, consider the following river:
- Tunga
 - Krishna
 - Bhadra
 - Netravati
 - Kabini
- Kudremukh is the source of how many of the above rivers?
- Only two
 - Only three
 - Only four
 - All five
54. Which village from India was recently recognized by United Nations World Tourism Organization as Best Tourism Village in 2023 for its commitment to eco-conscious living and sustainable tourism?
- Dhordo, Gujrat
 - Khonoma, Nagaland
 - Madla, Madhya Pradesh
 - Pochampally, Telangana
55. With reference to Rabindranath Tagore, consider the following statements:
- He got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1913 for uniting the Bengal population after the partition of 1905.
 - He renounced his British Knighthood in protest of the Bengal partition of 1905.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
56. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Mountains</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Mount Ruang | : Israel |
| 2. Mount Mulanje | : Malawi |
| 3. Mount Hermon | : Indonesia |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
57. With reference to PM SVANidhi Scheme, consider the following statements:
- It is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
 - Collateral free loans up to ₹50,000 can be given under this scheme.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
58. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated every year on 15th of November.
- Statement- II:** On 15th of November 1912, Alluri Sitarama Raju was born.

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

59. Gene Transmembrane Aminopeptidase Q (Taqpep) was seen in the news recently in context of which of the following?

- (a) Development of drought-resistant crops
- (b) Breakthrough in human stem cell research
- (c) Discovery of new antibiotic-resistant bacteria
- (d) Genetic mutation within melanistic tigers

60. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Military Exercise</i>	<i>Participants (Along with India)</i>
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| 1. Mitra Shakti | : Sri Lanka |
| 2. Sagar Kavach | : Pakistan |
| 3. Samudra Shakti | : Japan |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

61. With reference to Election commission of India (ECI), consider the following statements:

1. Originally, the ECI was only one Election Commissioner of India and right now it is a three member body.
2. Constitutional provisions for the ECI are provided under par XV of the constitution of India.
3. ECI advises the speaker of Lok Sabha on matters concerning the disqualification of Members of Parliament.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 2 only

62. Consider the following statements:

1. The constitution of India provides for exclusive original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases.
2. The Supreme court has the power to punish for its contempt either Suo moto or on a petition by Attorney general.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

63. With reference to Borrowing powers of States, consider the following statements:

1. States can only borrow within Indian territory on the guarantee of the consolidated fund of the state.
2. Without the consent of the centre, states can raise up to 50% of their outstanding debt with the centre.

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:

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| 1. Territorial water | 2. Internal waters |
| 3. High Seas | 4. Contiguous zone |

Arrange the above given maritime zone in order of how they appear starting from the base line. Choose the correct answer from the code given below:

- (a) 1-2-3-4
- (b) 2-3-1-4
- (c) 2-1-4-3
- (d) 1-2-4-3

65. With reference to United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), consider the following statements:

1. As per UNCLOS all foreign ships with some exceptions enjoy the right of innocent passage.
2. While UNCLOS has been ratified by a significant number of countries, big countries like The United States of America and India are yet to ratify it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

66. The disputed islands of Senkaku or Diaoyu are located on which of the following maritime regions?

- (a) South China Sea
- (b) North China Sea
- (c) East China Sea
- (d) Near Sunda Strait

67. With reference to the Nagorno Karabakh region, consider the following statements:

1. It is bordered by the Caspian Sea to its East.
2. It is a disputed region between Russia and Ukraine.

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. 'The order of the Druk Gyalpo' was awarded to the Prime Minister of India recently. The Order of the Druk Gyalpo was instituted as the decoration for lifetime achievement and is the pinnacle of the honor system of

- (a) Bhutan (b) France
(c) Myanmar (d) Thailand

69. Recently, an India led Group of Friends (GOF) launched a Unite Aware Platform for which of the following reasons?

- (a) To provide real-time data to UN peacekeeping missions for enhanced situational awareness.
- (b) To record crimes against UN peacekeepers and monitor progress in holding perpetrators accountable.
- (c) To track the carbon footprint of peacekeeping missions and develop strategies for carbon neutrality.
- (d) To monitor and prevent cyber-attacks on the UN's communication networks and sensitive information systems.

70. With reference to Great Indian Bustard, consider the following statements:

1. It is the biggest flightless bird endemic to India.
2. It is kept as one of the 22 species in India's species recovery program.
3. It is the state animal of Rajasthan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 only (d) 2 only

71. With reference to Border Security Force (BSF), consider the following statements:

1. It comes under the aegis of Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. It was raised in the wake of Indo-Pakistani war of 1971.
3. It is currently the largest border guarding force in the world.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 3 only (d) 2 only

72. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Portals</i>	<i>Ministry</i>
1. SATHEE	: Ministry of Mines
2. AAINA Dashboard	: Ministry of Panchayati Raj
3. SuSwagatam	: Ministry of Home Affairs

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

73. Consider the following:

1. Cricket
2. Squash
3. Baseball

How many of the above sports have been approved by the International Olympics Committee for inclusion in Olympics of 2028?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

74. Climate change is drying up the largest freshwater lake of this continent. Persistent drought has caused havoc for the Indigenous peoples who live on floating islands and depend on rains that have stopped falling. Which lake is it?

- (a) Lake Titicaca (b) Lake Maracaibo
(c) Lake Albert (d) Lake Kivu

75. With reference to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), consider the following statements:

1. Angola has recently announced its exit from the OPEC.
2. Venezuela, with world's largest crude oil reserves in not a part of OPEC but OPEC+.
3. OPEC is headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
(b) 1 and 3
(c) 3 only
(d) 1 only

76. With reference to Sea Buckthorn, consider the following statements:

1. It has got a Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Ladakh.
2. China is the largest producer of sea Buckthorn.
3. It is a soil-binding plant which prevents soil-erosion and helps preserve floral biodiversity.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 3 and 1
- (d) 1 only

77. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Festival	Region	Reason for celebration
1	Bamchu	Assam	Holy water vase ritual commemorated to a monastery
2	Pushkaralu	Rajasthan	To celebrate the God Pushkar or Brahma
3	Siang Unying	Arunachal Pradesh	Beginning of the Adi community's new year

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) One pair only
- (b) Two pairs only
- (c) All three pairs
- (d) None of the pairs

78. With reference to Adi Shankaracharya, consider the following statements:

1. His statue, also known as the 'Statue of Oneness' has been built in Omkareshwar, in Uttar Pradesh.
2. Four cardinal mathas or peeths in the Hindu religion are believed to have been established by Adi Shankara in the 5th century CE.

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

79. With reference to Artificial reefs, consider the following statements:

1. India does not yet possess the technology required to install artificial reefs and boost the marine biodiversity.
2. Biorock technology is used to build artificial reefs by forming a calcium carbonate layer.

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. With reference to 'G4' often seen in the news in context of United Nations, consider the following countries:

1. India
2. Argentina
3. Japan
4. Russia

How many of the above countries are a part of the G4 countries?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

81. With reference to 'Constitutional Morality', consider the following statements:

1. It implies bowing down to the norms of the constitution and not act in a manner which would violate it.
2. The term 'Constitutional Morality' is not explicitly mentioned in the constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

82. The supreme court of India described right to privacy as a fundamental and inalienable right in which of the following case?

- (a) Golaknath case
- (b) Maneka Gandhi case
- (c) Minerva Mills case
- (d) K.S Puttaswamy case

83. With reference to RBI's Retail Direct Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. This scheme is aimed at diversifying the government securities market.
2. Under the scheme, individuals will have the facility to open and maintain the 'Retail Direct Gilt Account' with the RBI.

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

84. With reference to foreign investments, consider the following:

1. Foreign Direct Investment in relatively more unstable than the Foreign Portfolio investment.
2. Government's prior approval is mandatory in case of FDI from a country sharing physical border with India.
3. United States of America and Netherland are among the top 5 FDI sources for India.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

85. Consider the following:

1. West Bengal 2. Bihar
3. Assam 4. Arunachal Pradesh

How many of the above states share their border with Bhutan?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

86. With reference to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), consider the following statements:

1. It is an international nongovernmental organization which was officially founded in Bonn, Germany.
2. India is a founding member of IRENA.
3. IRENA is headquartered in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 only

87. The Global Risks Report 2024, was released by which of the following organizations?

- (a) World Economic Forum (WEF)
(b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(c) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
(d) World Bank

88. Consider the following pairs:

Celestial bodies **Description**

1. Kepler 22b : Black hole
2. Proxima Centauri b : Exoplanet
3. TRAPPIST 1 System : Star system

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

89. With reference to PRATUSH Telescope, consider the following statements:

1. It is designed to be placed along with the Aditya L1 in the L1 point in space.
2. It aims to uncover the timing and characteristics of first stars' formation in the universe.

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. With reference to Vaikom Satyagraha, consider the following statements:

1. The movement was triggered by the prohibition of people from oppressed classes, from walking on the roads surrounding the Vaikom Mahadeva temple.
2. It was led by leaders like T K Madhavan, K.P. Kesava Menon, and K. Kelappan.
3. The satyagraha recently completed its 150 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 2 only (d) 1 and 2

91. Consider the following pairs:

New Year Festivals **Location**

1. Ugadi : Andhra Pradesh
2. Gudi Padwa : Maharashtra
3. Chaitra Sukladi : Kerala

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

92. With reference to The Aihole Inscription, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Sanskrit inscription in Aihole, Karnataka.
2. It was composed by the Jain poet Ravikirti in honor of his patron Pulakesin I of Chalukya dynasty.
3. This inscription gives information about the conquests of Chalukyan king.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 3 only (d) 2 only

93. With reference to National Commission for Women (NCW), consider the following statements:

1. It was established in 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act.
2. Apart from responding to complaints, NCW can also take suo motu notice of matters related to the deprivation of women's rights.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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

1. The FCRA was enacted in 1976 during the Emergency period.
2. Applicants need to open a bank account for the receipt of the foreign funds at a specified branch of State Bank of India in New Delhi only.
3. Once cancelled, an NGO is ineligible for re-registration for lifetime.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

95. With reference to Green Credit Program, consider the following statements:

1. It was announced during the COP 28 of United Nations Framework Convention On Climate Change.
2. This program operates under the Carbon Credit Trading 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

96. With reference to Space, 'Goldilocks' Zones' are often seen in the news in context of?

- (a) It refers to the habitable zone around a star.
(b) It refers to the regions of space where black holes are found.
(c) It refers to the zones where dark matter is most concentrated.
(d) It refers to the areas in space where asteroids are most densely packed.

97. With reference to Jainism, consider the following statements:

1. The three jewels of Jainism include right faith, right knowledge and right conduct.
2. Among the five mahavratas of Jainism, the 'asteya' or 'non stealing' was added by Mahavira.
3. Sthalabahu led the shvetambara sect of Jainism.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

98. Consider the following:

1. Sahyadri 2. Nilgiri Hills
3. Cardamon Hills 4. Anamalai Hills

How many of the above are a part of Western ghats?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

99. With reference to the 6th Minor Irrigation census, consider the following statements:

1. It was released by the Central Ground water Board.
2. Maharashtra holds the highest number of minor irrigation schemes.
3. There are more ground water schemes than surface water schemes.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only

100. Consider the following pairs:

	Organisation	Type	Headquartered at
1.	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Non-governmental organization	Paris
2.	Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)	Specialized agency of the United Nations	Rome
3.	International Energy Agency (IEA)	Inter-governmental organisation	Vienna

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) One pair only (b) Two pairs only
(c) All three pairs (d) None of the pairs



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