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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.
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- 1. With reference to Constitutional provisions related to reservation in India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Part XVII of the constitution of India deals with the reservation of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes
 - 2. Article 17 provides for reservation for advancement of the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) section in the society.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2. Which of the following constitutional amendment acts introduced the concept of consequential seniority for SC/ST candidates promoted through reservation?
 - (a) 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act
 - (b) 47th Constitutional Amendment Act
 - (c) 65th Constitutional Amendment Act
 - (d) 85th Constitutional Amendment Act
- 3. With reference to the National Testing Agency, consider the following statements:
 - 1. NTA is established as a Society registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act of 1860.
 - 2. NTA is an autonomous and self-sustained testing organization.

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. With reference to Posts of Speaker and Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:
 - 1. They are both elected from among the Lok Sabha members by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
 - 2. Lok Sabha speakers can amend the oath taking rules for Members of Parliament.
 - 3. The dates for the election of Deputy speaker are decided by the President of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 5. With reference to the Membership of Cabinet Committees, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The non cabinet ministers are not debarred from the members of Cabinet Committees.
 - 2. In case Prime Minister is a member of a Union Cabinet Committee, he/she must preside over
 - 3. Finance Minister is the sole member of the Appointments Committee headed by the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 6. With reference to the Constitutional Amendment Bills, consider the following statements:
 - 1. A constitutional amendment bill can be introduced in Lok Sabha or any state legislative assembly.
 - 2. A joint sitting of the Parliament must be conducted in case of a deadlock arising due to disagreement of the houses on constitutional amendment bill.
 - 3. The President of India cannot reject or return a Constitutional amendment bill.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 7. With reference to the Flag Code of India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The sanctioned method to dispose of the national flag is either by burning or burying.
 - 2. The Flag Code does not allow for the National flag to be flown at Night.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 8. With reference to religious freedom in India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. In the Lily Thomas case, the Supreme court stated that the propagation of atheism violates Article 25 of the constitution.
 - 2. Article 25 of the constitution guarantees freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice and propagate religion.



- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 9. With reference to the State Finance Commission (SFC), consider the following statements:
 - 1. Originally, the Constitutional of India, did not contain provisions for SFCs.
 - 2. SFCs present their reports and make recommendations to the Governor of their respective 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
- 10. Which of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has not been included in calculation of the Scores under NITI Aayog's SDG India Index?
 - (a) SDG Goal 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth
 - (b) SDG Goal 14 Life Below Water
 - (c) SDG Goal 15 Life on Land
 - (d) SDG Goals 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
- 11. With reference to the constitutional position of the Governor of States, consider the following statements:
 - Arrest or imprisonment processed cannot be issued against the governor during their term of office.
 - 2. They hold the office at the pleasure of the President.

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. With reference to the Project Nexus of Bank for International Settlements (BIS), consider the following statements:
 - Project Nexus is focused on developing a unified digital currency for all member countries of the BIS.
 - 2. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has joined Project Nexus.

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. Who among the following established a lighthouse at Mamallapuram in the 7th Century CE?
 - (a) Rajendra Chola I
- (b) Pulakeshin II
- (c) Mahendravarman
- (d) Narasimhavarman
- 14. With reference to Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), consider the following statements:
 - 1. Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) is the head of the department of the CDSCO.
 - 2. CDSCO has the regulatory control over the import of drugs, approval of new drugs and clinical trial.
 - 3. It comes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 15. India regularly conducts the Tri-Services military exercise known as 'INDRA' with which of the following countries?
 - (a) Russia
 - (b) France
 - (c) United Kingdom
 - (d) United States of America
- 16. The main asteroid belt within our Solar System is located
 - (a) between Earth and Mars.
 - (b) beyond Saturn's rings.
 - (c) beyond Neptune's orbit.
 - (d) between Mars and Jupiter.
- 17. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Name	Location	UNESCO recognition
1	Panna Biosphere reserve	Madhya Pradesh	Yes
2	Cold Desert Biosphere reserve	Himachal Pradesh	Yes
3 Pachmarhi Biosphere reserve		Uttar Pradesh	No

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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- 18. Recently, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully completed the third and final Reusable Launch Vehicle Landing Experiment for which of the following?
 - (a) Vikas Vehicle
 - (b) Vikram Vehicle
 - (c) Pushpak Vehicle
 - (d) Prithvi Vehicle
- 19. Often seen in the news, 'NeuraLink' is associated with which of the following?
 - (a) It is a global initiative to develop next-generation quantum computing for military applications.
 - (b) It is a brain-computer interface to help people with traumatic injuries.
 - (c) It is a space-based project aimed at providing internet connectivity to remote and underserved areas globally through a network of low-Earth orbit satellites.
 - (d) It is an advanced artificial intelligence system designed to automate complex financial trading algorithms across global markets.
- 20. With reference to the Music System in India, consider the following statements:
 - Roots of Music in India can be traced back to Gandharva Veda, which is a sub-Veda of the Atharvaveda.
 - 2. The terms Hindustani and Carnatic Music were coined by Haripala.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 21. Consider the following pairs:

Mudra Signifies 1. Bhumisparsha Buddha 2. Varada - Represents the moment of Enlightenment 3. Abhay - Illustrates Buddha's fearlessness

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

- 22. With reference to Sikhism, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Guru Granth Sahib was compiled by the 5th Sikh Guru, Guru Arjan Dev.
 - 2. The city of Amritsar was originally known as 'Ramdaspur', a name given to it by the 6th Sikh guru, Guru Ram Das.

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
- 23. In the Maratha Empire, the tax known as 'Chauth' was levied by the Marathas on which of the following?
 - (a) Maratha subjects as a land revenue tax
 - (b) Non-Maratha Territories for giving protection
 - (c) Foreign traders for conducting business in Maratha territories
 - (d) Religious institutions for exemption from military service
- 24. In 1674, after becoming the first Governor-general of Puducherry in French India, who among the following developed the modern-day Puducherry as a place of importance as a French stronghold?
 - (a) Francois Martin
 - (b) Joseph Francis Dupleix
 - (c) Pierre Benoît Dumas
 - (d) Charles Godeheu
- 25. With reference to Women's Reservation Act, 2023, consider the following statements:
 - It reserves one-third of all seats for women in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
 - 2. Constitution (106th Amendment) Act has enabled the enactment of this law.
 - 3. The reservation will be effective after the publication of the census conducted following the Act's commencement.

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



- 26. Which of the following laws called for the first time for representatives of "backward tribes" in provincial assemblies?
 - (a) Indian Councils Act, 1909
 - (b) Government of India Act, 1935
 - (c) Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms, 1919
 - (d) Morley-Minto Reforms, 1909
- 27. With reference to the Provisions of Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1986 (PESA), consider the following:
 - 1. Mandatory consultation in rehabilitation of displaced persons.
 - 2. Ownership of Minor Forest Produce
 - 3. Resolution of local disputes

How many of the above are the powers provided to Gram Sabha under the PESA Act?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 28. Often seen in the news, terms 'Golden crescent' and 'Golden triangle' are associated with which of the following?
 - (a) Areas of high biodiversity
 - (b) Major global trade routes
 - (c) Renewable energy hubs
 - (d) Drug-producing regions
- 29. With reference to Codex Alimentarius Commission, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an international body established jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
 - 2. India became the member of Codex Alimentarius in 2022.

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
- 30. Which of the following Edicts of Ashoka mentions "Keralaputra" and other Southern Kingdoms of the time?
 - (a) Rock edict II
 - (b) Rock edict IV
 - (c) Rock edict X
 - (d) Rock edict IX

- 31. With reference to Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It has a zoo, a safari park, a butterfly park and a rescue centre.
 - 2. It is located at the North of the city of Bangalore.
 - 3. Recently, India's largest leopard safari has was inaugurated here.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 32. With reference to Tax-related proposals in the latest Union Budget (2024-25), consider the following statements:
 - 1. Standard deduction for salaried employees has been increased by 50%.
 - 2. The government has decided to bring a dedicated law for levying Angel tax on startups.
 - 3. Some critical minerals have been fully exempted from customs duties.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 33. With reference to Budget, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The term 'Budget' is not used in the Constitution of India.
 - 2. The Railway budget and the General budget were merged in 2017.

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
- 34. With reference to Reservations for Economically Weaker Section (EWS), consider the following statements:
 - The poorest section of people for Other Backward Classes (OBC) can either apply for reservation under EWS or OBC.
 - 2. EWS reservation is based on the recommendation of Sinho Commission.
 - 3. To avail the EWS reservation, a person must not have a family income more Rs. 5 Lakhs.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

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

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- 35. In the Parliament of India, who decides if a bill is a money bill or not?
 - (a) Vice President
- (b) President
- (c) Prime Minister
- (d) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- 36. Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India is a bench of at least how many judges?
 - (a) Five
- (b) Seven
- (c) Nine
- (d) Eleven
- 37. With reference to Gram Nyayalayas, consider the following statements:
 - 1. These are courts with both civil and criminal jurisdictions.
 - 2. The concept of Gram Nyayalayas was proposed by the Law Commission of India.
 - 3. The presiding officer in Gram Nyayalayas are appointed by the High Court in consultation with the Governor of the state.

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only
- 38. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. In the Government of India Act, 1935, Education was placed under the Provincial list.
 - 2. The 44th Amendment to the Constitution in 1976 moved education from the State List to the Concurrent List.

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. As per the Constitution of India, which among the following authorities has the power to make changes in the Scheduled Caste (SC) list published under article 341?
 - (a) State Legislature
 - (b) President of India
 - (c) Parliament of India
 - (d) Central Government
- 40. With reference to Poverty estimation in India, consider the following committees:
 - 1. Tendulkar Committee
 - 2. Alagh Committee
 - 3. Lakdawala Committee
 - 4. Rangarajan committee

Arrange the above given committees in the chronological order of their formation:

- (a) 1-3-2-4
- (b) 2-1-4-3
- (c) 4-1-3-4
- (d) 2-3-1-4
- 41. With reference to Gini Coefficient, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The degree of income inequality is measured through the Gini Coefficient.
 - 2. A Gini Coefficient of zero means that everyone has the same income.
 - 3. The Gini Coefficient can vary from 0 (perfect equality) to 100 (perfect inequality).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 42. A 26-member committee has recently been set up under the Ministry of Statistics and Implementation (MoSPI) to revise the base year. This committee will be chaired by who among the following?
 - (a) Biswanath Goldar
- (b) Jayati Ghosh
- (c) Kaushik Basu
- (d) Avinash Dixit
- 43. With reference to Maize production in India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. As per Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India recently became the largest producer of Maize in the world.
 - 2. Due to changes in dietary patterns, approximately 50% of maize produced is directly consumed by humans.

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
- 44. Often seen in the news, 'E20' and 'E100' are mentioned in context of which of the following?
 - (a) Electric vehicles
- (b) Ethanol blending
- (c) Energy infrastructure (d) Emission standards
- 45. The legislation named 'Resolve Tibet Act 2024' was recently passed by which of the following organisations?
 - (a) European Parliament (EP)
 - (b) United States Congress
 - (c) Parliament of the United Kingdom
 - (d) National People's Congress (NPC) of China

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- 46. With reference to Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), consider the following statements:
 - 1. Belarus has become the 10th member state of the SCO.
 - 2. The SCO originated from the 'Shanghai Five' group, consisting of China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Tajikistan.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 47. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	River	Basin	Drains into
1	Amu Darya	Afghanistan	Aral Sea
2	Yellow	China	Bo Hai Sea
3	Dnieper	Russia	Black sea

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
- 48. Which of the following Mountain Ranges is also referred to as the Third Pole due to its vast ice and snow reserves?
 - (a) Karakoram Range
 - (b) Alps
 - (c) Caucasus Mountains
 - (d) Hindu Kush Himalaya
- 49. With reference to our Solar system, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Oort Cloud region extends far beyond the orbit of Neptune, and it is home to Pluto.
 - 2. The Kuiper Belt is the most distant region in our solar system, and it extends beyond the Oort

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 50. The primary aim of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme of The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is
 - (a) To establish a scientific basis for enhancing the relationship between people and their environments
 - (b) To promote the conservation of endangered wildlife species in natural habitats
 - (c) To support the reforestation of degraded landscapes through global initiatives
 - (d) To facilitate the creation of protected areas focused on preserving biodiversity and natural ecosystems
- 51. With reference to Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT), consider the following statements:
 - 1. Its primary goal is to study the early universe and the formation and evolution of the first galaxies and stars after the Big Bang.
 - 2. India is a key partner in the TMT project.
 - 3. Comprehensive star catalogue for Adaptive Optics System (AOS) for TMT has been developed by India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only
- 52. With reference to the International Space Station (ISS), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It circles the Earth in roughly 120 minutes and completes 10 orbits per day.
 - 2. It is a permanently crewed laboratory that orbits Earth, approximately 400 kilometers above its surface.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 53. The Kudumiyanmalai inscription found in the cave temple and temple of the Sikharagiriswara Hindu temple in the village of Kudumiyanmalai, Tamil Nadu is attributed to which of the following dynasties?
 - (a) Pallavas
 - (b) Cheras
 - (c) Chalukyas
 - (d) Kakatiyas



- 54. With reference to Chhatrapati Shivaji, consider the following statements:
 - 1. He was a contemporary of the Mughal emperor Akbar.
 - 2. He was crowned as the king of the Marathas in Pune.
 - 3. Chiefs and military commanders in Shivaji's army were paid through jagir grants.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- 55. Consider the following pairs:

Place Significance in Buddha's life

1. Lumbini – Achieved Nirvana

2. Vaishali - Achieved Maha Parinirvana

3. Sarnath - First Sermon

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
- 56. In context of the Santhal Hul rebellion of the 19th century, the term 'diku' referred to address which of the following?
 - (a) Exploitative outsiders
 - (b) Leaders of the Santhal community
 - (c) Religious leaders
 - (d) Tribal healers
- 57. With reference to the history of Puducherry, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Excavation around Puducherry show that romans came here to trade in the 1st Century CE.
 - 2. Puducherry was returned by the British to French under the treaty of Ryswick in1699.

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. With reference to 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, consider the following parts of the Constitution of India:
 - 1. Part III
 - 2. Part IV
 - 3. Part V

How many of the above parts were amended by the 97th Amendment Act?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 59. With reference to Steel Slag Road, consider the following statements:
 - 1st International Conference on Steel Slag Road was organized by NITI Aayog.
 - 2. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) released the guidelines for the utilization of steel slag in road construction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 60. Which of the following cities was most recently recognized as the 'City of Literature' under the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)?
 - (a) Srinagar
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Kozhikode
- (d) Varanasi
- 61. With reference to Swami Vivekanand, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee gave the title of "Vivekanand" to Narendranath Datta.
 - 2. He is credited for introducing Yoga and Vedanta to the western world.
 - 3. Belur math, the headquarters of Ramkrishna mission is situated in Bangladesh.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 62. With reference to Tibetan Buddhism, consider the following statements:
 - Gelugpa tradition of Tibetan Buddhism is the largest and most influential tradition in Tibe
 - 2. Dalai Lamas are considered to be manifestations of the Maitreya who is the future Buddha.

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

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63. Consider the following statements:

Statement I – 25th of June has been designated to be observed as the 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas'.

Statement II – The second National Emergency in India was declared in 1971.

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
- 64. Food Import Clearance System (FICS) is a web-based system that helps importers clear food imports. It works under which one of the following organizations?
 - (a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
 - (b) Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture
 - (c) Department of Commerce
 - (d) Food and Agriculture Organization, India
- 65. With reference to Hadley Cell, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The cell is located between 30 and 60-degree latitudes in both hemispheres.
 - 2. Trade winds are associated with this cell.

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. With reference to, Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)'s criteria for declaring a heatwave, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The criteria is different for the Plains, Hilly and Coastal regions.
 - 2. In hilly regions a heatwave can be declared if the temperature reaches 25 Degree Celsius or more.

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 disasters:
 - 1. Heatwaves
- 2. Pest attack
- 3. Frost
- 4. Landslides

How many of the above are Notified Disasters under the Disaster Management Act, 2015?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 68. With reference to Apophis, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Apophis is one of the satellites of Jupiter and is speculated to have water and life.
 - 2. OSIRIS-APEX, a follow-on to OSIRIS-REx, will study the physical changes to Apophis.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 69. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Biosphere reserve	State	Special fact
1	Nilgiri	Tamil Nadu	First to be UNESCO recognized
2	Nanda Devi	Uttarakhand	First biosphere reserve in India
3	Panna	Madhya Pradesh	Latest biosphere to be recognized

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
- 70. With reference to High Seas, consider the following statements:
 - It extends beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of countries which extends up to 150 Nautical Miles from the baseline.
 - 2. No country is responsible for the management of resources in the High Seas.

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

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- 71. The term 'Hydraulic fracking' is often seen in the news in context of which of the following?
 - (a) Natural resource extraction
 - (b) Water purification techniques
 - (c) Agricultural irrigation methods
 - (d) Wastewater management processes
- 72. Which of the following Mudras in Buddhism represents the gesture of warning or threat?
 - (a) Abhaya Mudra
 - (b) Dhyana Mudra
 - (c) Varada Mudra
 - (d) Tarjani Mudra
- 73. With reference to the Administration under Maratha King Shivaji, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Most of the administrative reforms under him were inspired from Malik Amber of Ahmednagar.
 - 2. He was supported by a group of Ministers known as the 'Ashtapradhan'.
 - 3. Mirasdars under Shivaji had hereditary rights in the land.

Which of the above given statements are **not** correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None
- 74. Consider the following personalities:
 - 1. Sidhu
- 2. Kanho
- 3. Chand
- 4. Bhairav

How many of the above personalities were associated with the Santhal hul of 1855?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 75. Consider the following events with reference to Indian history:
 - 1. Sanyasi Rebellion
 - 2. Birth of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
 - 3. Kakori Train Action.

Arrange the above given historical events in chronological order:

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

- 76. Who among the following started a Bengali Journal named "Bang Wani" in 1922?
 - (a) Chittaranjan Das
 - (b) Subhas Chandra Bose
 - (c) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
 - (d) Aurobindo Ghosh
- 77. With reference to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The NDPS Act mandates the establishment of special courts for the speedy trial of offenses under the Act.
 - 2. The Act allows for the confiscation of properties derived from drug trafficking without conviction of the accused.
 - 3. The Act was amended to provide for the death penalty in cases involving the repeat offense of certain drug-related crimes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 78. Consider the following statements about Coffee and coffee production in India:
 - 1. Araku Coffee has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its unique flavor and quality.
 - 2. India is the only country that grows all of its coffee under shade.
 - 3. The Coffee Board of India was established in the 1934 to promote coffee plantations across India.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only
- 79. Consider the following statements regarding Money Bills in the Indian Parliament:
 - 1. A Money Bill can be introduced in either House of Parliament.
 - 2. The President of India decides whether a Bill is a Money Bill or not.
 - 3. The Rajya Sabha must return a Money Bill to the Lok Sabha within 14 days, either with recommendations or without any recommendations.



- (a) 1 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 80. With reference to Article 25 of the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Practice
 - 2. Profess
 - 3. Propogate

As per the article, using how many of the above methods can a person exercise their right to freedom of religion?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 81. Consider the following statements regarding the Finance Commission of India:
 - The Finance Commission is a permanent body established by the Constitution of India to review the financial relationship between the Centre and the States every year.
 - 2. The recommendations made by the Finance Commission are mandatory for the Central Government to implement.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Tribunals in India:
 - All tribunals in India are constituted under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 - Tribunals are exclusively meant for resolving disputes related to administrative matters and cannot adjudicate issues concerning fundamental 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
- 83. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Rigvedic people were not aware about the Sea voyages.
 - 2. The Rigvedic society primarily practiced settled agriculture.

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. The Tunguska Event, which occurred in 1908, is related to which of the following?
 - (a) A volcanic eruption
 - (b) A meteorite explosion
 - (c) A nuclear test
 - (d) An earthquake
- 85. Consider the following particulars of the Constitution of India:
 - 1. Part IX
 - 2. Article 19
 - 3. 96th Constitutional Amendment Act
 - 4. Part IV

How many of the above are associated with Cooperative Societies?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 86. With reference to Project ASMITA, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Project ASMITA aims to produce books in each of the 22 scheduled languages of India over the next five years.
 - 2. The project is a collaborative initiative between the Union Ministry of Education and the Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti.

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. With reference to the renaming of states in India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. A state in India can be renamed only through an amendment to the Constitution of India.
 - 2. The renaming of a state requires the binding recommendation of the concerned state's legislature before Parliament can pass the law.

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

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- 88. With reference to the Artemis Accords, consider the following statements:
 - The Artemis Accords build upon the Outer Space Treaty of 1967, which promotes peaceful exploration of space.
 - 2. India became the first Asian country to sign the legally binding Artemis Accords, which allow space resource utilization.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 89. With reference to the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme, consider the following statements:
 - The Soil Health Card Scheme aims to provide recommendations on nutrient dosage for individual farms to improve soil health and fertility.
 - 2. The Soil Health Card portal has been integrated with a mobile application for real-time soil sample collection and monitoring.
 - 3. The scheme has been merged with the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) as a part of its implementation strategy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3
- 90. Consider the following historical personalities:
 - 1. Dandin
- 2. Subandhu
- 3. Asvaghosh
- 4. Banabhat

How many of the above lived during the late 6th and early 7th centuries?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 91. Consider the following sectors of the Indian Economy:
 - 1. Agriculture
 - 2. Services
 - 3. Construction
 - 4. Manufacturing

Arrange the above sectors in descending order of their share of current workforce distribution:

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

- 92. With reference to Union budget of 2024-25, consider the following:
 - 1. GST and Other Taxes
 - 2. Income Tax
 - 3. Corporation Tax
 - 4. Union Excise and Customs

Arrange the above sources of revenue in the decreasing order of their percentage value as provided under the budget:

- (a) 1-2-3-4
- (b) 2-1-3-4
- (c) 1-3-2-4
- (d) 3-1-2-4
- 93. With reference to Tax related proposals in the Union Budget of 2024-25, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Indian Government has decided to abolish the Angel Tax for all classes of investors.
 - 2. The Indian Government has decided to levy the same tax on both long term and short-term capital gains.

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. In the context of International Relations, what is "Cohabitation"?
 - (a) A situation where the President and the Prime Minister belong to the same political party.
 - (b) A situation where the President and the Prime Minister belong to different political parties.
 - (c) A situation where the President dissolves the National Assembly to form a new government.
 - (d) A situation where the Prime Minister assumes all responsibilities of governance, including foreign policy and defence.
- 95. With reference to the India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant,' consider the following statements:
 - 1. The 16th edition of Exercise Nomadic Elephant was held in Mongolia.
 - 2. The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

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

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- 96. With reference to Gandhara Art consider the following statements:
 - 1. Scythian king Kanishka was a great patron of Gandhara art.
 - 2. Gandhara art reached its peak during the period of Gupta ruler Samudragupta.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 97. In context of Indian History, Aligarh movement was primarily associated with which of the following?
 - (a) Advocating for the principles of the Wahabi movement.
 - (b) Promoting Hindu-Muslim unity through joint educational efforts.
 - (c) Reforming the socio-political and educational aspects of the Muslim Community.
 - (d) Establishing a militant organization for the freedom struggle.
- 98. Consider the following pairs:

Land Revenue Policy Associated Person

- 1. Zamindari System Cornwallis
- **Thomas Munro** 2. Ryotwari System
- 3. Mahalwari System Holt Mackenzie

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 99. Consider the following statements regarding the Self-**Respect Movement:**
 - 1. The Self-Respect Movement aimed to create a society without caste, religion, and God.
 - 2. It achieved the complete eradication of untouchability in Tamil Nadu.
 - 3. The movement spread across various parts of India beyond Tamil Nadu, influencing national social reform.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 100. Consider the following countries:
 - 1. Bangladesh
- 2. Myanmar
- 3. India
- 4. Afghanistan

Hindu Kush Himalya Region spans how many of the above countries?

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



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