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INSTRUCTIONS

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- 5. After filling the responses, submit only the answer sheet. You can take away the question booklet.

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- 1. Consider the following:
 - 1. Industrial effluents
 - 2. Untreated domestic wastewater
 - 3. Agricultural runoff
 - 4. Contaminated handpumps

How many of the above are major contributors to the pollution of the Hindon River?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 2. It is an invasive species known to smother coral reefs. It is promoted by government in coastal region of Goa and Tamil Nadu. It has raised concerns about its impact on native marine ecosystems. Which one of the following denotes this seaweed?
 - (a) Senna Spectabilis
 - (b) Kappaphycus Alvarezii
 - (c) Lantana Camara
 - (d) Spotted Lanternflies
- 3. Consider the following statements regarding the environmental impact of light pollution:
 - 1. Excessive decorating lightning in public spaces is cited as "light pollution".
 - 2. Artificial lights prevent insects from being preyed upon, leading to an increase in their population.
 - 3. Artificial light affects "cardiac rhythms" interfering with essential body functions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 4. Consider the following statements regarding India's social security system:
 - 1. It primarily covers social insurance, assistance, and rights to education and food.
 - 2. This is mostly managed at the state level with some involvement from the central government.
 - 3. Social security is a fundamental right to all the citizens of India.

Which of the above statements are *not* correct?

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

- 5. Consider the following statements about the Right to Education (RTE) in India:
 - Free primary and secondary education is recognized as a fundamental right under Article 21A.
 - The Right to Education Act of 2009 ensures free and compulsory education for children aged 5-14 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 6. Consider the following statements regarding India's food security programs:
 - 1. The National Food Security Act (NFSA) of 2013 aims to provide nutritional security through targeted public distribution.
 - 2. Fortified rice distribution is included under NFSA to address malnutrition issues.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 7. Consider the following statements regarding government initiatives for Divyangjan:
 - The Persons with Disabilities Act (1995) provides a 3% reservation in government jobs for persons with disabilities.
 - 2. The Unique Disability ID (UDID) provides a platform for Divyangjan to access education loans and unemployment allowances.
 - 3. Bihar has the largest proportion of people with disabilities in India.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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



8. Consider the following pairs:

	Schemes for disabled persons	Feature
1.	Samarth	Offers respite homes for persons from BPL and LIG families, including orphaned or abandoned children.
2.	Gharaunda	Ensures lifelong care and quality services for adults with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation0
3.	Niramaya	Supports awareness and community activities to promote integration and sensitization about disabilities.
4.	Badhte Kadam	Provides affordable health insurance with coverage up to Rs.5 lakh for persons with disabilities.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 9. With reference to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) population in Northeast India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Arunachal Pradesh has the highest percentage of ST population among the Northeastern states.
 - 2. Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland have tribal-majority populations.
 - 3. Assam has a significant Scheduled Tribe population, but it is lower than that of Scheduled Caste populations.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) 2 only
- 10. With reference to literacy rates in Northeast India from highest to lowest, which one of the following sequences is correct?
 - (a) Nagaland Mizoram Arunachal Pradesh
 - (b) Nagaland Arunachal Pradesh Mizoram
 - (c) Mizoram Arunachal Pradesh Nagaland
 - (d) Mizoram Nagaland Arunachal Pradesh

- 11. Consider the following statements regarding safety and social security in the Northeast region of India:
 - The region reports a high number of crimes against Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Castes (SC).
 - 2. The sex ratio in the Northeast is generally higher than the national average.
 - 3. States like Mizoram, Manipur, and Nagaland have higher infant mortality rates compared to the national average.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 12. Who among the following developed the concept of multipolarity?
 - (a) Yevgeny Primakov
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) Julius Nyerere
- (d) Gamal Abdul Nasser
- 13. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The 75 years of the Indian Constitution highlight its dynamic adaptability to societal changes.

Statement II: The Indian Constitution recognizes and celebrates pluralism.

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

- (a) Both Statement I and II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement I.
- (b) Both Statement I and II are correct, but 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.
- 14. Consider the following statements about the performance of the agriculture sector in India (2014–2024):
 - 1. The agriculture—to-non-agriculture terms of trade increased by 57% between 2004-05 and 2020-21.
 - 2. Real wholesale prices of agricultural commodities grew by 15% over the last decade.
 - 3. Supply-side factors were more influential than government support in driving growth.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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



- 15. In the context of the Indian legal framework, which one of the following best reflects the concept of 'Redefining law in a cyber age'?
 - (a) Legislative supremacy in cyberspace regulations.
 - (b) Exclusive jurisdiction of the judiciary in cyberrelated disputes.
 - (c) Technological innovations influencing legal frameworks and procedures.
 - (d) Complete autonomy of cybersecurity agencies.
- 16. With reference to BRICS, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It functions as a platform for exclusively bilateral agreements.
 - 2. The BRICS Bank, or New Development Bank, focuses on sustainable infrastructure projects.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Statement I: The emphasis on women's emancipation has seen a significant shift in rural India.

Statement II: Combat sports and traditional recipes have become tools for rural women's economic independence.

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

- (a) Both Statement I and II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement I.
- (b) Both Statement I and II are correct, but 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.
- 18. Consider the following statements about the Indian Military Heritage Festival:
 - Recently, Chief of Defense Staff (CDS), inaugurated the 1st Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) in New Delhi.
 - 2. Project Shaurya Gatha was launched at the event for conserving and promoting India's military heritage.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 19. It is located near the Chorla Ghat, situated between North Goa and Belgavi. It borders both Maharashtra and Karnatka. It plays a vital role in a network of wildlife corridors that connect tiger populations across Sahyadri Tiger Reserves (Maharastra) and the Kali Tiger Reserve (Karnatak). Which one of the following is that Wildlife Sactuary?
 - (a) Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary
 - (b) Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary
 - (c) Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary
 - (d) Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary
- 20. Consider the following statements about the Chenchu Tribe:
 - 1. They are numerically the smallest scheduled tribe of Odisha.
 - 2. They are considered one of the oldest Teluguspeaking tribes.
 - 3. They are one of the 12 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in Andhra Pradesh.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 21. Titan Arum Flower, recently in the news, is known for which of the following?
 - (a) Its medicinal properties in Ayurveda
 - (b) Being one of the largest flowering plants in the world
 - (c) Its ability to survive in extreme climates
 - (d) Serving as a source of sustainable biofuel
- 22. Consider the following pairs:

		Event	Significance
1		Malabar Exercise 2024	India-ASEAN maritime cooperation
2	<u>.</u> .	Antariksha Abhyas 2024	Military space strategy simulation
3	3.	Mahasagar	Indian Navy's flagship outreach for virtual interaction among IOR littorals

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How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 23. The World Cities Report is published by which of the following?
 - (a) United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
 - (b) World Bank
 - (c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - (d) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 24. Consider the following pairs:

	Date	Significance
1.	23 rd October	International Snow Leopard
		Day
2.	29 th October	Ayurveda Day
3.	11 th November	National Education Day

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 25. Consider the following statements regarding social justice in India:
 - The Indian Constitution explicitly recognises the idea of substantive equality rather than formal equality.
 - 2. The Directive Principles of State Policy contain guidelines for promoting social justice among other ideals.
 - 3. Universal Adult Franchise granted by the Indian Constitution promotes political equality among Indian Citizens.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 26. Consider the following statements about satellite spectrum allocation:
 - 1. It is governed exclusively by the Minister of Communications.
 - 2. The administrative allocation method is preferred for sectors with low competition, like satellite communication.
 - 3. Auction methods are primarily used for terrestrial spectrum in competitive markets.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 27. Consider the following statements regarding Cyber Security in India:
 - 1. India has ranked third globally in phishing attacks, after the United States and China.
 - 2. India achieved Tier 1 status in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024, demonstrating a strong commitment to cybersecurity practices.

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
- 28. Consider the following pairs:

	Cyber Threat	Description
1.	Phishing	Stealing sensitive information through fraudulent emails or websites
2.	Malware	Software designed to disrupt or damage systems, steal information, or gain unauthorized access
3.	Ransomware	Software that encrypts files and demands payment for decryption

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 29. Consider the following statements regarding the Presidents of India and the United States:
 - The Indian President is elected by an electoral college comprising elected members of Parliament (MPs) and State Legislative Assemblies (MLAs), whereas the US President is elected directly by the citizens through the Electoral College system.
 - The term of office for the Indian President is five years, whereas the US President serves a term of four years, with the possibility of re-election for one additional term.
 - 3. The Indian President exercises executive powers primarily on the advice of the Council of Ministers, while the US President holds significant executive authority and operates independently from the legislature.

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Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 30. With reference to the appointment of the Chief Justice of India (CJI), consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Chief Justice of India is appointed by the President under Article 124(2) of the Constitution.
 - 2. The convention of appointing the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court as the CJI is mandated by the Constitution.
 - 3. A person must have been a judge of a High Court for at least ten years to qualify for appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 31. With reference to the cooperative movement in India, consider the following statements:
 - The 97th Constitutional Amendment Act added a new Directive Principle of State Policy on Cooperative Societies under Article 43-B of the Constitution.
 - Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) were established under the Cooperative Credit Societies Act of 1912 to provide short-term agricultural loans to farmers.

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
- 32. Consider the following statements regarding Article 311 of the Indian Constitution:
 - Dismissal or removal of a civil servant can only be done by the appointing authority or a higher rank
 - 2. Dismissal or reduction in rank requires an inquiry with a reasonable opportunity to defend.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 33. Consider the following statements regarding the PM Vishwakarma Yojana:
 - 1. The scheme provides collateral-free credit support in two tranches: ₹1 lakh in the first tranche and ₹2 lakh in the second tranche, at a low-interest rate.
 - 2. It aims to uplift traditional artisans and craftspeople by integrating them into domestic and global value chains, offering a stipend of ₹1,000 per day for skill training.
 - 3. The scheme operates under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship as a Central Sector Scheme.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- 34. Consider the following statements regarding the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme:
 - The scheme provides collateral-free, guarantorfree loans to students enrolled in institutions ranked within the top 100 by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).
 - The scheme is implemented through the PM-Vidyalaxmi portal, allowing students to apply for education loans and receive payments via E-voucher and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) wallets.

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
- 35. Consider the following statements regarding the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS):
 - It is a centrally sponsored scheme under which funds are provided directly to Members of Parliament for their discretionary use in their respective constituencies.
 - These funds are non-lapsable, meaning they do not expire at the end of the financial year and can be carried forward for utilization in subsequent years if not fully utilized in the current year.

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

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- 36. With reference to statutory grants, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Statutory grants are provided under Article 275 of the Constitution of India.
 - 2. These grants are meant only for special projects and programs for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST).

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. Consider the following statements about the State Finance Commission (SFC):
 - 1. The SFC is constituted under Article 243-I of the Constitution of India.
 - 2. Its primary function is to recommend the distribution of financial resources between the Centre and states.
 - 3. The SFC's recommendations are binding on the state government.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None
- 38. Consider the following report:
 - 1. Adaptation Gap Report
 - 2. Food Waste Index Report
 - 3. Methane Alert and Response System
 - 4. Emissions Gap Report

Which of the above reports are published by United Nations Environment Programme?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 39. With reference to Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) in India, consider the following statements:
 - D-SIBs are banks whose failure can significantly impact the overall economy due to their size and interconnectedness.
 - 2. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandates D-SIBs to maintain higher capital adequacy ratios compared to other banks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 40. With reference to India's Semiconductor Policy, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The policy aims to achieve self-reliance in semiconductor manufacturing by 2027.
 - 2. It includes incentives for domestic and foreign companies to establish fabrication units 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
- 41. Consider the following international agreements and organizations:
 - 1. Wassenaar Arrangement (WA)
 - 2. Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)
 - 3. Australia Group (AG)
 - 4. Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)
 - 5. Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

Which of the following is India not a member of?

- (a) 1, 2 and 4
- (b) 1, 3 and 5
- (c) 3 and 5 only
- (d) 2 and 5 only
- 42. With reference to the 16th BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Kazan Declaration emphasized the need for a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine crisis through dialogue and diplomacy.
 - 2. The summit proposed the establishment of the BRICS Grain Exchange to strengthen agricultural trade among member countries.
 - India's initiative to create an International Big Cats Alliance was ratified by all BRICS member countries.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 43. Consider the following countries:
 - 1. Brazil
- 2. South Africa
- 3. Egypt
- 4. Ethiopia
- 5. Iran

How many of the above countries are part of the ${\sf G20?}$

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



- 44. Consider the following countries:
 - 1. Norway
 - 2. Denmark
 - 3. Sweden
 - 4. Germany
 - 5. France

How many of the above countries share a border with the North Sea?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five
- 45. Consider the following military exercises:
 - 1. AUSINDEX
 - 2. Pitch Black
 - 3. Malabar
 - 4. Mitra Shakti
 - 5. Varuna

How many of the above exercises are bilateral or multilateral engagements between India and Australia?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five
- 46. Consider the following statements with reference to nuclear treaties and initiatives:
 - 1. The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), effective from 1970, has been criticized for creating a divide between nuclear and non-nuclear states, with India refusing to join due to its discriminatory nature.
 - 2. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) bans all nuclear weapon activities and has been ratified by all nucleararmed countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following information:

	Scheme	Objective	Ministry
1.	PMEGP	Credit-linked subsidy for micro- enterprises in the non-farm sector	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
2.	DAY-NRLM	Self- employment & skilled wage employment in rural areas, focusing on women, SHGs, and vulnerable communities	Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)
3.	NCS Project	Job matching, career counseling, vocational guidance, and skill development services	Ministry of Labour and Employment
4.	MGNREGA	Provides unskilled work opportunities in rural areas	Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)

Which of the following rows correctly matches the scheme with its objective and ministry?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 3 and 4
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 48. Which of the following organizations released the Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2024 report?
 - (a) World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - (b) United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - (c) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - (d) World Bank



- 49. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. India's total fertility rate (TFR) has been gradually rising in recent years.
 - 2. The long-standing two-child policy was recently revoked by Uttarakhand.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 50. Consider the following statements with reference to the RBI's Framework for Reclassification of FPI to FDI:
 - A foreign portfolio investor (FPI) investing above 10% of the total paid-up equity has the option to either divest or reclassify the investment as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
 - The reclassification of FPI to FDI must be completed within 10 trading days from the transaction that results in crossing the 10% threshold.
 - 3. Reclassification is permitted in all sectors, including gambling, betting, and real estate business.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 51. Which of the following statements is correct about millets?
 - (a) The earliest evidence of millet consumption dates back to the later Vedic civilization.
 - (b) 2024 was recognized as the International Year of Millets by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
 - (c) The ideal temperature for millet cultivation ranges from 15 to 20 degrees Celsius.
 - (d) India is the largest producer of millet in the world.
- 52. Consider the following statements regarding Nigeria:
 - Nigeria is located on the western coast of Africa, bordered by Niger to the north, Chad and Cameroon to the east, the Gulf of Guinea to the south, and Benin to the west.
 - 2. Nigeria gained independence from Britain in 1960, with English as its official language, and has a diverse geography ranging from arid to humid equatorial climates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 53. With reference to India's engagement with Central Asian nations, consider the following statements:
 - 1. India has signed the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) agreement with all five Central Asian countries.
 - 2. The India-Central Asia Dialogue provides a platform for cooperation in areas such as connectivity, energy, and counterterrorism.
 - 3. Uzbekistan is the only Central Asian country that has refused to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- 54. Consider the following:
 - 1. Public Financial Strain
 - 2. Resource Misallocation
 - 3. Reduced Accountability
 - 4. Strengthening the Public Trust

How many of the above are negative aspects of Freebies Culture in India?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 55. Consider the following statements:
 - Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) is a sub-scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
 - 2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by the Department of Fisheries.

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

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- 56. Consider the following statements regarding cloud seeding:
 - 1. Cloud seeding involves injecting aerosols and chemicals into the atmosphere to stimulate cloud formation and precipitation.
 - The Cloud Aerosol Interaction and Precipitation Enhancement Experiment (CAIPEEX) in India demonstrated that cloud seeding can increase rainfall significantly in certain locations.
 - 3. Cloud chambers used in cloud seeding experiments simulate conditions of humidity and temperature to study cloud behaviour.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

	Port	Location
1.	Port Harcourt	Nigeria
2.	Casablanca	Mozambique
3.	Mombasa	Kenya

How many of the above pairs are **not** correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 58. Consider the following:
 - 1. BRICS
 - 2. International Solar Alliance
 - 3. G20
 - 4. BASIC
 - 5. WIPO
 - 6. IBSA

How many of the above are bilateral and multilateral platforms where India and Brazil are members?

- (a) Only three
- (b) Only four
- (c) Only five
- (d) All six
- 59. Which of the following is the correct description of an "Atmospheric River"?
 - (a) A narrow band of cold, dry air that brings sudden temperature drops over tropical regions.
 - (b) A long, narrow corridor of moisture-filled air that transports significant amounts of water vapor from the tropics to higher latitudes.

- (c) A large air mass originating over land, characterized by low humidity and high temperatures.
- (d) A river system that floods during heavy monsoonal rains, primarily found in tropical regions.
- 60. Which of the following statements is *not* correct?
 - (a) India's coastline stretches 7516 km, with 6100 km along the mainland.
 - (b) Among the states, Gujarat has the longest coastline followed by Andhra Pradesh.
 - (c) Andaman & Nicobar Island hold the longest coastline among UTs.
 - (d) Kerala has smallest coastline in India.
- 61. Which of the following advancements is a promising treatment for Parkinson's disease, as mentioned in recent studies?
 - 1. Dopaminergic neuron transplantation
 - 2. mRNA vaccines
 - 3. Deep Brain Stimulation

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

	Cancer Type	Description
1.	Carcinoma	Originates in epithelial cells (skin, glands). Examples: breast, lung, prostate cancer.
2.	Sarcoma	Starts in pigment- producing cells, usually affecting the skin.
3.	Melanoma	Affects blood-forming tissues, resulting in abnormal white blood cell production.
4.	Multiple Myeloma	Cancer of plasma cells in bone marrow.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

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- 63. The term "diffraction limit" in physics is most closely associated with which of the following?
 - (a) The minimum wavelength of light in a vacuum
 - (b) The smallest distance between two points that can be resolved by an optical system
 - (c) The maximum intensity of light in interference patterns
 - (d) The reflection coefficient of a surface
- 64. With reference to tardigrades, consider the following statements:
 - 1. They can survive in extreme ecosystems, including the vacuum of space.
 - 2. They are resistant to extreme radiation and subzero temperatures.
 - 3. They are exclusively found in aquatic ecosystems.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 65. Consider the following statements with regards to RNA editing technology:
 - 1. It allows precise alteration of genetic information without changing the DNA.
 - It is primarily used in treating neurological disorders.
 - 3. It can eliminate the risk of inherited genetic diseases.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 66. The Interstate Council was formed on the recommendation of-
 - (a) Punchi Commission
 - (b) Rajamannar Commission
 - (c) Venkatachaliah Commission
 - (d) Sarkaria Commission
- 67. Arrange the following landmark cases of the Indian judiciary in the correct chronological order:
 - 1. Shankari Prasad case
 - 2. Minerva Mills case
 - 3. Keshavananda Bharati case
 - 4. Waman Rao case
 - (a) 1, 3, 2, 4
- (b) 1, 3, 4, 2
- (c) 1, 2, 3, 4
- (d) 3, 1, 2, 4

- 68. Consider the following statements regarding the Asset Recovery Interagency Network Asia Pacific (ARIN-AP):
 - ARIN-AP is a multi-agency network that facilitates the tracing, freezing, and confiscation of assets obtained through unlawful activities in the Asia-Pacific region.
 - The Secretariat of ARIN-AP is managed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
 - 3. India will assume the presidency of ARIN-AP in 2026.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 69. Which of the following organizations released the Asia–Pacific (APAC) Climate Report 2024?
 - (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - (b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 - (c) World Economic Forum (WEF)
 - (d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 70. The Panama Canal connects which of the following water bodies?
 - (a) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean
 - (b) Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean
 - (c) Arctic Ocean and Pacific Ocean
 - (d) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea
- 71. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel headed which of the following committees?
 - 1. Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights
 - 2. Committee on Minorities and Tribal and Excluded Areas
 - 3. Provincial Constitution Committee
 - 4. Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution

Select the correct answer from the options below:

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



- 72. Which of the following statements are true about Odisha School of Temple Architecture?
 - 1. The temples of Odisha are typically square at the base but become circular at the upper reaches of the superstructure.
 - 2. Odisha temples usually do not have boundary walls
 - 3. The shikhara, known as deul in Odisha, curves sharply inward as it nears the top.

Select the correct answer from the options below:

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 73. Consider the following pairs regarding the temple architecture:

	Feature	Description
1.	Vimana	Principal Sanctuary
2.	Shikhara	Crowning Cap
3.	Jahamogana	Audience Hall or Mandap

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 74. With reference to the Bodoland Mahotsav, which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - 1. The first Bodoland Mahotsav was organized in Guwahati in 2024.
 - 2. The theme for the first Bodoland Mahotsav was "Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat".

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 75. Which of the following are included in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?
 - 1. Kutiyattam, Sanskrit Theater (2008)
 - 2. Kumbh Mela (2017)
 - 3. Garba of Gujarat (2021)

Select the correct answer from the options below:

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

- 76. UN General Assembly Resolution 181, adopted in 1947, is famously known as which of the following?
 - (a) The Partition Plan for Palestine
 - (b) The Creation of Israel Plan
 - (c) The Division of India and Pakistan Plan
 - (d) The International Peace Accord
- 77. Consider the following statements regarding RNA Editing:
 - 1. RNA editing changes mRNA after it's made from DNA but before it is used to make proteins.
 - 2. ADAR enzymes, along with guide RNA, can change specific parts of mRNA.
 - 3. RNA editing permanently changes the DNA and the individual's genome.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 78. Consider the following statements regarding gluten:
 - Gluten is composed of proteins such as gliadins and glutenins, which provide elasticity to dough and give chewiness to baked products.
 - 2. Gluten can be completely digested by the protease enzyme, making it harmless to people with gluten sensitivities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 79. Consider the following statements regarding NISAR:
 - NISAR integrates NASA's L-band radar and ISRO's S-band radar to monitor Earth's surface movements and natural hazards.
 - NISAR will map the globe every 30 days, providing consistent data on ice mass, vegetation, and groundwater.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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- 80. Consider the following statements about India's first Mars and Moon Analog Mission:
 - The mission is designed to simulate life in an extraterrestrial habitat and is conducted in Ladakh due to its similarity to Mars and the Moon.
 - The mission focuses on testing life support systems and studying human adaptation to extreme environments, including psychological well-being.
 - 3. It aims to explore the potential for space tourism and the establishment of a permanent base on the Moon and Mars by 2047.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 81. Consider the following statements about the Mental Health Care Act, 2017:
 - The act defined mental illness as "a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation, or memory that grossly impairs judgment.
 - 2. It provides the right to make an advance directive to mental patient under the act.
 - 3. It criminalizes the research on individuals with mental illness (PMI).

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 82. The term "aphantasia" refers to which of the following?
 - (a) A condition where individuals are unable to form or visualize mental images
 - (b) An enhanced ability to vividly imagine images
 - (c) A neurological disorder causing memory impairment
 - (d) A cognitive disorder affecting language comprehension and production
- 83. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Long working hours ensure economic success and thus preferred by Scandinavian countries.

Statement II: Countries that prioritize worker's wellbeing and have shorter workweeks have higher GDP.

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

- (a) Both Statement I and II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement I.
- (b) Both Statement I and II are correct, but 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.
- 84. Consider the following statements about Khap Panchayats:
 - 1. They operate parallel to formal legal systems, prioritizing customary norms.
 - 2. Rajasthan became the first state to incorporate Khap Panchayats into formal alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

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
- 85. Consider the following pairs:

	Event	Associated Day
1.	National Education Day	November 11 th
2.	Ayurveda Day	October 23 rd
3.	World Immunization Day	November 10 th
4.	International Snow Leopard Day	October 26 th

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 86. Consider the following:
 - 1. Foreign Currency Assets (FCA)
 - 2. Gold reserves
 - 3. Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)
 - 4. Reserve Tranche Position (RTP)

How many of the above are included in India's foreign exchange reserves?

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

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- 87. Consider the following statements statements regarding Indian Equatorial Electrojet (IEEJ):
 - 1. It refers to intense electric current flowing within the earth's stratosphere.
 - India's southern tip is close to the Earth's geomagnetic equator where a strong current exists.

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
- 88. Which of the following statements are true regarding the regulation of OTT platforms in India?
 - 1. OTT platforms in India are regulated by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
 - The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 were introduced to regulate OTT platforms and ensure content compliance.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 89. Consider the following statements regarding India's collaboration with SpaceX:
 - 1. The GSAT-N2 communication satellite was launched by SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, US.
 - 2. The satellite was placed into a low Earth orbit (LEO), with the aim of reaching a geosynchronous orbit (GSO).

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 gases:
 - 1. Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
 - 2. Methane (CH₄)
 - 3. Hydrofluorocarbons
 - 4. Oxygen (O₂)
 - 5. Water vapor (H₂O)
 - 6. Nitrous Oxide

How many of the above gases are greenhouse gases?

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

- 91. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):
 - 1. It is the worlds's highest-level decision-making body for matters related to the environment.
 - 2. Its headquarters is located in Bern, Switzerland. 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
- 92. The SAMOA Pathway, recently in the news, is associated with which of the following?
 - (a) A global initiative to combat desertification
 - (b) A framework to support Small Island Developing States through global cooperation and climate action
 - (c) An agreement to regulate fishing practices in the Pacific Ocean
 - (d) A treaty addressing maritime boundary disputes among island nations
- 93. Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, recently in the news, is located in which state of India?
 - (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Manipur
- 94. The "Pineapple Express," recently in the news, refers to which of the following?
 - (a) A trade route connecting tropical Pacific islands with North America
 - (b) A weather phenomenon transporting warm, humid air from the tropical Pacific to North America
 - (c) A high-speed rail project in Hawaii
 - (d) A type of tropical cyclone affecting the Pacific region
- 95. Consider the following statements regarding the Hindu Succession Act, 1956:
 - 1. The Act prioritizes cultural norms over framing inheritance solely as a gender equality issue.
 - 2. The 2005 amendment to the Act granted equal coparcenary rights to daughters for all property partitions, regardless of the year of division.

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. Consider the following countries:
 - 1. Egypt
- 2. Jordan
- 3. Lebanon
- 4. Syria
- 5. Turkey

How many of the above countries share a boundary with the Mediterranean Sea?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five
- 97. Consider the following statements regarding the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF):
 - The NDRF was created by renaming the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) with the enactment of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
 - 2. It is managed by the State Governments and supplements the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in case of severe disasters.

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
- 98. Consider the following statements regarding Analog Missions:
 - Desert RATS, led by NASA, conducts field campaigns in the deserts of Arizona to simulate conditions on the Moon and Mars.
 - HI-SEAS, a Mars and Moon exploration analog research station, is operated by NASA in collaboration with the International MoonBase Alliance (IMA).

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
- 99. Consider the following statements regarding Chittaranjan Das:
 - 1. He defended Aurobindo Ghose in the Alipore Bomb Case, leading to Aurobindo's acquittal.
 - 2. He was a member of the official British committee investigating the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
 - 3. He renounced his legal practice in 1920 to support the Non-Cooperation Movement.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 100. Consider the following statements regarding the RBI Guidelines on Microfinance Lending:
 - 1. Microfinance loans are collateral-free for households with incomes up to Rs 3 lakh.
 - 2. The cap on lenders per borrower is removed, repayments cannot exceed 50% of monthly income, and 75% of NBFC-MFI loans must be microfinance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



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