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(Consolidation)**

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(Part-II)**

1. With reference to Public Distribution System (PDS), consider the following statements:

1. Under it food grains are distributed at affordable prices.
2. It is a central sector scheme.
3. It is established under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. With reference to Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010, consider the following statements:

1. Under FCRA, organisations are required to register themselves every five years.
2. FCRA is implemented by the Ministry of External Affairs.

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

3. With reference to the 'National Human Rights Commission', consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body for the promotion of human rights in the country.
2. It is empowered to act against human rights violations by government or private parties.
3. The retired members of the Commission are not eligible for further employment under the Central or a state government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. Which of the following can be used by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to influence the value of Rupee?

1. Buying and selling US dollars.
2. Adjusting repo rate.
3. Adjusting liquidity ratio.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

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

5. With reference to the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), consider the following statements:

1. Negative IOD refers to the warmer western basin of the Indian Ocean as compared to the eastern basin.
2. A positive IOD brings below-average winter-spring rainfall to southern and central Australia.

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

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to seismic noise:

1. It refers to the persistent vibration of the ground due to human activity.
2. It obstructs a seismometer in calculating exact seismic data caused by earthquakes.

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

7. Consider the following:

Science	Deals With
1. Pomology	Trees and Woody Plants
2. Olericulture	Vegetables
3. Arboriculture	Fruits and Nuts
4. Floriculture	Floral Plants

Which of the pairs given above is/are NOT matched correctly?

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

8. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is being administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. It is compulsory for loanee farmers availing Crop Loan /KCC account for notified crops.
3. The premium for Kharif and Rabi crops is 1.5% and 2% respectively.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. With reference to Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS), consider the following:

1. It provides an insight into the demand conditions faced by the Indian manufacturing sector.
2. It helps to measure both economic activity and inflationary pressures.
3. It is published by the Central Statistics Office (CSO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to the 'Sovereign Gold Bonds', consider the following statements:

1. These are issued by the Government of India.
2. The Bonds are restricted for sale only to resident individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), Trusts, Universities and Charitable Institutions.
3. These can be bought from small finance banks and payment banks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 262 of the Indian Constitution deals with the inter-state water disputes.
2. States cannot approach the Supreme Court upon an unsatisfactory award given by a water dispute tribunal.

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

12. With reference to the "Targeted Long-term Repo Operations (TLTRO)" consider the following:

1. It is a tool that lets banks borrow funds from the RBI.
2. That funds do not need any collateral.
3. The funds can be invested in investment grade corporate bonds only.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements with reference to Godavari river:

1. Godavari river rises from Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra.
2. Wainganga, Indravati and Kabini rivers are its tributaries.
3. It forms a delta.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. With reference to the 'Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)', consider the following statements:

1. India's foreign exchange reserves include SDRs.
2. These can be exchanged for the currencies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) member 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

15. With reference to the 'Ways and Means Advances (WMA)', consider the following statements:

1. It is a facility only for the central government to borrow from the Reserve Bank of India.
2. The interest on WMA borrowings is charged at repo rate.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements :

1. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) is an 24x7 online fund transfer method.
2. United Payment Interface (UPI) system merges multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application of any participating bank.
3. Under Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) bank details are not required for fund transfer.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements with reference to Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC):

1. It is the second largest intergovernmental organization in the world.
2. India is a member of OIC.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. With reference to the Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN), consider the following statements:

1. These are formed when gravitational energy of the materials, which are being pulled towards the black hole, is converted into light.
2. Blazars and Quasars are AGN but Radio Galaxies are not.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following pairs:

Traditions	States
1. Mudiyettu	Manipur
2. Sankirtana	Kerala
3. Kalbelia	Rajasthan

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

20. With reference to the 'Geographical Indication (GI) status', consider the following statements:

1. GI is used to identify goods having special characteristics originating from a definite geographical territory.
2. It is administered by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and TradeMarks, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
3. In India, the registration of a GI is valid for a period of 15 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. With reference to the Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER), consider the following statements:

1. The NEER of the rupee is a weighted average of bilateral exchange rates between the rupee and a basket of foreign currencies.
2. A decrease in NEER index denotes depreciation in rupee's value.

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

22. With regard to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, consider the following statements:

1. The Bardoli Campaign of 1928 earned him the title of 'Sardar'.
2. He was the first Home Minister of independent India.
3. He established the modern all-India services system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. With reference to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral development bank with members from G-20 as well.
2. It allows for membership to sovereign entities only.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

24. With reference to the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), consider the following statements:

1. It is the amount of dissolved oxygen needed by microorganisms to decompose organic matter under aerobic reaction.

2. Higher value of BOD means less polluted water which is beneficial for marine animals.

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

25. With reference to the Indian Red Cross Society, consider the following statements:

1. It is a voluntary organization which provides relief in times of emergencies and promotes health & care of the vulnerable people.
2. The Union Health Minister is the President of the Indian Red Cross Society.

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

26. Which of the following is/are a Zoonotic Disease?

1. Tuberculosis
2. Swine Flu
3. Bird Flu
4. Ebola
5. Covid-19

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 4 and 5 only
(b) 2, 4 and 5 only
(c) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

27. With reference to the 'Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016', consider the following statements:

1. These have been notified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. These establish a bar-code system for bags or containers containing bio-medical waste for disposal.
3. Bio-medical waste includes treatment apparatus like needles and syringes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements with reference to the United Nations General Assembly.

1. All United Nations members are represented in the United Nations General Assembly.
2. The President of the General Assembly is elected every five year from among its members.

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

29. Consider the following statements:

1. Earth Day is celebrated to raise public awareness about the environment and inspire people to save and protect it.
2. Earth Day celebration is coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, a nonprofit 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

30. With reference to the Brent crude oil, consider the following statements:

1. Brent crude oil is extracted from the fields near the North Sea.
2. It has a lower sulphur content than the West Texas Intermediate.
3. India imports Brent crude oil from OPEC countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Lord Minto shifted the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi in 1911.
2. The Central Vista houses Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, Secretariat and India Gate.
3. Rashtrapati Bhawan was designed by Herbert Baker.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

32. With reference to the Classical Swine Fever, consider the following statements:

1. It is a viral disease that can affect domestic and wild swines as well as humans.
2. There is no treatment available but it can be prevented by timely vaccinations.

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

33. With reference to Employees' state Insurance (ESI) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It provides socio-economic protection to the worker population.
2. The scheme is financed by contributions from employees only.
3. It is mandatory for all employees under the scheme to contribute.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

34. With reference to "Reverse Vaccinology Technique", consider the following statements:

1. It uses genetic information for producing vaccines.
2. It has been used for the first time in an attempt to treat Covid-19.
3. It requires culturing of pathogens and is time consuming.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

35. With reference to the 'Caspian Sea', consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's largest inland body of water.
2. It is surrounded by Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Iran.

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

36. With reference to Biofuels, consider the following statements:

1. Biofuel is the hydrocarbon fuel that is produced from an organic matter over a longer period of time.
2. The National Policy on Biofuels aims to achieve 20% ethanol-blending and 5% biodiesel-blending by the year 2030.

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

37. The Ambubachi Mela is organised annually in Assam. It marks the:

- (a) Onset of spring
(b) Celebration of tea harvest
(c) Beginning of the new year
(d) Annual menstruation of Goddess Kamakhya

38. With reference to Press Council of India (PCI), consider the following statements :

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. It overviews the functioning of print media only.
3. Its decisions are final and cannot be appealed before a court of law.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. With reference to the river 'Ravi', consider the following statements:
1. It rises from the Himalayas in Jammu and Kashmir.
 2. The Indus Waters Treaty in 1960, allocated to India the unrestricted use of the water of river Ravi.
 3. Shahpurkandi Dam Project is located on it.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
40. During "Operation Twist", the RBI performs which of the following :
1. Selling of short term government securities.
 2. Selling of long term government securities.
 3. Buying of short term government securities.
 4. Buying of long term government securities.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below :
- (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
41. Consider the following statements with reference to Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI):
1. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act gave constitutional status to PRI.
 2. The 12th Schedule of the Constitution mentions the subjects related to PRI.
 3. Part IX of the Constitution deals with PRI.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
42. With reference to the 'Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)', consider the following statements:
1. It tells how much direct sunlight is prevented from reaching the ground by the aerosol particles in the atmosphere.
 2. The greater the value, the cleaner the air.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
43. Abdul Ghaffar Khan was:
1. called the Frontier Gandhi.
 2. the founder of the Rampa Rebellion.
 3. the first non-Indian to receive Bharat Ratna.
- Select the correct statement/statements using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
44. With reference to Malaria, consider the following statements:
1. It is caused by Parasites.
 2. Malaria can be sexually transmitted.
 3. It can be transmitted through the shared use of needles or syringes contaminated with blood.
 4. It is spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only (b) 1 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3, and 4
45. Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary is located in:
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
(b) Meghalaya
(c) Assam
(d) Sikkim
46. Which of the following cases does not deal with constitutional amendability power of the Parliament?
1. Shankari Prasad case
 2. Sajjan Singh case
 3. S R Bommai case
 4. Golaknath case
- Select the correct option using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 2 only (d) 3 and 4 only
47. Which of the following countries have not signed the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)?
1. India
 2. Pakistan
 3. China
 4. North Korea
 5. Israel
- Select the correct option using the codes given below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
(c) 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
48. With reference to the 12th century philosopher Basaveshwara, which of the following statements is /are correct?
1. He is the founding saint of the Lingayat sect.
 2. He revolted against the social evils of the traditionalistic society.
 3. He established the Anubhava Mantapa in which he held discussions exclusively with scholars of various religions.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below :
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

49. Pitch Black, recently seen in the news, is:
- Indian help to tackle Australian bushfires
 - Covid-19 help to India by Australia
 - Multilateral air combat training exercise
 - Bilateral naval exercise between India and Australia

50. With reference to the Saudi Vision 2030, consider the following statements:

- It aims at reducing Saudi Arabia's dependence on oil.
- Saudi Arabia's decision to abolish flogging as punishment was a step taken in this direction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

51. Consider the following statements with reference to SVAMITVA Scheme:

- It is a scheme for mapping the land parcels in rural inhabited areas.
- It is a pan India scheme launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. With reference to polar vortex, consider the following statements:

- A polar vortex is a large area of low pressure and cold air that surrounds Earth's poles.
- It occurs during the winter only.
- The polar vortex in the Arctic is typically stronger due to the presence of nearby land as well as mountain ranges.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct in this context?

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

53. Consider these pairs

Mountain Pass

State

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| 1. Shipki La | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 2. Rohtang Pass | Himachal Pradesh |
| 3. Bomdi La | Uttarakhand |
| 4. Nathu La | Sikkim |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3
- 3 and 4
- 2 and 4

54. With reference to the application 'PRIASoft', consider the following statements:

- It is a centralised accounting software intended for maintenance of accounts by all the three levels of Panchayat.
- It has been developed under the e-panchayat Mission Mode Project.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. With reference to the Electric Vehicles (EVs), consider the following statements:

- Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs) combine Hydrogen, Oxygen and Carbon to generate electric current.
- Water and carbon dioxide are the only byproducts of FCEVs.
- FAME India is the government scheme to support electric vehicles.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

56. 'CARES Programme' seen in the news recently is related to?

- World Bank
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

57. Consider the following statements:

- Jal Shakti Abhiyan is a campaign for water conservation and water security.
- Jal Jeevan Mission aims to ensure access of piped water for every household in rural India by 2024.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. With reference to the Paris Agreement 2015, consider the following statements:

- Signatories strive to limit the rise in global warming to under 2 degrees Celsius by 2030.
- It replaced the Kyoto Protocol.
- Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) were conceived with this agreement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. With reference to the 'Global Terrorism Index', consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institution (SIPRI).
2. India moved to seventh position in 2019 from eighth in 2018.
3. In 2019, India was ranked ahead of conflict-ridden countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Palestine, etc.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. With reference to "deemed-to-be-universities", consider the following:

1. The status of deemed-to-be-university is declared by the Central Government on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
2. They enjoy the same academic status and privileges of a university.
3. They do not perform any public duty and are exempted from the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act, 1988.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. Consider the following statements with reference to Aero India:

1. It is a military and civil airshow.
2. It has been organised annually since 1996.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

62. With reference to International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs), consider the following statements:

1. They can provide Indian corporates with easier access to global financial markets.

2. They aid in promotion of financial markets in India.
3. The first IFSC in India has been set up in Maharashtra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

63. With reference to "Tropical cyclones", consider the following statements:

1. Tropical cyclones originate over warm tropical oceans and are characterized by low atmospheric pressure.
2. They rotate anti-clockwise in the southern hemisphere.

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. With reference to the 'International Labour Organization (ILO)', consider the following statements:

1. It is a specialised agency of the United Nations (UN).
2. It is the only tripartite agency bringing together governments, employers and workers.

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

65. Consider the following statements:

1. The Article 30(1) of the Constitution defines religious and linguistic minorities.
2. All minorities have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.
3. Minority educational institutions which do not seek state-aids are not subject to regulatory power of the state.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

Answers

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| 11. (b) | 12. (a) | 13. (c) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) | 16. (b) | 17. (a) | 18. (a) | 19. (c) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (d) | 23. (b) | 24. (a) | 25. (a) | 26. (d) | 27. (c) | 28. (a) | 29. (c) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (b) | 33. (a) | 34. (a) | 35. (a) | 36. (a) | 37. (d) | 38. (c) | 39. (b) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (c) | 42. (a) | 43. (c) | 44. (a) | 45. (c) | 46. (b) | 47. (b) | 48. (a) | 49. (c) | 50. (c) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (a) | 53. (d) | 54. (c) | 55. (c) | 56. (d) | 57. (c) | 58. (c) | 59. (b) | 60. (b) |
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