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1. Consider the following statements:

- The provisions related to Human Rights are provided in Part-III and Part-IV of the Indian Constitution.
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is a statutory body that steers the Human Rights Courts for better protection of Human Rights

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

2. Consider the following statements about Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):

- It was established under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The Finance Secretary of India is the chairman of the committee.
- The MPC is responsible for determining the Inflation Target.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific report, consider the following statements:

- It is the oldest World Bank report on the region's progress.
- The study of the report focuses on a significant aspect or challenge relevant to the economies of the Asia-Pacific region.

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 the Global Gender Gap Report 2021, consider the following statements:

- The report is released by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- India is one of the top performers in the South Asia region.
- India has declined on the political empowerment index.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. With reference to Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP), consider the following statements:

- They are positive rights and impose positive obligations on the state.
- The DPSPs are not justiciable.
- The principles laid down in DPSPs are fundamental in governance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

6. With reference to scheduled tribal areas, consider the following statements:

- Article 244(A) allows for creation of an 'autonomous state' within the state Assam only.
- Tribal habitations in the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu are under the Fifth schedule of the constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. With reference to Lingayats, consider the following statements:

- The sect was founded by social reformer and philosopher Basavanna in vedic period.
- The Lingayats are strict monotheists and worship only Vishnu.

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

8. Central Pollution Control Board is a statutory organisation which was constituted under the

- (a) Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.  
(b) Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.  
(c) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.  
(d) National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995.

9. With reference to the Access to Covid-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-Accelerator), consider the following statements:

- It is a global collaboration launched by the G20 countries.
- It aims to end the Covid-19 pandemic and restore full societal and economic activity globally.

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. With reference to a 'star campaigner', consider the following statements:

- Expenditure incurred on electioneering by a star campaigner is borne by the concerned political party and not by an individual candidate.
- When the Prime Minister is a Star Campaigner the expenditure incurred on security is borne by the government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements about BIMSTEC:

1. It is a regional organisation comprising South Asian countries only.
2. The Secretariat of BIMSTEC is located at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

12. Consider the following statements regarding Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS):

1. The scheme is not extended to MUDRA borrowers.
2. SIDBI is the guarantee provider under the ECLGS scheme.
3. Recently, business enterprises under the Tourism and Hospitality sectors have also been included under the ECLGS scheme.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) None

13. With reference to Prime Minister's Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The PM-KUSUM scheme was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
2. It focuses only on providing standalone solar-powered agriculture pumps..

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

14. With reference to Current Account Deficit (CAD), consider the following statements:

1. Current account records exports and imports in goods and services only.
2. CAD can be reduced by curbing non-essential imports such as gold, mobiles, and electronics.

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. 'Persistent Viral Shedding was in the news, it is a condition of-

- (a) Full Immunity developed against the virus.
- (b) A special type of viral infection developed in Old age people.
- (c) Recovered patients continue to carry some of virus within their system
- (d) When recovered patients are not affected again by the virus already infected.

16. Consider the following statements:

1. India's Forex Reserves include the Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) and Gold reserves only.
2. The Foreign Currency Assets are expressed in dollar terms.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements about Odia language:

1. It is the oldest language of the eastern Indo-Aryan Family.
2. It is derived from the Sanskrit language.
3. Adikabi Sarala Das wrote Mahabharata in Odia.

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

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

18. With reference to the Godavari River, consider the following statements:

1. It rises from Trimbakeshwar near Nasik in Maharashtra and flows into the Bay of Bengal.
2. Its drainage basin extends over the states of Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh only.

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. With reference to the Special Drawing Rights (SDR), consider the following statements:

1. It is an international reserve asset, created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
2. The value of the SDR is calculated from a weighted basket of major currencies.

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

20. With reference to Rare disease, consider the following statements:

1. Rare diseases have low prevalence but are not life threatening.
2. All the rare diseases have genetic origin.
3. There is no treatment available for rare diseases.

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

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

21. With reference to National Security Act (NSA)-1980, consider the following statements:
1. The NSA is a preventive detention law.
  2. Only the Centre government can detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security.
  3. The maximum period for which one may be detained is six months.
- 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
22. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Racism?
1. Racism is the discrimination against a person belonging to a foreign community or nation.
  2. Article 24 of the Indian Constitution prohibits discrimination on ground of race.
  3. India is signatory to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
23. Consider the following statements:
1. Exercise Varuna is an Indo-French naval exercise.
  2. All the QUAD members will also participate in Varuna exercise.
  3. Varuna exercise will be conducted in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only              (d) 1 and 3 only
24. With reference to the "Sankalp se Siddhi"-Village and Digital Connect Drive, consider the following statements:
1. It is launched by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
  2. It aims to activate the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) in the villages.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
  2. India is a member of IMO.
- 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. Consider the following statements regarding the Chenab river:
1. It rises in the lesser Himalayas.
  2. It flows through the states of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab.
  3. The Pong Dam is built on the Chenab river.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
27. Which of the following statements are correct about the Central Bureau of Investigation:
1. It comes under the administrative control of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
  2. It is a statutory body.
  3. It derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
28. Consider the following statements:
1. The Tribunals were introduced through the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976.
  2. The Article 323B of the Indian Constitution deals with the Administrative Tribunals.
- 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. With reference to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), consider the following statements:
1. It functions under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
  2. It is a statutory body.
- 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 World Economic Outlook, consider the following statements:
1. It is released by the World Economic Forum.
  2. It is an annual publication.
  3. It analyzes and predicts global economic developments during the near and medium term.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only              (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3

31. With reference to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), consider the following statements:

1. It provides refinance support for building rural infrastructure.
2. It supervises Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).

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:

1. The Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) is a publicly listed company with National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
2. IEX is regulated by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
3. CERC is a statutory body functioning with quasi-judicial status.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. The Russian Far East stretches from the Siberian Sea to the Arctic Ocean.
2. Both India and Russia are the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
3. The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) is being built in India with Russian cooperation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):

1. It was established by the Washington Treaty to provide security against the Soviet Union.
2. NATO's protection does not extend to members' civil wars or internal coups.
3. It is headquartered in Washington, USA.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

35. 'Anamaya' was recently in the news, it is an initiative-

- (a) Health care initiative for religious minorities in India.
- (b) Provision of quality education to SC/STs.
- (c) To end all preventable deaths among the tribals.
- (d) Bringing financial inclusion among the vulnerables.

36. Consider the following statements regarding the ASEAN:

1. Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore are known as the founding fathers of the ASEAN.
2. The ASEAN declaration is also known as the Jakarta declaration.
3. Russia is the largest provider of development assistance to the ASEAN region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. With reference to the Priority Sector Lending (PSL), consider the following statements:

1. The RBI mandates only scheduled commercial banks and Regional rural banks to lend under PSL.
2. The Regional rural banks have to allocate 100% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) to PSL.

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

38. Consider the following statements:

1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
2. The CPI calculates the difference in the price of commodities and services.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The OPEC is a permanent organization created at the Baghdad conference.
2. The non-OPEC countries that export crude oil are termed as OPEC+ countries.
3. Algeria, Libya, Nigeria and Venezuela are OPEC+ countries.

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

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

40. With reference to the Guru Tegh Bahadur, consider the following statements:

1. He is fondly remembered as 'Hind di Chaadar'.
2. He was the sixth Guru of the Sikh religion.

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 statements:

1. The E9 Partnership was established to achieve the goal of UNESCO's Education for All (EFA).
2. India is a member of the E9 partnership.
3. The EFA initiative was first launched at the World Conference on Education for All in 1990.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements:

1. Both India and Seychelles are the members of the Indian Ocean Commission.
2. India and Seychelles are the founding members of the International Solar Alliance.

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

43. With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, consider the following statements:

1. It is signed and ratified by all the members of the United Nations (UN).
2. The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) extends 200 nautical miles from the shore of the coastal state.
3. The coastal state has the responsibility to conserve and manage, both living and non-living resources of EEZ.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements:

1. The Golan Heights is a strategic plateau that Israel captured from Jordan.
2. The West Bank is sandwiched between Israel and Jordan.
3. The Gaza Strip is located between Israel and Egypt.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. With reference to the Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), consider the following statements:

1. The SDG-4 aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

2. The SDGs are legally binding on the member states of the United Nations.

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

46. The 'Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve' is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Maharashtra                      (b) Chhattisgarh  
(c) Madhya Pradesh                      (d) Jharkhand

47. With reference to the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT), consider the following statements:

1. The MAT was introduced due to an increase in the number of zero tax paying companies.
2. Only domestic companies in India are covered under the provision of MAT.

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

48. Consider the following statements regarding Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA):

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
3. It is headquartered in Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Despite the growing ties, there is a trend of decline in India's bilateral trade with the Netherlands since 2017.
2. The Netherlands is home to the largest Indian community on the European mainland.

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

50. Consider the following statements about Jyotirao Phule:

1. His ideologies were based upon Libertarianism and Egalitarianism.
2. He was the founder of Satyashodhak Samaj.
3. He was bestowed with the title of Mahatma.

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

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Kazakhstan shares land borders with Russia, China and Uzbekistan.
2. Kazakhstan is India's largest trading partner in Central Asia.
3. KAZIND is the joint military exercise of India and Kazakhstan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. Consider the following statements regarding the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC):

1. The CEC is appointed by the President of India.
2. The CEC can resign anytime or can be removed even before the expiry of his/her term.

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. The 'Doomsday Glacier' recently seen in the news is located in?

- (a) Antarctica                      (b) Arctic Circle  
(c) Asia                                  (d) North America

54. With reference to the military exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena', consider the following statements:

1. It was a United Nations mandated counterterrorism exercise.
2. It was a bilateral exercise between India and Bangladesh.

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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. Northern Ireland is a political unit of the United Kingdom.
2. The Northern Ireland region is dominated by Roman Catholic population.

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

56. Consider the following statements about the Himalayas:

1. The Himalayas are the highest and youngest fold mountain ranges of the world.
2. The Himalayas are a series of three mountain ranges namely Himadri, Himachal and Shiwaliks.

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

57. Consider the following statements:

1. Gudi Padwa and Ugadi festivals are celebrated in Maharashtra only.
2. On Gudi Padwa, dolls made of Bamboo sticks are prepared in Maharashtrian homes.
3. Bevu-bella is a festive food prepared on Gudi Padwa and Ugadi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. The electronic platform named e-SANTA is launched to?

- (a) Connect aqua farmers and the buyers.  
(b) Provide online education to rural students.  
(c) Facilitate the foreign investors in india.  
(d) Bringing transparency in the power sector.

59. The Hunter Commission was set up in 1919 for investigating:

- (a) The provisions of Rowlatt Act  
(b) Jallianwala Bagh massacre  
(c) Cases of political prisoners  
(d) Political activities

60. With reference to India Energy Dashboards (IED), consider the following statements:

1. It is an endeavour to provide single-window access to the energy data for the country.
2. It has been launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

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

61. Consider the following statements:

1. Adenoviruses are DNA viruses which induce many illnesses in humans like cold and respiratory infections.
2. Adenovirus is used as a tool to deliver genes or vaccine antigens to the target host tissue

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. Which of the following journals is/are published by Dr. B R Ambedkar?

1. Mooknayak
2. Bahishkrit Bharat
3. Samatha

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

63. The term 'Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NLS1)' recently seen in news related to?

- (a) New active galaxy
- (b) Near earth asteroid
- (c) Crater on Mars
- (d) Planet in Kuiper belt

64. Consider the following statements regarding the currency depreciation in India:

1. Currency depreciation increases the country's export activity.
2. Travel to India gets costly.
3. People receiving remittances from abroad are gainers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. With reference to the Bonded Labour in India, consider the following statements:

1. It is the payment of wages that are below the prevailing market wages and legal minimum wages.
2. The Constitution of India prohibits forced labour under Article 23.

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

## Answers

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| 1. (d)  | 2. (a)  | 3. (b)  | 4. (b)  | 5. (d)  | 6. (a)  | 7. (d)  | 8. (a)  | 9. (b)  | 10. (c) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (a) | 13. (d) | 14. (b) | 15. (c) | 16. (b) | 17. (b) | 18. (a) | 19. (c) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (c) | 23. (b) | 24. (c) | 25. (c) | 26. (b) | 27. (c) | 28. (a) | 29. (b) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (d) | 33. (c) | 34. (a) | 35. (c) | 36. (a) | 37. (d) | 38. (c) | 39. (d) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (d) | 42. (d) | 43. (c) | 44. (c) | 45. (a) | 46. (a) | 47. (a) | 48. (d) | 49. (a) | 50. (d) |
| 51. (d) | 52. (c) | 53. (a) | 54. (a) | 55. (a) | 56. (b) | 57. (c) | 58. (a) | 59. (b) | 60. (a) |
| 61. (c) | 62. (d) | 63. (a) | 64. (c) | 65. (c) |         |         |         |         |         |