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1. Consider the following statements:

1. Fiscal deficit refers to the shortfall in a government's income compared with its spending.
2. A high fiscal deficit is always harmful for the economy.
3. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act provides for the fiscal deficit to be upto 3% of the GDP by March 2021.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to Index of Industrial Production (IIP):

1. The IIP is an index that shows the growth rates in different industry groups of the economy in a fixed period of time.
2. It is compiled and published annually by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
3. Current Base Year for IIP calculation is 2004-2005.

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

3. With reference to the 'Finance Commission', consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body that determines the method for distributing the tax proceeds between the Centre and states.
2. The Parliament is required to constitute a Finance Commission at an interval of five years.

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 'Gramodyog Vikas Yojana', consider the following statements:

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
2. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is entrusted with providing training and assistance.

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

5. 'Operation Breathing Space' is a joint collaboration mission between which of the following two countries?

- (a) India and Sri Lanka
(b) India and U.S
(c) India and Bhutan
(d) India and Israel

6. Which of the following Islands of the Lakshadweep group is located nearest to the Kochi (Kerala) coast?

- (a) Minicoy (b) Kavaratti
(c) Agatti (d) Andrott

7. Which of the following countries recently engaged in Quadrilateral Dialogue to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, boost economic recovery and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)?

1. China 2. Afghanistan
3. India 4. Nepal
5. Pakistan 6. Bangladesh

Select the answer using the code below:

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3, 4 and 6 only (d) 1, 3, 4 and 6 only

8. Which of the following Journals were started by Mahatma Gandhi ?

1. Young India
2. Indian Opinion
3. Navajivan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9. Cataracts in eyes are formed due to break down and clumping of which of the following in the lens of the eyes?

- (a) Protein (b) Fat
(c) Lipid (d) Carbohydrate

10. The 'Galapagos Archipelago' known for its high congregation of marine species comes under the influence of?

- (a) Humboldt Current
(b) Agulhas Current
(c) Benguela Current
(d) Norwegian Current

11. Consider the following statements regarding Habeas Corpus:

1. The court can issue an order to a person who has detained another person, to produce the detainee before it.
2. Both the Supreme Court and High courts under Article 32 can issue the writ of habeas corpus.
3. The writ of habeas corpus can only be issued against private individuals.

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

12. With reference to Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), consider the following statements:

1. PMI is an indicator of business activity in the manufacturing sector only.
2. The PMI is usually released bi-annually.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. With reference to 'Bal Gangadhar Tilak', consider the following statements:

1. The Indian National Congress (INC) was headed by Tilak when the Lucknow Pact was signed in 1916.
2. He founded the Deccan Education Society in 1884.

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 Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN), consider the following statements:

1. Its objective is to augment the Universal Immunization Programme.
2. It is implemented by the WHO in India.
3. It monitors the supply chain of Covid response material.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. The 'Demo-2 mission' was recently seen in the news, was launched by?

- (a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
(c) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
(d) European Space Agency (ESA)

16. Which of the following statements is/are not correct regarding 'Vitamin D'?

1. It is produced endogenously in the body by ultraviolet rays from sunlight.
2. It maintains adequate calcium and phosphate concentrations in blood.
3. The deficiency of vitamin D is only limited to polar regions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. With reference to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), consider the following statements:

1. It covers the loans given to larger firms and self-employed people.

2. The RBI provides the guarantee to the loans given under ECLGS scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. With reference to Dhole (wild carnivorous animal), consider the following statements

1. It is founded in the Himalyan regions only.
2. It is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN's Red List.
3. It acts as apex predators in forest ecosystems.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding food security schemes/acts:

1. The National Food Security Act, 2013 legally entitles only rural populations to receive subsidized food grains.
2. One Nation-One Ration Card Scheme seeks to provide portability of food security benefits all across the country.

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. Which of the following themes of circuits are included in Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

1. Himalayan Circuit 2. Tirthankara Circuit
3. Coastal Circuit 4. Sufi Circuit

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

21. With reference to Cooperatives in India, consider the following statements:

1. The term Cooperatives was added in the Constitution through the 97th Constitutional Amendment Act in 2011.
2. It is a fundamental right of citizens to form cooperatives.

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. Which of the following countries shares the land boundary with Lebanon?

1. Syria 2. Israel
3. Cyprus 4. Jordan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

23. With reference to Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), consider the following statements:

1. GIAHS was started by the FAO to safeguard and support the world's agricultural heritage systems.
2. Kuttanad below-sea level farming system in India has been recognised as a GIAHS.
3. There are two recognised GIAHS sites in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. 'Bru community' was recently in the news, in which geographical area?

- (a) Nilgiri
(b) Lushai hills
(c) Satpura hills
(d) Andaman and Nicobar islands

25. According to the India Meteorological Department, Long Period Average refers to average rainfall recorded during?

- (a) April to July (b) April to August
(c) June to August (d) June to September

26. Consider the following statements with reference to Inflation targeting by Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

1. Determining targets for consumer price index (CPI) is part of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI.
2. Inflation target is set by the RBI on an annual basis.

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

27. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Tsunami ready programme'?

1. It has been initiated by UNESCO to promote tsunami preparedness through community participation.
2. Odisha is the first state in India to have tsunami ready recognised communities.

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. With reference to United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), consider the following statements:

1. The membership of UNHRC is decided through voting in the General Assembly.
2. India has never got the membership of UNHRC.

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. Human Leukocyte Antigen genes are usually the same for members of the same family.
2. In an autoimmune disease, the immune system attacks the body's own tissues and organs.
3. Lack of iron and disrupted oxygen supply to the brain are leading causes of Schizophrenia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Which of the following mentioned personalities were associated with Bengal School of Painting?

1. Abanindranath Tagore
2. Nandalal Bose
3. Sunayani Devi
4. Raja Ravi Varma

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

31. With reference to 'Loya Jirga', consider the following statements:

1. It is a newly constituted legislative assembly of Afghanistan.
2. It is an official decision-making body in Afghanistan.

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. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding 'Anganwadi services'?

1. It is a central sector scheme implemented by the States.
2. It was launched to combat child hunger and malnutrition.
3. It was a part of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding Eravikulam National Park:

1. It is located in the southern Western Ghats in the state of Tamil Nadu.
2. It includes the highest peak of southern 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

34. 'Arakunomics economic model' recently in the news ensures profit in which of the following?
- Agriculture
 - Stock Broking
 - Automobile trade
 - Cryptocurrencies
35. With reference to Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), consider the following statements:
- It was registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984.
 - It undertakes the function retail marketing and development of Minor Forest Produce (MFP).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
36. Which of the following is/are not the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council?
- Bahrain
 - Oman
 - Iran
 - Qatar
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 4 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
37. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the office of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India?
- It is a guardian of the public purse of both Centre and the state.
 - The expenses of the office of the CAG is decided by Parliament.
 - CAG has no control over the issue of money from the consolidated fund.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
38. With reference to Blue Bonds, consider the following statements:
- China was the first country in the world to launch sovereign Blue Bonds.
 - It is issued to raise capital to finance Hydro-electric power projects in other countries.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
39. With reference to Quit India Movement, consider the following statements:
- Failure of Cripps mission was the immediate cause for the launch of the movement.
 - The Hindu Mahasabha supported the movement with some conditions.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
40. With reference to 'eSanjeevani', consider the following statements
- It is a telemedicine service platform of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
 - It is developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 and 2
41. With reference to Sunspots, which of the following is correct?
- Sunspots are areas that appear dark on the surface of the Sun.
 - They appear dark because they are hotter than other parts of the Sun's surface.
 - In every solar cycle, the number of Sunspots remains constant.
- Choose the correct option from the codes given below.
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2
 - 1 and 3
 - All of them
42. Which of the following is the main objective of K.V. Kamath committee appointed by RBI?
- Refinancing the debt in the agriculture sector.
 - One-time restructuring of corporate loans.
 - Minimising the circulation of printed notes and promoting digital transactions.
 - Accelerating Merger of Public sector banks.
43. Which of the following are the constituents of the Balance of Payments?
- Merchandise Trade
 - Remittances
 - External Commercial Borrowing
 - Special Drawing Rights
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 only
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4

44. With reference to BlockChain Technology, consider the following statements:
1. Blockchain is a database of information that appears on multiple computers at the same time.
 2. It provides tamper-evident record keeping, real-time transaction, transparency and auditability.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 and 2
45. In reference to World Biofuel day, which of the following is/are NOT correct?
1. It is observed on 10th of August every year.
 2. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has started observing World Bio fuel Day since 2015.
 3. Its theme for the year 2020 is "Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat".
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2 Only (d) 1, 2 and 3
46. The 'Depsang Plains', recently in the news due to Chinese aggression, is located in?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Sikkim
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Ladakh
47. With reference to the 'Ring of Fire', consider the following statements:
1. It is characterized by active volcanoes and frequent earthquakes in Pacific Ocean.
 2. The abundance of volcanoes in this region is due to the movement of tectonic plates.
- 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. With reference to the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act 2005, which of the following is correct?
1. It does not apply to Buddhists, Sikhs and Jains.
 2. It gives equal inheritance and coparcenary rights to the women.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
49. The 'Sputnik V' recently seen in the news is related to?
- (a) It is a nuclear weapon of Russia based on fusion technology.
(b) It is the first manned mission on Mars launched by Roscosmos.
(c) It is officially registered Covid-19 vaccine by Russia.
(d) It is a dedicated satellite for the mapping of the southern pole of earth.
50. With reference to CollabCAD in Atal Tinkering Lab, consider the following statements:
1. It has been launched in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre.
 2. It aims at teaching creating and modifying 3D designs.
- 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
51. With reference to Papum Reserve Forest, consider the following statements:
1. Papum Reserve Forest is geographically located in Meghalaya.
 2. It is a part of the Indo-Burma Biodiversity hotspot 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
52. With reference to 'Transparent Taxation - Honoring The Honest' platform, consider the following statements:
1. It aims to eliminate the interface between the taxpayer and the income tax department.
 2. It involves application of analytics and Artificial Intelligence.
- 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 hornbills, consider the following statements:
1. It plays a key role in dispersing seeds of tropical trees.
 2. It is listed as endangered in the IUCN Red list.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
54. With reference to the 'Ceres', consider the following statements:
1. It is the only dwarf planet located in the inner solar system.
 2. The Dawn mission was launched to study the Ceres.
- 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. With reference to Asian Elephants, consider the following statements
1. It is the Heritage Animal of India.
 2. Its IUCN status is vulnerable.
 3. MIKE programme aims to stop illegal killing of elephants
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) Neither 1 and 2
56. The area known as 'West Bank' sometimes appeared in the news in the context of the events related to:
- (a) Melting glaciers in Arctic
 - (b) Israel-Middle East conflict
 - (c) Volcanic eruptions at the coast of Peru
 - (d) Major sea port of India in the medieval era
57. With reference the recent casting of seed bombs in Athagarh Forest Division, consider the following statements:
1. It aims to protect an endemic species of plant from getting extinct due to overgrazing.
 2. This programme has been undertaken by the government of Rajasthan.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
58. The 'Convention No. 182' recently seen in the news for universal ratification is related to?
- (a) Worst forms of child labour
 - (b) Protection of the ozone layer
 - (c) Protection of the natural heritage
 - (d) Privileges and immunities of diplomats
59. With reference to the Provision of Urban Amenities to Rural Areas (PURA) scheme, which of the following is/are correct?
1. This scheme was envisioned by APJ Abdul Kalam for empowering and accelerating rural development.
 2. It was replaced by Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) in 2016.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
60. With reference to the National Flag, which of the following statements are correct?
1. The tricolour as India's national flag was adopted by the Congress Committee in Karachi (1931).
 2. The National Flag should be rectangular in shape with a length to width ratio of 2:3.
 3. In the Constituent Assembly the Ad-hoc Committee on the National Flag was headed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answers

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