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**Current  
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(Part-II)**

1. With reference to the 'Ellora Caves', consider the following statements:
  1. These are a group of 34 Buddhist caves.
  2. These are also known as 'PandavLeni' caves.
 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
  
2. Consider the following statements:
  1. The Western Ghats are higher than the Eastern Ghats.
  2. The Western Ghats are comparatively discontinuous and irregular hills.
  3. Mahendragiri is the highest peak in the Western Ghats.
 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
  
3. Recently in the news, GIMS is related to
  - (a) Health initiative for adolescents in the tribal areas
  - (b) Messaging System for employees of Central and state government
  - (c) Marine Safety initiative launched by IORA
  - (d) Satellite programme launched ISRO
  
4. With reference to National Ganga Council, consider the following statements:
  1. The National Ganga Council is chaired by Prime Minister.
  2. It replaced the National River Ganga Basin Authority (NRGBA) in 2016.
 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. Recently in the news, Strandhogg is related to
  - (a) An Android system bug
  - (b) An island near Great Nicobar
  - (c) A newly discovered dwarf planet
  - (d) Indigenously developed drug to control Measles
  
6. Consider the following statements:
  1. Article 361 of the Constitution deals with Parliamentary Privileges.
  2. Parliamentary Privileges extend to the President of 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
  
7. Which of the following reports is not published by the Reserve Bank of India?
  - (a) Financial Stability Report
  - (b) Fiscal Monitor Report
  - (c) Monetary Policy Report
  - (d) Report on Foreign Exchange Reserves
  
8. Hump-backed Mahseer, a critically endangered fish, is found only in the basin of :
  - (a) Godavari River
  - (b) Krishna River
  - (c) Cauvery River
  - (d) Narmada River
  
9. Consider the following statements:
  1. The minimum age prescribed for any person to be a member of the State Legislative Assembly is 30 years.
  2. The detention of a person under preventive detention is considered as a disqualification to contest the elections for State Legislative Assembly.
 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. Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is located in:
  - (a) Tamil Nadu
  - (b) Andhra Pradesh
  - (c) Karnataka
  - (d) Telangana
  
11. Which of the following reports is not published by the World Economic Forum?
  - (a) Global Gender Gap Report
  - (b) Human Development Report
  - (c) Global Competitiveness Report
  - (d) Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Report
  
12. With reference to the 'National Broadband Mission', consider the following statements:
  1. It is part of the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018.
  2. It aims to provide broadband access in all villages in the country by 2022.
  3. It envisages development of a Broadband Readiness Index (BRI).
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
  
13. Consider the following statements:
  1. The National Commission for Minorities is a Constitutional body.
  2. Presently, there are five religious communities which have been notified as minority communities by the Union 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
14. With reference to Recommended Dietary Allowance, consider the following statements:  
 1. It is a minimum nutritional content of the Mid Day Meal which is being provided to every child in every Government and Government aided primary school.  
 2. It has been finalised after a survey done by Food Safety and Standards Authority of 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
15. With reference to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, consider the following statements:  
 1. It conducts Global Refugee Forum meeting.  
 2. It was created after the Myanmar Rohingya Refugee Crisis.  
 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. PWO-2, PRO-6 and Punjab Naroya, recently in the news, are:  
 (a) Varieties of Rice  
 (b) Indigenous Breeds of Buffalo  
 (c) Varieties of Onion  
 (d) Types of Pesticides
17. Balimela Reservoir, recently in the news, is located in:  
 (a) Kerala (b) Karnataka  
 (c) Bihar (d) Odisha
18. With reference to Feni River, consider the following statements:  
 1. It forms a part of the India-Bangladesh border.  
 2. It originates in Meghalaya.  
 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 statements:  
 1. Coloane Island forms a part of the region.  
 2. It is known as "Gambling Capital of the World".  
 3. It was a former Portuguese colony.  
 4. It is an example of 'one country, two systems' model of administration.
- Identify the region based on the above-given statements:  
 (a) Hong Kong (b) Fujian  
 (c) Macau (d) Las Vegas
20. With reference to the GST Council, consider the following statements:  
 1. It was introduced by the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016.  
 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
21. Which of the following is NOT used by the RBI as the quantitative instrument of credit control?  
 (a) Cash Reserve Ratio  
 (b) Open Market Operations  
 (c) Credit Rationing  
 (d) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
22. With reference to the Section 144 of CrPC, consider the following statements:  
 1. An order under this section cannot be directed to a particular individual.  
 2. An order passed under this section cannot be extended by more than two months.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
23. With reference to the 'Inner Line Permit (ILP) System', consider the following statements:  
 1. At present, it is applicable in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram.  
 2. Inner Line Permit is a document that allows an Indian citizen to visit or stay in a state that is protected under the ILP system.  
 3. An ILP document is issued by the state government concerned.  
 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
24. Pinaka, recently in news, is:  
 (a) Tactical short-range ballistic missile  
 (b) Multi-barrel rocket launch system  
 (c) Nuclear-powered submarine  
 (d) Light Combat Helicopter

25. With reference to, Sashastra Seema Bal, consider the following statements:

1. It comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. It safeguards the security of Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders.

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. With reference to National Population Register(NPR), consider the following statements:

1. NPR exercise will be undertaken alongside Census 2021 for the first time in India.
2. It will be conducted by the Office of the Registrar General of India (RGI) under the Home Ministry.

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. With reference to International Space Station (ISS), consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint project between the United States, Russia, Japan, European Space Agency and China.
2. It serves as a microgravity and space environment research laboratory.
3. It is expected to operate until 2045.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

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

28. EChO Network, recently in the news, is related to

- (a) Internet of Things  
(b) Health care in tribal areas  
(c) Ecology and Environment  
(d) Development of disabled children

29. With reference to Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP), consider the following statements:

1. It is an officially recognized book of standards for drugs.
2. Germany is the first country to formally recognised the Indian Pharmacopoeia.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. European Union is the fourth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world after China, United States and India.
2. Suriname is a carbon neutral 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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the second-largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations.
2. Iran is a member of the OIC and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

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. With reference to the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2015 to improve the financial health of power distribution companies.
2. Providing free electricity connections to un-electrified households is a component of this 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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. Plastics less than fifty millimeters in length are called microplastics.
2. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is an autonomous body which comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

34. USTTAD recently seen in the news is related to

- (a) An initiative launched to promote music as a career among students  
(b) Promotion of traditional art among minorities  
(c) Pension system launched for craftsmen in the country  
(d) JEE coaching for students from minority communities

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The territorial sea of the coastal state extends seaward up to 24 nautical miles (nm) from its baselines.
2. The coastal states have sovereignty and jurisdiction over both the territorial sea as well as the airspace above it.
3. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) extends seaward up to 200 nm from internal waters of the coastal state.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements:

1. This plant is native to South America.
2. It is considered as invasive alien species.
3. It is also referred to as the terror of Bengal.
4. It can be used for detecting herbicide.

Identify the species based on the above-given statements:

- (a) Lantana                      (b) Garlic mustard  
(c) Carrot grass                (d) Water Hyacinth

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Cabinet Committees are extra-constitutional in emergence.
2. Cabinet Committee on Accommodation is headed by the Prime Minister.
3. As of 2019, there are 10 Cabinet Committees.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

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

38. Recently a country has constituted a Space Force, the country is

- (a) China                        (b) Russia  
(c) USA                         (d) France

39. With reference to Konda Reddies, consider the following statements:

1. They are the most dominant tribal group in the state of Karnataka.
2. They have been recognized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group.

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 Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, consider the following statements:

1. It comes under the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
2. Water+ protocol initiative is designed under it to provide piped water supply to every household by the year 2024.

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

41. With reference to 'Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya', which of the following statement is not correct?

- (a) He founded the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1916.

(b) He was one of the founders of Hindu Mahasabha.

(c) He was the editor of newspaper 'The Hindu'.

(d) He was conferred with Bharat Ratna in 2014.

42. With reference to the 'Locust Warning Organisation (LWO)', consider the following statements:

1. It is an international organization that issues alerts related to the locust situation to the global community.
2. It is headquartered in New Delhi.

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. With reference to the 'Asian Waterbird Census (AWC)', consider the following statements:

1. It covers only central asian region.
2. It is part of the global waterbird monitoring programme, the International Waterbird Census (IWC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

44. Good Governance Index is released by,

- (a) NITI Ayog  
(b) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
(c) Prime Minister's Office  
(d) Ministry of Home Affairs.

45. Consider the following statements about Amur Falcons:

1. Amur falcons are the world's longest travelling raptors.
2. It is endangered under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
3. It is named after the Amur River that forms the border between Myanmar and China.

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

46. Consider the following statements:

1. Gautamiputra Satakarni was the founder of the Satavahana dynasty.
2. Kalyani was the greatest port of the Satavahanas on the eastern coast of India.

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

47. Carrier Killer, recently seen in the news, it is related to
- Antibiotic developed to fight Malaria by Germany
  - Guided-missile destroyer developed by China
  - Organic Pesticide to prevent locust attacks developed by India
  - Scientific method to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers in agriculture
48. With reference to the University Grants Commission, consider the following statements:
- It is a constitutional body.
  - It developed the Higher Education Quality Improvement Programme Mandate to improve the quality of higher educational institutions.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
49. Consider the following statements:
- Primary market is a capital market where existing securities are bought and sold.
  - Primary market is also known as the stock market.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
50. Consider the following pairs:
- | <b>Lake</b>       | <b>State/UT</b>     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Dal Lake       | — Jammu and Kashmir |
| 2. Sambhar Lake   | — Gujarat           |
| 3. Bellandur Lake | — Tamil Nadu        |
| 4. Deepor Beel    | — West Bengal       |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- 1 only
  - 1 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
51. Pulicat Lake is located in which of the following states?
- Andhra Pradesh
  - Odisha
  - Tamil Nadu
  - Both A and C
52. Consider the following statements about Kalaripayattu:
- Kalaripayattu is a martial art which originated in Kerala.
  - The word Kalari appears in the Sangam literature.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
53. Belum Caves are located in,
- Tamil Nadu
  - Kerala
  - Chattisgarh
  - Andhra Pradesh
54. With reference to the Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), consider the following statements:
- It is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk-weighted assets.
  - Under Basel III norms, the minimum CAR that banks must maintain is 9%.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
55. Recently in news, SnowEx is:
- NASA's programme to map global snow water equivalent
  - Cold wave of 2018 named by India Meteorological Department
  - Expedition on the North Pole by ESA
  - Forecast by World Weather Information Service
56. With reference to the 'Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)', consider the following statements:
- The CDS will serve as the permanent chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (CoSC).
  - The CDS will function as the Military Adviser to the Nuclear Command Authority.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
57. Which of the following is not part of the 'World Bank' Group?
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
  - International Finance Corporation
  - International Fund for Agricultural Development
  - International Development Association
58. Which of the following is not correct about the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)?
- NBFCs are an example of shadow banking.
  - NBFCs cannot accept demand deposits.
  - All the NBFCs in India are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India.
  - In India, NBFCs, whose asset size is of ₹ 500 crore or more, are considered as systemically important NBFCs.

59. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Tiger Reserve</b>	<b>State</b>
1. Valmiki Tiger Reserve	— Bihar
2. Kamlang Tiger Reserve	— Tripura
3. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve	— Haryana
4. Panna Tiger Reserve	— Madhya Pradesh

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

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

60. With reference to the Koro Sea, consider the following statements:

1. It is a submarine depression in the floor of the South Pacific Ocean.
2. It is surrounded by the islands of the Fijian archipelago.

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. SDG India Index is released by

- (a) NITI Ayog
- (b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and World Bank
- (c) Prime Minister's Office
- (d) ORF and World Bank

62. Consider the following statements about the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA):

1. AFSPA gives armed forces the power to maintain public order in "disturbed areas".
2. Only the Central Government can declare the whole or part of the State or Union Territory as a disturbed area.

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

63. With reference to the 'India State of Forest Report', consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the World Wide Fund for Nature - India annually.
2. According to the 2019 edition, India's forest cover has reduced drastically as compared to the year 2018.

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. Merchant Discount Rate refers to:

- (a) The incentive given by a bank to a merchant for accepting payments through debit cards pertaining to that bank.
- (b) The amount paid back by banks to their customers when they use debit cards for financial transactions for purchasing goods or services.
- (c) It is the cost paid by a merchant to a bank for accepting payment from their customers via digital means.
- (d) The incentive given by the Government to merchants for promoting digital payments by their customers through Point of sale (PoS) machines and debit cards.

65. Recently in news, Electro-Kinetic Streaming Potential and Contrasting Inter-Facial Activities are related to:

- (a) Harvesting energy from the flowing waters and the stagnant waters
- (b) Rocket launching technologies developed by ISRO
- (c) Artificial Intelligence development processes in robotics
- (d) Remote sensing processes under IRNSS

## Answers

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