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(Part-I)**

1. Consider the following statements about the Peacock Soft-Shell Turtle:

1. The species is confined to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh only.
2. The species is found in rivers, lakes, and ponds with mud or sand bottoms.
3. The turtle species is listed as near threatened in the IUCN Red List.

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

2. With reference to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The central government bears the full cost of unskilled labour employed under this scheme.
2. It provides livelihood security for people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage employment in a financial year.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Influenza is a bacterial infection that attacks the respiratory system.
2. Superinfection is infection occurring after or on top of an earlier infection.

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. Which of the following initiatives are launched to tackle HIV/AIDS?

1. Project Sunrise
2. The Red Ribbon
3. 90-90-90 Target

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

5. With reference to Person with Disability (PwD), consider the following statements:

1. Person with a disability means a person with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments.
2. International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated worldwide on 3rd December

3. Accessible India Campaign envisages for achieving universal accessibility to help PwD.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. With reference to Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Consider the following statements:

1. It is the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations.
2. India has been given observer status in the 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

7. With reference to Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a flagship program of the Ministry of Education.
2. It aims to link the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with villages.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. With reference to the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED), consider the following statements:

1. It was established as a Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in 1987.
2. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
3. TRIFOOD Scheme is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Food Processing Industry, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Ocean Commission (IOC):

1. The IOC was founded in 1984 to protect the interests of the Western Indian Ocean islands.
2. China is a permanent member of the Indian Ocean Commission while India has only observer status.

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 the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), consider the following statements:

1. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is released annually by CSO.
2. The composite index is constructed for both manufacturing and services sectors.

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:

1. The National Commission of Safai Karamcharis is a non-statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge to eliminate manual scavenging.

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. mCessation Programme was recently in the news. It is -

- (a) Mobile portal to register any cyber fraud or harassment.
- (b) Scheme to build shelter homes to withstand against the high speed tropical cyclone winds in coastal areas.
- (c) Using mobile technology to discourage tobacco consumption.
- (d) Programme for testing Covid-19 infection and stopping its spread.

13. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the 'Protection of Regional Languages'?

1. The Namath Basai initiative is launched by the Ministry of Education to teach tribal children in the vernacular languages.
2. The United Nations General Assembly had proclaimed 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL).
3. The Yuelu Proclamation of UNESCO is aimed at protecting linguistic resources and diversity.

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

14. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) test has been in the news. It is related to?

- (a) Measuring distance between celestial objects
- (b) Discovery of gravitational waves
- (c) Ascertain the composition of a product at the molecular level
- (d) Search for magnetic monopoles at the center of black hole

15. With reference to Chief justice of India(CJI), consider the following statements:

1. Till date there have been only two female Chief Justices of India.
2. The judges other than CJI are appointed by the President after obligatory consultation with the CJI.

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. Which of the following conditions are favourable for the formation and intensification of tropical storms?

1. Presence of the coriolis force.
2. A pre-existing weak low- pressure area.
3. Small variations in the horizontal wind speed.
4. Upper divergence above the sea level system.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. With reference to National Technical Textiles Mission, consider the following statements:

1. The constitution of an Export Promotion Council (EPC) for technical textiles is one of its components.
2. It aims to increase the use of technical textiles in the domestic market.

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 Minimum support price (MSP) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices(CACP) recommends MSPs for mandated crops and sugarcane.
2. Recommendations of CACP are not binding on 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

19. With reference to the Municipal Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. A municipal bond is a debt security issued by the Central Government for the municipalities.
2. Lucknow became the first city to raise municipal bonds 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

20. With reference to Malayan Giant Squirrel, consider the following statements:

1. It is found mostly in evergreen and semi-evergreen forests.
2. It is endemic to the Malay Peninsula.
3. It is listed as critically endangered in IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements regarding the Goods and Services Tax:

1. Article 246A of the Constitution fully empowers the Parliament to make laws with respect to goods and services tax.
2. Lottery and Gambling are taxable under the Goods and Services Tax Act.

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

22. With reference to the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) programme, consider the following statements:

1. It has been initiated by CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB).
2. The data generated will not be publicly available for anyone.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI is an executive body.
2. MPC is mandated to achieve the inflation target of 4% to 6% of consumer price index.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24. With reference to the Great Barrier Reef, consider the following statements:

1. It is located on the south coast of Australia.
2. It has been selected as a World Heritage Site.

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. The Global Teacher Prize is organised in partnership with UNESCO.
2. The Global Education Monitoring Report aims to monitor progress towards the targets in the Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG-8).

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:

1. India's diaspora population is the largest in the world.
2. The voting rights for the Non Resident Indian (NRI) were introduced in 1950.

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:

1. Hayabusa 2 is a lunar mission of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).
2. Trojans are asteroids that share an orbit with satellites of a larger planet.

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 the Vittala Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It was built in the 15th century by the rulers of the Vijayanagara Empire.
2. It is a Dravidian style temple.
3. The temple is dedicated to the Lord Shiva.

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

29. With reference to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to build the world's largest tokamak to prove the feasibility of fusion as a large-scale source of energy.
2. ITER is a collaborative project of India and France.

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. Both these planets are also called Jovian planets.
2. These planets are involved in great conjunction almost every 20 years.
3. Both these planets have a ring system around them.

The above statements represent which of the following pair of planets?

- (a) Jupiter-Saturn
- (b) Uranus-Neptune
- (c) Neptune-Pluto
- (d) Saturn-Uranus

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Elephant's are keystone species.
2. The Indian Elephants are listed as vulnerable in 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

32. Consider the following statements about Scheduled Tribes:

1. The list of Scheduled Tribes are prepared State/ Union Territory specific.
2. The Tharu Tribe belongs to terai lowlands of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar 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

33. With reference to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), consider the following statements:

1. It is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly.
2. The World Investment Report is published by UNCTAD.

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. Which of the following are correct about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?

1. He established a newspaper called Harijan.
2. He was appointed by the Bombay Presidency Committee to work in the Simon Commission.
3. He participated in all three round-table conferences.

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

35. With reference to Narmada River, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest west flowing river of peninsular India.
2. It forms the Dhuandhar Fall.
3. It rises from the Chota Nagpur Plateau.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. With reference to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), consider the following statements:

1. All the countries on Scandanavian peninsula are the members of EFTA.
2. EFTA countries are not part of the European Union.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. With reference to the 'Participatory Guarantee System', consider the following statements:

1. It is a process of certifying organic products on quality standards.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food And Public.
3. Lakshadweep is the first State or Union Territory to become 100% organic.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. With reference to South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC):

1. Afghanistan, Vietnam, Nepal and Myanmar are the member nations of SAARC.
2. The secretariat of SAARC is located in Kathmandu.

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. 'Country of Particular Concern (CPC)' designation by US is related to

- (a) Violation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
- (b) Violation of religious freedom.
- (c) Countries not abiding by international travel standards.
- (d) Countries with very high Covid-19 infection rate.

40. Consider the following statements:

1. This mountain is known as Mount Qomolangma in China.
2. It lies at the border of Nepal and Tibet.
3. It was first scaled in 1953 by Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary.

The above statements represent which of the following mountain peaks?

- (a) Mount Everest (b) Mount Kanchenjunga
(c) Mount Kailash (d) Mount Kamet

41. Which of the following statements are correct with reference to Lunar missions?

1. Beresheet 2 project of Israel is aimed at landing a manned craft on the moon in 2024.
2. The Artemis program of NASA aims to send the first woman and the next man to the moon by 2024.
3. Chandrayaan-3 will be launched by ISRO in 2021.

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

42. With reference to the Partners in Population and Development (PPD), consider the following statements:

1. The initiative aims for expanding and improving South-South Cooperation in the fields of reproductive health, population, and development.
2. PPD was launched at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994.
3. The secretariat of PPD is located in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements:

1. SAMADHAN doctrine was announced to contain the problem of Left Wing Extremism in India.
2. The doctrine encompasses the long-term strategy of central government formulated with top down approach.

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. With reference to application of Artificial Intelligence(AI) in India, consider the following statements:

1. Nightingale-19 Robot in Kerala uses AI to predict cyclones.
2. FebriEye screening system uses AI to monitor high fever in Maharashtra.

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

45. Which among the following organisations publishes 'The Climate Change Performance Index'?

- (a) German watch
(b) United Nations Environment Program
(c) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
(d) The World Wide Fund for Nature

46. Consider the following statements:

1. Morocco shares the land boundary with Western Sahara, Algeria and Libya.
2. Morocco is the only African country with coastal exposure to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

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. With reference to the HelpAge India, consider the following statements:

1. It became the first institute from India to receive the UN Population Award for 2020.
2. It was established by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 1978 to work for elderly people.

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 World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Health Estimates 2019, consider the following statements:

1. Non-communicable diseases make up the majority of the world's top 10 causes of death.
2. Deaths from diabetes have marginally decreased globally between 2000 and 2019.

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. The Human Rights Council is a body within the UN system responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights.
2. In India, a constitutional body National Human Rights Commission deals with the matters of human rights.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

50. Which of following countries are the constituents members of ASEAN:

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| 1. Singapore | 2. Brunei |
| 3. South Korea | 4. Philippines |
| 5. Laos | |

Select the correct code from following options:

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

51. Consider the following statements about Malaria:

1. It is caused by a protozoan called Plasmodium.
2. The Plasmodium enters the human body through the bite of infected female Anopheles mosquito.
3. The parasite attacks the white blood cells and ruptures them.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. With reference to Mahakavi Subramanya Bharati, consider the following statements:

1. He was involved with the extremist wing of the Indian National Congress.
2. He participated in the Surat Session of Indian National Congress in 1907.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. Which of the following is not correct regarding the Indus Valley Civilization?

- (a) The metal money was not in use and trade was carried by the barter system.
- (b) The Indus people were the earliest people to produce cotton.
- (c) The people were very well acquainted with the use of Bronze, copper and Iron.
- (d) The use of animal products was prevalent in the food habit of the Indus people.

54. With reference to Climate Ambition Summit, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to set out new and ambitious commitments under the Paris Agreement.
2. It is being hosted by G20 in partnership with major environmental non profit organisations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. With reference to Delimitation Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the Election Commission of India.
2. It determines the number and boundaries of constituencies to make the population of all constituencies nearly equal.
3. Its orders of Commission cannot be questioned before any court.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

56. With reference to Myristica swamp treefrog, consider the following statements:

1. They are endemic to the Western Ghats.
2. Their whole life cycle is carried out on trees only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

57. Which of the following are not the components Capital Expenditure?

1. Acquiring fixed assets
2. Salaries of employees
3. Interest payment on past debt
4. Subsidies

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

58. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Energy Conservation Day is an initiative of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
2. India is a member nation of the International Energy Agency as well as the Mission Innovation.
3. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency functions under the Ministry of Power.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. With reference to 3D printing, consider the following statements:

1. 3D printing uses computer-aided designing to make working models of objects.
2. It is also called subtractive manufacturing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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

1. It refers to the difference in sea-surface temperatures in opposite parts of the Indian Ocean.
2. Positive IOD results in less cyclones than usual in Arabian Sea.

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. Coal Beneficiation is a process by which the quality of coking coal is improved.
2. Biomass co-firing is a process in which biomass is added as a partial substitute fuel in coal boilers.

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 countries share the land boundary with Israel?

1. Egypt
2. Saudi Arabia
3. Lebanon
4. Syria

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

63. Consider the following statements:

1. The San Isidro Movement (MSI) is going on against the censorship of artistic work in this country.
2. It is the largest island country in the Caribbean region.
3. It is situated at the intersection of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

Identify the country which has been described in the above statements:

- (a) Bahamas (b) Cuba
(c) Jamaica (d) Dominican Republic

64. Consider the following statements with reference to database of migrant workers:

1. ASEEM portal maintains a central repository of migrant workers.
2. The National Migrant Information System (NMIS) has been developed by the National Disaster Management Authority.

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. Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India has been recently in the news. Which of the following institutions has released this document?

- (a) Serum Institute of India
(b) Indian Council of Medical Research
(c) NITI Aayog
(d) WHO

Answers

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