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- With reference to "Pressmud", consider the following statements:
  - Pressmud, also known as filter cake or press cake, is a residual byproduct in the sugar industry that has gained recognition as a valuable resource for green energy production.
  - It is utilized as a feedstock for biogas production through anaerobic digestion, leading to the creation of Compressed Biogas (CBG).
  - Anaerobic digestion is a process through which bacteria break down organic matter in the absence of oxygen.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

- With reference to the "Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) Plus Report", consider the following statements:
  - It is a comprehensive study that provides information on enrollment and dropout rates of school students, number of teachers in schools etc.
  - It was launched in 2018-2019 to speed up data entry, reduce errors, improve data quality and ease its verification.
  - It is an updated and improved version of UDISE, which was initiated in 2017-18 by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

- With reference to "Electoral Bonds Scheme", consider the following statements:
  - The electoral bonds system was introduced in 2017 by way of a Finance bill and it was implemented in 2018.
  - Through an amendment to the Finance Act 2017, the Union government has exempted political parties from disclosing donations received through electoral bonds.
  - This means that voters will not know which individual, company, or organization has funded which party, and to what extent.

How many of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

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- Statement I:** Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are investment vehicles that allow individuals to invest in large-scale, income-producing real estate without having to directly manage or own the properties.

**Statement II:** They pool capital from multiple investors to invest in a diversified portfolio of real estate assets, which may include residential or commercial properties, shopping centers, office buildings, hotels etc.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect  
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

- Consider the following statements:

- Fast track courts (FTCs) are specialized courts established with the primary aim of expediting the trial process for cases related to sexual offenses.
- Fast track courts (FTCs) were first recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission in 2000 to substantially bring down pendency in the district and subordinate courts.

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

- With reference to the 15th Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

- The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission proposed maintaining the states' share in central taxes at 42% for the 2021-26 period.
- Population (2011)' and 'Tax and fiscal efforts' were introduced by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.
- The Commission recommended that the Centre aims to limit its fiscal deficit to 4% of GDP by 2025-26.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

- With reference to Paris Club, consider the following statements:

- It describes itself as a forum where official creditors meet to solve payment difficulties faced by debtor countries.
- India is an active member of this club.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

8. Regarding the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), consider the following statements:

1. The UNLF is one of the seven "Meitei Extremist Organisations" banned by the Union government under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967.
2. The UNLF has been operating both within and outside Indian Territory.
3. Recently, the Government of India and Government of Manipur signed a Peace Agreement with UNLF.

How many of the statements given above are **NOT** correct?

- (a) Only One (b) Only Two  
(c) All Three (d) None

9. With reference to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), consider the following statements:

1. It is a survey conducted by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO) under the NITI Aayog.
2. It was launched in April 2017 by NSO.
3. Its objective is to estimate employment and unemployment indicators in both 'Usual Status' and CWS in both rural and urban areas annually.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs) consider the following statements:

1. Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs) are powerful and brief bursts of radio frequency emissions originating from deep space.
2. These mysterious and intense signals last for many days and release energy comparable to hundreds of millions of suns.

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 with respect to 'Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)':

1. CAC is an international food standards body established jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
2. The Agreement on Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) acknowledges Codex standards for international trade and trade dispute settlement.
3. The objective of 'Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)' is to protect consumer's health and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

12. With reference to the Dr. Rajendra Prasad, consider the following statements:

1. He was associated with Mahatma Gandhi during the Champaran Satyagraha (1917) in Bihar.
2. He called for non-cooperation in Bihar as part of Gandhi's non-cooperation movement.
3. He officially joined the Indian National Congress in 1911, during its annual session held in Calcutta.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

13. Consider the following countries:

1. Bangladesh
2. Sri Lanka
3. Myanmar
4. Maldives

How many of the above are **not** the participants of MAHASAGAR Initiative of the Indian Navy?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) Only three (d) All four

14. Consider the following statements:

1. MiG 21 is a subsonic jet fighter originally designed by the Soviet Union.
2. Rafael is a French twin-engine and multi-role fighter aircraft.
3. India is expected to launch its indigenous fighter Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) by 2024.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

15. Regarding Border Security Force (BSF), consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of the Union of India.
2. BSF has an instrumental role in helping state administration maintain Law and Order and conduct peaceful elections.
3. It has been termed as the Second Line of Defence of Indian Territories.

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

16. Regarding the Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. GIAN is envisaged to catalyze higher education institutions in the country, and initially it includes only private universities.
2. The GIAN Implementation Committee is headed by the Education Minister.

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. Regarding All India Judicial Services (AIJS), consider the following statements:

1. Article 310 of the Constitution provides for the establishment of AIJS.
2. It aims to centralize the recruitment of judges, similar to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) model.
3. AIJS would increase the representation and diversity of judges from different regions, genders, castes, and communities, reflecting the social composition of the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Which of the following is **not** a part of India's Foreign Policy:

1. Gujaral Doctrine
2. Panchsheel
3. Policy of Non-Alignment
4. Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (d) None

19. Regarding Monkeypox, consider the following statements:

1. Monkeypox is caused by the Giant Mimivirus.
2. It is a viral zoonotic disease endemic to Latin America.
3. There is no specific treatment or vaccine available for Monkeypox infection.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

20. With reference to Marapi Volcano, consider the following statements:

1. Mount Marapi is an active volcano located in Malaysia.
2. The last time the Mount Marapi volcano erupted was in 1979 and it has remained inactive since then.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

21. Regarding Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), consider the following statements:

1. NTDs are caused by a variety of pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa.
2. NTDs are especially common in sub-tropical areas.
3. Tuberculosis, HIV-AIDS and malaria are major NTDs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

22. Consider the following types of Dark Patterns:

#### Types

1. Subscription Trap
2. Basket Sneaking
3. Saas Billing

#### Deceptive Patterns

- Making Cancellation Complex  
Inclusion of additional items  
Generating recurring payments

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs  
(c) All three pairs (d) None of the pairs

23. Consider the following statements:

1. National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) is an attached office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
2. The shoreline analysis suggests that 34% of the Indian coast is eroding.
3. Ministry of Earth Sciences has notified Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2019 with a view to conserve and protect coastal stretches.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

24. With reference to "PM e-VIDYA" scheme, consider the following statements :

1. It unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education.
2. The PM eVidya initiative is available to all the students across all the states free of cost.
3. DIKSHA Portal has been created by the Ministry of Education as part of this scheme to act as a storehouse of a large number of eBooks and e-Contents.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

25. With reference to "National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)", consider the following statements :

1. NCRB was set up in 1986 to function as a repository of information on crime and criminals based on the recommendations of the Tandon Committee.
2. It also acts as a national warehouse for the fingerprint records of Indian and foreign criminals, and assists in locating interstate criminals through fingerprint search.
3. 'Crimes in India' and 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides' are the reports published by NCRB.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

26. Regarding India Infrastructure Report 2023, consider the following statements:

1. It is a comprehensive document that covers various aspects of urban infrastructure planning, finance, and governance in the country.
2. It is released annually by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the World Bank.

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. Regarding the Ministry of Cooperation, consider the following statements:

1. It was established by the 110<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act.
2. The Ministry is responsible for providing a separate administrative, legal, and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.
3. Recently it has launched "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector."

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

- (a) Only One (b) Only Two  
(c) All Three (d) None

28. Consider the following pairs :

Navigation Satellite Systems	Operating Country
1. GLONASS	China
2. Galileo	European Union (EU)
3. BeiDou	Russia

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs  
(c) All three pairs (d) None of the pairs

29. Regarding simultaneous elections in India, consider the following statements:

1. The initial five general elections in India synchronized Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections.
2. Presently, Lok Sabha elections align with Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.
3. Eventually, simultaneous elections would lead to increased expenditure for the government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

30. Regarding National Green Tribunal (NGT), consider the following statements:

1. NGT was established under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
2. The Chairperson of NGT is appointed by the President of India.
3. It operates under the rules laid down in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

31. Regarding the World Soil Day (WSD), consider the following statements:

1. It is celebrated on 5th December to honour the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej's commitment to sustainable soil management.
2. It was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002.
3. The theme for 2023 World Soil Day is "Soil and Water, a Source of Life."

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

32. Consider the following statements:

1. The death anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar is commemorated every year on 6<sup>th</sup> December through the observance of Mahaparinirvan Diwas.
2. The book Rise and Fall of Hindu Women is written by Dr. (b) R. Ambedkar.
3. Mahad Satyagraha was a historic protest to assert the rights of the Dalits which was led by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar along with Mahatma Gandhi in 1927.

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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. The new logo of National Medical Commission (NMC) features a colourful image of Lord Krishna, an avatar of Lord Vishnu.
2. Dhanvantri is revered as the deity associated with Ayurveda, the traditional system of medicine in Hinduism.

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. Regarding the Adopt A Heritage program 2.0., consider the following statements:

1. The programme is a revamped version of the earlier scheme 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme' launched in 2017.
2. The program aims to engage private-public stakeholders in maintaining, developing, and operating heritage sites for sustainable upkeep and improved visitor experience.
3. Corporate entities will take responsibility for selected monuments as part of their CSR initiatives under the program.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None



35. Regarding the Kiwi Bird, consider the following statements:

1. The Kiwi is a flightless bird endemic to New Zealand.
2. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) categorizes it as "Vulnerable."
3. The Capital Kiwi Project in New Zealand aims to restore a wild kiwi population at a large scale through community-led efforts.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

36. Consider the following statements:

1. The Public Gambling Act, 1867 primarily addresses physical gambling activities.
2. Section 66 of the IT Act deals with computer-related offenses, providing a legal basis for addressing cyber crimes associated with online gaming.
3. Online gambling is allowed in India, but offline gambling is not.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) One Only                      (b) Two Only  
(c) All Three                      (d) None

37. Consider the following statement:

1. The Indian Universities Commission was appointed in 1902.
2. Indian Education Policy Resolution was issued in 1904.
3. In the year of 1945, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) was formed.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) One Only                      (b) Two Only  
(c) All Three                      (d) None

38. Regarding Kenya, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in West Africa.
2. Lake Turkana, the world's largest desert lake, passes through Kenya.

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. Regarding the Charter of the United Nations, consider the following statements:

1. UN Charter is binding on UN member states.
2. The International Criminal Court is the primary judicial body of the United Nations.
3. Article 99 of the UN Charter empowers the secretary-general to bring attention to the Security Council about potential threats to international peace and security.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Jammu & Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 proposes renaming a group previously referred to as "other backward classes" to "social castes".
2. Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to nominate ten members from the Kashmiri migrant community.

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. It is the first variant of Agni series missiles but is not developed under Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP).
2. It is primarily intended for use as a deterrent against potential adversaries.
3. It has the capability to carry conventional but not nuclear warheads.

Which of the statements given above are correct regarding Agni-1 Missile?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None of the above

42. Regarding China's Belt and Road Initiative(BRI), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2013 and aims to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa, and Europe with a network of land and sea routes
2. India initially joined the project but withdrew from the project in 2022 on the grounds of sovereignty and transparency.

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. Regarding Diel Vertical Migration (DVM), consider the following statements:

1. DVM is a synchronized movement of marine organisms, often seen in deep-sea creatures like zooplankton.
2. This pattern helps these organisms find food while avoiding predators, showcasing a strategic survival tactic.
3. It helps in trapping carbon dioxide and aiding in atmospheric carbon concentration regulation.

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 only

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- A mobile application related to Gram Panchayats
  - A mass campaign against corruption
  - A software for managing agricultural data
  - A game for learning about rural development

45. Consider the following statements regarding PM-JA NMAN Scheme:

- PM JANMAN is a government scheme that aims to bring tribal communities into the mainstream.
- It also includes the establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for trading in forest produce, off-grid solar power systems for 1 lakh households, and solar street lights.

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46. Regarding the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), consider the following statements:

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was established under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
- It is implemented by the National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection, and Management of River Ganga which is headed by the Home Minister.

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47. Regarding the Kala Azar, consider the following statements:

- It is a slow-progressing indigenous disease caused by a protozoan parasite of the genus Leishmania.
- It is also known as Black Fever or Dumdum Fever.
- In India, Leishmania donovani is the only parasite causing this disease.

How many of the statements given above are **NOT** correct?

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- Only Two
- All Three
- None

48. Regarding Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

- Article 370 was added to the Indian constitution, as a 'temporary provision'.
- It was introduced into the draft constitution by N Gopalaswami Ayyangar.
- Article 35A stems from Article 370 and was introduced through a Presidential Order in 1954.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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- None

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- The Advocate General is the highest legal officer in the state.
- He enjoys voting privileges in the proceedings of the state legislature.
- He does retain the right to speak and participate in state legislature's proceedings.

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50. Regarding the Mummified Baboons, consider the following statements:

- Papio anubis and Papio hamadryas are both species of baboons.
- The IUCN Red List rates them as "Critically Endangered."

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(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

58. With reference to the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), consider the following statements:

1. It is an Autonomous Institution of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It sets standards for drugs in India and its basic function is to regularly update the standards of drugs.

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

59. Which one of the following constitutional amendment acts allowed reservation in promotions, granting 'consequential seniority' to SCs and STs in government roles, effective retrospectively from June 1995?

- (a) 77th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1995  
(b) 81st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2000  
(c) 85th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2001  
(d) 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019

60. Regarding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), consider the following statements:

1. It is legally binding on all the signatories.
2. UDHR along with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) forms the International Bill of 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

61. Regarding the Global Stocktake Draft, consider the following statements:

1. The Global Stocktake (GST) is a periodic review mechanism established under the Paris Agreement in 2015.
2. The draft of GST text that was unveiled at COP28 proposes ten steps to keep the global temperature rise within the ambit of 2.5 degrees Celsius.

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. Regarding a Web Browser, consider the following statements:

1. It provides an interface between the server and the client.
2. It works as a compiler to render HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) which is used to design a webpage.
3. Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, and Safari are examples of web browsers.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None



63. Which of the following are the initiatives of (or are administered by) the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO):

1. Monitors the Desert Locust situation throughout the world
2. Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)
3. Adoption of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
4. Releasing the State of the World's Forests (SOFO) Report

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

64. Regarding the characteristics of Algae, consider the following statements:

1. Despite bearing nuclei and specialised multicellular reproductive structures, they differ from plants by lacking true roots, stems and leaves.
2. They are economically important as a source of crude oil and food, and various pharmaceutical and industrial products for human consumption.

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

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

65. Consider the following statements:

1. Wheat is a rabi crop that requires a cool growing season and bright sunshine at the time of ripening.
2. Despite being the world's second-biggest wheat producer after China, India accounts for less than 1% of the global wheat trade.

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

66. Consider the following statements:

1. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), located in Bengaluru, serves as the National Apex Centre and coordinates the activities of Tele MANAS throughout India.
2. All the States/UTs have established Tele Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation Systems (MANAS) Cells for extending mental health 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

67. With reference to "Truth and Reconciliation Commission", consider the following statements:

1. A Truth and Reconciliation Commission is an official mechanism to not just acknowledge, but also reveal, wrongdoings by government servants.

2. The commission engages directly and broadly with the affected population, gathering information on their experiences.

3. In India's neighbourhood, truth commissions have been set up in Sri Lanka and Nepal.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

68. Regarding the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following statements:

1. ADB is a regional development bank established in 1966 exclusively for Asian countries.
2. India is a founding member of the ADB.
3. The top three largest shareholders of the bank are Japan, India, and China.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One                      (b) Only Two  
(c) All Three                      (d) None

69. Regarding ethanol production, consider the following statements:

1. India has rolled out 20% ethanol-blended petrol in 2023 and aims to cover the entire country by 2025.
2. Ethanol yields from grains are higher compared to molasses.

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

70. With reference to the CEC and Other ECs (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The CEC and ECs will be appointed by the Prime Minister upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
2. The Selection Committee will consist of the Prime Minister, a Union Cabinet Minister, and the Leader of Opposition/leader of the largest opposition party in Lok Sabha.
3. The salary and conditions of service of the CEC and ECs will be equivalent to that of the Supreme Court Judge.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None

71. With reference to Constitutional & Legislative Provisions related to Trafficking in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 25 of the Indian constitution prohibits human trafficking and begar.
2. Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 serves as the primary law aimed at preventing trafficking specifically for commercial sexual exploitation.
3. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 does not provide clear definitions for sexual harassment.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

72. With reference to Countervailing Duty (CVD), consider the following statements:

1. CVD are tariffs levied on exported goods.
2. World Trade Organization (WTO) permits the imposition of CVD by its member countries.
3. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) is the single national authority for administering countervailing duties.

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

73. With reference to "Pompe Disease", consider the following statements :

1. Pompe Disease is characterized by the buildup of glycogen in the lysosomes of the body cells.
2. This disease is a rare genetic disorder caused by a deficiency of the enzyme acid alpha-glucosidase.
3. Although there is presently no cure for Pompe disease, there are treatment alternatives accessible to address symptoms.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

74. With reference to factors affecting the Indian Monsoon, consider the following statements :

1. During the summer months, the landmass over the Indian subcontinent heats up rapidly, leading to the formation of a low-pressure system and monsoon winds in India.
2. The Thar Desert, also known as the Great Indian Desert, is a crucial factor in the formation of monsoon winds in India.
3. The Arabian branch of the monsoon, which moves parallel to the Thar Desert, leads to very little rainfall in the nearby regions.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

75. Which of the following schemes/initiatives relate to unorganised labour in India?

1. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)
2. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).
3. Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)
4. Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM)

On the basis of information provided above, consider the following options:

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) Only three (d) All four

76. Scimitar-horned oryx, recently in news, is best described as:

- (a) An antelope adapted to arid environments
- (b) A deep-sea carnivore dwelling in abyssal zones
- (c) A rare avian species thriving in tropical rainforests
- (d) An amphibious creature with unique bioluminescent features

77. Consider the following statements regarding Special Economic Zone (SEZs):

1. SEZs are areas with more stringent economic laws than a country's domestic laws.
2. Asia's first Export Processing Zones was set up in Kandla, Gujarat in 1965.

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

78. Consider the following statements:

1. World Mental Health Day is observed on 10th October every year.
2. The Mental Health Care Act, 2017 guarantees every affected person access to mental healthcare and treatment from services run or funded by the government.
3. Kiran Helpline was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to provide support to people facing mental health issues.

How many of the statements above are correct?

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

79. Regarding Common Reporting Standards (CRS), consider the following statements:

1. It calls on jurisdictions to obtain information from their financial institutions and automatically exchange that information with other jurisdictions on an annual basis.
2. World Bank's Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) is also a part of the CRS framework.

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

80. Regarding E-Cigarettes, consider the following statements:

1. E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that work by heating solid into an aerosol.
2. The possession of e-cigarettes is a violation of the law in India.
3. The Nicotine content as a direct substance in e-cigarettes is less than regular cigarettes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (A) Only one (B) Only two  
(C) All three (D) None

81. Consider the following statements:

1. The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) mechanism shifts the financial burden of waste management from the producer to government.
2. The 'polluter pays' principle asserts that those who produce pollution should bear the costs of managing it.

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

82. Regarding Advocates Amendment Bill, 2023, consider the following statements:

1. It primarily aims to formally include 'touts' into the legal system.
2. Tout refers to a person who procures the employment of a legal practitioner in a legal business in return of payment.
3. Any person who acts as a tout while his name is included in the list of touts will be punished with imprisonment up to three months.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None

83. Regarding the Arab League, consider the following statements:

1. It is an intergovernmental pan-Arab organization of all Arab states confined to the Middle East.
2. It was formed following the adoption of the Alexandria Protocol.

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

84. Recently 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023" report, was released by which of the following?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
(b) Reserve Bank of India  
(c) Niti Aayog  
(d) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

85. Regarding the Wild Yak, consider the following statements:

1. Their current habitat is now limited to Bhutan and Nepal only.
2. The Wild Yak comes under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 2022.
3. Their IUCN Status is critically endangered.

How many of the statements above are correct?

- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None

## Answers

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| 1. (c)  | 2. (a)  | 3. (d)  | 4. (b)  | 5. (c)  | 6. (a)  | 7. (a)  | 8. (d)  | 9. (a)  | 10. (a) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (c) | 13. (a) | 14. (a) | 15. (a) | 16. (d) | 17. (b) | 18. (d) | 19. (a) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (c) | 23. (a) | 24. (c) | 25. (d) | 26. (a) | 27. (a) | 28. (a) | 29. (d) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (a) | 33. (b) | 34. (c) | 35. (c) | 36. (b) | 37. (c) | 38. (b) | 39. (b) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (a) | 42. (a) | 43. (d) | 44. (a) | 45. (c) | 46. (d) | 47. (d) | 48. (c) | 49. (b) | 50. (a) |
| 51. (d) | 52. (c) | 53. (d) | 54. (d) | 55. (c) | 56. (b) | 57. (a) | 58. (d) | 59. (c) | 60. (d) |
| 61. (a) | 62. (c) | 63. (d) | 64. (a) | 65. (c) | 66. (a) | 67. (d) | 68. (a) | 69. (c) | 70. (a) |
| 71. (a) | 72. (c) | 73. (c) | 74. (d) | 75. (d) | 76. (a) | 77. (b) | 78. (a) | 79. (b) | 80. (a) |
| 81. (b) | 82. (b) | 83. (b) | 84. (a) | 85. (a) |         |         |         |         |         |