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**Current
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(Consolidation)**

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(Part-I)**

1. Consider the following statements about Economic Survey of India:

1. It is an annual document released by the Department of Financial Services.
2. It is presented along with the Union Budget.

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

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

2. Which of the statements given is/are correct about Periyar Tiger Reserve:

1. It is located in the southern region of Western Ghats.
2. Lion-tailed macaque, Nilgiri Tahr and the great Malabar Hornbill are found in the reserve.
3. The reserve is home to three tribal groups namely Gonds, Marati and Naikd(a)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

3. Consider the following statements about the Little Andaman Island:

1. It is famous by the name of the largest settlement- Hut Bay in the region..
2. The island is considered home to the Onge tribe.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act set the target to limit the fiscal deficit upto 3% of the GDP by 2021.
2. The NK Singh committee was formed to create a roadmap for fiscal consolidation for the Center and the States.

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. With reference to the Bare Necessities Index (BNI), consider the following statements:

1. The BNI index is prepared only for rural areas in India.
2. Bare necessities have improved across all States in the country in 2018 as compared to 2012.
3. The index is prepared by using data from National Statistical Office (NSO) survey on Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Condition in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. With reference to Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, consider the following statements:

1. One of its aims is to generate the incidental revenue for sustainable operation and maintenance of dams.
2. This project is being funded by the World Bank as well as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

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. Consider the following statements about Hong Kong:

1. Hong Kong is governed by the principle of one country, two systems.
2. It was formerly a British colony but was handed over to mainland China in 1997.

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

8. Consider the following statements about Foreign Contributions (Regulations) Act:

1. The FCRA Act, 2010 was implemented by the Ministry of Finance.
2. It gives unlimited freedom to accept foreign contributions without the permission of the associated ministry.
3. The FCRA (Amendment) Act, 2020 allows public servants to receive foreign contributions.

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

9. The "Ageing water infrastructure: An emerging global risk" report is released by?

- (a) World Bank
(b) United Nations
(c) UNESCO
(d) World Economic Forum

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Gaekwad dynasty became a leading power in the 18th-century Maratha confederacy.
2. The jurisdiction of Gaekwad was spread across parts of Saurashtra, Mehsana in north Gujarat, and Bilimora in South Gujarat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements about Constitutional Provisions regarding Budget:

1. Article 112 refers to the Union Budget as the Annual Financial Statement (AFS).
2. The first Budget of independent India was presented in 1950.
3. A budget has to go through three stages including presentation of budget, its scrutiny and passing of finance bill.

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

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

12. With reference to recommendations of resource allocation by 15th Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

1. It has recommended maintaining the vertical devolution as 50:50 between States and the Union.
2. For horizontal devolution of resources, the criteria 'income distance' has maximum weightage.

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. Consider the following statements about Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC):

1. It is a high speed - high capacity railway corridor dedicated to transportation of goods and commodities only.
2. The Union Budget 2021 has proposed the commissioning of Eastern and Western DFC by 2022.

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. The recently launched Mitra Scheme is related to which of the following?

- (a) Textile sector
(b) Education sector
(c) Electronic manufacturing
(d) Renewable energy sector

15. Consider the following statements regarding the 15th Finance Commission's Report:

1. It provided range for the fiscal deficit and debt path of both the Union and States.
2. It set the fiscal deficit target for the Centre at 4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2021-22.

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. Consider the following statements about Myanmar:

1. The country shares borders with India, China, Bangladesh and Thailand
2. Kaladan is a multi-modal transit transport project of Myanmar assisted by 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

17. Consider the following statements about Fishing Cat:

1. It is a nocturnal cat that feeds upon fishes, snakes and carcasses of animals.
2. It is found mainly along the Western Ghats.
3. Due to multiple threats, the fishing cat has been shifted from Vulnerable to Endangered species in the IUCN Red List.

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

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

18. With reference to the Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a specialized financial institution that buys the Non Performing Assets (NPAs) from banks and financial institutions.
2. The SARFAESI Act, 2002 provides the legal basis for the setting up of ARCs in India.
3. The ARC has been proposed to be set up with the equity contribution from the government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. Ramsar Convention provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.
2. Chilka lake is the only wetlands of India listed in the Montreux record.
3. India has more than 10% of its land as wetlands.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. With reference to Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban), consider the following statements:

1. It complements the Goal- 5 of United Nations Sustainable Development goals.
2. It aims to promote the circular economy of water.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi was awarded Bharat Ratna in 2008.
2. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi belonged to the school of Carnatic music.

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. The Chauri Chaura incident was related to which of the following national movements?

- (a) Non-Cooperation Movement
(b) Swadeshi Movement
(c) Quit India Movement
(d) Civil Disobedience Movement

23. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is being implemented only in the most backward districts under the Aspirational Districts' Programme.
2. It complements the target 3.1 of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. With reference to the Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF), consider the following statements:

1. It was set up under the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act, 2017.
2. The fund will be operated by the Ministry of Finance.

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. With reference to Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Its goal is to make the police functioning citizen friendly and more transparent.

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. The Rohini Commission was constituted to submit its report on Sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

2. Article 340 deals with the appointment of a commission to investigate the conditions of backward classes.

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. The Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) is an intergovernmental organisation dedicated to radio astronomy.
2. India is not a member of SKAO
3. SKAO is headquartered in the United Kingdom.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements about Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft:

1. It is a fifth generation aircraft designed for stealth purposes.
2. It will be India's first twin engine aircraft project.

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 about GOBAR-Dhan Scheme:

1. It is launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
2. It is implemented as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen and Urban).

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. Which of the following are correct about Government securities (G-secs)?

1. G-secs can be issued by the Central Government only.
2. The Central Government can issue both treasury bills and bonds while the State Governments can issue only bonds.
3. G-secs are risk-free gilt-edged instruments.

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

31. Consider the following statements about Nanda Devi National Park:

1. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
2. The national park is drained by rivers Bhagirathi and Mandakini.
3. The fauna of the national park include Snow Leopard and Himalayan Musk Deer.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. There is no Greenhouse Gas emission in the combustion of a Hydrogen fuel cell.
2. The Sulfur-Iodine (SI) thermochemical cycle is a method of splitting water to obtain hydrogen fuel.

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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. Dhauliganga originates from Vasudhara Tal glacial lake in Uttarakhand.
2. Dhauliganga merges with the Alaknanda at Devprayag.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The Election Commission of India (ECI) grants recognition to political parties & allot election symbols to them.
2. The ECI has advisory jurisdiction in the matter of post election disqualification of sitting members of Parliament and State Legislatures.

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

35. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Vamsadhara river is a tributary of Mahanadi.
2. Baitarani river originates in Chhattisgarh.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

36. Consider the following statements about the Kuruba community:

1. It is a traditional sheep rearing community of Karnataka(a)
2. Kurubas are included in the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) list.

3. Kurubas are the second largest group in Karnataka after the Lingayats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Kiran helpline is an initiative to support the mental health and well-being of people.
2. Manodarpan is the initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. With reference to Hunter Syndrome, consider the following statements:

1. Hunter Syndrome is caused by genetic mutation.
2. It leads to lysosomal storage disorders.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. India has been divided into four seismic zones.
2. The magnitude of the earthquake is measured on the Mercalli scale.
3. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) official agency for publishing the seismic hazard maps and codes.

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

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Ukraine was formerly republics of the Soviet Union.
2. Ukraine is surrounded by the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea in the south.

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

1. The members are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.
2. Some of the members are nominated by the UN General 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

42. Consider the following statements:

1. Araka Shubha is a new variety of wheat developed by the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR).
2. Arka Shubha has the highest carotene content among all plant sources.
3. Carotenes are carotenoid pigments that are oxygen-free.

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

43. Consider the following statement regarding South China Sea:

1. It is connected by Taiwan Strait with the East China Sea and by Luzon Strait with the Philippine Sea.
2. The Spratly Islands are claimed by China and the Philippines 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

44. Consider the following statements:

1. The Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary is an integral part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.
2. The Cauvery river flows through the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Which of the following countries borders Baltic Sea?

1. Russia 2. Poland
3. Germany 4. Norway

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

46. Consider the following statements about the Hindukush Himalayan (HKH) region:

1. The region spreads in Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
2. The region has the world's largest store of snow and ice outside the polar region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. Gaganyaan will be India's first manned mission in space.
2. Gaganyaan will be launched by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
3. IN-SPACE will be established to increase private partnership in the space sector.

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

48. Which of the following committees are related to reforms in Banking sectors?

1. Narasimham Committee
2. P J Nayak Committee
3. Abhijit Sen Committee

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 87 provides for the special address by the President of India.
2. The President's address is the statement of policy of the Government.
3. The address of the President is held at the commencement of the first session of parliament every year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the impact of hike in crude oil price on India?

1. The increase in oil prices could disturb its current account deficit.
2. The value of Indian oil and gas companies will be positively impacted.
3. Remittances from the Persian Gulf could decrease.

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

51. Consider the following statements about the Lancet Countdown:

1. It is an international document dedicated to monitoring the evolving health profile of climate change.
2. It is published biennially and assesses the commitments of countries made under the Kyoto 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

52. With reference to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. It added acid attack victims and multiple disabilities under disability which were not included in the earlier act.
2. It increased the quantum of reservation for people suffering from disabilities.

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

53. Which of the following statements are correct about Seaweed?

1. Seaweeds absorb the excess nutrients which result in formation of algal bloom.
2. Seaweeds are found in the Gulf of Mannar region.
3. Seaweeds can trap and remove heavy metals found in marine ecosystems.

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

54. With reference to the 'SAKSHAM Portal', consider the following statements:

1. The SAKSHAM portal is launched by the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC).
2. The TIFAC is an autonomous organization set up by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

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 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), consider the following statements:

1. It addresses the causes of chronic poverty through a rights-based framework.
2. The wages under MGNREGA must be paid according to the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.
3. The act mandates Gram sabhas to recommend the works that are to be undertaken.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. With reference to Jagannath Puri temple, consider the following statements:

1. It was constructed under the regime of the Eastern Ganga Dynasty.

2. It is part of the Char Dham pilgrimage.

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

57. With reference to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), consider the following systems:

1. The committee reports to the United Nations General Assembly.
2. It receives funding only through the World Food Programme (WFP).

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. With reference to the Tholpavakoothu, consider the following statements:

1. It is a traditional temple art in Kerala.
2. The theme is based on the Kamba Ramayana.
3. It is a shadow puppet play that represents the integration of Aryan and Dravidian cultures.

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

59. Consider the following statements about World Sustainable Development Summit:

1. It is an annual flagship event of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
2. It aims to bring together global leaders and thinkers in the fields of sustainable development and energy sector on a common platform.

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

60. Consider the following pairs:

State	Shadow Puppetry
1. Karnataka	Ravanachhaya
2. Maharashtra	Charma Bahuli Natya
3. Tamil Nadu	Thol Bommalata
4. Odisha	Togalu Gombeyaata

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

61. Which of the following crops are covered under Operation Greens?

1. Tomato
2. Oilseeds
3. Onion
4. Potato

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

62. Consider the following statements:

1. The Thar Desert is surrounded by the Aravalli Range to the southeast and the Rann of Kachchh in the south.
2. Barchan is a crescent-shaped sand dune produced by the action of wind predominately from one direction.

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 Bhimbetka Caves, consider the following statements:

1. It exhibits the earliest traces of human life in India.
2. The Bhimbetka caves is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
3. It is located in the foothills of the Vindhya Mountains.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

64. Which of the following best describes 'Dickinsonia'?

- (a) It is the rare species of frog endemic to Eastern Ghats.
(b) It is an asteroid that is seen revolving between the orbit of Earth and Moon.
(c) It is a rare herbal species found in lower himalayas used for the treatment of snake bite.
(d) It is a fossil of the earliest known living animal discovered from the Bhimbetka rock shelters.

65. Consider the following statements regarding 'Arbitration Council of India (ACI)?

1. Article 51 of the Indian Constitution provides the basis for setting up of ACI.
2. All the appointments of arbitrators will be made by the institution designated by the Supreme Court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answers

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