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1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Panama Canal links the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
2. Ethiopia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Eritrea, and Yemen are the countries that border the Red 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

2. With reference to Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA), consider the following statements:

1. It was an initiative of the Ministry of Education to address the educational service gap for communities from marginalized income groups.
2. The scheme was established with the aim of offering high-quality education and opportunities to students belonging to the SC Category 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

3. With reference to 'Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002', consider the following statements :

1. The Act was formulated in response to India's global commitment to the Vienna Convention to combat the menace of money laundering.
2. Money laundering involves making illegally obtained funds appear legitimate or "clean" by integrating them into the financial system.
3. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Enforcement Directorate cannot arrest someone under the PMLA simply for not responding to their queries and summons.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

4. With reference to 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri — Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)', consider the following statements:

1. AB PM-JAY is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data.
2. The financing for the program is distributed with a ratio of 60:40 for all states and Union Territories (UTs) with legislative assemblies, while it follows a 90:10 ratio for Northeastern states and Jammu and Kashmir.

3. The National Health Authority (NHA) has been constituted as an autonomous entity under the Society Registration Act, 1860 for effective implementation of PM-JAY.

How many of the statements given above are correct ?

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

5. With reference to 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment Scheme', consider the following statements:

1. The Scheme was launched in FY 2020-21 in the wake of Covid-19 Pandemic.
2. The scheme consists of ten parts, with Part I having the smallest allocation at Rs. 10,000 crores.
3. The scheme also aims to enhance the pace of projects in key sectors such as Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding India-Italy relations:

1. The Migration and Mobility Agreement between both nations aims to enhance collaboration on irregular migration issues and promote interpersonal connections.
2. Italy is among India's top 5 trading partners in 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

7. Regarding PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-Kisan), consider the following:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India.
2. Only farmers with land holding less than five hectares are eligible under this scheme.
3. A mandatory physical verification of 25% of beneficiaries every year is being done as per the provisions laid down in the scheme.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

8. Regarding X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XpoSat), consider the following statements:

1. It is designed to study X-ray polarisation in the medium X-ray band, offering insights into celestial sources' radiation mechanisms and geometry.
2. It is the world's first mission dedicated to X-ray polarisation in the medium X-ray band.
3. It is a collaboration between ISRO and NASA.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding Pegasus Spyware:

1. It is a highly invasive mobile surveillance tool that can secretly infiltrate and monitor smartphones, collecting data and information from various apps and sources.
2. It was developed by the Israeli cyber-intelligence firm NSO Group, which claims to sell it only to government agencies for fighting crime and terrorism.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Huntington's disease is a severe neurodegenerative disorder affecting the central nervous system.
2. It is caused by a mutation in the HTT gene, producing a faulty huntingtin (Htt) protein.
3. Its symptoms typically emerge between ages 30-50 and can be cured by vaccination.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

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

1. It is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. The act mandates Gram sabhas to recommend the works that are to be undertaken and at least 50% of the works must be executed by them.
3. Under it, at least two-thirds of beneficiaries have to be women.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI) is released by which of the following?

- (a) World Bank
(b) World Economic Forum
(c) World Tourism Organization
(d) World Trade Organisation

13. Regarding the Litchi Cultivation across India, consider the following statements:

1. Litchi thrives in equatorial climates.
2. Bihar alone accounts for nearly 40% of India's Litchi production.
3. India ranks as the largest producer of litchi globally.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

14. Regarding Inflation in India, consider the following statements:

1. Cost-push inflation occurs when the demand for goods and services exceeds their supply.
2. Demand Pull inflation is driven by an increase in the production costs for goods and services.
3. The headline inflation figure is reported through the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India.

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

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

15. Consider the following sites:

1. Hemis National Park, Ladakh
2. Gangotri National Park, Uttarakhand
3. Khangchendzonga National Park, Sikkim

How many of the above is/are major habitat sites for Snow Leopard?

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

16. Consider the following statements with respect to 'abundance of wolves in India':

1. India boasts two wolf subspecies, the grey wolf in the peninsular region and the Himalayan or Tibetan wolf in the north.
2. The IUCN designates the gray wolf as vulnerable, whereas the Himalayan wolf is classified as least concern.

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 regarding "State of the Judiciary" report:

1. The report, published by the Centre for Research and Planning of the Supreme Court of India, brought attention to disparities in gender-specific cases allocation to benches.
2. The report sheds light on the inadequate provision of separate benches for women related cases and the lack of transparency in absence of gender neutral 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

18. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently revised guidelines regarding inoperative accounts and unclaimed deposits, aiming to streamline the classification and activation processes.

Statement-II: The revised instructions apply to all Commercial Banks and not to Cooperative Banks.

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.

19. Regarding Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), consider the following statements:

1. It is a group of inherited White Blood Cell (WBC) disorders.
2. In SCD, the hemoglobin is abnormal, which causes the WBCs to become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a sickle.

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. Consider the following statement:

1. India is the 2nd largest producer of steel in the world after China.
2. In India, West Bengal leads among all steel-producing states, followed by Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

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. Regarding Biodiversity Credit Alliance, consider the following statements:

1. The Biodiversity Credit Alliance was launched at the 2023 G20 Summit presided by India.
2. The Biodiversity Credit Alliance seeks to garner backing and raise awareness across diverse stakeholders, including government entities, non-profits, and private businesses.

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. Regarding Buxa Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. The northern boundary of Buxa Tiger Reserve runs along the international border with Bhutan.
2. Its eastern border connects with that of Manipur State.
3. The Sinchula hill range lies all along the northern side of Buxa National Park.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23. Consider the following pairs:

Space Mission	Agency
1. OSIRIS-REx mission	NASA
2. Proba-3	ISRO
3. Martian Moon eXploration (MMX) Mission	ESA

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

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

24. Regarding Liquid Nano Urea, consider the following statements:

1. It is urea in the form of a nanoparticle.
2. This fertilizer should only be used once leaves have started to grow on the crops.
3. It has been indigenously developed at the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Aditya-L1 is aiming to place it into orbit around the Lagrangian point (L1).

Statement-II: Placing a satellite around the L1 point allows continuous observation of the Sun without occultation or eclipse.

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.

26. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Psychoanalysis':

- 1. It was pioneered by Sigmund Freud in the late 19th and early 20th century.
- 2. Psychoanalysis delves into the unconscious mind, exploring how it shapes thoughts, behaviors, emotions, and personality.

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 regarding "Manual Scavenging" in India:

- 1. The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 explicitly covers prison administration in outlawing manual scavenging.
- 2. State prison manuals mandate that duties like cleaning and sweeping must be performed by members of specific castes, perpetuating caste-based discrimination.

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. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Wetland City Accreditation (WCA) is a voluntary accreditation system established by the Ramsar Convention during the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP)-9 in 2016.

Statement-II: The scheme aims to promote the conservation and wise use of urban and peri-urban wetlands, as well as sustainable socio-economic benefits for local populations.

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.

29. Regarding Reverse Flipping, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is the process of shifting the domicile of an Indian company back to India after it had moved its headquarters overseas.
- 2. Reverse flipping has become a trend among Indian startups, especially in the fintech sector, as they plan for Initial Public Offers (IPOs).

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 statement:

- 1. The Ministry of Education has unveiled ERNET, India's new integrated web portal for educational institutes.
- 2. The portal includes Website as a Service (WaaS) and Learning Management as a Service (LMaaS), allowing users to create customized websites.

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. Which one of the following towns is often referred to as 'Jain Kashi'?

- (a) Hampi
- (b) Vaishali
- (c) Moodbidri
- (d) Ujjain

32. Regarding Savitri Bai Phule, consider the following statements:

- 1. She started Mahila Seva Sadan in 1852.
- 2. She founded the Satya Shodhak Smaj in 1873.
- 3. She composed a poem "Go, get education" for the oppressed community.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

33. With reference to the Finance Commission of India, consider the following statements:

1. It is a constitutional body established under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution.
2. Its primary function is to recommend the distribution of financial resources between the central government and the state governments.
3. The 16th Finance Commission has not been tasked with reviewing disaster management financing arrangements under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The study, "Balancing Climate Goals and Biodiversity Protection," highlights legal challenges arising from the 30x30 target, causing conflicts in land-based Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) strategies.

Statement-II: Nations have committed to the "30x30" biodiversity target to safeguard 30% of the world's terrestrial and marine areas by 2030.

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.

35. With reference to the Migration and Mobility Agreement between India and Italy, consider the following statements:

1. Under this agreement, graduates seeking professional exposure in Italy post-academic or vocational training can secure temporary residency for up to 12 months.
2. The agreement outlines quotas for non-seasonal and seasonal Indian workers, with a reserved quota range over the years 2023-2025.
3. The Italian government's annual "Flow Decree" sets the maximum number of non-EU citizens who can enter Italy for work.

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

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

36. Consider the following statements:

1. The Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) is a part of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), which is based in Hyderabad.
2. ITEWC monitors sea level changes near the epicentral region and reports in case of a tsunami threat.
3. Epicentre is a point on the Earth's surface directly above the hypocenter or focus of an earthquake.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

37. With reference to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), consider the following statements:

1. PMNRF was instituted in 1948 by the then Prime Minister to assist displaced persons from Pakistan.
2. The fund consists entirely of public contributions and does not get any budgetary support.
3. All donations towards the PMNRF are notified for 100% deduction from taxable income.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

38. With reference to Pelagic Birds, consider the following statements:

1. Pelagic birds are birds that spend a large portion of their lives on the open ocean.
2. The birds possess remarkably long, slender wings enabling extended flights without rest.
3. These birds feature a unique salt gland that extracts salt from seawater, preventing its accumulation to toxic levels.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. With reference to Sickle Cell Disease, consider the following statements:

1. The National Mission for Elimination of Sickle Cell Anemia, initiated in 2023, has the goal of eradicating sickle cell anemia from India by 2050.
2. In 2016, the government issued technical operational guidelines for preventing and controlling sickle cell anemia.

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. Regarding the Rani Velu Nachiyar, consider the following statements:

1. Rani Velu Nachiyar, also known as Veeramangai, was the princess of the Ramnad Kingdom in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu.
2. She is revered as the first queen to fight against the British colonial power in India.
3. She established the first army of trained women soldiers in the late 1700s.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

41. Regarding the Cheetah Reintroduction Project, consider the following statements:

1. The Cheetah Reintroduction Project in India began in 2022, aiming to revive the cheetah population declared extinct in 1952.
2. The project involves the translocation of cheetahs from South Africa and Namibia to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

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. Regarding the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act of 1956, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to prevent the commercialization of vices and the trafficking of females.
2. The act declares sex work illegal and prohibits running brothels.

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 Section 132 of the Income-Tax Act, 1961, consider the following statements:

1. It allows tax authorities to conduct searches and seizures without a warrant if there's a "reason to believe" that a person has hidden or avoided income.
2. The constitutionality of this provision was challenged in the case of Pooran Mal vs Director of Inspection (1973).

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

44. Regarding Gravitational waves, consider the following statements:

1. Gravitational waves are ripples in the fabric of spacetime.
2. Albert Einstein forecasted the presence of gravitational waves within his theory of general relativity.

3. India is going to construct the third node of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) in the Theni district of Tamil Nadu.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. Regarding the Indian Toy Industry, consider the following statements:

1. The Indian toy industry exhibited a substantial decline in exports in recent years.
2. A substantial increase in Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on toys aims to protect the domestic toy industry.
3. Ministry of Commerce and Industry mandated sample testing for each import consignment to prevent the import of substandard toys.

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

46. Regarding "PRITHvi Vigyan (PRITHVI)" Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Science and Technology in collaboration with NITI Aayog.
2. It aims to enhance Earth System Sciences and offer reliable services for the country by comprehensively addressing all five components of the Earth system.

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. Regarding New Space India Limited (NSIL), consider the following statements :

1. NSIL, formed under the Companies Act, 2013, is mostly owned by private companies with a smaller government stake.
2. It helps Indian industries engage in advanced space activities and promotes the use of products and services from India's space program.
3. It is set to launch GSAT-20 (GSAT-N2), aboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 in 2024.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

48. Regarding policy interventions to curb child marriages, consider the following statements:

1. According to the National Family Health Survey-5, West Bengal has experienced substantial decline in the number of child marriages.
2. Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme incentivizes the schooling of teenage girls aged 13 to 18.
3. Rupashree Prakalpa scheme provides cash incentives for girls' marriages.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

49. Regarding the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code (2021), consider the following statements:

1. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had notified these guidelines to regulate Over the Top (OTT) platforms.
2. These rules establishes a three-tier grievance redressal mechanism for OTT platforms.
3. They provide for self-classification of the content without any involvement of Central Board of Film Certification.

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

50. Regarding the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC), consider the following statements:

1. It was constituted under Section 3A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
2. It consists of a chairperson and five members nominated by the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
3. CJI can appoint the Secretary to the Committee.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

51. Regarding India-Myanmar relations, consider the following statements:

1. Myanmar is the only Southeast Asian country that shares a land border with northeastern India.
2. As part of India's SAGAR Vision, India developed the Mongla port in Myanmar's Rakhine state.
3. The Free Movement Regime (FMR) enables residents on both sides of the India-Myanmar border to travel 16 km into each other's territory without a visa.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

52. Consider the following pairs:

GI Tag	State
1. Adi Kekir	Arunachal Pradesh
2. Tangail Saree	West Bengal
3. Kachchhi Kharek	Gujarat

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

53. Consider the following statements:

1. Microorganisms that develop Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) are sometimes referred to as "superbugs".
2. The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified AMR as one of the top ten threats to global health.
3. Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance and Research Network (AMRSN) was launched to collect evidence and monitor drug-resistant infection trends in India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

54. Regarding the exchange rate system, consider the following statements:

1. In a stabilized arrangement, currency value is determined solely by supply and demand in the foreign exchange market.
2. In a floating exchange rate, the central bank may intervene in the foreign exchange market to maintain a target range for the currency.
3. An exchange rate regime is deemed stabilized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) when the exchange rate remains within a 2% band for a consecutive period of 6 months.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

55. Which of the following is a "Rocket Launcher"?

- (a) Tejas (b) Akash
(c) Prithvi (d) Pinaka

56. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: India is recognized as the topmost global producer of premium saffron, contributing to 95% of the world's saffron production.

Statement-II: The Pampore region, in India, commonly known as the Saffron Bowl of Kashmir, is the main contributor to saffron production.

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

57. Regarding Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC), consider the following statements:

- 1. PEMFCs convert fuel directly into electricity, resulting in significantly higher efficiency compared to batteries.
- 2. PEMFCs produce only water as a byproduct, which can be utilized onboard or undergo electrolysis to produce extra oxygen.

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. Consider the following pairs:

Articles of Indian Constitution	Provisions
1. Article 25	Freedom to manage religious affairs
2. Article 26	Freedom of conscience
3. Article 28	Freedom as to attendance at religious instruction

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

59. Regarding the nanoplastic particles, consider the following statements:

- 1. Nanoplastics are smaller than microplastics, ranging below 1 micrometer in size.
- 2. They can move from the intestines and lungs directly into the bloodstream.

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

60. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Yakshagana Mela':

- 1. Yakshagana is a dance-drama performance unique to Karnataka.

- 2. It features men portraying all roles and no particular roles for women.

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 Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a comprehensive indirect tax that was introduced in India through the 106th Constitution Amendment Act, 2016.
- 2. The GST Council, established under Article 279A (1) Constitution, is tasked with recommending solutions for issues concerning the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) 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

62. With reference to the 'Thermokarst', consider the following statements:

- 1. This is a type of terrain that is characterized by irregular surfaces of marshy hollows and small hummocks.
- 2. The Batagaika crater, an example of thermokarst, is the biggest permafrost crater in the world.
- 3. The active rock glaciers could lead to the formation of thermokarst features.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

63. Regarding the World Economic Situation and Prospects report for 2024, consider the following statements:

- 1. The report forecasts an acceleration in global gross domestic product (GDP) growth.
- 2. The report forecasts a rise in global inflation in 2024.
- 3. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates suggest a global GDP reduction of over 10% by 2100 due to increasing temperatures.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

64. Regarding the Jhelum River, consider the following statements:

- 1. It originates in Tibet near Lake Mansarovar.
- 2. It is a tributary of the Indus River.
- 3. Its primary tributary is the Kishenganaga River.

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

65. With reference to the Darjeeling Zoo, consider the following statements:

1. It has the only conservative breeding programme for snow leopards in India.
2. It is the largest high altitude zoo in India

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. Global Risks Report 2024 is released by which of the following?

- (a) World Economic Forum
(b) International Monetary Fund
(c) World Bank
(d) Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

67. Consider the following statements:

1. Eucalyptus snout beetle is a leaf-feeding pest which is indigenous to Canada.
2. The Beetle can cause damage over vast areas as it has a great flight capability.

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

68. Regarding the tableaux for the Republic Day parade, consider the following statements:

1. The selection of tableaux for the Republic Day parade is done by an expert committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. The Non-selected States and Union Territories can showcase their tableaux at Bharat Parv, a six-day event at the Red Fort during Republic Day celebrations.
3. The Government has established a rotational plan for States and Union Territories to present their tableaux at the Republic Day parade within a three-year cycle (2024-2026).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change announced the merger of the two flagship programmes Project Tiger (PT) and Project Elephant as Project Tiger and Elephant (PTE).
2. The Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Act of 2006 did not prohibit the diversion of a "tiger's forest" for development projects.
3. Project Tiger, an initiative for wildlife conservation in India, was started in 1973.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

70. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhuyday Yojana (PM-AJAY), consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is not merged under PM-AJAY.
2. The aim of PM-AJAY is to reduce poverty and improve socio-economic development of SC communities.
3. Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and a component of PM-AJAY.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

71. With reference to the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), consider the following statements:

1. The NCAP's goal is to reduce average particulate matter concentrations by 50% by 2026 in 100 cities.
2. Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities (PRANA), is a portal for monitoring of implementation of NCAP.

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

72. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: A question of privilege may be raised in the Parliament only after obtaining the consent of the Chairman/Speaker.

Statement-II: The Lok Sabha committee has 15 members, while the Rajya Sabha committee has 10 members.

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.

73. With reference to the Hit-and-Run Law under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, consider the following statements:

1. BNS, 2023 stipulates a penalty of up to 10 years in jail for fleeing an accident spot.
2. If the driver reports the incident immediately after the accident, it provides for a punishment of up to five years.
3. It imposes a fine of Rs. 7 lakh for failing to report the incident to a police officer/magistrate.

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

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

74. With reference to Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The Award was launched by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances.
2. It has been redesigned to spotlight the District Collector's performance by targeting individual beneficiaries.
3. It aims to honor civil servants' contributions under two broad categories only.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

75. With reference to the Plasma waves, consider the following statements:

1. Plasma is a state of matter consisting of charged particles like ions and electrons.
2. Plasma waves are oscillations or disturbances in the electric and magnetic fields that propagate through it.
3. These waves play a significant role in various plasma phenomena, influencing energy transfer, particle acceleration among others.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

76. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act, 2016 for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization.

Statement-II: BIS is a body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

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.

77. Consider the following statements with respect to Terms of Trade (ToT):

1. ToT for Indian agriculture refers to the movement in prices of farm commodities relative to non-farm goods and services.
2. A rise in the terms of trade implies better purchasing power for the agricultural sector in terms of industrial goods.

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. Gram-positive bacteria appear pinkish or red, while Gram-negative bacteria retain violet-colored stains.
2. Gram-negative bacteria have a thin peptidoglycan layer in the cell wall, which is sandwiched between two lipid membranes.

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

79. Regarding Snow Leopard, consider the following statements:

1. It is listed in the Vulnerable category in the IUCN List of Threatened Species.
2. It is listed in Schedule-II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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

80. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The foundation for tiger conservation was established by the Wildlife (Protection) Act (WLPA) of 1972, which introduced the creation of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

Statement-II: Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH) are also established under the Wildlife Protection Act (WLPA).

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
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81. Global Economic Prospects Report is released by which of the following?

- (a) World Bank
(b) International Monetary Fund
(c) World Economic Forum
(d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

82. Regarding India-Maldives relations, consider the following statements:

1. Eight Degree Channel separates Indian Minicoy (part of Lakshadweep Islands) from the Maldives.
2. "Ekuverin", "Dosti", "Ekatha" and "Operation Shield" are some of the joint Exercises between the two countries.
3. India provides the largest number of training opportunities for the Maldivian National Defence Force (MNDF), meeting around 70% of their defense training requirements.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

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

83. Regarding Lentils, consider the following statements:

1. Lentils, a legume with flat disc-shaped seeds, are bushy annual plants bearing short stature and self-pollinated flowers.
2. Lentil, a rainfed crop, thrives in cold temperatures during vegetative growth and warm temperatures at maturity, typically cultivated in the rabi season.
3. The Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh is considered as a lentil bowl which contributes nearly 25% to the total lentil production in the country.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

84. Consider the following statements about Organ Transplantation:

1. A transplant can be either from a pool of organs of deceased persons donated by their relatives or from a living person who is known to the recipient.
2. Under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (THOT) Act, 1994 specific timelines for all stages of organ donation has been established.

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

85. Consider the following statements:

1. A heat-tolerant vaccine developed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is effective against all current and future strains of SARS-CoV-2.
2. A receptor-binding domain is a key part of a virus located on its 'spike' domain that allows it to dock to body receptors to gain entry into cells and lead to 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

Answers

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