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1. Consider the following statements regarding MANPADS (Man-Portable Air-Defence Systems):

1. MANPADS are short-range, lightweight and portable surface-to-air missiles that can be fired to destroy aircraft or helicopters.
2. They are most effective in targeting high-flying aircrafts.
3. The first MANPADS were introduced by the Soviet Union in the 1960s.

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

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

2. Which of the following countries does not surround the Persian Gulf?

- (a) Bahrain                              (b) Iran  
(c) Yemen                                (d) Saudi Arabia

3. Which of the following fundamental rights is only available to the Indian Citizens?

- (a) Equality before law and equal protection of laws.  
(b) Equality of opportunity in matters of public employment.  
(c) Right to elementary education.  
(d) Prohibition of employment of children in factories etc.

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ganges river dolphin can only live in freshwater and is essentially blind.
2. The Gangetic dolphins are a reliable indicator of the health of the entire river ecosystem.

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. PM-DAKSH Scheme has been recently in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- (a) Indigenous Drone development  
(b) Development of Tourist circuits  
(c) Skill development for marginalised sections  
(d) Bringing Green revolution to North east India

6. Consider the following statements:

1. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation, officially founded in Bonn, Germany, in 2009.
2. The headquarter of IRENA is located in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
3. The IRENA promotes the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. Which of the following is correct regarding Excess Grant?

- (a) It is granted for meeting an unexpected demand upon the resources of India.  
(b) It forms no part of the current service of any financial year.  
(c) It must be approved by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament before submitting for voting in Lok Sabha.  
(d) It is not regulated by the same procedure that is applicable in the case of a regular budget.

8. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Type of Hydrogen</b>	<b>Manufactured by</b>
1. Brown hydrogen	Produced from Coal where the emissions are released to the air
2. Grey hydrogen	Produced from natural gas, where the emissions are captured
3. Green hydrogen	Produced by electrolysis of water using renewable energy
4. Blue hydrogen	Produced from natural gas where emissions are released to the air

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

9. Deep Ocean Mission has been recently in the news. It is launched by which of the following institutions?

- (a) NITI Aayog  
(b) International Seabed Authority  
(c) Ministry of Earth Sciences  
(d) United Nations Environment Programme

10. Consider the following statements about the 'Sealed Cover Jurisprudence':

1. The Supreme Court accepts information from government agencies in sealed envelopes that can only be accessed by judges.
2. The doctrine of sealed cover is derived from Indian Penal Code, 1860.

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. With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), consider the following statements:

1. NDMA is the apex statutory body for disaster management in India.
2. The Union Home Minister is Chairperson of NDMA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

12. World Happiness Report, 2022 was recently released by?  
 (a) United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN - SDSN)  
 (b) World Economic Forum (WEF)  
 (c) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
 (d) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
13. Consider the following statements:  
 1. Swadesh Darshan is a Central Sector Scheme for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country.  
 2. PRASAD Scheme was launched with the objective of holistic development of identified pilgrimage destinations.  
 3. The International Buddhist Conclave has been organised annually since 2018 by the Ministry of Tourism.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
14. Consider the following statements:  
 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme where the central government pays more than 95% of the premium amount while the farmer bears 1.5-5% of the premium.  
 2. From 2020, the scheme was made mandatory for all the farmers who availed institutional finance.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct regarding Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yagna (PMFBY)?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
15. Consider the following statements regarding Arctic Council:  
 1. It is a high-level intergovernmental body set up by the Ottawa declaration in 1996.  
 2. Among the members, observer countries and 'permanent participants', only the observer status is open to non-arctic 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
16. Consider the following statements regarding Civil Disobedience Movement:  
 1. Imports of cloth from Britain declined considerably.  
 2. The movement secured mass participation from women, peasants and students.  
 3. It was mainly limited to towns and cities and did not spread to the countryside.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
17. The species named 'Syllipsimopodi bideni' recently seen in the news is related to?  
 (a) An oldest-known relative of octopus.  
 (b) A new species of salamander.  
 (c) A tiniest group of primates in the world.  
 (d) A wasp species in the Andean cloud forests.
18. With reference to the Registrar General of India, consider the following statements:  
 1. It comes under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).  
 2. It has the responsibility of conducting the population census.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
19. The 'ICMED 13485 Plus' scheme is related to?  
 (a) Establishing a network of supercomputers.  
 (b) Technical standards for food manufacturing.  
 (c) Verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices.  
 (d) Preserving the seeds of Plant Genetic Resources for future generations.
20. Consider the following statements:  
 1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes from the perspective of a consumer.  
 2. The CPI for Industrial Workers (IW) is compiled by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the MoSPI.  
 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. Additional and excess grants are associated with which of the following constitutional provisions?  
 (a) Article 115  
 (b) Article 116  
 (c) Article 274  
 (d) Article 275
22. With reference to 'Ocean Services, Technology, Observations, Resources Modeling and Science (O-SMART)', consider the following statements:  
 1. O-SMART Scheme will help in effectively dealing with ocean disasters like Tsunami, storm surges.  
 2. The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Science and Technology.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

23. Consider the following statements:

1. The Gangetic dolphins are listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List.
2. The Vikramshila Ganges Dolphin Sanctuary has been established in Bihar.
3. National Ganga River Dolphin Day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> October every year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. Which of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) Ol Chiki script is the official writing system for Santhali.  
(b) Santhali is a Dravidian language.  
(c) Santhali is recognized as an official regional language in India.  
(d) Santhali was added as an official language by the 92<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Act of 2003.

25. Consider the following statements:

1. Russia is the world's largest exporter of crude and oil products.
2. India is the world's largest oil consumer.
3. Brent crude oil is sourced from the US oil fields.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements:

1. Eighth Schedule of the Constitution lists the official languages of the republic of India.
2. Konkani, Manipuri, and Nepali were included in the Eighth Schedule by the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment Act of 1967.
3. There is no fixed criteria for any language to be considered for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. The Mozambique Channel does not share land borders with which of the following nations?

- (a) Tanzania                      (b) Zimbabwe  
(c) Madagascar              (d) Comoros

28. With reference to National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), consider the following statements:

1. NPPA was constituted by the Government of India under the Ministry of health and family welfare.
2. It fixes/revises prices of controlled bulk drugs and enforces price of the medicines in the country, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order.

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:

1. The Constitution of India defines the criteria for recognition of Scheduled Tribes.
2. Article 342 of the Constitution empowers the Governor to specify any tribe as Scheduled Tribe in that State.

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 is/are correct regarding the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)?

1. It was set up by the 91<sup>st</sup> Constitution Amendment Act, 2003.
2. It was established by inserting article 338A in the Indian Constitution.
3. The Minister of Tribal Affairs is the ex-officio Chairperson of NCST.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Johkasou technology will be introduced in India by Japanese companies for decentralised wastewater treatment.
2. Dharma Guardian is a joint military exercise between India and Japan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

32. With reference to the Biological diversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty, consider the following statements:

1. It is currently under negotiation at the United Nations.
2. It is being developed within the framework of the UNCLOS.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

33. In the context of world History, which of the following is correct about the 'Marshall Plan':
- US sponsored program designed to rehabilitate the economies after World War II
  - US plan to set free the Eastern European country during World War II
  - USSR policy to contain the German attack during World War II
  - US plan to neutralize the German attack on European countries

34. Consider the following statements regarding India's Civil Aviation Market:

- The sector has witnessed growth at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of about 13% during FY16-FY20.
- The Government has allowed 75% FDI under Automatic route for greenfield and brownfield projects in this sector.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

35. Consider the following statements:

- The United Nations General Assembly has declared decade (2018-2028) as the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development.
- The Asia-Pacific region is the largest groundwater abstractor in the world.
- SDG-6 ensures availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

36. Minamata Convention has been recently in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- Access to Black Sea
- Melting of Arctic
- Mercury pollution
- Allocation of orbit

37. Consider the following statements::

- 20<sup>th</sup> March every year is observed as World Sparrow Day.
- Sparrows are only found in the Indian Sub-Continent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

38. With reference to Africa's Boma Technique, consider the following statements:

- It involves luring animals into an enclosure by chasing them through a funnel-like fencing.
- It was used recently at the Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

39. Consider the following statements regarding the World Air Quality Report, 2021:

- It is released by IQAir, a Swiss air quality technology company.
- It measures air quality levels based on the concentration of PM 2.5.
- India has witnessed a trend of improving air quality for the fourth consecutive year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

40. Consider the following statements:

- Bhagat Singh changed the name of Hindustan Republican Association to Hindustan Socialist Republican Association.
- Bhagat Singh started an organisation called the Naujawan Bharat Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

41. Exercise DUSTLIK is a training exercise between which of the following two countries?

- India and Tajikistan
- India and Uzbekistan
- Uzbekistan and Pakistan
- India and Russia

42. Which of the following is/are correct regarding 'Artemis Mission' ?

- It is NASA's next generation of lunar exploration.
- It is a solar mission launched by NASA and ESA.
- It is a mission to the near-Earth asteroid Bennu.
- It is launched for observing bright stars known to host exoplanets.

43. With reference to Tuberculosis (TB), consider the following statements:

- TB is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis.
- There is no vaccine for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

44. With reference to the Municipal Corporation, consider the following statements:

1. The Municipal Corporations are established in the states and Union Territories through the acts of the Parliament.
2. The first municipal corporation in India was created in Madras in 1688.
3. The 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Indian Constitution specifies the powers, authority and responsibilities of Municipalities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements regarding lead:

1. In the human body, it is distributed to the brain, liver and kidney.
2. As of 2019, the highest burden of consequent deaths/diseases caused by lead exposure was in developed, industrialised countries.
3. Lead exposure is associated with conditions like anaemia, hypertension and renal impairment.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Emergency imposed under article 356 is popularly known as the President's rule.
2. When the President's rule is imposed, the President can take up the functions of the state government and powers vested in the governor.

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. 'H2Ooooh! – Waterwise program' for the Children of India is an initiative launched by:

- (a) UNEP                      (b) UNESCO  
(c) UNDP                      (d) NITI Ayog

48. With reference to emergency provisions, consider the following statements:

1. They are mentioned in Part XVIII of the Constitution of India.
2. Suspension of Fundamental Rights during emergency is taken from Weimer (German) Constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. It is at the gateway of Strait of Hormuz through which India imports one-fifth of its oil imports.
2. It is the only country in the Gulf region with which all three services of the Indian armed forces conduct regular bilateral exercises.
3. The port of Duqm is located in the country.

The above statements most appropriately describe which of the following countries?

- (a) Oman                      (b) Qatar  
(c) Saudi Arabia              (d) UAE

50. Consider the following statements:

1. The state legislature has the right to impose tax on lotteries conducted by other States within its jurisdiction.
2. Betting and gambling is a part of the State List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.
3. The lottery, gambling and betting are taxable under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act, 2017.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

51. With reference to Export Preparedness Index (EPI), consider the following statements:

1. It identifies challenges, opportunities and encourages a facilitative regulatory framework for export.
2. It is a data-driven effort to identify the core areas crucial for export promotion at the sub-national level.
3. It is released by the UN World Trade Organization (WTO) in association with NITI Ayog.

Choose the correct option from the given code given below.

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

52. Consider the following statements with reference to criminal laws in history of India:

1. Lord Cornwallis is said to be the chief architect of codifications of criminal laws in India.
2. Criminal law in India is governed by Indian Penal Code, 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and Indian Evidence Act, 1872, etc

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

53. With reference to Bucharest Nine, consider the following statements:

1. It is a group of all countries bordering the Black Sea.
2. All countries in this grouping are members of NATO.

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

54. Which of the following species of Vultures do not have the Critically Endangered status on the IUCNs Red List?

- (a) Slender Billed Vulture  
(b) Egyptian Vulture  
(c) Red- Headed Vulture  
(d) Long- Billed Vulture

55. Principle of Reasonable Accommodation has been recently in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- (a) Subsidy under PM AWAS Yojana  
(b) Life on Extra-celestial bodies  
(c) Affirmative Actions for Disabled Peoples  
(d) Penguins in Antarctica

56. India conducts the Joint Military Exercise Lamitiye with which of the following countries?

- (a) Seychelles                  (b) Algeria  
(c) Bhutan                        (d) Comoros

57. Which of the following is/are Mars Missions?

1. Perseverance Rover    2. Hope Mission  
3. Tianwen-1                4. Parker Probe

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

58. Which of the following is/are correct regarding Mercury?

1. It is considered by the WHO as one of the top ten (group of) chemicals of major public health concern.
2. Minamata disease is a peripheral sensory loss disorder caused by methylmercury poisoning.
3. Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) is the largest source of anthropogenic mercury emissions (37.7%), globally.

Select the correct answers using the code given below:

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

59. Consider the following statements:

1. A hypersonic missile flies at at-least five times the speed of sound.
2. The manoeuvrability of the hypersonic missile sets it apart from a ballistic missile.

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 regarding the DigiSaksham Initiative:

1. It is jointly launched by the Union Ministry of Labour and Microsoft India.
2. In the first year, it provides free of cost training in basic digital skills as well as advanced computing.

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. Which of the following items are included under the 12<sup>th</sup> schedule of Indian Constitution?

1. Roads and bridges.
2. Urban poverty alleviation.
3. Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.
4. Cattle pounds; prevention of cruelty to animals.
5. Vital statistics including registration of births and deaths.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

62. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
2. WMO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Emergency Provisions in India:

1. Emergency Provisions in the Indian Constitution are taken from the Government of India Act of 1935.
2. National Emergency is declared by the President of India under Article 360 of the Indian Constitution.

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

64. Consider the following statements:

1. It is a tributary of the Krishna River.
2. Kera, Wang, Morna and Mahind are its tributaries.
3. Shivsagar reservoir is built on this river.

The above description most appropriately explains which of the following rivers?

- (a) Godavari                    (b) Malaprabha  
(c) Koyna                        (d) Shipra

65. Consider the following pairs:

**Mountain Pass      Connects**

- |            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Banihal | Kashmir and outer Himalayas         |
| 2. Fotu La | Leh and Kargil                      |
| 3. Rohtang | Kullu with Lahaul and Spiti Valleys |
| 4. Zoji La | Srinagar and Leh                    |

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

66. Consider the following statements with reference to Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) in international trade:

- Two or more partners give preferential rights to certain products by reducing duties on an agreed number of tariff lines.
- Tariffs can not be reduced to zero for products in a PTA.

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. Consider the following statements about the 'Surajkund International Mela':

- It is organised by Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
- Jammu & Kashmir is the 'Theme State' and Uzbekistan is the "Partner Nation" for the year 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

68. Consider the following statements:

- Australia is going to set up a new Defence Space Command Agency.
- Defence Space Command Agency helps in providing training to people to become space specialists.

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

69. Consider the following statements:

- The Ticks are harmful as blood sucking parasites severely affect productivity of dairy animals.
- The formulation comprising herbal ingredients like neem and nagod are used for combating tick infestation among dairy animals.

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. Consider the following statements regarding the Foot and Mouth Disease:

- It is a highly contagious fungal infection that affects cattle, swine, sheep and goats.
- Only in rare cases, humans are susceptible to this disease.

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

71. 'TEJAS Skilling Project' was in the news recently. It is

- Skill India International Project to train overseas Indias
- Skill India project to provide training to Railway employees
- A government project to provide skills to MSME workers.
- Training project for the Indian army personnel.

72. With reference to Antarctic treaty, consider the following statements:

- The Antarctic treaty is the only example of a single treaty that governs a whole continent.
- India recently became a member of this treaty in 2014.

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

73. With reference to Minorities in India, consider the following statements:

- The Indian Constitution provides for the President of India to appoint a Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities.
- The Indian Constitution provides protection to both religious minorities as well as linguistic minorities.

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):

- It is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly which works as a sexual and reproductive health agency.
- UNFPA is entirely supported by voluntary contributions of donor governments (or intergovernmental organisations) and not by the UN budget.

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



75. Consider the following statements:
1. The New Development Bank (NDB) has its genesis in the Fortaleza Declaration.
  2. The BRICS nations signed Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) in 2014 as part of the Fortaleza Declaration.
- 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
76. Consider the following statements:
1. It is the practice of reducing the size of a product while maintaining its sticker price.
  2. It is a form of hidden inflation.
  3. It stealthily boosts profit margins when companies face rising input costs.
- The above description most appropriately explains which of the following economic concepts?
- (a) Shrinkflation              (b) Stagflation  
(c) Galloping Inflation      (d) Disinflation
77. Consider the following statements:
1. Darlong is a tribal community of Sikkim.
  2. The Darlongs have customary laws and practices to govern them and dispense their own affairs.
- 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. Microplastics are plastics less than five centimetres in diameter.
  2. Primary microplastics are formed from the breakdown of larger plastics such as water bottles.
- 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. A mountainous feature named Wright Mons is associated with which of the following?
- (a) Phobos                      (b) Pluto  
(c) Titan                         (d) Mars
80. With reference to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:
1. All ASEAN countries are its members.
  2. Its secretariat is in Kathmandu.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
81. With reference to the I-STEM Portal, consider the following statements:
1. The portal facilitates researchers to access slots for the use of equipment and share the details of the outcomes, such as, patents, publications and technologies.
  2. The portal is launched under the aegis of Prime Minister Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) mission.
- 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. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Development Bank (ADB):
1. It was established in 2009.
  2. India joined it as a member in 2016.
  3. It has its headquarters in Manila, Philippines.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 3 only
83. World Energy Transitions Outlook is published by which of the following organisations?
- (a) International Atomic Energy Agency  
(b) International Energy Agency  
(c) International Renewable Energy Agency  
(d) International Energy Forum

## Answers

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