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**Current
Affairs
MCQ
(Consolidation)**

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(Part-I)**

1. With reference to the Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only natural habitat of Asiatic Lions.
2. It is inhabited by the Maldhari pastoral community.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. With reference to the 'Eurasian Otters', consider the following statements:

1. These are the only species of otters that are found in India.
2. These are listed under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
3. Under the IUCN Red list, these have been categorised as 'vulnerable'.

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

3. Consider the following pairs:

Operations	Related to
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| 1. Operation Resolute Support | — American military operation in Iraq |
| 2. Operation Cactus | — NATO-led war in Afghanistan |
| 3. Operation Protective Edge | — Israel–Gaza conflict |
| 4. Operation Red Dawn | — Maldives coup d'état |

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

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

4. With reference to National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFD), which of the following statements are correct ?

1. It is under the aegis of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
2. It is registered as a company not for profit.
3. It provides a number of skill development programmes to Persons with Disabilities.
4. It provides financial assistance to the Persons with Disabilities.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

5. Which of the following are high energy materials?

1. Propellants used in rockets
2. Pyrotechnics used in festivities

3. Blasting chemicals used in construction activities

4. Explosives used for military purposes

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

6. With reference to the 'Aegean Sea', consider the following statements:

1. It is surrounded by Bulgaria and Georgia.
2. The Greek Island of Lesbos is located in this 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

7. With reference to the Integrated Check Posts (ICPs), consider the following statements:

1. It helps to maintain regional connectivity across the international borders of India.
2. It facilitates the movement of goods as well as passengers.
3. India does not have any IPC with Pakistan and China.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. Which of the following is NOT a part of the Revenue Expenditure of the Budget?

- (a) Purchase of missile (b) Subsidies
(c) Payment of wages (d) Pensions

9. With reference to the Star Labeling Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It has been formulated by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
2. It provides the consumer an informed choice about the energy saving and thereby the cost saving potential of the relevant marketed product.

Which if the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to the Harappan Civilization, consider the following statements:

1. It covered parts of India, Pakistan and Nepal.
2. The Harappan site of Dholavira is located in the present day of Haryana.

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 the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), consider the following statements:

1. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It intends to extend the coverage of quality generic medicines.

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. With reference to the Red-crowned roofed turtle, consider the following statements:

1. The Red-crowned roofed turtle is found only in India.
2. It is listed as vulnerable under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

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. With reference to the Electoral bonds, consider the following statements:

1. It can be purchased by any Indian citizen or a body incorporated in India.
2. These bonds can be used for making donations to any political party.
3. Donor's name is mentioned on the bond.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. With reference to the Sukhna Lake, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in Rajasthan.
2. It has been declared as a living as well as legal entity recently.
3. It is for the first time any non-living entity is being declared as a legal person in the country.

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

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

15. Lalit Kala Akademi Awards are given in the field of ?

- (a) Visual arts
- (b) Literature and translations
- (c) Performing arts
- (d) Science and technology

16. Which of the following countries do not border the Mediterranean sea?

1. Jordan
2. Lebanon
3. Syria
4. Egypt

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

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

17. Which of the following are possible impacts of endophytic actinobacteria on tea plantations?

1. It can reduce chemical inputs in Tea plantation.
2. It can boost tea exports from India.
3. It is a pathogen that inhibits the growth of tea plantations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. With reference to Indian Pharma Industry, consider the following statements:

1. India is the largest supplier of generic medicines globally.
2. India is the largest vaccine producer in the world.
3. The Indian pharmaceutical market is the largest in terms of value.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following studies:

1. The office of the Chief Justice of India has been kept out of the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.
2. Third-parties, or those not party to a case, can obtain court documents such as copies of judgments and pleadings after the court's permission.

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

20. With reference to the 'Media Access Control (MAC) Address', consider the following statements:

1. It is an identity number assigned to a Network Interface Controller.
2. Unlike Internet Protocol (IP) Address, it changes each time a device is connected to a new network.

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. With reference to Mission Innovation (MI), consider the following statements:
1. It is launched by NITI Aayog.
 2. It aims to reinvigorate and accelerate global clean energy innovation with the objective to make clean energy widely affordable.
- Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
22. With reference to Jeevan Curriculum, consider the following statements:
1. It is developed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
 2. The implementation of the curriculum is suggestive in nature.
- 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. Gender Parity Index (GPI) is released by:
- (a) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
(b) United Nations Development Programme
(c) World Economic Forum
(d) European Institute for Gender Equality
24. With reference to the Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells (PEMFC), consider the following statements:
1. PEMFC converts the chemical energy stored in oxygen fuel directly and efficiently to electrical energy.
 2. Water is the only byproduct of the conversion.
 3. PEMFC will be used as a disaster management measure in India.
- 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
25. The terms "Entanglement" and "Superposition" are sometimes seen in the news in the context of:
- (a) Quantum computing
(b) Deep learning
(c) Bitcoin
(d) Artificial Intelligence
26. With reference to the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), consider the following statements:
1. It is an intergovernmental body which aims to protect the interests of the Western Indian Ocean islands.
 2. It consists of Madagascar, Comoros, La Réunion (French overseas territory), Mauritius, Seychelles and 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
27. With reference to Gram Sabha, consider the following statements:
1. It is a permanent body of the Panchayati Raj system.
 2. Its powers and functions are to be defined by state legislations.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
28. With reference to the 'Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)', consider the following statements:
1. It is a central sector scheme implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
 2. The target group of the Scheme is all adolescent girls in the age group of 11-18.
 3. It is being implemented through the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
29. With reference to the 'Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010', consider the following statements:
1. Foreign contribution cannot be accepted by any member of any legislature.
 2. The contribution made by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) is not treated as foreign contribution.
- 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. Katchatheevu Island, recently seen in the news, is located in?
- (a) Palk Strait
(b) Andaman Sea
(c) Pamba River
(d) Laccadive Sea
31. Recently seen in the news, KIRAN Scheme is related to
- (a) Use of Solar energy for electricity generation
(b) Career opportunities for women scientists
(c) Adolescent Health
(d) Improving the sex ratio

32. With reference to stem cells consider the following statements:

1. Embryonic cells are pluripotent in nature.
2. Adult stem cells do not possess any pluripotent characteristics.

Which of the statements given above is/are true?

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

33. With reference to Red Panda, consider the following statements:

1. Red Panda is naturally found in western ghats.
2. It is protected under Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above is/are true?

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Cord blood is the blood from the baby that is left in the umbilical cord and placenta after birth.
2. It contains special cells called hematopoietic stem cells which can mature into different types of blood cells in the body.

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

35. Namda art, recently in the news, is

- (a) Traditional felted wool floor covering
- (b) Tribal wall painting
- (c) Kashmiri jewellery making art
- (d) Mirror work on clothes

36. With reference to the 'Central Pollution Control Board', which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) It is a statutory organisation under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- (b) It is entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- (c) It was set up under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (d) Both A and B

37. These temples have a distinct style of their own by the lavish use of wood, stone and metals. The base structure of the temple is made using granite and laterite. The roof may have one, two or even three stories. The steep and needle-like roof is made of wood and is covered with copper plates in order to protect the inner skeletal framework from the vigorous monsoons.

In which of the following States are you more likely to come across the above-described style of temples?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Assam

38. With reference to the 'Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)', consider the following statements:

1. It is a permanent intergovernmental organization of 13 oil-exporting nations.
2. Saudi Arabia and Russia are members of the OPEC.

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. With reference to the Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram, consider the following statements:

1. It is Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's forest produce marketing scheme.
2. The products marketed under the scheme include only those that need primary-level processing.

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

40. Consider the following events:

1. Morley-Minto Reforms
2. Rowlatt Satyagraha
3. Jallianwala Bagh massacre
4. Champaran Satyagraha

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. Silk Samagra is a Central Sector Scheme for the development of sericulture in the country.
2. The scheme is being implemented by the Central Silk Board.
3. India produces only three kinds of silks.

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

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

42. Consider the following statements:

1. Pandemic diseases are those for which people do not have immunity and they spread around the world beyond expectations.
2. Epidemic is a large outbreak which spreads among a population or 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

43. With reference to the National Executive Committee (NEC), consider the following statements:

1. It is constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
2. It intends to assist the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in the performance of its functions.
3. Minister of Home Affairs is its ex-officio chairperson.

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

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

44. Sahyadri Megha sometimes seen in the news is related to

- (a) Artificial raining technique in Marathwada region
(b) Western Ghats conservation programme
(c) Cloud computing project for students in hilly areas of Western ghat region
(d) Red variety of paddy

45. With reference to the 'National Supercomputing Mission', consider the following statements:

1. It is being implemented solely by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. Param Brahma is the first supercomputer that has been developed under this 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

46. With reference to the bear market, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to a market that experiences a sustained increase in share prices.
2. It signifies that the country's economy is strong and employment levels are high.

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

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

47. With reference to the Nidhi companies, consider the following statements:

1. These are a class of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
2. These are regulated by the respective state governments.
3. These deal with their shareholder-members only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Fast Breeder Reactors generate more fissile material than it consumes.
2. A Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) is being constructed in Kalpakkam (Tamil Nadu).

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 pairs:

Nuclear Power Plant	State
1. Tarapur Atomic Power Plant	— Gujarat
2. Narora Atomic Power Plant	— Uttar Pradesh
3. Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant	— Karnataka
4. Kudankulam Nuclear Power Station	— Tamil Nadu

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

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. Crime Multi-Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) deals with the sharing of information on heinous crime.
2. National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) is a body set-up under the Ministry of Law and Justice.
3. NCRB brings the annual 'Crime in India' report.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

51. With reference to the Bhoomi Rashi Portal, consider the following statements:

1. The Bhoomi Rashi Portal is an e-Governance initiative of the Ministry of Finance.
2. The portal intends to expedite the process of land acquisition for Special Economic Zones (SEZ).

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 'Essential Commodities Act, 1955', consider the following statements:

1. The Act is administered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Under the Act, the government can fix the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of any packaged product that it declares an "essential commodity".
3. Masks and sanitisers can also be declared as essential commodities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. With reference to National Crèche Scheme, consider the following statements regarding the National Crèche Scheme:

1. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It aims to provide day care facilities to children of working mothers.
3. It is a central sector scheme.

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

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

54. With reference to the Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds, consider the following statements:

1. AT-1 bonds are a type of secured bonds that banks issue to shore up their core capital base.
2. They pay slightly higher rates of interest compared to other bonds.
3. These bonds can be acquired only through Initial private placement offers.
4. They are regulated by SEBI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. Blood is a fluid connective tissue that consists of plasma, blood cells and platelets.
2. The red colour of blood is due to the presence of haemoglobin.
3. Red Blood Cells (RBCs) can not be artificially generated.

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

Answers

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