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1. With reference to the Lifeline Udan, consider the following statements:

1. It intends to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country amid the lockdown to support India's fight against Covid-19.
2. It is a collaborative effort of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Civil aviation.

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

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

2. With reference to the International Energy Agency (IEA), consider the following statements:

1. The International Energy Agency (IEA) is an autonomous organisation which works to ensure reliable, affordable and clean energy.
2. It is headquartered in Vienna, Austria.
3. India became an associate member of the International Energy Agency in 2017.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to the 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana', consider the following statements:

1. Under it, generic medicines are provided free of cost.
2. The Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) is the implementing agency for the scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. Which of the following do NOT have Geographical Indication (GI) tag status?

1. Gorakhpur terracotta
2. Manipur's black rice
3. Banarasi paan
4. Dindigul locks

Select the correct option using the code given below.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Permanent Mission to the United Nations is the diplomatic mission that every member state deputed to the UN.
2. Arcot Ramasamy Mudaliar and Hansa Mehta were among the first few Indian delegates at the UN.

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

6. With reference to the Kisan Sabha App, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to connect farmers to the supply chain and freight transportation management system.
2. It does not allow people to buy directly from the farmers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Iran is the largest producer of saffron.
2. Kashmir Saffron has a Geographical Indication tag.

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

8. Which of the following(s) is/are NOT a part of India's foreign exchange reserve:

1. Foreign Currency Assets
2. Gold reserves
3. Special Drawing Rights
4. Reserve position with the International Monetary Fund

Select the correct option using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) None of the above

9. Bannerghatta Biological Park, recently in the news, is located in?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Telangana
(c) Kerala (d) Odisha

10. With references to the cryptocurrencies, consider the following statements:

1. Cryptocurrencies use centralized technology which allows users to make secure payments and store money.
2. They run on a distributed public ledger called blockchain, which is a record of all transactions updated and held by currency holders.
3. Ethereum is Ecuador's official cryptocurrency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Project Tiger is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change providing central assistance to the tiger States for tiger conservation in designated tiger reserves.
2. Satkosia tiger reserve is the first tiger reserve to have successfully relocated Royal Bengal tigers 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

12. With reference to the African Swine Fever (ASF) and the Classical Swine Fever (CSF), consider the following statements:

1. CSF affects wild and domestic pigs only.
2. ASF can be prevented by the vaccination.
3. Both of them are not treatable and culling of the affected pigs is the only option.
4. ASF is not listed in the World Organisation for Animal Health.

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

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

13. With reference to the World Press Freedom Index, consider the following statements:

1. It is published by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
2. Its parameters include pluralism and the quality of the infrastructure supporting the news production.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. With reference to the ' magnetosphere', consider the following statements:

1. It is formed through the interaction of the Interplanetary Magnetic Field (IMF) with earth's magnetic field.
2. It protects the erosion of the atmosphere by the solar wind.

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

15. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) scheme?

1. It is aimed at attracting foreign portfolio investment into the equity market.
2. Investments through this route is free of the regulatory norms applicable to foreign portfolio investment, irrespective of share of investment.

Select the correct option using the code given below.

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

16. With reference to the 'MATRICS Scheme', consider the following statements:

1. It provides fixed grant support to mathematicians/theoreticians.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

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. YASH Program, recently in the news, is related to:

- (a) Gold monetisation
(b) Health and risk communication
(c) Employment for rural workers amid Covid-19 outbreak
(d) Welfare measures for defence personnel

18. With reference to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), consider the following statements:

1. It was formed during the Cold War as an organization of States that did not seek to formally align themselves with either the United States or the Soviet Union, but sought to remain independent or neutral.
2. Its permanent secretariat is located at Jakarta (Indonesia).

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

19. Consider the following statements with reference to Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI):

1. It is an indicator of business activity in the manufacturing and services sectors.
2. PMI is compiled by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO).

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 statements:

1. The Saras Collection has been launched to benchmark dairy products on the Government e Marketplace (GeM) portal.
2. GeM is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

21. With reference to the Silent Hypoxia, consider the following statements:
1. Patients with this condition have extremely low blood oxygen levels which can be noticed by breathlessness.
 2. Pulse Oximeter can be used for its early detection.
- 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. With reference to the National Initiative For Developing And Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI), consider the following statements:
1. It is an end to end plan for startups to double the number of incubators and startups in the duration of five years.
 2. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- 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
23. Which of the following is/are NOT a landlocked country?
1. Iran 2. Iraq
 3. Afghanistan 4. Tajikistan
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 4 only
24. Consider the following statements:
1. Co-operative banks come within the definition of "Banks" under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 .
 2. The SARFAESI Act deals with the recovery of bad loans.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
25. Consider the following statements with reference to Pulitzer Prize:
1. It is awarded for public service and achievement in journalism.
 2. It is administered by the United Nations General Assembly and Pulitzer Prize Board.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
26. Match the following list 1 with list 2 and choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
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| List-1 | List-2 |
| A. Dharma Chakra Pravartana | I. Lay Worshipper |
| B. Upasaka | II. Death of Buddha |
| C. Mahaparinirvana | III. Tantric Buddhism |
| D. Vajrayana | IV. First Sermon |
- Codes:
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|---------|-----|----|-----|
| A | B | C | D |
| (a) IV | III | II | I |
| (b) I | II | IV | III |
| (c) IV | I | II | III |
| (d) III | II | I | IV |
27. Consider the following statements:
1. Health is a subject on the concurrent list of the seventh schedule of the Indian Constitution.
 2. By invoking Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, advisories and directions of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will be enforceable in the States.
- 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
28. FlytNow, sometimes seen in the news, is related to:
- (a) An operation to deliver medical essentials to the neighbouring countries by India.
 - (b) An operation to airlift Indian diaspora to India due to Covid-19.
 - (c) Drone developed by DRDO for border security.
 - (d) Internet of Drones (IoD) platform.
29. Consider the following statements with reference to UJALA scheme:
1. Under the scheme LED bulbs are distributed.
 2. Its objective is to promote energy efficiency.
- 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 statements with reference to Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana:
1. It is a medical insurance scheme under which Rs.5 lakh per family is provided for secondary care and tertiary care.
 2. It is a central sector scheme.
- 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. With reference to photodetectors, consider the following statements:

1. They are employed in detecting outer galaxy radiation.
2. They are affordable for daily applications due to their low material cost.

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. Operation Samudra Setu, recently seen in the news, is related to

- (a) Measures to assure the safety and security of the Indian vessels in the Persian Gulf.
- (b) Bilateral naval exercise between India and Seychelles.
- (c) Initiative to bring stranded Indians abroad amid global coronavirus lockdown.
- (d) Initiative to build Ram Setu between India and Sri Lanka

33. Luhman 16, recently seen in the news, is a:

- (a) Star (b) Exoplanet
(c) Brown dwarf (d) NASA's Satellite

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Surging glaciers have shown considerable reduction in volume and length over a period of time.
2. They can be found in the Karakoram Range of Himalayas.
3. Glaciers move because of the force of gravity.

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

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

35. Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary, recently in the news, is located in:

- (a) Karnataka (b) Telangana
(c) Goa (d) Kerala

36. With reference to the Consol Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. Consol bond is a fixed income security with no maturity date.
2. It is often considered a type of equity, rather than debt.
3. The major benefit of these bonds is that they pay a steady stream of interest payments forever.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. With reference to the 'Olive Ridley Turtles', consider the following statements:

1. They are known for their unique mass nesting called Arribada.

2. The coast of Mexico is the largest mass nesting site for the turtles.

3. They have been categorised as 'vulnerable' under the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Which of the following are the recommendations of the Shekatkar Committee?

1. Creation of the Chief of Defence Staff Post.
2. Implementation of the Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) Model.
3. Defence budget in the range of 2.5-3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

39. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to Helicopter money:

1. Under this large amount of currency is printed and distributed to the public to increase demand and inflation.
2. It is also called quantitative easing.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

40. With reference to the Absolute Liability Principle, consider the following statements:

1. It replaced the concept of strict liability principle in the M.C. Mehta vs Union of India case, 1987.
2. Under it, an industry can claim exemptions if the hazardous substance escapes its premises by an act of God.

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. Toda is a pastoral tribe of Nilgiri hills.
2. They are famous for their embroidery which has red and black thread work in geometric designs.
3. Toda embroidery does not have a Geographical Identification Tag.

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

42. With reference to the Maharana Pratap, consider the following statements:
1. He was the founder of the city of Udaipur (Rajasthan).
 2. The Battle of Haldighati was fought in 1576 between Rana Pratap Singh of Mewar and Raja Man Singh of Amber who was the general of the Mughal emperor Akbar.
- 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. Naku La pass sometimes seen in the news, is located in
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
(b) Jammu and Kashmir
(c) Union Territory of Ladakh
(d) Sikkim
44. Consider the following statements:
1. Under the Sagarmala Project, India seeks to deepen economic and security cooperation with its maritime neighbours.
 2. Under SAGAR initiative India aims at holistic port infrastructure development along its coastline.
- 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
45. Consider the following statements regarding 'Servants of India Society' formed during freedom struggle movement
1. It was formed by Gopal Krishna Gokhale in Pune (Maharashtra) in 1907 to further the expansion of education in India.
 2. The Society organised mobile libraries, founded schools, and provided night classes for factory workers.
 3. The publication of the Mahratta, an organ of the Society in English from Nagpur commenced in 1911.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
46. With reference to the Sal Forest Tortoise, consider the following statements:
1. It is found only in India.
 2. It is listed as 'Vulnerable' on 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
47. With reference to the Ultraviolet radiations, consider the following statements:
1. They can be classified into UV-A, UV-B and UV-C rays according to their wavelength.
 2. UV radiation is more harmful when their wavelength is longer.
 3. UV-C is not absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere.
- Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
48. Consider the following statements with reference to e-NAM:
1. It has an objective to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
 2. Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is implementing e-NAM.
- 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 regarding Atal Pension Yojana.
1. It addresses old age income security among the workers in the organised sector.
 2. It is open to all bank account holders who are not members of any statutory social security scheme.
 3. It is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 3 only
50. With reference to the 'Central Insecticides Board', consider the following statements:
1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.
 2. To import or manufacture any insecticide, registration is required at the Board.
- 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
51. Consider the following statements:
1. Open Market Operation (OMO) is one of the qualitative monetary policy tools to control the money supply in the economy.
 2. Monetary Policy is controlled by RBI.
- 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 Sohrai Khovar paintings, consider the following statements:

1. The Sohrai Khovar painting is specific to the Jamshedpur district of Jharkhand.
2. It features a profusion of lines, dots, animal figures and plants, often representing religious iconography.
3. It is a traditional and ritualistic mural art being practised by local tribal women.
4. Sohrai Khovar painting does not have a Geographical Identification Tag.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. CHAMPIONS portal, recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) Assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (b) Covid-19 recovered patients
- (c) Programmes for development of sports
- (d) Female student training in tribal areas

54. With reference to the 'Energy Efficiency Services Limited', consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint venture of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
2. It implements the Smart Meter National Programme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the world's largest producer of milk.
2. Import of all milk and milk products from China is banned in India.
3. Melamine is used in adulteration of milk.

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

56. With reference to the National Biomedical Resource Indigenization Consortium (NBRIC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a 'Make in India' initiative for biomedical research and innovation.
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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

57. Consider the following statements with reference to Direct Seeding of Rice :

1. It increases methane emission.
2. It involves use of herbicides.
3. It requires less water.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Energy Transition Index is released by:

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme
- (b) World Economic Forum
- (c) International Energy Agency
- (d) United Nations Industrial Development Organization

59. With reference to the 'Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs), consider the following statements:

1. These are self-sufficient formations.
2. These have been structured on the basis of terrain 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

60. With reference to the 'TIDE' programme, consider the following statements:

1. This programme provides tools, devices and technology to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 among Divyangjan and Elderly.
2. It has been developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. With reference to the Y2K bug, consider the following statements:

1. It was a ransomware that could take control of industrial control systems.
2. It was only a software issue.
3. It is also known as 'Millennium Bug'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

62. Diemer-Bhasha dam, recently seen in the news, is located on:

- (a) Brahmaputra River
- (b) Indus River
- (c) Jhelum River
- (d) Padma River

63. The Global Forest Resources Assessment report is released by:

- (a) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- (b) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- (c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- (d) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

64. With reference to the 'Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)', consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a test that detects and measures antibodies in the blood.
- 2. It can be used to diagnose infections such as HIV and Zika.

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

65. With respect to the Indian Gharial, consider the following statements

- 1. The gharials are generally found in the salty water bodies.
- 2. Chambal River is considered as the primary habitat of gharials.
- 3. High population density of gharials is an indicator of a pollution free water body.

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

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

Answers

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