



Monthly Editorial Quiz (Consolidation)

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1. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Semiconductor':

1. Semiconductors are materials which have a conductivity greater than conductors and less than insulators.
2. Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has been introduced for semiconductor and display board production.
3. Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme has been launched to nurture domestic companies involved in semiconductor design.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Indian Independence Act of 1947, which established India as an independent dominion, authorized the temporary use of the Government of India Act, 1935, as the interim constitution until the country formulated its own constitution.

Statement-II: The Government of India Act, 1935 allowed princely States to join India by signing an instrument of accession. In the case of Jammu and Kashmir, the instrument included certain conditions that were later incorporated into Article 370.

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.

3. With reference to the Aspirational Districts Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2018 which aims to transform districts that have shown relatively less progress in key social areas.
2. The delta ranking of the Aspirational Districts is launched by the NITI Aayog.
3. The broad contours of the programme are Convergence, Collaboration and Competition among districts through monthly delta ranking.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

4. Consider the following Characteristics:

1. Shyness of Contact with the Community at Large
2. Backwardness
3. Distinctive Culture
4. Indication of Primitive Traits

How many of the above are the characteristics used to identify a community as Scheduled Tribe mentioned by the Lokur Committee (1965)?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

5. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Constituent Assembly':

1. C. Rajagopalachari demanded the setting up of a Constituent Assembly based on adult franchise.
2. This demand was accepted by the British in the August Offer of 1940.
3. The elections for the formation of the Assembly were held as directed by the Mountbatten Plan.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

6. With reference to the President rule, consider the following statements:

1. The presidential proclamation imposing the President's Rule cannot be subject to judicial review.
2. If the court holds the presidential proclamation to be unconstitutional and invalid, it has power to restore the dismissed state government.
3. The state legislative assembly should be dissolved only after the Parliament has approved the presidential proclamation.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

7. Which one of the following are not the women beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala Scheme?

- (a) Tea and Ex-Tea Garden Tribes
(b) MGNREGA Workers
(c) People residing in Islands and River Islands
(d) Forest Dwellers

8. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Sixth Schedule of the Constitution':

1. This schedule contains provisions related to the Administration of Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
2. The President has the power to create a new Autonomous District/Region or alter the territorial jurisdiction or the name of any Autonomous District or Autonomous Regions.
3. Each Autonomous District shall have a District Council consisting of not more than thirty members, out of which twelve are nominated by the President while the rest are elected on the basis of adult franchise.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

9. Consider the following gaseous emission:

1. Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)
2. Ozone (O₃)
3. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)
4. Mercury (Hg)

How many of the above are not released due to coal combustion?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

10. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Controller General of Accounts (CGA)':

1. CGA is the Principal Advisor on Accounting matters to the Union Government.
2. He is responsible for establishing and managing a technically sound Management Accounting System.
3. CGA holds the responsibility for overseeing exchequer control and conducting internal audits.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

11. With reference to the Constitutional position of the Rajya Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. Rajya Sabha has unequal status with Lok Sabha for introduction and passage of financial bills involving expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India.
2. Rajya Sabha cannot return the money bill to the Lok Sabha either with recommendations or without recommendations.
3. A financial bill, not containing solely the matters of Article 110, can be introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

12. Which one of the following nations is not a member of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)?

- (a) Bangladesh (b) Myanmar
(c) Nepal (d) Bhutan

13. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)':

1. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a statutory body established under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
2. It was established in 2005 following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
3. The Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change serves as chairperson of the NTCA.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

14. Consider the following pairs with regard to Tiger Reserves in India:

Tiger Reserves

States

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pakke Tiger Reserve | (i) Madhya Pradesh |
| 2. Nameri Tiger Reserve | (ii) Assam |
| 3. Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | (iii) Karnataka |
| 4. Satpura Tiger Reserve | (iv) Arunachal Pradesh |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

15. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES)':

1. It is an annual survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).
2. CES collects information on the consumption spending patterns of households across the country, both urban and rural.
3. CES helps in calculating the demand dynamics of the economy.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

16. With reference to the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-constitutional, statutory and independent body constituted to give advice on economic and related issues specifically to the Prime Minister.
2. The council serves to highlight key economic issues to the government of India from a neutral viewpoint.
3. The NITI Aayog serves as the nodal agency for the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Statistical Commission (NSC)':

1. It was established based on the recommendations of the Raghuram Rajan Committee, 2007.
2. It has a part-time Chairperson, 4 part-time Members and an ex-officio Member, each having specialization and experience in specified statistical fields.
3. The Chief Statistician of India is the Secretary of the Commission.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

18. With reference to the NITI Aayog, consider the following statements:

1. The establishment of NITI Aayog aims to achieve the objective of enhancing cooperative federalism.
2. National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) is a central autonomous organization attached to the NITI Aayog.
3. NITI Aayog is an extra-constitutional body and a non-statutory body.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements with respect to Fifth Schedule of Indian Constitution:

1. It deals with the administration and control of certain areas called Scheduled and Tribal Areas in ten Indian states.
2. According to the 5th Schedule the governor can declare any such area or the whole state as a scheduled area.
3. The executive powers are enjoyed by the President to give directions to the state for the Scheduled area's administration.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

20. With reference to the LiFE (lifestyles for sustainable development), consider the following statements:

1. The idea of LiFE was introduced by India during the UNFCCC COP26 in Glasgow in 2021.
2. The Mission's goal is to replace the prevailing "use-and-dispose" economy, with a sustainable circular economy.
3. The Mission plans to create and nurture a global network of individuals, namely 'Pro-Planet People' (P3).

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

Statement-II: The 17 SDGs are interconnected, acknowledging that actions taken in one domain will have repercussions in others.

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.

22. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012':

1. The setting up of 'Special Courts' has been done under this act to exclusively deal with such offenses.
2. The central government is given the authority to make rules under this act.
3. The offense of storing pornographic material involving a child for commercial purposes invites a term of imprisonment that may extend up to 10 years or fine or both

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23. With reference to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), consider the following statements:

1. It is a military alliance established by the Washington Treaty, 1949.
2. NATO provides protection to its member countries in the context of civil wars or internal coups.
3. North Macedonia was added in 2020, followed by Finland in 2023, making them the most recent additions.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

24. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The rating agency expects the general government deficit to rise from 3.7 percent of GDP in 2022 to 6.3 per cent in 2023.

Statement-II: This rise can be traced to weaker revenues, higher interest obligations and greater spending.

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.

25. With reference to the International Hockey Federation (FIH), consider the following statements:

1. The FIH has adopted Anti-Doping Rules which are in full accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code.
2. The responsibilities of Disciplinary Commissioner (DC) are set out in the Statutes as supplemented by the new Dispute Resolution Regulations.
3. FIH recognises that discrimination in any form, direct or indirect, on the grounds of gender, is unacceptable.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

26. With reference to the Credit Rating, consider the following statements:

1. It is an independent assessment of the creditworthiness of a country or sovereign entity.
2. Creditworthiness is the ability of the government to pay back its debt without default.
3. Sovereign credit ratings can give investors insights into the level of risk associated with investing in the debt instruments (like bonds) of a given country, including political risks.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021':

1. The Act basically gives more power to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.
2. The term 'government' mentioned in any law enacted by the legislative assembly of Delhi shall mean the LG. The Act defines 'government' as the LG.
3. The Act provides discretionary powers to the LG even in matters where the Legislative Assembly is empowered to make laws.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

28. With reference to the Ordinance Making Power of President, consider the following statements:

1. An ordinance is subject to the same constitutional limitation as an act of Parliament.
2. Every ordinance issued by the President during the recess of Parliament is not necessary to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament when it reassembles.
3. If the ordinance is approved by any of the Houses of parliament either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha, it becomes an act.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: Greenwashing is the process of conveying a false impression or misleading information about how a company's products are environmentally sound.

Statement 2: Greenwashing may occur when a company attempts to emphasize sustainable aspects of a product to overshadow the company's involvement in environmentally damaging practices.

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.

30. Consider the following Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs):

1. To organize village panchayats and endow them with necessary powers and authority to enable them to function as units of self-government.
2. To organize agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines.
3. To protect and improve the environment and to safeguard forests and wildlife.

How many of the above DPSP are influenced by the Gandhian Principles?

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

31. Consider the following statements regarding the 'India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF)':

1. The Turtle Excluder Device (TED) design was finalized with technical assistance from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under this forum.
2. The idea is to deliver tangible benefits to both countries by resolving outstanding market access issues.
3. It has five focus groups i.e., Agriculture, Investment, Innovation and Creativity (intellectual property rights), Services, and Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

32. With reference to the All India Survey on Higher Education 2020-2021, consider the following statements:

1. There has been a decline in female enrolment in higher education programmes as compared to 2019-20.
2. There has been a rise in the count of students belonging to the Persons with Disabilities category as compared to 2019-20.
3. There was a growth in the percentage of Muslim students enrolling in higher education programs as compared to 2019-20.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements with respect to 'disqualification under the defection law':

1. The question of disqualification under the Tenth Schedule is decided by the Chairman in the case of Rajya Sabha and Speaker in the case of Lok Sabha
2. The Supreme Court ruled that the decision of the Chairman/ Speaker in this regard is not subject to judicial review.
3. If any nominated member joins any political party after the expiry of six months then he will not be subject to disqualification.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

34. With reference to the No-Confidence Motion, consider the following statements:

1. The Council of Ministers stays in office so long as it enjoys the confidence of the majority of both the houses of Parliament.
2. The motion needs the support of 50 members as proposers and 50 members as secondors.
3. The Constitution of India does not mention about a No Confidence Motion.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Finance Commission':

1. The Finance Commission functions as a quasi-judicial body.
2. It is constituted by the President of India every fifth year
3. The recommendations made by the Finance Commission are binding on the Union government.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Separation of Power':

1. The legislative, executive and judicial powers of the government are separated and vested in the three independent organs of the government.
2. Separation of powers between the legislature, the executive and the judiciary constitutes the basic structure of the constitution.
3. The Indira Nehru Gandhi case (1975) established the separation of powers as a basic structure of the constitution.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

37. With reference to the Ease of Doing Business report, consider the following statements:

1. Ease of Doing Business is a report published by the World Economic Forum to provide a ranking of countries based on fixed parameters.
2. The calculation is performed by consolidating the distance to frontier scores across diverse economies.
3. The rankings are intended to serve as a reference for investors, influencing their choices and actions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Budget':

1. The Appropriation Bill becomes the Appropriation Act after it is assented to by the President.
2. The government cannot withdraw money from the Consolidated Fund of India till the enactment of the appropriation bill.
3. The appropriation bill cannot be amended in either house of Parliament in a way that would change the allocated amount.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

39. Consider the following parameters:

1. Dealing with Construction Permits
2. Enforcing Contracts
3. Trading across Borders
4. Getting Credit

How many of the above are parameters included in Ease of Doing Business Report?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

40. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: According to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002, anyone convicted of money laundering in India will face a sentence of strict imprisonment between 3 to 7 years.

Statement-II: The prevention of money laundering act provides the government all the rights to seize the assets and properties acquired via money laundering for other illegal means.

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.

41. With reference to the Competition Commission of India (CCI), consider the following statements:

- 1. The establishment of an independent regulator, the Competition Commission of India (CCI), was a key recommendation of the Raghavan Committee report.
- 2. The commission is a quasi-judicial body which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases.
- 3. The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members who shall be appointed by the President.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

42. With reference to the Human Kidney, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a reddish brown, bean shaped structure situated in the abdominal cavity.
- 2. A nephron is the functional unit of the kidney, responsible for filtering blood and producing urine.
- 3. Renal corpuscle and renal tubule are the parts of nephrons found in the kidney.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Superconductivity':

- 1. Superconductivity refers to a state when a material can conduct electricity without any resistance.
- 2. The superconductivity of mercury can be explained by the Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) Theory.
- 3. Common superconductors function at atmospheric pressures, but they can only exhibit superconducting behavior when maintained at very high temperatures.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

44. With reference to the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES), consider the following statements:

- 1. The Consumer Expenditure Survey is a survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).
- 2. The survey is conducted once every year to gather data on the spending pattern of both rural and urban households.
- 3. The survey includes expenditure only on non-food items.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements with respect to 'coal and its characteristics':

- 1. Peat, Lignite, Bituminous & Anthracite are the types of coal.
- 2. This classification of coals relies on the carbon, ash, and moisture content.
- 3. Anthracite coal is characterized by slow ignition, minimal heat loss, and high efficiency when used as a fuel.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The "Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013" also known as the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, was enacted by the Central Government.

Statement-II: The Rehabilitation and Resettlement Package under the Acts is more comprehensive in terms of its components; in addition to monetary compensation, it includes provisions for employment, the allocation of alternative housing units, another piece of land, and other entitlements.

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.

47. Which one of the following international groups/ organizations/associations do not consist of Australia or India as its members ?

- (a) QUAD
- (b) Association of SouthEast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- (c) AUKUS
- (d) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

48. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2019':

1. It provided that the Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as prescribed by the Central Government.
2. The salary, allowances, and other service conditions of the Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner shall be prescribed by the Central Government.
3. Salary, allowances and other service conditions of States Information Commissioner shall be prescribed by the Governor.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

49. With reference to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), consider the following statements:

1. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a Regulation in European Union law on data protection and privacy.
2. This regulation is applicable only to the European Union and European Economic Area.
3. GDPR provides additional rights to people who want their personal data to get deleted.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

50. With reference to the Tribal Areas, consider the following statements:

1. The provisions of Part IX of the constitution relating to the Panchayats are applicable to the tribal area under the Fifth Schedule.
2. Governor has to submit a report to the president regarding the administration of scheduled areas under the fifth schedule only, annually or whenever so required by the president.
3. The Constitution requires the president to appoint a commission to report on the administration of the scheduled areas and the welfare of the scheduled tribes in the states.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

51. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: It seems that due to the geopolitical and economic circumstances surrounding the Ukraine-Russia war and the subsequent sanctions imposed on Russia by the United States and the European Union, both India and Russia have faced challenges in conducting international trade and financial transactions using conventional methods.

Statement 2: In response to these challenges, they have opted to use the Indian rupee as an alternative means of settling payments between the two countries. By using their own national currencies, India and Russia can reduce their reliance on foreign currencies like the US dollar or the euro. This can help shield their economies from the volatility and potential disruptions in the global financial markets.

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-1.
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

52. Which of the following seas is attributed to the formation of Cyclone Biporjoy?

- (a) Java Sea
- (b) Arabian Sea
- (c) Celebes Sea
- (d) Flores Sea

53. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)':

1. The PVTG, originating as a unique category tribal group, emerged from the findings of the Dhebar Commission in 1973.
2. PVTG are identified as the most vulnerable inhabitants residing in the less developed regions of India.
3. Saharityas are a group among the PVTGs that represents the highest population whereas Sentinelets and Andamanese are very less populated.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science (CHIPS) Act, 2022':

1. This act provides subsidies and additional tax credits to companies that manufacture chips in the US.
2. The semiconductor companies that receive financial assistance through this act are barred from building high-tech facilities in China for the next 10 years.

3. This bill may be utilized by firms to expand globally and India would be a good choice for them.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

55. With reference to the International Labour Organization (ILO) consider the following statements:

1. The International Labour Organization (ILO) was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Washington as an affiliated agency of the League of Nations.
2. It received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1969 for improving peace among classes and pursuing decent work and justice for workers.
3. The Governing Body is the executive council of the ILO which meets three times a year in Geneva.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

56. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Champaran Satyagraha (1917)':

1. The first civil disobedience movement by Gandhi in the freedom struggle.
2. Satyagraha was persuaded by Rajkumar Shukla, an indigo cultivator, Gandhi went to Champaran in Bihar to investigate the conditions of the farmers there.
3. As per law, the farmers were entitled to remission if the produce was less than a quarter of the normal output.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

57. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Jeddah talks':

1. The talk's objective is to initiate negotiations to end Russia's conflict with Ukraine.
2. This peace talk regarding the Russia-Ukraine war was hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
3. 10 point peace proposals have been put forth by Russia to end conflict and maintain peace.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

58. Consider the following parameters:

1. Research and Professional Practice
2. Graduation Outcome
3. Perception
4. Approach

How many of the above parameters are not part of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

59. With reference to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), consider the following statements:

1. A new subject namely Agriculture & Allied Sectors has been introduced.
2. The NIRF ranking is based on 10 categories of institutions and 5 parameters.
3. Outreach & Exclusivity is one of the 5 parameters considered in NIRF.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Petroleum':

1. Petroleum is a liquid mixture that can be used to make gasoline and a variety of other products.
2. The majority of India's oil reserves are not linked to anticlines and fault traps in tertiary sedimentary rock formations.
3. Petroleum is formed from the remains of dead plants and animals.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

61. With reference to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), consider the following statements:

1. The NCRB plays a crucial role in providing statistics and insights related to crime trends and criminal activities in the country.
2. It serves as a central repository for crime-related data from across the country.
3. NCRB is designated as the Central Nodal Agency to manage technical and operational functions of the 'Online Cyber-Crime Reporting Portal'.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

62. With reference to the Cluster Munition, consider the following statements:

1. A cluster munition is a form of air-dropped or ground-launched explosive weapon that releases or ejects bomblets, over a wide area.
2. Cluster munitions can not be used to disperse chemical or biological agents.
3. The United States (US) has made the decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine as part of a new military aid package.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

63. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan':

1. Its objective is to provide additional patient support to improve treatment outcomes of TB patients.
2. Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative which is a component of this abhiyan ensures additional diagnostic, nutritional, and vocational support to those on TB treatment.
3. It does not have any assistance from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

64. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)':

1. CRR is a specific part of the total deposit that is held by the commercial banks with the mandate of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
2. Cash Reserve Ratio in India is decided by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) under the periodic Monetary and Credit Policy.
3. Reducing the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) directly leads to a decrease in liquidity within the banking system.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

65. With reference to the Tomatoes as vegetables, consider the following statements:

1. Tomatoes are a good source of the phytochemical lycopene and vitamin C.
2. They belong to the Solanaceae, or nightshade family, which also includes peppers, potatoes, and eggplants.
3. The red color of tomatoes is caused by the presence of a pigment called "Anthocyanin."

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

66. Consider the following statements with respect to 'RBI Governor':

1. The appointment of the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is carried out by the Central Government.
2. The Governor, as the chief executive of the RBI, is empowered with significant decision-making authority by the RBI Act.
3. Governor of RBI is Ex-officio Chairman of RBI's Central Board of Directors.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

67. With reference to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), consider the following statements:

1. The tiger census in India is primarily conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
2. The NTCA is a statutory body established on the recommendation of the Tiger Task Force.
3. NTCA is in charge of Project Tiger and India's numerous Tiger Reserves.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

68. Consider the following plantations:

1. Tea
2. Coffee
3. Rubber
4. Medicinal plants

How many of the mentioned items cannot be cultivated by clearing forested land?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

69. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Sanjay-Dubri tiger reserves':

1. It consists of Sanjay National Park and Dubri Sanctuary,
2. It forms a wildlife corridor connecting Bandhavgarh and Palamau Tiger Reserve.
3. Rivers Sone, Gopad, Mawai pass through the Sanjay-Dubbri tiger reserve.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

70. With reference to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, consider the following statements:

1. The Central Government has the authority to establish an advisory committee for providing guidance to the central government regarding forest preservation.
2. The law applies to the whole of India except for Jammu and Kashmir.
3. The Act imposes limitations on state governments and other authorities, requiring them to seek permission from the central government before making decisions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Emergency':

1. It converts the federal structure into a unitary one without a formal amendment of the Constitution.
2. The 42nd Amendment Act of 1976 substituted the words 'armed rebellion' for 'internal disturbance'.

3. The President can proclaim a national emergency only after receiving a written recommendation from the cabinet.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

72. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Budgets':

- 1. The Government of India Act of 1919 separated, for the first time, provincial budgets from the Central budget.
- 2. The Railway Budget was separated from the General Budget in 1924 on the recommendations of the Acworth Committee Report (1921).
- 3. The Government of India releases two budgets, namely, the Railway Budget and the General Budget.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

73. With reference to the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), consider the following statements:

- 1. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the labor force consists of people who are 15 years or older, employed or unemployed but willing to work.
- 2. The main reason for India's LFPR being low is the abysmally low level of female LFPR.
- 3. In India, the labor force participation rate (LFPR) has witnessed a decline over the past decade, particularly during the years spanning from 2016 to 2021.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

74. With reference to the Open Market Operations (OMO), consider the following statements:

- 1. The objective of OMO is to regulate the money supply in the economy.
- 2. It is one of the quantitative tools that RBI uses to smoothen the liquidity conditions through the year and minimize its impact on the interest rate and inflation rate levels.
- 3. RBI carries out the OMO through commercial banks and does not directly deal with the public.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Sedition in India':

- 1. Punishment under Section 124A for sedition ranges from imprisonment up to three years only.
- 2. Prominent freedom fighters such as Lokmanya Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Bhagat Singh were convicted by the British through the Sedition laws.
- 3. In the Kedar Nath Singh vs. State of Bihar case, 1962 the Supreme Court restricted sedition to acts aiming to cause disorder, lawlessness, or incite violence.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

76. With reference to the Chief Election Commissioner, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Chief Election Commissioner cannot be removed from his office except in the same manner and on the same grounds as a judge of the Supreme Court.
- 2. The Constitution has clearly specified the term of the members of the Election Commission.
- 3. The Constitution has debarred the retiring election commissioners from any further appointment by the government.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

77. With reference to the Tarkunde Committee, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Committee was established in India to examine and suggest reforms for the electoral system in the country.
- 2. It recommended reducing the voting age from 21 years to 18 years.
- 3. The TV and Radio should be brought under an autonomous statutory body.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

78. With reference to the Judicial System in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The unified judicial system in India has been taken from the Government of India Act, 1935.
- 2. The salaries and allowances of the Supreme Court Judges are determined by the Parliament.
- 3. A Supreme Court judge can be removed from their position by a presidential order without requiring the involvement of the parliament.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

79. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)':

1. A Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is a company registered under the Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Act, 1956.
2. The workings and operations of NBFCs are regulated by the RBI within the framework of the RBI Act, 1934.
3. Investment Company (IC) is a non-banking financial company (NBFC) primarily engaged in the acquisition of securities as its main operational focus.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

80. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Monetary Policy':

1. The primary goal of monetary policy is to maintain price stability while keeping growth in mind.
2. This policy can be a contractionary policy or expansionary policy and is different from the fiscal policy, which manages the taxes and overall expenses of the country.
3. Monetary policy includes changing interest rates, either directly or indirectly, through open market operations, reserve requirements, or foreign exchange trading.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

81. Consider the following Island:

1. Cook Islands 2. Kiribati
3. Marshall Islands 4. Palau

How many of the above islands are located in the Pacific Ocean?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

82. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Indian Independence Act 1947':

1. It made provisions for the partition of the Indian state into two separate dominions of India and Pakistan on grounds of religious differences.
2. The position of the Secretary of States for India was abolished.
3. It granted authority to the princely states to join either of the dominions and could not remain independent.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

83. With reference to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), consider the following statements:

1. The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the second largest organization after the United Nations with a membership of 57 states spread over four continents.
2. Every member of the OIC also holds membership in the United Nations.
3. The charter of OIC provides for the financing of OIC through membership contributions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

84. With reference to the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2023 has been released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
2. The MPI measures "interlinked deprivations in health, education and standard of living that directly affect a person's life and wellbeing".
3. India is among countries that successfully halved their global MPI values within 15 years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

85. With reference to the Fundamental Duties, consider the following state ments:

1. To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem.
2. To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavor and achievement.
3. To Promote equal justice and free legal aid to the poor.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

86. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Article 23 i.e Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labor':

1. Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labor' safeguards the individual against private individuals but not against the State.
2. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 was passed by Parliament to penalize activities related to human trafficking and the immoral exploitation of individuals.

3. Compulsory services for public purposes such as conscription to the armed forces are not unconstitutional and the state can make use of it in exigent circumstances.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

87. With reference to the Disaster Management Authority, consider the following statements:

1. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has been established under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.
2. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of Secretaries has been created to assist the NDMA in the performance of its functions.
3. The District Magistrate/ District Collector/Deputy Commissioner heads the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Cloudbursts':

1. It is a weather phenomenon with unexpected precipitation exceeding 100 mm/h over a geographical region of approximately 20-30 square km.
2. It generally occurs when a monsoon cloud drifts northwards in the Indian Subcontinent from the Bay of Bengal or the Arabian Sea.
3. A highly sophisticated radar network is necessary to accurately predict the possibility of a cloud burst, but implementing such a network would incur significant costs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

89. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Law Commission of India':

1. The Law Commission of India is a constitutional body whose chief function is legal reforms in the country.
2. It recommended the enactment of new laws that may be needed to implement the DPSPs.
3. The Indian Penal Code (IPC) was drafted in 1860 based on the recommendations of the First Law Commission under the chairmanship of Lord Macaulay.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

90. With reference to the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, consider the following statements:

1. The original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court encompasses disputes that arise between one or multiple states and the Government of India.
2. The Supreme Court is responsible for matters related to the Finance Commission in its original jurisdiction.
3. The original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court extends to any dispute stemming from a pre-constitutional agreement, treaty, commitment, partnership etc.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

91. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Government of India Act (1935)':

1. The Act provided the establishment of an All-India Federation based on the union of British Indian provinces and the Princely States.
2. Defense and foreign affairs would remain outside the control of the federal legislature, while the Viceroy would retain special control over other subjects.
3. The Provincial autonomy introduced in the Government of India Act, 1919 has been removed by this act.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Mediterranean type climate':

1. Mediterranean Climate refers to the type of climate known to have mild dry winters and warm to hot, wet summers.
2. The latitude of these places lies between 30° and 40°, and which are located close to the Mediterranean Sea.
3. Precipitation in winter is the most outstanding feature of the Mediterranean region.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

93. Consider the following beneficiaries:

1. Economically Weaker Section (EWS) with a maximum annual family income of Rs.3,00,000.
2. Low Income Group (LIG) with maximum annual family income of Rs. 6,00,000.
3. Middle Income Groups with a maximum annual family income of Rs. 18,00,000.
4. Other Backward Classes (OBC) with annual income of Rs. 8,00,000.

How many of the above are not beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

94. With reference to the Forest Rights Act, 2006 consider the following statements:

1. The Gram Sabha holds the authority to initiate the process of granting rights to marginalized and tribal communities.
2. The Act recognizes and vest the forest rights and occupation in Forest land in Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes (FDST) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFD).
3. A state-level monitoring committee is constituted by the central government to monitor the process of recognition of these rights.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

95. With reference to the Western Disturbances, consider the following statements:

1. Western disturbances are extratropical storms that originate in the Caspian or Mediterranean Sea, and bring monsoonal rainfall to northwest India,
2. The term "extra-tropical storm", refers to low pressure areas developed outside the tropics.
3. A high-pressure area exhibited over the areas like Ukraine and neighboring countries causes the intrusion of cold air from Polar Regions towards an area of relatively warmer air with high moisture.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

96. Consider the following pairs with regard to Ramsar sites:

1. Sasthamkotta lake A: Kerala
2. Sultanpur National Park B: Haryana
3. Chandra Taal C: Maharashtra
4. Lonar Lake D: Himachal Pradesh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(d) Only three
(d) All four

97. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Ministry of Power (MoP) in 2017 cleared the Coal Linkage Policy known as Shakti Policy (Scheme to Harness and Allocate Koyla Transparently in India).

Statement-II: The Policy provides coal linkages to power plants which lack fuel supply agreements (FSAs) through coal auctions.

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.

98. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Integrated Child Development Scheme':

1. The beneficiaries under the Scheme are children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
2. It provides six services namely supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, nutrition & health education, immunization, health check-up and referral services.
3. Take Home Ration (THR) is not part of Supplementary Nutrition.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

99. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Vishwakarma Yojana':

1. This scheme aims to provide skill development, financial assistance, market linkages, social security and empowerment to the artisans and craftsmen especially belonging to SC and ST community
2. It will cover artisans and craftsmen from sectors such as textiles and leathers only.
3. The scheme will provide financial assistance to the artisans and craftsmen in the form of loans, grants, subsidies, interest waivers etc.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

100. With reference to the Registration of Birth and Death (RBD) Act, 1969 consider the following statements:

1. Registration of Births and Deaths in India is mandatory with the enactment of this Act.
2. According to the RBD Act, it is the responsibility of the state to register births and deaths.
3. The Chief Registrar appointed by the States will maintain a State-level database and integrate it with the national-level data held by the Registrar General of India (RGI).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

101. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Judicial review':

1. Judicial review pertains to the judiciary's authority to assess the constitutionality of legislative enactments only.
2. The 99th Constitutional Amendment of 2014 was ruled constitutionally valid by the Supreme Court.
3. Judicial review is needed to uphold the principle of the supremacy of the Constitution.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

102. Consider the following mountain passes:

1. Khardung La
2. Chang La
3. Bum La
4. Nathu La

How many of the above are situated in Ladakh?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

103. With reference to the Chief Justice of India (CJI), consider the following statements:

1. The SC ruled that the office of Chief Justice of India (CJI) does not come under the purview of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.
2. CJI can be removed by an order of the President only after an address by Parliament has been presented to the President.
3. As part of his administrative function, the Chief Justice of India possesses the authority to allocate cases to specific benches.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

104. Consider the following gasses:

1. Propane
2. Butane
3. Isobutane
4. Ethanethiol

How many of the above are mixed with LPG to produce a strong smell during a leak?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

105. Which one of the following reactors are China's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion experimental research device known as "artificial sun"?

- (a) Beaver Valley
(b) Browns Ferry
(c) Byron
(d) HL-2M Tokamak reactor

106. Consider the following dimensions:

1. Socio-economic sustainability
2. Environment Sustainability
3. Demography
4. Frequency of Communal violence

How many of the above are not covered under the 13 dimensions of the Human Development Report?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

107. With reference to the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME-India) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-India) Scheme was launched under National Mission on Electric Mobility.
2. The primary focus of FAME is to promote electric vehicles without offering subsidies as support.
3. It has mainly focused on four aspects i.e., demand creation, technology platform, pilot projects, and charging infrastructure.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

108. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Bengal Partition':

1. Most of the Bengalis in the western part protested against this step which would also make them a linguistic minority in their own province.
2. Many Muslims from the Bengali Muslim community welcomed this move since they thought that it would advance their educational, economic and political interests.
3. During the partition, people mourned, and Tagore urged Hindus and Muslims to symbolically protest by exchanging rakhis.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

109. With reference to the Urban 20 (U20) Summit, consider the following statements:

1. It is a city diplomacy initiative launched at the One Planet Summit in Paris.
2. It provides a platform for cities from G20 countries to facilitate discussions on climate change, social inclusion, sustainable mobility, and affordable housing.
3. C40 Cities and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) organize U20 summits.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

110. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Non-Cooperation Movement':

1. The Congress embraced the resolution for non-violent non-cooperation with a threefold aim to address the Khilafat issue, rectify the injustices in Punjab, and achieve Swaraj.
2. There were plans to establish national schools and colleges, along with the creation of panchayats for the purpose of resolving disputes.
3. Numerous revolutionary factions, especially in Bengal, have expressed their discontent and no revolutionary factions supported the movement.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

111. With reference to the large language model (LLM), consider the following statements:

1. A large language model (LLM) is a type of machine learning model that can perform a variety of natural language processing (NLP) tasks.
2. A large language model uses deep neural networks to generate outputs based on patterns learned from training data.
3. Self-Attention Mechanisms are important components to influence Large Language Model architecture.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

112. **Statement 1:** The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report states that the coastal areas and the Himalayas are poised to experience a rise in extreme climate events and a shift in rainfall patterns.

Statement 2: The developmental strategies for the Himalayan region should prioritize climate resilience instead of solely pursuing unguided infrastructure expansion.

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.

113. With reference to the Censure Motion, consider the following statements:

1. It can be moved against an individual minister or a group of ministers or the entire council of ministers.
2. If it is passed in the Lok Sabha, the council of ministers must resign from office.

3. It is moved to censure the council of ministers for specific policies and actions.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

114. With reference to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, consider the following statements:

1. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is the regulatory body in the field of Civil Aviation primarily dealing with safety issues.
2. It is responsible for regulation of air transport services only from India to foreign nationals and not for domestic flights.
3. It also co-ordinates all regulatory functions with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

115. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India':

1. The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India lists the official languages of the Republic of India.
2. It provides for the constitution of an official language Commission by the President.
3. The 71st Constitutional Amendment Act provided Konkani, Manipuri (Meitei), and Nepali as official languages.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

116. Consider the following Stakeholders:

1. Gram Sabha
2. Three-tier Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)
3. State Government
4. Programme Officer at the Block level

How many of the above are Key Stakeholders under MGNREGA?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

117. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: India and the US signed a MoU on establishing the Semiconductor Supply chain during India-US 5th Commercial Dialogue 2023, which can help India realize its long-nurtured dream of becoming a hub for electronic goods.

Statement 2: It aligns with the government's goal of promoting domestic manufacturing and reducing import dependency in the semiconductor sector and is expected to bolster India's position as a global semiconductor manufacturer.

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.

118. With reference to the Dal Lake, consider the following statements:

- 1. The name "Jewel in the crown of Kashmir" or "Srinagar's Jewel" is given to Dal Lake.
- 2. The wetland is divided by causeways into four basins; Gagribal, Lokut Dal, Bod Dal and Nagin.
- 3. Lokut-dal has two islands in the center, known as Rup Lank and Sona Lank while Bod-dal has no islands.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

119. Consider the following statements with respect to 'UGC Regulations on Curbing The Menace Of Ragging In Higher Educational Institutions, 2009':

- 1. The guidelines extend to all the premises, whether located in the campus or outside and also in means of transportation whether public or private.
- 2. The objective of these guidelines is to ensure completely wiping and prohibiting the activities of ragging
- 3. There are no provisions in the IPC, which can be used by a student to register an FIR in the nearest Police Station.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

120. Consider the following statements regarding BRICS:

- 1. The first ever BRIC summit took place in 2009 in Fortaleza, Brazil.
- 2. The establishment of the New Development Bank (NDB) was signed at the sixth BRICS summit in 2014.
- 3. Though BRICS does not exist in the form of organization, its summit is organized annually among the supreme leaders of five nations.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

121. Which of the following connects the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean?

- 1. Gulf of Suez 2. Gulf of Aden
- 3. Bab el Mandeb strait 4. Gulf of Aqaba

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

122. Consider the following statements regarding Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC):

- 1. GCC was established by an agreement in 1981 signed initially among 4 countries - Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and UAE.
- 2. The Secretariat is located in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

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

123. Consider the following statements regarding Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021:

- 1. These rules have been framed in exercise of powers under section 87 of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000.
- 2. As per these guidelines, only the Significant Social Media Intermediaries are mandated to appoint Chief Compliance Officer who should be resident in India.
- 3. All the Social Media Intermediaries shall appoint a Grievance Officer who shall acknowledge a complaint within 24 hours and resolve it within 15 days.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

124. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding ASEAN?

- (a) The Philippines, Vietnam and Myanmar joined ASEAN after the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.
- (b) Chairmanship of ASEAN rotates annually, based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States.
- (c) ASEAN has a free trade agreement (FTA) with India.
- (d) None of the above

125. Consider the following statements regarding Consumer Price Index (CPI):

- 1. Unlike the WPI, CPI captures the change in the prices of services.
- 2. The CPI for Industrial Workers (IW) is the only type of CPI that is not released by the Labour Bureau.
- 3. CPI gives more weightage to food items as compared to WPI.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

126. Consider the following:

1. Engagement in the business of loans and advances
2. Acquisition of stocks/bonds/securities issued by Government or local authority
3. Acceptance of demand deposits

Which among the following functions cannot be performed by a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)?

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

127. Which one of the following provisions does not come under the Representation of the People Act 1951?

- (a) It regulates the conduct of elections.
(b) It provides provisions to curb corrupt practices and other offences.
(c) It deals with an act of defamation.
(d) None of the Above

128. Which one of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution deals with the disqualification of Members of Parliament (MPs) from either house of Parliament?

- (a) Article 102 (b) Article 104
(c) Article 105 (d) Article 106

129. With reference to biosimilar medicines, consider the following statements:

1. They are highly similar to the reference product in terms of safety, purity and potency, but may have minor differences in clinically inactive components.
2. India was among one of the first countries in the world to approve and market a biosimilar in 2000.

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

130. With reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), consider the following statements:

1. Before SEBI came into existence, the Controller of Capital Issues was the regulatory authority.
2. It performs the triple functions as a quasi-legislative, quasi-judicial and quasi-executive body.
3. SEBI Board consists of a Chairman and several other whole time members only.

How many of the statements above is/are correct?

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

131. With reference to the International Labor Organisation (ILO), consider the following statements:

1. It was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles as an affiliated agency of the League of Nations.
2. It became the first specialised and the only tripartite UN agency.

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

132. With reference to the BRICS, consider the following statements:

1. It brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41% of the global population, 24% of the global GDP and 16% of the global trade.
2. During the Sixth BRICS Summit in Brazil, the leaders signed the Agreement establishing the New Development Bank.
3. Under the BRICS initiative, six satellites were launched for remote sensing - 2 from India, 2 from China, 1 from Russia, and 1 Brazil-China collaboration.

How many of the statements above are correct?

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

133. Consider the following statements:

1. A tectonic plate may be a continental plate or an oceanic plate, depending on which of the two occupies the larger portion of the plate.
2. The Pacific plate is largely an oceanic plate whereas the Eurasian plate is a continental plate.
3. The Arabian plate is one of the major tectonic plates.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

134. With reference to the Western disturbances, consider the following statements:

1. A Western Disturbance collects moisture from the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, and Caspian Sea and traverses over Iran and Afghanistan before hitting the western Himalayas.
2. Western Disturbances are the primary source of snowfall that replenishes the Himalayan glaciers during winter.
3. These low-pressure storm systems help farmers in India grow their rabi crops.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

135. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Chandrayaan-3':

1. The six payloads on the Vikram lander and rover Pragyan remain the same as the previous mission.
2. The scientific payloads on the lander aim to study lunar quakes, thermal properties of the lunar surface and changes in plasma near the surface.

3. The propulsion module of Chandrayaan-3 has Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) which was also the part of Chandrayaan-2 mission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

136. With reference to the Artemis Accords, consider the following statements:

1. NASA, in coordination with the US Department of State, established the Artemis Accords in 2020 together with seven other founding member nations.
2. The Artemis Accords reinforce and implement key obligations in the 1967 Outer Space Treaty.
3. These are a binding set of principles to guide civil space exploration.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

137. Consider the following statements with respect to 'International Lunar Research Station':

1. The station would be built on the lunar surface and/or on the lunar orbit that would carry out scientific research activities such as the lunar exploration and utilization.
2. Russia and China will adhere to the principle of co-consultation, joint construction, and shared benefits.
3. Extensive cooperation within the ILRS will be promoted, and this opportunity will be available to all countries and international partners interested in participating.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

138. With reference to the NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) mission, consider the following statements:

1. NISAR will be the first radar of its kind in space to systematically map Earth, using two different radar frequencies X-band and C-band.
2. NISAR is scheduled to complete mapping of the entire Earth within a span of 12 months.
3. NISAR utilizes SAR technology, which possesses the capability to penetrate clouds and collect data exclusively during daylight hours only, regardless of weather conditions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

139. Consider the following statements with respect to 'World Trade Organization (WTO)':

1. The WTO stands as the sole global international body responsible for regulating trade rules among nations.
2. The WTO's global system lowers trade barriers through negotiation and operates under the principle of non-discrimination.
3. It settles trade disputes between its members as well as nonmembers under the principle of non-discrimination and it supports the needs of developing countries.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

140. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: Artificial Intelligence refers to a computer's or a computer-controlled robot's capacity to perform tasks typically carried out by humans, which demand human-like intelligence and judgment.

Statement 2: The ideal characteristic of artificial intelligence is its ability to rationalize and take actions that have the best chance of achieving a specific goal.

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.

141. With reference to the Non-cooperation Movement, consider the following statements:

1. The movement was formed to oppose the Rowlatt Act only which was passed despite the opposition of Indian lawyers.
2. The non cooperation movement sought to reduce reliance on the British government and to resist it as much as possible.
3. The plan was to refuse to work with the British Raj and to boycott all government institutions.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

142. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Demand and Supply Curve':

1. Point of intersection of demand and supply curves is known as Neutral Point.
2. When production costs rise, the quantity supplied decreases, leading to a Rightward shift in the supply curve.

3. If taxes are raised, the supply will decrease, causing a leftward shift in the supply curve.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

143. With reference to the FAO Food Price Index (FFPI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a measure of the annual change in international prices of a basket of food commodities.
2. It consists of the average of five commodity group price indices weighted by the average export shares of each of the groups over 2014-2016 (Base Year).
3. It was implemented to track advancements in the global agricultural commodity markets.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

144. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Emergency':

1. The proclamation of national emergency must be approved by both the Houses of Parliament within six months from the date of its issue.
2. If both Houses of Parliament approve, the emergency can last for six months initially and can be extended indefinitely in six-month increments with Parliament's approval.
3. The 44th Amendment Act of 1978 introduced the provision for periodical parliamentary approval.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

145. With reference to the Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. The President of India is not a member of either House of Parliament and does not sit in the Parliament to attend its meetings.
2. The President is an integral part of the Parliament.
3. The President of India addresses both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha at the beginning of the first Session after each general election when the reconstituted lower house meets for the first time.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

146. Which one of the following persons has been conferred as the "National Icon" by the Election Commission of India.

- (a) Major Dhyan Chand
(b) Sachin Tendulkar
(c) Viswanathan Anand
(d) MC Mary Kom

147. With reference to allocation of seats in Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Each state is allotted a number of seats in the Lok Sabha in such a manner that the ratio between that number and its area remains the same for all states.

Statement-II: The provision of uniform ratio between the allotted number of Lok Sabha seats in a state and its population does not apply to a state having a population of less than six millions.

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.

148. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)':

1. Chief Election Commissioner holds office for a term of six years or until they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
2. He can only be removed from his office using the same procedure and on the same ground as a Supreme Court judge.
3. In case of difference of opinion amongst the Chief Election Commissioner and/or two other election commissioners, the decision of the Chief Election Commissioner will prevail.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

149. Consider the following statements with respect to 'BRICS':

1. The grouping was first informally formed during a meeting of the leaders of BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) countries on the sidelines of the G8 outreach Summit in 2006.
2. South Africa was accepted as a full member, and the group became BRICS in 2010.
3. The Fortaleza Declaration was adopted at the 6th BRICS Summit, and it marked the establishment of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

150. With reference to the National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) Programme, consider the following statements:

1. NMSHE is one of the eight missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).
2. Ladakh is the only union territory covered under this project.
3. This project involves examining the hydrological impacts and forecasting as well as controlling natural disasters.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

151. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Chardham Mahamarg Vikas Pariyojna':

1. It is a programme taken up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for connectivity improvement for Chardham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri and Gangotri) in Uttarakhand.
2. National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) is one of the implementing agencies of this project.
3. The work under the programme is being implemented on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

152. Consider the following countries:

1. Egypt 2. Iran
3. Saudi Arabia 4. United Arab Emirates

How many of the above are included in BRICS as members?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

153. Which one of the following countries did not land its spacecraft on the lunar surface?

- (a) United Kingdom (b) India
(c) Russia (d) China

154. With reference to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), consider the following statements:

1. State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) provide clearance to the Category A projects in which EIA is mandatory.
2. Category B projects which need screening and scoping are appraised by Impact Assessment Agency (IAA) and the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC).
3. Projects such as mining, thermal power plants, river valleys, and infrastructure are mandated to get environment clearance.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

155. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Kochi-Vypeen':

1. The Kerala government has undertaken the ambitious project of constructing a coastal highway from Thiruvananthapuram to Kasargode.
2. The proposed highway will pass through nine coastal districts.
3. It will become the first tunnel under a deep shipping channel in India.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

156. With reference to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003, consider the following statements:

1. The act defines "fiscal deficit" as the excess of total disbursements, from the Consolidated Fund of India, including repayment of debt, over total receipts into the Fund during a financial year.
2. It aims to make the Central government responsible for ensuring inter-generational equity in fiscal management and long-term macro-economic stability.
3. The Centre can not exceed the annual fiscal deficit target citing certain grounds such as Structural Reforms.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

157. Consider the following statements with respect to 'NITI Aayog':

1. NITI Aayog was created by an executive resolution of the Government of India.
2. The National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) is a central autonomous organization attached to the NITI Aayog.
3. Governing Council of NITI Aayog comprises the Chief Ministers of all the States, Chief Ministers of all Union Territories.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

158. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. This scheme is a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan - Vocal for Local Initiative in the food processing sector.

2. Focus areas of the scheme include Waste to wealth products, minor forest products and Aspirational Districts.
3. It aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the organized segment of the food processing industry.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

159. Consider the following statements with respect to 'United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)':

1. The UNHCR was established in 1950 in the wake of the mass displacements caused due to the Second World War in Europe.
2. The UNHCR has won the Nobel Prize for Peace twice in 1954 and 1981 respectively.
3. The chief legal document that governs the work of the UNHCR is the 1951 Refugee Convention.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

160. Which of the following countries achieved the historic milestone of successfully placing its first interplanetary Hope Probe mission into Mars' orbit?

- (a) United States (b) United Arab Emirates
(c) China (d) Russia

161. Consider the following statements:

1. In the Golaknath case (1967), the Supreme Court held that Parliament could amend Fundamental Rights.
2. In Kesavananda Bharati case (1973), the Supreme Court held that Parliament could amend any part of the Constitution so long as it did not alter or amend the basic structure of the Constitution.
3. In the Minerva Mills case (1980), the Court added two features to the list of basic structure features i.e., judicial review and balance between Fundamental Rights and DPSP.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

162. Consider the following provisions in the Constitution:

1. Formation of new states and alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing states
2. Abolition or creation of legislative councils in states
3. Administration of scheduled areas and scheduled tribes (Fifth Schedule)
4. Elections to Parliament and state legislatures

How many of the provisions in the Constitution can be amended by a simple majority?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

163. With reference to the Sahitya Akademi Award, consider the following statements:

1. Sahitya Akademi award is a literary honor that is conferred annually by Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of letters.
2. The Sahitya Akademi has recognised only 22 languages enumerated in the Constitution of India in which its programme may be implemented.
3. The Sahitya Akademi award is the second-highest literary honor by the Government of India, after the Jnanpith award.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

164. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)'

1. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is a statutory body established by the Information Technology Act, 2000.
2. TRAI regulates telecom services including fixation/ revision of tariffs for telecom services which were earlier vested in the Central Government.
3. TRAI consists of a Chairperson, two whole-time members and two part-time members, all of which are appointed by the Government of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

165. With reference to the Electoral System in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Chief Electoral Officer of a state/ Union Territory is authorized to supervise the election work in the state/Union Territory under direction and control of the Election Commission.
2. The District Election Officer supervises the election work of a district under the supervision of the Chief Electoral Officer.
3. The Returning Officer of a Parliamentary or assembly constituency is responsible for the conduct of elections in the Parliamentary or assembly constituency concerned.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

166. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Padma Awards':

1. The Padma Awards are announced annually on Republic Day (26th January).
2. Padma Vibhushan is highest in the hierarchy of Padma Awards followed by Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.
3. The Awards are conferred on the recommendations made by the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the President every year.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

167. Consider the following Regional Football Confederations:

1. Asian Football Confederation (AFC)
2. Confederation of African Football (CAF)
3. Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)
4. Oceania Football Federation (OFC)

How many of the above are six regional confederations affiliated with FIFA?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

168. Which one of the following Islands are not situated in the South China Sea?

- (a) Spratly Islands (b) Dunk Island
(c) Paracel Islands (d) Pratas Islands

169. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Defense Acquisition Council (DAC)':

1. The DAC is the highest decision-making body in the Ministry of Defence for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions only for the three services Army, Navy and Air Force.
2. The Chief of Defence Staff is the Chairman of the Council.
3. It was formed, after the Group of Ministers recommendations on 'Reforming the National Security System', in 2001, post Kargil War (1999).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

170. Consider the following statements with respect to 'World Investment Report, 2023':

1. This report is released by the United National Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
2. India and ASEAN were the most buoyant recipients of the Foreign direct investment (FDI), with increases of 10 and 5%, respectively.
3. Much of the growth in international investment in renewable energy has been concentrated in developing countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

171. With reference to the Chief Minister, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution does not contain any specific procedure for the selection and appointment of the Chief Minister.
2. The governor usually appoints the leader of the largest party or coalition in the assembly as the Chief Minister and asks him to seek a vote of confidence in the House within a month.
3. A person who is not a member of the state legislature can not be appointed as Chief Minister.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

172. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Gig workers':

1. Gig workers can be broadly classified into platform and non-platform-based workers.
2. Platform workers are those Gig workers whose work is based on online software apps or digital platforms such as food aggregator platforms Zomato, Swiggy, Ola, and others.
3. Non-platform workers are generally casual wage and own-account workers in conventional sectors engaged part-time or full-time.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

173. Consider the following forces:

1. Assam Rifles (AR)
2. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
3. Border Security Force (BSF)
4. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

How many of the above come under the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

174. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Election Commission of India':

1. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the two other Election Commissioners (EC) have equal powers and receive equal salary and allowances.
2. CEC can be removed by the president on the basis of a resolution passed by both the Houses of Parliament with simple majority.
3. The Constitution has not prescribed the qualifications of the members of the Election Commission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

175. With reference to the joint session of both Houses of Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. Provision of joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament is borrowed from Government of India Act 1935.
2. The Constitution empowers the President to summon a joint session of both houses "for the purpose of deliberating and voting on the Bill".
3. The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha presides over a Joint Sitting, and in the event of their absence, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha assumes this role.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

176. Consider the following recommendations:

1. Corporate Social Responsibility
2. Resilient Lokayukta and Lok Adalat
3. The Districts must directly receive the funds
4. Machinery for Planning

How many of the above recommendations were not given by the 2nd Administrative Reform Commission?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

177. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Governor's Power':

1. The Constitution authorizes the Governor to summon, dissolve and prorogue the state legislative assembly.
2. The Supreme Court in Nabam Rebia and Bamang Felix vs Deputy Speaker case (2017) said that power to summon the House is solely vested in the Governor and should not be exercised on aid and advice of the Council of Ministers but on his own.
3. The Constitution limits any discretionary power of the Governor only to cases where the Constitution expressly specifies that the Governor must act on his own and apply an independent mind.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

178. With reference to the Inflation, consider the following statements:

1. Elevated government spending injects additional funds into the public's hands, resulting in heightened demand and subsequent price rises, thereby giving rise to Cost Push Inflation.
2. An elevation in indirect taxes such as customs and excise duties raises production costs, potentially triggering Demand Pull Inflation.
3. When the rate of price increases is gradual and modest, it is referred to as creeping inflation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

179. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Germanium':

1. It is a lustrous, hard, silvery-white semi-metal with a crystal structure similar to a diamond.
2. It is commonly used in fiber-optic cables and infrared imaging devices.
3. It is also used in solar cells due to its heat resistance and higher energy conversion efficiency.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

180. With reference to the Ujjwala 2.0 Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Ujjwala 2.0 Scheme targetes the migrant families, providing them with free LPG connections.
2. It is part of the ambitious agenda for behavioral change that will help India transit to a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024.
3. The Ujjwala 2.0 government program aims to ensure that households have access to LPG through piped distribution.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

181. With reference to the Cauvery Water Dispute, consider the following statements:

1. The Cauvery Water Dispute involves only four states i.e., Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
2. It entailed the principle that the upper riparian state must obtain consent of the lower riparian state for any construction activity like a reservoir on the river Cauvery.
3. Cauvery rises on Brahmagiri Hill of the Western Ghats in southwestern Karnataka state.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

182. With reference to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), consider the following statements:

1. The IWT was signed by India and Pakistan brokered by the World Bank.
2. The treaty spells out conditions for water-sharing of the River Indus and its five tributaries.
3. India got control over the three eastern rivers Sutlej, Ravi and Chenab.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

183. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Permanent Court of Arbitration':

1. It is an intergovernmental organization headquartered in Hague, Netherlands, dedicated to serve the international community in the field of dispute resolution.
2. It has a Financial Assistance Fund which aims at helping developing countries meet part of the costs involved in international arbitration.
3. It has a two-part organizational structure consisting of Administrative Council and International Bureau

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

Answers

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| 1. (b) | 2. (a) | 3. (c) | 4. (d) | 5. (b) | 6. (a) | 7. (b) | 8. (b) | 9. (b) | 10. (c) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (b) | 13. (a) | 14. (b) | 15. (a) | 16. (b) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (b) | 23. (a) | 24. (a) | 25. (c) | 26. (d) | 27. (b) | 28. (a) | 29. (b) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (d) | 33. (a) | 34. (b) | 35. (a) | 36. (a) | 37. (b) | 38. (c) | 39. (d) | 40. (b) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (c) | 43. (b) | 44. (a) | 45. (c) | 46. (a) | 47. (b) | 48. (a) | 49. (d) | 50. (a) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (b) | 53. (c) | 54. (d) | 55. (b) | 56. (a) | 57. (a) | 58. (a) | 59. (d) | 60. (b) |
| 61. (c) | 62. (b) | 63. (a) | 64. (a) | 65. (b) | 66. (c) | 67. (d) | 68. (d) | 69. (a) | 70. (b) |
| 71. (a) | 72. (b) | 73. (c) | 74. (d) | 75. (a) | 76. (b) | 77. (d) | 78. (a) | 79. (b) | 80. (c) |
| 81. (d) | 82. (a) | 83. (b) | 84. (c) | 85. (a) | 86. (b) | 87. (d) | 88. (c) | 89. (a) | 90. (a) |
| 91. (a) | 92. (b) | 93. (a) | 94. (b) | 95. (a) | 96. (b) | 97. (a) | 98. (a) | 99. (a) | 100. (c) |
| 101. (b) | 102. (b) | 103. (a) | 104. (a) | 105. (d) | 106. (a) | 107. (b) | 108. (c) | 109. (d) | 110. (b) |
| 111. (c) | 112. (a) | 113. (a) | 114. (b) | 115. (c) | 116. (d) | 117. (a) | 118. (b) | 119. (a) | 120. (a) |
| 121. (b) | 122. (d) | 123. (c) | 124. (a) | 125. (b) | 126. (c) | 127. (c) | 128. (a) | 129. (c) | 130. (b) |
| 131. (d) | 132. (c) | 133. (a) | 134. (c) | 135. (b) | 136. (a) | 137. (c) | 138. (d) | 139. (a) | 140. (a) |
| 141. (a) | 142. (a) | 143. (b) | 144. (a) | 145. (c) | 146. (b) | 147. (d) | 148. (a) | 149. (b) | 150. (a) |
| 151. (c) | 152. (d) | 153. (a) | 154. (a) | 155. (d) | 156. (a) | 157. (b) | 158. (d) | 159. (c) | 160. (b) |
| 161. (b) | 162. (d) | 163. (a) | 164. (b) | 165. (c) | 166. (a) | 167. (d) | 168. (b) | 169. (a) | 170. (b) |
| 171. (a) | 172. (c) | 173. (d) | 174. (b) | 175. (a) | 176. (a) | 177. (b) | 178. (a) | 179. (c) | 180. (d) |
| 181. (a) | 182. (b) | 183. (a) | | | | | | | |