



Monthly Editorial Quiz (Consolidation)

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1. Which of the following was the first person to call Mahatma Gandhi the Father of the Nation?
 - A. Jawaharlal Nehru
 - B. Subhas Chandra Bose
 - C. B.R.Ambedkar
 - D. Motilal Nehru
2. Regarding NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), consider the following statements:
 1. It is incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, and is a wholly owned Government of India company.
 2. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence.
 3. It is the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 How many of the statements given above are correct?
 - A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
3. Regarding the Governor, consider the following statements:
 1. The 21st Constitutional Amendment Act, 1967 facilitated the appointment of the same person as a governor of two or more states.
 2. The Supreme Court in 1979 held that the office of governor of a state is an employment under the Central government.
 3. The Draft Constitution provided for the direct election of the governor on the basis of universal adult suffrage.
 How many of the statements given above are correct?
 - A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
4. Which of the following countries share a border with Myanmar:
 1. China
 2. Laos
 3. Thailand
 4. India
 5. Bangladesh
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - A. 1, 2 and 3 only
 - B. 2, 3 and 4 only
 - C. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
 - D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
5. Consider the following events:
 1. The first division of the Indian National Army (INA) was formed.
 2. Subhash Chandra Bose formed the Provisional Government for Free India in Singapore.
 3. INA headquarters was shifted to Rangoon (in Burma).
 Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?
 - A. 1-2-3
 - B. 2-3-1
 - C. 2-1-3
 - D. 3-1-2
6. Consider the following pairs:

Place	Country
1. Sarwan	(a) Pakistan
2. Sabz Koh	(b) Iran
3. Sanaa	(c) Yemen

 Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
 - A. 1 only
 - B. 3 only
 - C. 1 and 3 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3
7. Regarding India-France relations, consider the following statements:
 1. Exercise Shakti, Varuna, and Garuda are some of the joint exercises between the two countries.
 2. Both countries, as part of their joint efforts on climate change, launched the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in 2015.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - A. 1 Only
 - B. 2 Only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
8. Regarding the Quit India Movement, consider the following statements:
 1. The Quit India Resolution was ratified at the Congress meeting at Gowalia Tank, Bombay, in 1942.
 2. Peasants all over the country remained aloof from this movement.
 3. Parallel governments in Ballia was established under Chittu Pandey.
 How many of the statements given above are correct?
 - A. Only One
 - B. Only Two
 - C. All Three
 - D. None
9. Regarding the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, consider the following statements:
 1. The Act aims to thwart money laundering and enable the seizure of assets linked to such illicit activities.

2. The Enforcement Directorate under the Ministry of Home Affairs is responsible for investigating the offenses of money laundering under the PMLA.
3. The Financial Intelligence Unit, part of the Department of Revenue, is the central agency managing data on suspicious financial transactions in India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None.

10. Regarding Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2018, consider the following statements:

1. It delineates specific crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as atrocities and describes strategies and prescribes punishments to counter these acts.
2. It creates provisions for states to declare areas with high levels of caste violence to be "atrocities-prone" and to appoint qualified officers to monitor and maintain law and order.
3. It provides punishment for wilful neglect of duties by non-SC/ST public servants.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

11. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), consider the following statements:

1. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It aims to connect rural habitations with a population of 5 lakh and above in plain areas through all-weather roads for year-round operability.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Vote on Account is emergency funds provided to the government from the Consolidated Fund of India to address urgent financial needs not disclosed in the regular budget.
2. The Constitution permits the Lok Sabha to issue a Vote of Credit for anticipated expenses before finalizing grants and passing the appropriation bill.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

13. Regarding The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme involves transferring Rs 6,000 annually in three equal parts directly to the bank accounts of farmers owning less than 5 hectares of land.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India.
3. BHASHINI, the AI language translation platform, has been integrated with PM-KISAN to deliver farming information to farmers in their local language.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) refers to the investment by foreign investors to obtain a substantial interest in enterprises located in different countries.
2. Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) refers to investing in financial assets of a foreign country such as stocks and bonds available on an exchange.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

15. Regarding the National Social Security Programme (NSAP), consider the following statements:

1. The National Social Security programme aids elderly, widowed, disabled individuals, and bereaved families from below-poverty-line households.
2. The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is a welfare programme being administered by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

16. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), consider the following statements:

1. It seeks to bolster agriculture by offering economical crop insurance for comprehensive coverage against non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post-harvest.

2. It is designed on an 'Area Approach Basis.'
3. Cut-off dates for the notified crops are fixed by the central government only.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

17. Regarding CERA-VAC, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent human papillomavirus (qHPV) vaccine.
2. It is based on VLP (Virus-Like Particles), similar to the Hepatitis B vaccination.
3. It will be used in the government campaign against Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

18. Recently India commenced the process of incorporating its government bonds into global indices. Which of the following may be the likely outcomes?

1. It may facilitate the financing of current account and fiscal deficits by engaging institutional investors with long-term investment horizons.
2. The cost of public borrowing may decline as the influx of funds into local currency government bonds (LCGBs) lowers domestic interest rates.
3. These funds may relieve the balance sheets of local financial institutions holding LCGBs, thereby increasing lending and private investment.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

19. Regarding the United Nations Refugee Agency for Palestinians (UNRWA), consider the following statements:

1. Established in 1949, its purpose was to offer assistance to Palestinians compelled to evacuate their residences in what is currently Israel due to the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.
2. The majority of UNRWA's funding comes from mandatory contributions provided by member states of the United Nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

20. Which of the following are the likely risks associated with the Internationalisation of Bond Markets:

1. Exchange Rate Volatility and Spillover Effects
2. Loss of Autonomy and Greater Interest Rate Risks
3. Volatility in Local Currency Bond Inflows

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. None

21. Recently Balfour Declaration, Oslo process was seen in news in the context of which of the following:

- A. Israel-Palestine
- B. India-Pakistan
- C. India-China
- D. China-Taiwan

22. Consider the following statements:

1. The long-term capital gains tax pertains to the tax imposed on profits generated from selling an asset that has been held for more than five years.
2. Typically, the tax rate for long-term capital gains is lower compared to that for short-term capital gains.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

23. Regarding the Census, consider the following statements:

1. Census is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948.
2. The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is tasked with the responsibility of conducting the decadal census.

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

24. Regarding the Free Movement Regime(FMR), consider the following statements:

1. Within the Indo-Myanmar Border (IMB), hill tribe members, regardless of their citizenship in India or Myanmar, are permitted to travel within a 50 km radius on both sides.
2. With a one-year valid border pass issued by the relevant authority, individuals can cross the border and stay for up to two weeks per visit.
3. As a component of the Central government's Act East policy, the FMR was put into effect in 2018.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

25. Consider the following statements:

1. Palk Bay is a semi-enclosed shallow water body between the southeast coast of India and Sri Lanka.
2. Delft, Nainativu, and Analativu are islands in the Palk Strait off the Jaffna peninsula, with Delft being the smallest and closest to Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

26. Regarding the preamble of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. It is based on the 'Objectives Resolution', drafted and moved by Motilal Nehru, and adopted by the Constituent Assembly.
2. It has been amended by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act (1976), which added three new words—Socialist, Secular, and Integrity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

27. Regarding the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to enable students to freely study across Higher Education Institutions in the country by facilitating credit transfers between programs.
2. The Academic bank credit(s) can only be shared from institutions, not directly from the student.
3. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is the initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Ministry of Education (MoE) respectively.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

28. Consider the following committees related to Panchayati Raj Institutions:

1. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee
2. G.V.K. Rao Committee
3. L M Singhvi Committee

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

- A. 1-2-3
- B. 2-3-1
- C. 1-3-2
- D. 3-2-1

29. Regarding the Bharat Ratna Award, consider the following statements:

1. It is the highest civilian award of the Republic of India.
2. The award is only limited to achievements in the arts, literature, science, and public services.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

30. Regarding Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), consider the following statements:

1. It utilizes housing deprivation parameters from Socio-Economic and Caste Census(SECC) 2011, verified by Gram Sabhas, instead of choosing beneficiaries solely from BPL households.
2. It utilizes an end-to-end e-Governance model, employing AwaasSoft and Awaas App for program implementation and monitoring.

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

31. Regarding the National Credit Framework (NCrF), consider the following statements:

1. It is an inclusive single meta-framework to seamlessly integrate the credits earned through school education, higher education, and vocational & skill education.
2. UGC and NCERT have jointly developed the National Credit Framework (NCrF).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

32. Regarding the Palk Bay Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2017 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It was launched as part of the umbrella Blue Revolution Scheme.
3. The scheme is aimed at all the Indian coastal states.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

33. Regarding Neuralink, consider the following statements:

1. It belongs to an upcoming category of medical devices called brain-computer interface that can help paralyzed persons or amputees regain some sense or movement.
2. Signals from a brain area for movement planning will be decoded to control devices like computers and phones, enabling browsing or gaming via thoughts while limbs are still.

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Clean Air Programme was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. Cities are classified as non-attainment areas when, over a span of ten consecutive years, they do not achieve compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Bilateral investment treaties (BITs) are the sole factor determining foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows.
2. BITs have the potential to attract FDI by providing foreign investors with a higher degree of confidence.
3. India has been attracting high levels of FDI in the last decade.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

36. Regarding Investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), consider the following statements:

1. It allows investors to legally challenge nations for discriminatory treatment towards foreign investments.
2. It is a component of bilateral investment treaties (BITs) which operate within public international law.

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

37. Operation Sea Guardian which was recently seen in news, is a:

- A. Indian Navy operation in Indian Ocean Region to avert Houthi's attack.
- B. NATO's maritime security operation in the Mediterranean
- C. US lead initiative against Yemen
- D. None of the above

38. Regarding The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, consider the following statements:

1. The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations serves as its secretariat.
2. Under it, the territorial Sea extends seaward up to 12 nautical miles (nm) from its baselines.

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The notion of licenses to payment banks was proposed by the Rangrajan Committee.
2. The primary objective of the payment banks is to push financial inclusion and promote various schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and insurance schemes.
3. A payments bank must invest 75% of its funds in short-term government securities and treasury bills while requiring a minimum capital of ₹100 crore for establishment.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Chahalgani was a council of Turkic slave emirs who administered the Delhi Sultanate as per the wishes of the sultan.
2. Razia's tomb in Delhi showcases impressive architecture from the Delhi Sultanate era.

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland collectively constitute the United Kingdom.
2. The Windsor Framework encompasses the establishment of distinct green and red lanes, delineating goods destined for Northern Ireland and those intended for the EU, respectively.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

42. Consider the following government statements:

1. Launched in 1986, the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) aimed to improve rural living standards by subsidizing toilet construction, marking India's first nationwide rural sanitation effort.
2. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a national campaign launched by the Government in 2014, to clean the streets, and roads and build social infrastructure of the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

43. Regarding Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2014 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. SBM-U 1.0 was successful in achieving the target and 100% of urban India was declared Open Defecation Free(ODF).
3. Its second phase is aimed at advancing from ODF to ODF+ and ODF++, prioritizing a garbage-free urban India through sustainable sanitation, waste management, and circular economy promotion.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

44. Regarding Trade and Development Report 2023, consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the World Trade Organisation.
2. It urges global financial reforms, more pragmatic policies to tackle inflation, inequality, and sovereign debt distress, and stronger oversight of key markets.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

45. Consider the following statements:

1. The topmost decision-making body of the WTO is the Ministerial Conference, which usually meets every two years.
2. Informal working groups on both MSMEs and gender were launched at the 11th Ministerial Conference of WTO in 2017.
3. India has stayed out of both groups, reasoning that these issues are not part of the WTO's mandate and that its members should instead focus on unfinished business of the WTO.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

46. Regarding the Development Impact Bond, consider the following statements:

1. It is a type of financial security that is used to finance development programs in low-resource countries by attracting private investors.
2. It is a bond-like security with unconventional features, offering variable returns tied to project success instead of fixed rates.

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

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

47. Consider the following pairs:

Famous Name	City
1. Manchester of India	(a) Panipat
2. Sugar Bowl of Karnataka	(b) Belagavi
3. City of Wavers	(c) Ahmedabad

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

48. Regarding the WTO Fisheries Funding Mechanism, consider the following statements:

1. It establishes regulations to limit detrimental subsidies, safeguard worldwide fish populations, and address the requirements of fishers in developing and least-developed nations.
2. It is operated by the WTO with partner organizations the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the World Bank Group, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
3. The Fund aims to assist members in aligning subsidy measures with WTO rules, including legislative changes and WTO notification submissions.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

49. Consider the following statements:

1. NexCAR19 is India's first indigenously developed Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cell (CAR-T cell) Therapy.
2. India is the first country in the world to have its indigenous CAR-T and gene therapy platform.

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

50. Regarding the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CABM) tax, consider the following statements:

1. It is a key element of the EU's "Fit for 55 in 2030 package", designed to slash greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels.
2. It will specifically target imports of cement, iron and steel, aluminum, fertilisers, electricity, and hydrogen.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

51. Recently the term 'Bracketing' seen in the news is best described as:

- A. Consumer inclination to purchase various product variations, like shirt sizes, intending to return unwanted items
- B. A cartel of Cement producing companies
- C. A recently launched Bitcoin
- D. None of the above

52. Regarding CEC and Other ECs (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The Selection Committee will consist of the Prime Minister, Speaker of Lok Sabha, and the Leader of Opposition/leader of the largest opposition party in Lok Sabha.
2. Recommendations of the Selection Committee will be valid even when there is a vacancy in this Committee.
3. A Search Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary will propose a panel of names to the Selection Committee.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

53. Consider the following:

Statement-I: National Green Hydrogen Mission will help entail the decarbonization of industrial, mobility, and energy sectors; reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels and feedstock.

Statement-II: Under the Mission, states, and regions capable of supporting large-scale production and/or utilization of hydrogen will be identified and developed as Green Hydrogen Hubs.

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

54. Production Gap Report, 2023 is released by which of the following:

- A. International Monetary Fund
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- D. World Bank

55. Regarding the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, consider the following statements:

1. It came as a consequence of India's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1992.
2. The Act defines a child as any person below the age of 16 years.
3. The Act recognizes that both girls and boys can be victims of sexual abuse and that such abuse is a crime regardless of the gender of the victim.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

56. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution does not contain any specific procedure for the selection and appointment of the Chief Minister.
2. The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the governor and other ministers shall be appointed by the governor on the advice of the Chief Minister
3. The ministers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chief Minister.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

57. Regarding the Law Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body.
2. The Commission is established for a fixed tenure and works as an advisory body to the Ministry of Law and Justice.
3. The first Law Commission was established in 1834 under the Charter Act of 1833.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

58. Consider the following statements:

1. The Uniform Civil Code is mentioned in Article 44 of the Indian Constitution, which is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy.
2. Directive Principles of State Policy are legally enforceable.
3. The only state in India that has a UCC is Goa.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

59. Consider the following statements:

1. Total Fertility Rate is the mean number of children a woman would have in her lifetime, based on current age-specific fertility rates from 15 to 49 years.
2. A Total Fertility Rate of about 3 children per woman is called replacement-level fertility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

60. Regarding the Right to Education, consider the following statements:

1. The first official document on the Right to Education was the Sarkaria Commission Report in 1990.
2. The Supreme Court's landmark judgment in the Unnikrishnan JP vs State of Andhra Pradesh & Others held that Education is a Fundamental right flowing from Article 21.

3. The 86th Amendment Act of 2002 added Article 21-A to ensure free and mandatory education for children aged 6-14 as a Fundamental Right in the Indian Constitution.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

61. Indian Bio-Economy Report 2023 was released by which of the following:

- A. Biotech Industry Research Assistance Council
- B. Department of Biotechnology
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Biotech Research Society of India

62. Regarding Inflation, consider the following statements:

1. Core inflation measures the fluctuation in prices of goods and services, excluding those pertaining to the food and energy sectors.
2. Core inflation serves as a useful indicator for the central bank in its pursuit of managing overall inflation levels effectively.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

63. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Lakhpati Didi Scheme aims to train women within self-help groups (SHGs) to enable them to generate a sustainable annual income of at least Rs 1 lakh per household.

Statement-II: Under the scheme, women SHGs will receive drones for agricultural empowerment, leveraging technology to transform rural farming.

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

64. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas is the implementing agency of the scheme.
2. Any adult woman from a Below Poverty Line(BPL) family can apply for a deposit-free LPG gas connection under the Ujjwala scheme.
3. The identification of the BPL families is done through Socio-Economic Caste Census Data 2011.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

65. With reference to the INSAT-1B, consider the following statements:

1. It was part of the Indian National Satellite System satellites which is a series of Earth observation satellites.
2. It was deployed by the Challenger space shuttle from the Kennedy Space Center of NASA.
3. The INSAT-1B was replaced by the INSAT-1D after 7 years, in July 1990.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

66. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: UCC would provide one law for the entire nation (including all religious communities) in their personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption etc.

Statement-II: Article 44 of the Constitution lays down that the state shall endeavor to secure a UCC for the citizens throughout the Indian territory.

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.

67. With reference to the MS Swaminathan, consider the following statements:

1. He was widely recognized for his pivotal role in the Green Revolution that significantly increased crop productivity and ensured Food Security for the nation.
2. Swaminathan and Norman Borlaug worked on high-yield wheat and rice, including semi-dwarf wheat varieties.
3. He played a pivotal role in developing the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Act 2001.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

68. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Bharat Ratna':

1. It is the highest civilian award of the country, and was instituted in the year 1954.
2. In terms of Article 18 (1) of the Constitution, the award cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the recipient's name.
3. On conferment of the award, the recipient receives a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a medallion.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

69. With reference to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act of 2016, consider the following statements:

1. It increases the quantum of reservation for people suffering from disabilities from 3% to 4% in government jobs and from 3% to 5% in higher education institutes.
2. Every child with benchmark disability between the age group of 6 and 18 years shall have the right to free education.
3. Acid attack victims kept out of purview of the RPwD Act, 2016.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

70. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Women Reservation Act, 2023':

1. The Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023, reserves one-fourth of all seats for women in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State legislative assemblies.
2. The rotation of seats allocated for women will be governed by parliamentary legislation after each delimitation process.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

71. Consider the following statements with respect to 'India-UAE Relation':

1. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have signed a pact to establish Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS).
2. It will enable exporters and importers to pay in their respective domestic currencies and enable the development of an INR-AED forex market.

3. The central banks of both countries have signed to cooperate on linking India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the UAE's Instant Payment Platform (IPP).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

72. With reference to the COP-28 climate summit, consider the following statements:

1. Member countries reached an agreement to operationalize the Loss and Damage (L&D) fund aimed at compensating countries grappling with climate change impacts.
2. Global River Cities Alliance was launched by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
3. The Green Credit Initiative has been conceptualized as a mechanism to incentivize voluntary pro-planet actions.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

73. Consider the following statements:

1. The maximum gap between two sessions of Parliament cannot be more than six months.
2. Adjournment sine die means terminating a sitting of Parliament for an indefinite period.
3. The presiding officer (Speaker or Chairman) declares the House adjourned sine die when the business of a session is completed.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. One Only
- B. Two Only
- C. All Three
- D. None

74. Consider the following statements:

1. The power to suspend a member of parliament from a session lies with the President of India.
2. If a member of parliament is suspended more than two times, it automatically leads to loss of his/her membership of the house.
3. Under the constitution of India, only the members of the Lok Sabha can be suspended.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. One Only
- B. Two Only
- C. All Three
- D. None

75. Regarding the Deputy Speaker, consider the following statements:

1. While the salary of the Speaker is charged on the Consolidated Fund of India, that of the Deputy Speaker is charged on the Public Account of India.
2. He is subordinate to the Speaker.
3. Whenever he is appointed as a member of a parliamentary committee, he automatically becomes its chairman.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. One Only
- B. Two Only
- C. All Three
- D. None

76. Regarding the Global Green Credit (GGC) Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is conceptualized as a mandatory mechanism to incentivize pro-planet actions, as an effective response to the challenge of climate change.
2. It envisions the issue of Green Credits for plantations on waste/degraded lands and river catchment areas, to rejuvenate and revive natural ecosystems.

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

77. Regarding I2U2, consider the following statements:

1. It is a fresh strategic collaboration among Iran, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.
2. India has an observer status in this grouping.
3. It is established to foster cooperation across sectors like water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. One Only
- B. Two Only
- C. All Three
- D. None

78. Regarding the Defence Acquisition Council, consider the following statements:

1. It is the highest decision-making body in the Defence Ministry for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services.
2. It is headed by the prime minister of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

79. Regarding the Uniform Civil Code, consider the following statements:

1. Article 46 of the Indian Constitution lays down that the state shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India.
2. Presently, in India, different communities are governed by different Personal laws
3. Indian Young Lawyers Association v. State of Kerala (2018) established that personal/customary law falls within the scope of Article 13 as per the Supreme Court.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. One Only
- B. Two Only
- C. All Three
- D. None

80. Regarding the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), consider the following statements:

1. He heads the newly created Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Ministry of Defence.
2. The CDS has the authority to issue directives to the three chiefs and has command authority over the forces.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

81. Regarding Bank Run, consider the following statements:

1. A bank run occurs when many customers lose confidence in a bank and withdraw their money at the same time.
2. In India, The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) was established in 1933 to reduce the occurrence of bank runs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

82. Regarding SWATI Portal, consider the following statements:

1. It is a comprehensive interactive database, the first of its kind in India, developed, hosted, and maintained by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR).
2. Its goal is to develop a unified online platform that represents Indian women and girls in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine).

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

83. Regarding the Domestic Violence Act 2005, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to protect a wife or female live-in partner from violence by the husband, a male live-in partner, or his relatives.
2. Only the woman alleging domestic violence by the offender can file a complaint.
3. A child can receive relief under the Domestic Violence Act, and the child's mother can apply on their behalf.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

84. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project is a joint project between India and Myanmar that aims to establish a multi-modal transport system for cargo shipment from India's eastern ports to Myanmar.

Statement-II: Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project offers an alternative to the Chicken's Neck, enhancing India's control over its northeastern frontier and reducing logistical vulnerabilities.

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

85. Regarding Areca Nut, consider the following statements:

1. It requires abundant and well-distributed rainfall.
2. It is a native crop to India.
3. India leads the global production of Areca nuts.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

86. Consider the following pair s:

Tribes	Region
1. Kuki	(a) Manipur
2. Hakha	(b) Myanmar
3. Bhil	(c) Mizoram

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only

87. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 is the bankruptcy law of India that consolidates and amends the existing laws relating to insolvency and bankruptcy of corporate persons, partnership firms, and individuals.

Statement-II: The IBC aims to provide a time-bound and creditor-driven process for insolvency resolution and to improve the credit culture and business environment in the country.

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

88. 'White Paper' which is generally seen in the news is:

- A. An eco-friendly paper made of recycled waste
- B. A document that informs the public about an issue and how the government plans to address it
- C. Refer to a cheque that bounces due to a lack of funds in an account
- D. None of the above

89. India Ageing Report, 2023 is released by which of the following?

- A. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- B. Population Foundation of India
- C. Center for Biological Diversity
- D. Association of Population Centers (APC)

90. Regarding the Gini Coefficient, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a statistical measure of economic inequality within or between countries aiding in the evaluation of wealth disparities.
- 2. Its value ranges from 0 to 1, with 0 representing perfect equality, where wealth is evenly distributed, and 1 representing perfect inequality, where one person owns all the wealth.

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

91. Regarding Qatar, consider the following statements:

- 1. It shares its sole land border with Oman to the south.
- 2. The Gulf of Bahrain, an inlet of the Persian Gulf, separates Qatar from Bahrain.
- 3. The 2030 Asian Games will be held in Qatar.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

92. Regarding the World Government Summit, consider the following statements:

- 1. It's an annual international event organized by the United Nations where global leaders, policymakers, experts, and thought leaders meet to address pressing global issues.
- 2. It is held annually in Dubai, UAE.
- 3. The theme for the 2024 summit is "Shaping Future Governments".

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

93. Consider the following pairs:

Operation	Objective
1. Operation Bandar	(a) Indian rescued from Sudan
2. Operation Kaveri	(b) Airstrike in Balakot, Pakistan by Indian Air Force
3. Operation Madad	(c) Relief mission in flood-stricken Kerala

Which of the pairs given above is/are NOT correctly matched?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

94. Regarding the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:

- 1. The institutions of Deputy Speaker originated in India in 1921 under the provisions of the Government of India Act of 1919.
- 2. Article 280 of the Constitution stipulates that the Lok Sabha must elect two of its members to serve as the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

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

95. Regarding 'Front Running' in Trading, consider the following statements:

1. It involves trading in the stock market using privileged information from brokers or analysts before it's disclosed to the public.
2. The common strategies for front-running trades include the Buy-Buy-Sell (BBS) and Sell-Sell-Buy (SSB) trading patterns.
3. It is illegal in India to engage in front running.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

96. Consider the following statements:

1. France is the Littoral State of the Indian Ocean through the French Overseas region of Reunion, Mayotte & Scattered Islands in the Indian Ocean.
2. It is located northwest of Madagascar and is officially part of the European Union.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

97. Regarding the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. It classifies individuals with disabilities into three categories.
2. The number of recognized disabilities has expanded from 7 to 21, with the Central Government empowered to include additional types.

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

98. Regarding Fatehpur Sikri, consider the following statements:

1. It was founded by the Mughal emperor Jahangir.
2. Fatehpur Sikri served as the capital of the Mughal Empire before being shifted to Delhi due to its insufficient water supply.
3. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1986.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

99. Regarding the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), consider the following statements:

1. The Base Year for IIP is 2011-2012.
2. The maximum weightage in the eight core sector industries of IIP is of refinery Products followed by fertilizers.

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

100. Regarding the Bharat Ratna Award, consider the following statements:

1. It is the highest civilian award in India.
2. Bharat Ratna recipients rank fourth in the Indian order of precedence.
3. Only Indian citizens are eligible to receive the award.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

101. Consider the following pairs:

Place	Country
1. Bakhmut	Iran
2. Bakhtiari	Ukraine
3. Ankara	Turkey

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

102. Regarding the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), consider the following statements:

1. It came into existence through an act of parliament in 1987 and aims to ensure harmonious development in standardization and quality assurance of goods and articles.
2. It works under the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

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

103. Regarding the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) 2019, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to give citizenship to migrants belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.
2. It exempts the members of the six communities from any criminal case under the Foreigners Act, of 1946 and the Passport Act, of 1920.

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

104. Regarding the Global Gender Gap Report, consider the following statements:

1. It is released annually by the World Bank.
2. It measures gender parity across four areas namely economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

105. Regarding the RTI Act of 2005, consider the following statements:

1. It covers all entities established under the Constitution, laws, and government notifications.
2. All private bodies, which are owned, controlled, or even substantially financed by the Government are exempted from the act.
3. The Central Information Commission is a statutory body established under the Right to Information Act of 2005.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

106. Regarding the Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The Finance Commission in India is a permanent body under the Indian Constitution.
2. Its primary function is to recommend the distribution of financial resources between the central government and the state governments.
3. The 15th Finance Commission recommended establishing a Modernisation Fund for Defence and Internal Security (MFDIS).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

107. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Representation of the People Act, of 1951, outlines rules for elections in India, covering election expenses, contributions, and account maintenance.

Statement-II: The election process in India is state-funded.

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

108. Consider the following statements:

1. The Companies Act, 2013 governs the tax treatment of political parties and their donors.
2. The Income Tax Act of 1961 regulates corporate donations to political parties.
3. Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013 was notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

109. Regarding Uniform Civil Code (UCC), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to replace fragmented personal laws with a single law applicable to all religious communities, governing personal matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, etc.
2. As per Article 44 of the Constitution, the State shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India.

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

110. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Bar Council of India (BCI) regulates the legal profession by setting conduct standards, exercising disciplinary authority over lawyers, and accrediting universities for legal education.

Statement-II: The Bar Council of India (BCI) is a statutory body established under the Advocates Act 1961.

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

111. Which of the following is part of Article 19(1) of the Constitution of India?

- 1. Right to freedom of speech and expression
- 2. Right to assemble peaceably and with arms
- 3. Right to form associations or unions or co-operative societies
- 4. Right to move freely throughout the territory of India
- 5. Right to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1,3,4 and 5 only
- C. 1,2,3,4 and 5 only
- D. 4 and 5 only

112. Regarding the Minimum Support Price(MSP), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
- 2. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister of India makes the final decision on the level of MSPs.

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

113. Regarding the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an international organization founded in 1960 under the Stockholm Convention.
- 2. Membership in the European Union automatically confers membership in the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).
- 3. It is the largest customs union in the world.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

114. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As per the Indian Constitution, only the RBI or the Central Government, authorized by the RBI Act, can draw, accept, make, or issue any bill of exchange or promissory note.
- 2. The Reserve Bank of India Act, of 1934 established the legal framework for the operations of the Bank, which began functioning in 1935.

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

115. Regarding Nazool land, consider the following statements:

- 1. Nazool land is owned by the government but is most often not directly administered as state property.
- 2. The state generally allots such land to any entity on lease for a fixed period, generally between 15 and 99 years.

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

116. Consider the following:

- 1. While every Money Bill is a Financial Bill, not every Financial Bill is a Money Bill.
- 2. The Rajya Sabha lacks the authority to amend or reject money bills but possesses the power to amend or reject finance bills.
- 3. A Bill that addresses taxation or expenditure along with other topics would be classified as a Financial Bill.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

117. Consider the following:

Statement-I: India is a member of the World Trade Organisation but is not a member of any World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)- administered International Treaties or Conventions.

Statement-II: Intellectual property rights (IPR) grant individuals exclusive control over their creative works, including inventions, artistic and literary pieces, as well as commercial symbols and images, for a specific duration.

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. Regarding the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, consider the following statements:

1. It provided free and compulsory education to children in 2009 and enforced it as a fundamental right under Article 21-A.
2. The first official document on the Right to Education was the Ramamurti Committee Report in 1990.
3. The 96th amendment to the constitution of India in 2002, provided the Right to Education as a fundamental right in part III of the Constitution.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

119. Consider the following pairs:

1. In *SR Bommai v. Union of India* (1994), the Supreme Court affirmed that secularism and federalism are fundamental aspects of the Indian Constitution.
2. In the *Union of India v. Association for Democratic Reforms* (2002) case, the Right to Privacy was affirmed as a fundamental and inalienable right.
3. The Supreme Court, in *K. S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* case, required the disclosure of candidates' personal information, such as assets, etc.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

120. The principle of Data Exclusivity often seen in the news is:

- A. Protection is granted to pharmaceutical companies for a specific period of time generally after approval of a new drug by a regulatory authority.
- B. The principle that data is a public good.
- C. It envisages that the government is the sole authority to own data of the citizens of the country.
- D. None of the above

121. Regarding the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, consider the following statements:

1. It allows the right to surrogacy to married, widowed, and single women.
2. It bans commercial surrogacy, which is punishable with a jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakhs.

3. The law allows only altruistic surrogacy where no money exchanges hands and where a surrogate mother is genetically related to those seeking a child.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

122. Regarding the Tungabhadra River, consider the following statements:

1. Varada River and Hagari (Vedathy) River are two of its major tributaries.
2. It flows through the states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

123. Regarding the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), consider the following statements:

1. It is a strategic forum consisting of the United States, Japan, India, and Australia.
2. Recently the secretariat of the QUAD was inaugurated in New Delhi.

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

124. Regarding the PM-Kisan Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme entails the direct transfer of Rs 6,000 annually, distributed in three equal parts, to the bank accounts of all landholding farmers, regardless of their land size.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India.
3. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

125. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Indian Government in the Union Budget 2024-25 has launched a three-phase vaccination campaign for girls aged 9-14, targeting human papillomavirus (HPV) to reduce cervical cancer risk.

Statement-II:- Almost all cases of cervical cancer (99%) are caused by high-risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV), a very common virus transmitted through sexual contact. 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

126. Regarding the Defence Attache, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a term encompassing personnel from all armed services, with larger countries potentially appointing attachés to represent specific service branches like the air force or navy.
- 2. Defence Attache is a military representative stationed at an embassy, representing their country's defence establishment abroad with diplomatic status and immunity.
- 3. India has the largest number of defence attache in the world.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

127. C-Space, which was recently seen in the news is:

- A. First-ever government-owned OTT platform in Kerala
- B. A weather forecasting satellite launched by the ISRO
- C. A UAV launched by the DRDO
- D. None of the above

128. Consider the following :

Statement-I: India legalized abortion, allowing termination of pregnancy through medical or surgical procedures, reflecting a pro-choice stance.

Statement-II: India initiated the legalization of abortion by passing The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 (MTP Act 1971) based on the Shantilal Committee's recommendations.

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

129. Regarding India-Greece relations, consider the following statements:

- 1. India's contact with Greece began over 2500 years ago.
- 2. Gandhara art, which flourished in the region of present-day Pakistan and Afghanistan, is believed to be a result of Indian and Greek influences.
- 3. India and Greece both took part in the multilateral exercise, INIOCHOS-23.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

130. Consider the following pairs:

Tribes	Place
1. Chin	Rajasthan
2. Kuki	Manipur
3. Mizos	Mizoram

Which of the pairs given above is/are NOT correctly matched?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 1 and 2 Only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

131. Regarding the Free Movement Regime (FMR), consider the following statements:

- 1. It aimed to facilitate local border trade, improve access to education and healthcare for border residents, and strengthen diplomatic ties.
- 2. India has this mechanism with Bangladesh, Nepal, and Myanmar.
- 3. While the Free Movement Regime has been recently suspended with Myanmar but will continue with Bangladesh and Nepal.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

132. Regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP), consider the following statements:

- 1. The central government notifies MSP for 23 crops every year before the Kharif and Rabi seasons based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.
- 2. It acts as a reference price at which the government and its agencies procure certain food grains from farmers.
- 3. MSP is mandatory for the purchase of food grains by private traders or companies as well.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

133. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), a zoonotic illness, is colloquially referred to as “monkey disease” due to its link with monkey fatalities.

Statement-II: It is caused by the Kyasanur Forest Disease Virus (KFDV), which primarily affects humans and monkeys.

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

134. Consider the following pairs:

Location	Country
1. Crete Island	Greece
2. Sagaing	Myanmar
3. Nusantara	Indonesia

How many of the above-given pairs are correctly matched?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

135. Regarding India-UAE relations, consider the following statements:

1. The UAE is now India's third-largest trading partner, India's second-largest export destination, and India's fourth-largest source of FDI.
2. UAE is the second country after the United States, and India has both a trade and an investment agreement.

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

136. Greece is bordered by which of the following:

1. Albania
2. North Macedonia
3. Bulgaria
4. Turkey

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

137. Regarding Lord Mahavira, consider the following statements:

1. Mahavira belonged to the Ikshvaku dynasty.
2. Mahavira and his followers communicated their teachings in Prakrit, enabling ordinary people to comprehend them easily.
3. Mahavira introduced the concept of Brahmacharya (Celibacy/Chastity) among the five teachings of Jainism.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

138. Consider the following statements:

1. Fundamental Rights are justiciable as they can be enforced legally by the courts if there is a violation.
2. If a law violates fundamental rights, the courts cannot declare it invalid and unconstitutional; they can only request Parliament to amend the law.
3. During a national emergency, fundamental rights can be suspended except for those guaranteed under Articles 20 and 21.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

139. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is responsible for managing India's environmental and forest policies excluding the Coastal Regulatory Zone.
2. The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, aims to regulate different development projects in the country according to their potential environmental impacts.
3. The Central Government has the authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to issue Coastal Regulation zones.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

140. Environmental Performance Index, is released by which of the following:

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- C. Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)
- D. Earth System Governance Project (ESGP)

141. Consider the following statements:

1. Egypt was the first Arab State to sign a peace deal with Israel in 1979.
2. Saudia Arabia became the third Arab nation to recognize Israel after Egypt and Jordan.
3. The Abraham Accord involves the establishment of embassies and cooperation between the UAE, Bahrain, and Israel in various sectors such as tourism, trade, healthcare, and security.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

142. Regarding the Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC), consider the following statements:

1. It is an independent self-regulatory body for online curated content providers (OCCPs).
2. It has been set up under the aegis of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

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

143. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The primary aim of the Forest (Conservation) Act, of 1980, is to control the unrestricted conversion of forest lands for non-forest purposes and to uphold a rational equilibrium between the nation's developmental requirements and the preservation of its natural heritage.

Statement-II: Under the provisions of this Act, prior approval of the Central Government is essential for the diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purposes.

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

144. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 48A of the Constitution specifies that the State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and safeguard the country's forests and wildlife.
2. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 enactment originates in the Stockholm Conference, a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.
3. The Environment (Protection) Act, of 1986 was enacted under Article 256 of the Indian Constitution which provides for the enactment of legislation for giving effect to international agreements.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

145. Regarding INSAT-3DS Satellite, consider the following statements:

1. INSAT-3DS Satellite is a follow-on mission of Third Generation Meteorological Satellite from Geostationary Orbit.
2. It is fully funded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
3. It is designed for enhanced meteorological observations and monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting and disaster warning.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

146. Consider the following statements:

1. A cryogenic engine, or cryogenic stage, represents the ultimate phase of a space launch vehicle utilizing cryogenic technology.
2. The cryogenic engine utilizes Liquid Oxygen (LOX) and Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) as propellants, which become liquid at very low temperatures.
3. Liquid propellants like oxygen and hydrogen offer very little energy per unit mass, increasing the fuel load on rockets.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

147. Consider the following statements:

1. National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation is a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India.

2. The company aims to facilitate efficient and safe transport regionally with South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) member countries, with funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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

148. Regarding Fair and Remunerative Prices (FRP), consider the following statements:

1. FRP is the price declared by the government, which mills are legally bound to pay to farmers for the cane procured from them.
2. Payment of FRP across the country is governed by the Sugarcane Control Order, 1966 issued under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955
3. FRP is based on the M.S. Swaminathan report on reorganizing the sugarcane industry.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

149. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Recently phone exports from India crossed the \$5 billion mark, making India the world's largest exporter of mobile phones.

Statement-II: National Policy on Electronics 2019 (NPE 2019), proposed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) envisions positioning India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM).

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

150. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Eco Niwas Samhita establishes minimum performance standards for building envelopes to regulate heat gains and heat loss and ensure sufficient natural ventilation and daylighting potential.

Statement-II: Approximately 75% of the building sector's total electricity consumption is attributed to residential buildings, with a significant and continuous increase in their gross electricity consumption over time.

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

151. Regarding the National Health Authority (NHA), consider the following statements:

1. It is the apex body responsible for implementing the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).
2. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with full functional autonomy.
3. It is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Secretary, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

152. Article 142 of the Constitution, which was recently seen in the news is best described as:

- A. Original Jurisdiction of Supreme Court
B. Power of the Supreme Court to do complete justice
C. Advisory Jurisdiction of Supreme Court
D. Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court

153. Regarding Kuruwadweep Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is part of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. It is a densely populated river delta with rich flora and fauna, formed by a cluster of islets in the middle of the River Kabini.
3. Its forest is home to various species of orchids, medicinal herbs, and migratory birds.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

154. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 76 of the Constitution of India establishes the office of the Attorney General (AG) for India, while Article 77 establishes the solicitor general of India.
2. In the performance of his duties, the Attorney General shall have the right of audience in all courts in the territory of India.

3. Under Article 88, the Attorney General has the right to speak, and participate in the proceedings of either House, any joint sitting of the Houses, and any committee of Parliament.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

155. Regarding the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It aims to comprehensively develop select villages in the northern borders of Arunachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Ladakh only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

156. Consider the following:

Statement-I: The CharDham Pariyojana seeks to enhance connectivity to the Chardham pilgrimage centers in the Himalayas (Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri), ensuring safer, faster, and more convenient journeys.

Statement-II: Chardham Pariyojana will expand the highways that link pilgrimage sites, including the Tanakpur-Pithoragarh section of National Highway (NH) 125, which is part of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra route.

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

Ans: B

157. Consider the following pairs:

Disputes	Countries
1. Paracel Island	China, Taiwan, Vietnam
2. Scarborough Shoal	China, Philippines
3. Senkaku	India, China

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

- A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

158. Regarding the Governor, consider the following statements:

1. He can summon or prorogue the state legislature and dissolve the state legislative assembly.
2. He must address the state legislature at the commencement of the first session after each general election and the first session of each year.
3. He decides on the question of disqualification of members of the state legislature in consultation with the Election Commission.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

159. Regarding short selling, consider the following statements:

1. It involves investors borrowing and selling stocks or securities in anticipation of a price drop, with the intention of buying them back at a lower price.
2. Naked short selling is when stocks or securities are sold without arranging to borrow them or ensuring they can be borrowed.
3. SEBI has recently announced that while investors across all categories will be allowed to engage in short-selling, naked short-selling will not be permitted.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

160. Consider the following statements:

1. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, provides a three-tier system of decentralized self-governance in rural areas while two-tier in urban areas.
2. It provides for the establishment of a panchayat at the village level for every village having a population of at least 500 persons.

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

- A. 1 Only
B. 2 Only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

161. Regarding the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), consider the following statements:

1. It has been designated as the 'Authority' under the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation Rules), 2017 for regulation and development of the profession of valuers in the country.
2. It comprises ten members and is headed by the Minister of Corporate Affairs.

3. The Chairperson and members serve a term of five years or until they reach the age of sixty-five, whichever comes first, and they may be re-appointed.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

162. Regarding Mount Everest, consider the following statements:

1. It is known as Sagarmatha in Nepal and Mount Qomolangma in China.
2. It lies on the border between Nepal and Tibet and the summit can be accessed from both sides.

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

163. Consider the following statements:

1. Kalinga is known to be a powerful kingdom as early as the time of the Kurukshetra battle.
2. Srutayudha, the king of Kalinga, joined the Kourava camp in the battle, where he and his two heroic sons, Bhanumana and Ketumana, were slain by Bhimasena.
3. Following the Mahabharata War, a new Kshetriya dynasty governed Kalinga, with the Buddhist text 'Mahagovinda Suttanta' noting the swift restoration of Kalinga's glory and power.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

164. Regarding the Essential Commodities Act of 1955, consider the following statements:

1. It was enacted to prevent hoarding and black marketing of foodstuffs.
2. The Act gives powers to the central government to add or remove a commodity in the Schedule.
3. Though the government can declare a commodity essential but can't impose a stock limit.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

165. Regarding Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, 2023, consider the following:

1. It proposes longer police custody for certain offenses, mandates minimum punishments for others, and increases fines.
2. Organized crime is now subject to ordinary criminal law for the first time.
3. It introduces community service as a penalty for minor crimes, a new addition to the penal code.

How many of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

166. Regarding the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), consider the following statements:

1. It is in line with Article 39A of the Indian Constitution which mandates the state to ensure that the legal system operates in a manner that promotes justice with equal opportunity.
2. It has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society.
3. The Registrar of the Supreme Court acts as its Patron-in-Chief.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

167. Regarding the Special Leave Petition, consider the following statements:

1. It is an extraordinary jurisdiction given to the Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution.
2. The court has the authority to allow a special appeal from any decision made by a court or tribunal in India, including military tribunals and court martial.

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

168. Consider the following:

Statement-I: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is responsible for promoting, enabling authorizing, and supervising various space activities of non-governmental entities including building launch vehicles & satellites and providing space-based services.

Statement-II: IN-SPACe is a single-window, independent, nodal agency that was formed following the Space sector reforms to enable and facilitate the participation of private players.

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

169. Consider the following statements:

1. Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) is a forum for informal discussions on regional and international matters, bringing together the five Nordic countries and three Baltic countries.
2. The Nordic countries, except Sweden and Norway, are part of the European Union.
3. Among Nordic countries Iceland and Norway are members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

Ans: B

170. Regarding Sundarbans, consider the following statements:

1. It is a mangrove forest ecosystem along the Bay of Bengal coast, spanning India and Bangladesh on the Narmada, Krishna, and Godavari rivers delta, which is the world's largest delta.
2. The Sundarban Wetland in India was designated as a 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention.
3. The Sunderbans Delta is the only mangrove forest in the world inhabited by tigers.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

171. Regarding the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), consider the following statements:

1. The North Atlantic Council, NATO's main political decision-making body, decides to invite a country to join the Alliance based on consensus among all Allies.
2. Sweden's recent accession as the 31st member of NATO will be followed by Finland's anticipated entry as the alliance's 32nd member.

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

172. Regarding the Raisina Dialogue, consider the following statements:

1. It is an annual conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, which aims to address the most challenging issues faced by the world.
2. It is organised by the United Nations in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

173. Regarding Papua New Guinea, consider the following statements:

1. It is an island country that lies in the southwestern Pacific.
2. It encompasses the eastern portion of New Guinea and numerous smaller islands, is bordered by Indonesia to the west, Australia to the south, and the Solomon Islands to the southeast.

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

174. Avdiivka, Kramatorsk, and Zaporizhzhia regions often seen in the news are located in:

- A. Ukraine
- B. Azerbaijan
- C. Russia
- D. Syria

175. Regarding the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), consider the following statements:

1. The CTBT is a multilateral treaty aimed at banning all nuclear explosions, whether for military or peaceful purposes.
2. The CTBT was negotiated at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva in 1994.
3. India was the first of the few countries to sign and ratify the treaty.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

176. Which of the following countries are part of the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8)?

1. Sweden
2. Norway
3. Iceland
4. Russia
5. Estonia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- C. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

177. Regarding Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), consider the following statements:

1. EMRS are set up in States/Union Territories using funds received under Article 275(1) of the Indian Constitution.
2. Non-ST students can't be admitted to these schools.
3. The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has been established to set up and manage EMRS nationwide.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

178. Regarding Deflation, consider the following statements:

1. Deflation occurs when the inflation rate falls below zero, and prices generally decline throughout an economy.
2. It normally takes place during times of economic uncertainty when the demand for goods and services is lower, along with higher levels of unemployment.

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

179. Regarding the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey, consider the following statements:

1. It is usually conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) every five years.
2. It seeks to produce estimates of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) and its distribution, separately for rural and urban sectors.

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

180. Regarding the Finance Bill, consider the following statements:

1. While all Money Bills are Financial Bills, all Financial Bills are not Money Bills.
2. When there is a query regarding the categorization of a Finance bill as a money bill, the speaker of the house makes the final decision on the matter.
3. The Rajya Sabha cannot amend or reject the money bill, but it has the power to amend or reject the finance bill.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

181. 'The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture: Systems at Breaking Point (SOLAW 2021)' Report, was released by which of the following:

- A. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- B. World Bank
- C. Global Land Coalition
- D. ActionAid International

182. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central sector scheme.
2. The chosen schools will serve as model institutions demonstrating all facets of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) and providing guidance to neighboring schools.
3. Under the scheme, schools are to be transformed into green schools, integrating eco-friendly features.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

183. Regarding Odysseus's lunar lander, consider the following statements:

1. The Odysseus lunar lander has achieved the first European Union moon landing in over 50 years.
2. The lunar lander is created to assess the conditions at the moon's south pole, aiding in the evaluation of factors like the amount of water and its accessibility.

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

184. Regarding the Central Information Commission (CIC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body constituted under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
2. It consists of a Chief Information Commissioner and not more than ten Information Commissioners.
3. The appointments in CIC are made by the President on the recommendation of a committee headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

185. Regarding the United Nations Human Rights Council, consider the following statements:

1. It is an inter-governmental body responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world.
2. It was established in 2006 by the United Nations General Assembly and replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.
3. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

186. Consider the following statements:

1. A robust digital public infrastructure (DPI), comprises distinctive digital identification, a payments system, and an internet service provider.
2. India's DPI is privately provisioned public infrastructure, with technology driven by big tech, emphasizing a public interest layer enabling private sector innovation, forming a unique global ecosystem.
3. India's Modular Open Source Identity Platform(MOSIP), offers a robust, scalable platform for countries to create their foundational identity systems, enabling secure access to services from finance to welfare.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

187. Regarding Indian Space Policy, 2023 consider the following statements:

1. Indian National Space Promotion & Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) shall function as an autonomous Government organization, mandated to promote, hand-hold, guide, and authorize space activities in the country.
2. Non-governmental entities are permitted to conduct comprehensive space activities, including deploying space and ground assets under IN-SPACe regulations.

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

188. Regarding the Atlantic Charter, consider the following statements:

1. The Atlantic Charter was a joint declaration by the U.S. President and British Prime Minister in 1941 outlining their countries' war aims.
2. It was subsequently incorporated by reference in the Declaration of the United Nations in 1942.
3. A new version of the 80-year-old Atlantic Charter was recently signed by the US President and UK Prime Minister.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

189. Consider the following statements:

1. Special Drawing Rights(SDR) is an international currency developed by the International Monetary Fund.
2. Its value is based on a basket of five currencies—the US dollar, the Euro, the Chinese renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.
3. The IMF reviews the SDR basket every five years, or earlier if warranted, to ensure that it reflects the relative importance of currencies in the world's trading and financial systems.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

190. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Higher Education Financing Agency aims to elevate India's premier institutions like IITs, IIITs, NITs, IISCs, and AIIMS to global prominence by enhancing their academic and infrastructure standards.

Statement-II: Higher Education Financing Agency provides financial assistance for the creation of capital assets in premier educational institutions in India.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

191. Regarding Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a flagship scheme with the objective of making clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to rural and deprived households.
- 2. The beneficiaries can also join the PAHAL scheme to receive the subsidy amount directly in their bank accounts.

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

192. Regarding Unified Payments Interface (UPI), consider the following statements:

- 1. UPI, India's mobile-based payment system, was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India enabling 24/7 payments through a virtual payment address.
- 2. UPI integrates multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application, offering various banking services, seamless fund transfers, and merchant payments.
- 3. Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Iran, and France are the only countries where India has formally launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

193. Regarding the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA), consider the following statements:

- 1. India will gain from Australia's preferential market access on 70% of tariff lines, especially in labor-intensive sectors like Gems and Jewellery, Textiles, Leather, etc.
- 2. India will grant Australia preferential access to 100% of its tariff lines, including raw materials and intermediaries like coal, mineral ores, and wines that are of export interest to Australia.

- 3. Australia has provided extensive commitments in approximately 135 sub-sectors and Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status in 120 sub-sectors, encompassing key areas of interest to India, regarding trade in services.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

194. Regarding Low Earth Orbit, consider the following statements:

- 1. This orbit is a Sun-synchronous orbit.
- 2. LEO has an altitude between 160 km to 1000 km above the Earth's surface.
- 3. The International Space Station (ISS) is placed in this orbit, traveling about 16 times around Earth per day.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

195. Navigating Troubled Waters Report was released by which of the following:

- A. UNCTAD
- B. World Bank
- C. International Maritime Organization
- D. None of the above

196. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The UN Convention to Combat Desertification is the only legally binding framework set up to address desertification and the effects of drought.

Statement-II: The UN Convention to Combat Desertification is one of three Conventions that originated at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. 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

197. Which of the following are part of the basic structure of the constitution:

- 1. Supremacy of the Constitution
- 2. Secular Character of the Constitution
- 3. Separation of powers
- 4. Federal character of the Constitution
- 5. Free and fair elections

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2,3 and 4 only
- D. 1,2,3,4 and 5

198. Regarding the Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1950, consider the following statements:

1. It lays down procedures for delimitation of constituencies.
2. It provides for the allocation of seats in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils of States.
3. It lays out the procedure for the preparation of electoral rolls and the manner of filling seats.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

199. Port of Piraeus often seen in the news is located in which of the following countries?

- A. Greece
- B. China
- C. Philippines
- D. Turkey

200. Regarding the Outer Space Treaty of 1967, consider the following statements:

1. The treaty prohibits countries from placing into orbit around the Earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction.
2. Due to the sovereignty issue, India has refused to be a party to the Outer Space Treaty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answers

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| 1. (b) | 2. (b) | 3. (a) | 4. (d) | 5. (a) | 6. (b) | 7. (c) | 8. (b) | 9. (b) | 10. (c) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (d) | 13. (b) | 14. (c) | 15. (a) | 16. (b) | 17. (c) | 18. (d) | 19. (a) | 20. (c) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (b) | 23. (d) | 24. (b) | 25. (a) | 26. (b) | 27. (c) | 28. (a) | 29. (a) | 30. (d) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (b) | 33. (c) | 34. (a) | 35. (b) | 36. (c) | 37. (b) | 38. (d) | 39. (b) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (c) | 42. (c) | 43. (c) | 44. (b) | 45. (c) | 46. (d) | 47. (b) | 48. (c) | 49. (a) | 50. (c) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (b) | 53. (a) | 54. (b) | 55. (a) | 56. (b) | 57. (c) | 58. (b) | 59. (a) | 60. (b) |
| 61. (a) | 62. (c) | 63. (b) | 64. (d) | 65. (b) | 66. (a) | 67. (c) | 68. (d) | 69. (b) | 70. (a) |
| 71. (c) | 72. (d) | 73. (c) | 74. (d) | 75. (a) | 76. (b) | 77. (b) | 78. (a) | 79. (b) | 80. (a) |
| 81. (a) | 82. (c) | 83. (b) | 84. (a) | 85. (b) | 86. (b) | 87. (b) | 88. (b) | 89. (a) | 90. (c) |
| 91. (b) | 92. (b) | 93. (a) | 94. (a) | 95. (d) | 96. (c) | 97. (c) | 98. (b) | 99. (a) | 100. (a) |
| 101. (b) | 102. (a) | 103. (d) | 104. (b) | 105. (b) | 106. (b) | 107. (c) | 108. (a) | 109. (d) | 110. (b) |
| 111. (b) | 112. (c) | 113. (a) | 114. (b) | 115. (d) | 116. (c) | 117. (d) | 118. (b) | 119. (a) | 120. (a) |
| 121. (b) | 122. (a) | 123. (a) | 124. (d) | 125. (a) | 126. (b) | 127. (a) | 128. (b) | 129. (c) | 130. (a) |
| 131. (a) | 132. (b) | 133. (a) | 134. (c) | 135. (a) | 136. (d) | 137. (c) | 138. (b) | 139. (b) | 140. (a) |
| 141. (b) | 142. (c) | 143. (b) | 144. (b) | 145. (c) | 146. (b) | 147. (c) | 148. (b) | 149. (d) | 150. (b) |
| 151. (b) | 152. (b) | 153. (b) | 154. (b) | 155. (a) | 156. (b) | 157. (b) | 158. (c) | 159. (d) | 160. (b) |
| 161. (b) | 162. (c) | 163. (d) | 164. (b) | 165. (d) | 166. (b) | 167. (a) | 168. (a) | 169. (b) | 170. (b) |
| 171. (a) | 172. (a) | 173. (c) | 174. (a) | 175. (b) | 176. (b) | 177. (b) | 178. (c) | 179. (b) | 180. (d) |
| 181. (a) | 182. (b) | 183. (b) | 184. (b) | 185. (c) | 186. (b) | 187. (d) | 188. (c) | 189. (b) | 190. (b) |
| 191. (d) | 192. (b) | 193. (a) | 194. (c) | 195. (a) | 196. (b) | 197. (d) | 198. (c) | 199. (a) | 200. (a) |