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- 1. Consider the following statements regarding 'El Niño':
 - 1. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts the development of an El Niño, a warming phenomenon in the Central Pacific.
 - 2. El Niño is associated with reduced rainfall in the west, northwest, and western parts of central India in six out of 10 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2. With reference to the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), consider the following statements:
 - 1. During a positive IOD, warm waters are pushed to the eastern part of the Indian Ocean, while cold deep waters are brought up to the surface in the western Indian ocean.
 - 2. During the positive phase of the IOD, the high temperatures along the coast of Africa cause heavy rains and droughts in Australia.

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
- 3. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - 1. Turkey was one of the few nations to support India's admission to the Nuclear Suppliers Group.
 - 2. India and Turkey share common interests in ensuring peace and political stability in Afghanistan and Central Asia.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 4. Consider the following statements regarding 'Directorate of Enforcement (ED)':
 - 1. ED is mandated with investigation of offenses of money laundering and violations of foreign exchange
 - 2. ED functions under the Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance.

Which of the statements given above is/are notcorrect?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 5. With reference to the Graphene, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Graphene is the world's thinnest, strongest, and most conductive material of both electricity and heat.
 - 2. It conducts electricity better than copper.
 - 3. It is 200 times stronger than steel but six times lighter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 6. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - 1. The Constitution grants the President the power to promulgate ordinances in cases of "immediate action" when Parliament is not in session and the Council of Ministers is satisfied that circumstances require the issuance of an ordinance.
 - 2. The concentration of power within the executive branch can lead to reduced accountability and oversight, limiting the ability of Parliament to act as a check on the government.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 7. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Biodiversity provides numerous ecosystem services, such as pollination, soil fertility, water purification, and climate regulation.
 - 2. Ecosystems with high biodiversity tend to be less resilient to environmental changes.

Which of the statements given above is/are notcorrect?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 8. Consider the following statements regarding 'The Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012':
 - 1. The Act is gender neutral and regards the best interests and welfare of the child as a matter of paramount importance at every stage.
 - 2. Medical examination of the child to be conducted in the presence of the parent.

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
- 9. With reference to the Due Process of Law, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Individuals are protected by due process of law not only against arbitrary executive actions but also from arbitrary legislative actions.
 - 2. The phrase "due process of law" is explicitly mentioned in the Indian Constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 10. Which of the following statements is/are notcorrect?
 - 1. Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) refers to the net increase in physical assets i.e., investment minus disposals.
 - 2. It is a component of the Expenditure method of calculating GDP.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 11. With reference to the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), consider the following statements:
 - 1. PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) is a transformative approach to facilitate data-based decisions related to integrated planning for the growth of the services sector.
 - 2. The Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) and Network Planning Group (NPG) have been created as an institutional arrangement.

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. Which of the following armed forces has decided to employ retired combat dogs as 'therapy dogs'?
 - (a) Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
 - (b) Indian Arm
 - (c) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
 - (d) Border Security Forces (BSF)
- 13. Consider the following statements about 'Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)':
 - 1. CAG does not hold his office till the pleasure of the President, though he is appointed by him.
 - 2. He is not eligible for further office, either under the Government of India or of any state, after he ceases to hold his office.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 14. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. A fiscal deficit is an indicator of the extent to which the government must borrow in order to finance its operations and is expressed as a percentage of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
 - 2. A high fiscal deficit can lead to devaluation of the currency.

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
- 15. Consider the following statements regarding 'Disaster Management':
 - 1. The Disaster Management Act has statutory provisions for the constitution of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for the purpose of specialized response to natural and man-made disasters.
 - 2. The Apex Body for Disaster Management in India is the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
 - 3. The National Disaster Response Force is composed of battalions hailing from the BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP, SSB, and Assam Rifles.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 16. With reference to the All-India Football Federation (AIFF), consider the following statements:
 - 1. The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) is the organization that manages the game of association football in India.
 - 2. AIFF controls the I-League which is an India's premier domestic club competition.
 - 3. I-League is the professional league for the Indian men's and women's association football clubs which was started in 2007.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 17. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Himalayan Ranges':
 - 1. Shiwaliks are also known as the outer Himalayas.
 - 2. The Dhaula Dhar and Mahabharat ranges are part of The Greater Himalayas.
 - 3. The valley of Kashmir is located between the Pir Panjal and the Zaskar Ranges of the major Himalayas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 18. Consider the following statements regarding 'India-Nepal Relations':
 - 1. Due to its strategic positioning between India and China, Nepal has become a contested ground for geopolitical rivalries.
 - 2. The Treaty of Peace and Friendship, established in 1950, ensures equal treatment for businesses from both India and Nepal on a national level.
 - 3. An MoU was signed between Nepal and India to facilitate the construction of a railway line that will connect Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, with Raxaul, a town situated in India.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 19. Consider the following markets:
 - 1. Monsang
 - 2. Kom
 - 3. Poumai
 - 4. Tarao

How many of the abovetribes belong to Manipur?

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

- 20. With reference to the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), consider the following statements:
 - 1. India committed to reduce emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 from its 2005 levels.
 - 2. By 2030, the country aims to achieve approximately 50% of its total installed electric power capacity from renewable energy sources, thereby reducing reliance on fossil fuels.
 - 3. "Panchamrit' announced at COP 26 is part of NDCs. How many of the above statements are correct?
 - (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 21. With reference to the RBI's Currency and Finance Report for 2022-23, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The title of the RBI's Currency and Finance Report for 2022-23, is "Towards a greener cleaner India".
 - It does not show any concern of the central bank's commitment to addressing climate change and its implications for the Indian economy.
 - The RBI aims to provide a comprehensive framework for understanding the trade-offs between economic growth, inflation, and the transition to a net-zero economy.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 22. Consider the following statements:
 - The SEBI regulation, implemented from 2014, mandates that Independent Directors (IDs) in the corporate world can serve on a board for a maximum of two five-year terms.
 - The interconnected global geopolitical dynamics not only influence the global business landscape but also have an osmotic impact on the national business environment.
 - 3. Geosocial factors encompass societal changes, cultural shifts, demographic trends, consumer behaviors, and social values.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 23. With reference to the Cow Protection provisions mentioned in the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:
 - To prohibit the slaughter of cows, calves and other milch and draught cattle and to improve their breeds is mentioned in the Directive Principle of State Policy.
 - Provision to prohibit slaughter of cows falls under the category of principles included in the ideology of liberalism.
 - 3. To organize agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines is mentioned in the fundamental duties.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 24. Consider the following revolutionary leaders:
 - 1. Jnanendra Nath Basu
 - 2. Jatindranath Banerjee
 - 3. Barindra Kumar Ghosh
 - 4. Prafulla Chaki

How many of the above are associated with the Bengal revolutionary movement?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 25. Consider the following parts of the constitution regarding secularism:
 - 1. Preamble
 - 2. Fundamental Rights
 - 3. Directive Principle of State Policy (DPSP)
 - 4. Fundamental Duties (FDs)

How many of the above talk about the secular polity of the Indian State?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 26. With reference to the Rajya Sabha, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Rajya Sabha is a continuing chamber, that is, it is a permanent body and not subject to dissolution.
 - 2. One-fourth of members of the Rajya Sabha retire every second year.
 - 3. The retiring members are eligible for re-election and renomination any number of times.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 27. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Double Membership of the House of Parliament':
 - 1. A person cannot be a member of both Houses of Parliament at the same time.
 - 2. If a person is elected to both the Houses of Parliament, he must intimate within 14 days in which House he desires to serve.
 - 3. If a person is elected to two seats in a House, he should exercise his option for one. Otherwise, both seats become vacant

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

- 28. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Salaries and allowances of the speaker of Lok Sabha are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India and thus are not subject to the annual vote of Parliament.
 - 2. The work and conduct of the speaker of Lok Sabha cannot be discussed and criticized in the Lok Sabha except on a substantive motion.
 - 3. The speaker of Lok Sabha cannot vote in the first instance. He can only exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 29. Consider the following statements regarding 'Rule of Law':
 - 1. The concept of 'equality before law' is an element of the concept of 'Rule of Law',
 - 2. The Supreme Court held that the 'Rule of Law' as embodied in Article 14 is a 'basic feature' of the constitution.
 - 3. The rule of equality before law is absolute and there are not any constitutional and other exceptions to it.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 30. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Preamble.':
 - 1. N.A. Palkhivala, an eminent jurist called the Preamble as the 'identity card of the Constitution.'
 - 2. The Preamble states that the Constitution derives its authority from the Parliament.
 - 3. It specifies justice, liberty, equality and fraternity as the objectives of the constitution.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 31. With reference to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2022, consider the following statements:
 - 1. This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country.
 - 2. IIT-Madras topped the overall category for the fourth consecutive year, and in engineering for the seventh straight year.
 - 3. This Ranking is released by the Ministry of Education

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 32. Consider the following Parameters:
 - 1. Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR)
 - 2. Research and Professional Practice (RP)
 - 3. Graduation Outcomes (GO)
 - 4. Outreach and Inclusivity (OI)
 - 5. Peer Perception.

How many of the above are included in the assessment of the National Institutional Ranking Framework?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All Five
- 33. Which one of the following nations proposed the Global Civilization Initiative, which aimed to promote dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among civilizations worldwide?
 - (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) US
- (d) UK
- 34. Which one of the following is associated with the "Banjul formula"?
 - (a) India US '2+2' Dialogue
 - (b) India-Africa forum summit
 - (c) SAARC
 - (d) India-Japan Economic Forum
- 35. With reference to the Kavach system, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Kavach system was announced in the 2022 Union Budget as a part of the AtmaNirbhar Bharat initiative.
 - 2. It is a set of electronic devices and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices installed in locomotives, in the signaling system as well as the tracks.
 - 3. It will also carry features of the high-tech European Train Control System Level-2 in future.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 36. Consider the following statements regarding 'Sixth Schedule of the Constitution':
 - 1. Sixth Schedule under Article 244 provides for the formation of autonomous administrative divisions.
 - 2. The Sixth Schedule contains special provisions for the administration of tribal areas in the four northeastern states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur.
 - 3. The governor is empowered to organize and reorganize the autonomous districts.

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

- 37. Consider the following statements with respect to 'PM KUSUM':
 - 1. The PM-KUSUM was launched by the Ministry of Powery, in order to endow installation of off-grid solar pumps in rural areas.
 - 2. It aims to enable farmers to set up solar power generation capacity on their agricultural lands and to sell it to the consumers.
 - 3. The scheme is expected to increase access to electricity in industrial areas and provide a reliable source of energy for industry and other industrial activities

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 38. With reference to the leader of the opposition, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The leader of the opposition is the leader of the largest opposition party in the house, with at least one-tenth of the total number of seats.
 - The President appoints the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners based on the recommendation of a committee that includes the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha as a member.
 - 3. The Chairperson and Members of the National Human Right Commission (NHRC) are appointed on the recommendations of a committee which comprises Leader of opposition both in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 39. Which one of the following parts of the constitution deals with the center and state relations?
 - (a) Part XI
 - (b) Part XII
 - (c) Part XIII
 - (d) Part XIV
- 40. Consider the following related to 'point of order':
 - 1. A member can raise a point of order when the proceedings of the House do not follow the normal rules of procedure.
 - 2. It is usually raised by an opposition member in order to control the government.
 - 3. It is an extraordinary device as it suspends the proceedings before the House.

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

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

- 41. Which one of the following are not six areas of cooperation between the US and India under the U.S.-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)?
 - (a) Quantum and Artificial Intelligence
 - (b) Defense Innovation
 - (c) Space
 - (d) Renewable Energy
- 42. Consider the following equality:
 - Provision that no person is to be declared ineligible for inclusion in electoral rolls on grounds of religion, race, caste or sex ensures political equality among the individuals.
 - 2. Elections to the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies to be on the basis of adult suffrage.
 - 3. Secures men and women equal right to an adequate means of livelihood and equal pay for equal work.

How many of the above are promoting political equality?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 43. Consider the following statements regarding:
 - The Observatory of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in Mauna Loa in Hawaii has reported that carbon dioxide levels have recorded a new high in 2023 as compared to last year.
 - 2. The current carbon levels are 50% higher than the pre-industrial era.
 - 3. The Global Stocktake is a critical mandate of the Paris Agreement, which aims to assess the gap between the goals set by the agreement and the actual climate actions taken by countries.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 44. With reference to the OPEC+, consider the following statements:
 - "OPEC+" is a group of 23 countries in which 13 are belonging to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and 10 non-OPEC ones including Russia.
 - 2. Saudi Arabia holds the position of being both the largest oil producer within OPEC and the largest oil exporter globally.
 - 3. OPEC+ plays a significant role in determining crude oil prices due to its substantial share of global oil production.

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

- 45. Consider the following statements about 'Sedition':
 - 1. The Law Commission has recommended that the offense of sedition should be retained in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), albeit with certain safeguards.
 - 2. Section 124A of the IPC defines sedition as an offense that aims to punish speech or writing that brings, or attempts to bring, hatred, contempt, or disaffection towards the government.
 - 3. The Sedition law was originally drafted in 1837 by James Stephen.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 46. Consider the following government bodies:
 - 1. Notified Area Committee
 - 2. Town Area Committee
 - 3. Cantonment Board
 - 4. Port Trust

How many of the above are included in urban local government?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 47. Which one of the following states organized the Labharthi Utsav (festival for beneficiaries)?
 - (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- 48. Consider the following statements regarding Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023:
 - The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has issued the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.
 - 2. The Rules have been formulated in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to Animal Welfare Board of India.
 - 3. The Rules aim to provide guidelines for the sterilisation and immunisation of stray dogs through Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 49. Which one of the following diseases is a vaccinepreventable, zoonotic, viral disease affecting the central nervous system?
 - (a) Rabies
- (b) Monkeypox
- (c) Covid-19
- (d) Anthrax
- 50. Consider the following statements regarding "Operation Bluestar":
 - Operation Bluestar was a military operation conducted by the Indian government to remove Sikh militants who had fortified themselves inside the Golden Temple complex.

- 2. The operation had two components operation Metal and Operation Shop.
- 3. Operation Metal was related to the invasion in the temple complex.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 51. With reference to the India and Nepal Relations, consider the following statements:
 - Nepal and India enjoy a close relationship marked by economic, security, and cultural ties, it is important to note that they do not have formal defense ties.
 - 2. The political relationship between Nepal and India has experienced ups and downs, primarily due to a border dispute over the Doklam area.
 - Both nations agreed on an MoU for the construction of a petroleum supply pipeline between Siliguri and Jhapa.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 52. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Blood pressure':
 - 1. It refers to the force exerted by circulating blood against the walls of blood vessels, primarily the arteries.
 - 2. High blood pressure can damage your heart, kidneys and brain.
 - Elevated levels of aldosterone hormone cause the kidneys to reabsorb more sodium, leading to water retention and an increase in blood volume led to increase in blood pressure.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 53. Which one of the following nations is associated with Madhesi agitations?
 - (a) Nepal
- (b) India
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Mayanmar
- 54. With reference to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, consider the following statements:
 - The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing in specific sectors by providing financial incentives to eligible companies.
 - 2. The scheme was introduced to promote the country's Make in India campaign and enhance India's manufacturing competitiveness globally.
 - 3. PLI for the textile sector aims to promote the production of high value Man-Made Fiber (MMF) fabrics and technical textiles.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 55. Consider the following statements:
 - Signals are based on the status of the track ahead, light signals direct a train to stop (red light), proceed (green), or exercise caution (yellow).
 - 2. Points are movable sections of a track which allow a train to change track by guiding the wheels towards a straight or diverging line.
 - 3. Track circuits are electrical circuits on tracks installed to detect the presence of a train.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 56. Consider the following Types of Interlocking:
 - 1. Mechanical Interlocking
 - 2. Panel Interlocking (Relay)
 - 3. Route Relay Interlocking
 - 4. Solid State Interlocking (SSI)

How many of the above are used in interlocking systems in railways?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 57. Consider the following statements regarding 'Chief Minister of State':
 - The Constitution does not contain any specific procedure for the selection and appointment of the Chief Minister.
 - 2. The Constitution requires that a person must prove his majority in the legislative assembly before he is appointed as the Chief Minister.
 - 3. The governor may have to exercise his individual judgment in the selection and appointment of the Chief Minister when the Chief Minister in office dies suddenly and there is no obvious successor.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 58. Consider the following characteristics:
 - 1. Nominal and Real Executives
 - 2. Political Homogeneity
 - 3. Double Membership
 - 4. Collective Responsibility

How many of the above are characteristics of parliamentary form of government in India?

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

- 59. With reference to the Municipal Corporation, consider the following statements:
 - 1. They are established in the states by the acts of the concerned state legislatures, and in the union territories by the acts of the Parliament of India.
 - There may be one common act for all the municipal corporations in a state or a separate act for each municipal corporation.
 - 3. A municipal corporation has three authorities, namely, the council, the standing committees and the commissioner.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 60. Consider the following statements regarding 'Right to Freedom of Religion':
 - Inner freedom of an individual to mold his relationship with God or Creatures is a fundamental right.
 - 2. An individual can declare one's religious beliefs and faith openly and freely.
 - 3. Transmission and dissemination of one's religious beliefs to others or exposition of the tenets of one's religion is ensured by the right to religion.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 61. Consider the following writings of the Bal Gangadhar Tilak:
 - 1. Gita Rahasya
 - 2. Arctic Home of the Vedas.
 - 3. Kesari
 - 4. Mahratta

How many of the above are related to Queen Empress vs Bal Gangadhar Tilak Case,1897 in which Tilak was found guilty of sedition by Bombay Court?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 62. With reference to the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) is a post in the Government of India and is equivalent to the rank of Secretary to the Government of India.
 - 2. The CEA is the ex-officio cadre controlling authority of the Indian Economic Service.
 - 3. The CEA is head of Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance

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

- 63. Consider the following factors of economy:
 - 1. Demographic Advantage,
 - 2. Growing Middle Class
 - 3. Increase in Consumption
 - 4. Favorable Investment Climate

How many of the above are responsible for a positive outlook for India's economy?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 64. Consider the following:
 - 1. 'Panchamrit' announced at COP 26
 - 2. Net-zero by 2070
 - 3. Reduce Emissions Intensity of its GDP by 45 percent by 2030
 - 4. 'LIFE'- 'Lifestyle for Environment'

To combat climate change India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) consist of how many of the above programmes?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 65. With reference to the State Executive, consider the following statements:
 - The state executive consists of the advocate general of the state along with the Governor, Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers.
 - 2. The 7th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1956 facilitated the appointment of the same person as a governor for two or more states.
 - 3. The governor is neither directly elected by the people nor indirectly elected by a specially constituted electoral college.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 66. With reference to the Central Bureau of Investigation, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The establishment of the CBI was recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption (1962–1964).
 - 2. The CBI is a statutory body and established under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
 - 3. Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Act, 2014 made a change in the composition of the committee related to the appointment of the Director of CBI.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 67. Consider the following parts of constitution:
 - 1. Fundamental Rights
 - 2. Directive Principles of State Policy
 - 3. Fundamental Duties
 - 4. Preamble

How many of the above are talking about the dignity of the individual?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 68. Consider the following statements regarding 'forced labor/slavery':
 - The constitution prohibited the trafficking in human beings and the beggar and other similar forms of forced labor.
 - Nothing in the fundamental rights shall prevent the State from imposing compulsory service for public purposes.
 - 3. This protection by the constitution is provided to citizens not only against the State but also from private citizens.

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 diabetes and its types, consider the following statements:
 - Diabetes is a Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces.
 - 2. Type 2 diabetes is also known as juvenile diabetes as it mostly affects children aged 14-16 years, this type occurs when the body fails to produce sufficient insulin.
 - 3. Type 1 diabetes affects the way the body uses insulin. While the body still makes insulin.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 70. Consider the following statements regarding 'India's G20 Presidency':
 - 1. As part of its G20 Presidency, India has initiated the Start-up 20 Engagement Group.
 - 2. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in India has launched the G20 Digital Innovation Alliance (G20-DIA).
 - 3. The theme of G20 is "Catalyzing Digital Urban Futures".

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

- 71. Consider the following statements regarding 'parliamentary form of government':
 - 1. The parliamentary form of government in India emphasizes the interdependence between the legislative and executive organs.
 - 2. The bill passed by both the Houses of Parliament cannot become law without the President's assent.
 - 3. The Fourth Schedule of the Constitution deals with the allocation of seats in the Rajya Sabha to the states and union territories

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 72. With reference to the health index rankings, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The health index rankings are released by the NITI
 - 2. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana have occupied first, second and third place respectively, in terms of overall performance.
 - 3. The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the World Bank initiated it in 2017.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 73. Which one of the following states acquired the least ranking in the health index rankings released by the NITI Aayog?
 - (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Tripura
- 74. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. The report of the National Statistical Office indicates that inflation is now only marginally above the central bank's target.
 - 2. Lower inflation is beneficial for consumers as it helps maintain the purchasing power of their income.
 - 3. The Index of industrial production (IIP) indicates an expansion in industrial activities and reflects growing production and economic activity within the manufacturing sector.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 75. Which one of the following recently won his 23rdGrand Slam title?
 - (a) Roger Federer
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Rafael Nadal
- (d) Casper Ruud

- 76. Consider the following statements regarding 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme':
 - 1. The PM-KISAN Mobile App was developed and designed by the National Informatics Centre.
 - 2. This scheme supplements the financial needs of the Small and Marginal Farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields.
 - 3. The entire responsibility of identification of beneficiary farmer families' rests with the Union Government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None
- 77. Consider the following macronutrients:
 - 1. Nitrogen (N)
- 2. Calcium (A)
- 3. Sulphur (S)
- 4. Magnesium (Mg)

How many of the above macronutrients are needed for well balanced growth of crops?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 78. Consider the following statements regarding 'Election of the President':
 - 1. The election of a person as President cannot be challenged on the ground that the electoral college was incomplete.
 - 2. The election of a person as President is declared void by the Supreme Court, acts done by him before the date of such declaration are invalidated and will become inoperative.
 - 3. All doubts and disputes in connection with election of the President are inquired into and decided by the Election Commission of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 79. With reference to the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It brings together all the countries of the European Union and 16 countries of the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean.
 - 2. France is a Mediterranean country because the South of France has a Mediterranean Sea coastline.
 - 3. Egypt, which is home to some of the world's oldest civilizations, is also a member of the UFM.

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

- 80. Consider the following statements regarding 'Social Media Regulation':
 - Intermediaries shall remove or disable access within 24 hours of receipt of complaints of contents that expose the privacy of individuals.
 - 2. Users must be provided with an adequate and reasonable opportunity to dispute the action taken by the intermediary.
 - 3. The OTT platforms would be required to self-classify the content into five age-based categories; U (Universal), U/A 7+, U/A 13+, U/A 16+, and A (Adult).

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 81. Consider the following part of the constitution:
 - 1. Fundamental Rights
 - 2. Fundamental Duties
 - 3. Directive Principles of State policy (DPSP)
 - 4. Preamble

How many of the above are included with the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform in the constitution through 4Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 82. With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), consider the following statements:
 - 1. The CAG is an agent of the Parliament and conducts audits of expenditure on behalf of the Parliament.
 - 2. He does not hold his office till the pleasure of the president, though he is appointed by the president.
 - 3. His salary and other service conditions are determined by the President.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 83. Consider the following art form:
 - 1. Shadow
- 2. Glove
- 3. Finger
- 4. Marionettes

How many of the above are a category of puppetry in India?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 84. Consider the following part of the Indian's epic religious literature:
 - 1. Balakanda
- 2. Aranyakanda
- 3. Uttarakanda
- 4. Sundarakanda

How many of the above are not part of the Ramayana?

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

- 85. With reference to the 15thFinance Commission, consider the following:
 - 1. It is a constitutional body that determines the method and formula for distributing the tax proceeds between the Centre and states.
 - Under Article 280 of the Constitution, the finance ministeris required to constitute a Finance Commission.
 - 3. Under this, the share of states in the central taxes for the 2021-26 period is recommended to be 41%.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 86. With reference to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003, consider the following statements:
 - It aims to make the Central government responsible for ensuring inter-generational equity in fiscal management and long-term macro-economic stability.
 - 2. The government's borrowing decisions are guided by the principles outlined in the FRBM Act.
 - 3. It sets targets for fiscal deficits and debt-to-GDP ratios.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 87. With reference to the schemes underIntegrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), consider the following statements:
 - 1. Beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services scheme includes children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
 - 2. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana provides cash incentive amounting to Rs.5,000/- in three instalments to Pregnant Women and Lactating Mother.
 - 3. National Creche Scheme provides day care facilities to children of age group of 6 months to 5 years of working women.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 88. With reference to the World Bank's Logistic Performance Index (LPI) 2023, consider the following statements:
 - The LPI is developed by the World Bank every two years.
 - 2. LPI 2023 for the first time, measured the speed of trade.
 - 3. India ranked 38th in the 139 countries index.

How many statements above are correct?

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

- 89. With reference to the features of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), consider the following statements:
 - 1. NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
 - 2. It does not form part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on itself.
 - The Deposit insurance facility of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation is available to depositors of NBFCs.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 90. With reference to the Indian Space Policy 2023, consider the following statements:
 - InSPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre) will be a single window clearance and authorisationagency for space launches.
 - 2. ISRO will share technologies, products, processes and best practices with other government and non-government companies.
 - 3. New Space India Limited (NSIL) will be responsible forcommercialising space technologies and platforms created through public expenditure.

How many statements above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 91. Consider the following statements regarding 'Law Commission of India':
 - 1. The Law Commission of India is neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body.
 - 2. The first law Commission was established in 1834 under the Charter Act of 1833.
 - 3. The Commission is established for a fixed tenure and works as an advisory body to the Ministry of Law and Justice.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 92. With reference to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), consider the following statements:
 - 1. UNESCO is a member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG).
 - 2. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture.
 - Cook Islands, Niue, and Palestine are three UNESCO member states that are not part of the United Nations.

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

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

- 93. Consider the following UN member states:
 - 1. Israel
- 2. Liechtenstein
- 3. United States
- 4. Austria

How many of the above are not UNESCO members?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 94. Which one of the following nations is not a member of NATO?
 - (a) Sweden
- (b) Finland
- (c) France
- (d) Poland
- 95. With reference to the Coromandel Coast, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Coromandel Coast refers to the southeastern coastline of the Indian subcontinent, specifically along the Arabian Sea.
 - 2. It stretches across the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in India.
 - To the north of the Coromandel Coast lies the Utkal Plains, while to the east, it is bordered by the Bay of Bengal. To the south, the coast is defined by the Kaveri delta, and to the west, it is enclosed by the Eastern Ghats.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 96. Which one of the following statements are the core issues of G-20 ministerial meeting on agriculture (2023)?
 - (a) To discuss global crises and their impact on the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - (b) To showcase technological advancements in sustainable agriculture.
 - (c) To address challenges in the financial sector.
 - (d) To promote cultural exchange among G-20 member countries.
- 97. Consider the following countries:
 - Saudi Arabia
- 2. Oman
- 3. Morocco
- 4. Tunisia

How many of the above countries do India have strategic partnerships to secure domestic supply of various fertilizers during the crisis precipitated by the Russia-Ukraine war?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 98. How has the Indian government secured fertilizer supplies during the crisis caused by the Russia-Ukraine war?
 - (a) By promoting alternative fertilizers and natural farming
 - (b) By forging long-term agreements and creating joint ventures with resource-rich nations

- agreements for raw materials
- (d) By investing in resource-rich geographies for securing raw materials
- 99. Consider the following statements regarding 'synthetic embryos':
 - 1. Synthetic embryos are embryos, which are created without fertilization.
 - 2. These embryos utilize self-organizing stem cell structures to replicate the natural progression of early human development.
 - 3. Such embryos do not require an egg or sperm cell to facilitate their creation.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 100. Which one of the following interest rates at which the Reserve Bank provides overnight liquidity to banks against the collateral of government and other approved securities under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF).
 - (a) Repo Rate
 - (b) Bank Rate
 - (c) Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
 - (d) Open Market Operations (OMOs)
- 101. Consider the following international groupings:
 - 1. SCO
 - 2. BRICS
 - 3. QUAD
 - 4. SAARC

How many of the above have been joined by India as a member?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 102. Consider the following statements regarding 'Differences between Look East Policy and Act East Policy of India':
 - 1. Look East policy focused on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries along with economic integration.
 - 2. Act East Policy focused on ASEAN countries along with economic integration and security cooperation.
 - 3. The introduction of the "Act East Policy" represents an advancement of the previously established "Look East Policy."

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- (c) By encouraging domestic industry to sign import | 103. Consider the following statements regarding 'Ethanol Blending and Biofuel':
 - 1. Ethanol can be produced from sugarcane, rice husk and maize.
 - 2. Under our G20 presidency, India has proposed a global biofuel alliance, partnering with countries like Brazil, to advance the international adoption of biofuels.
 - 3. E20 fuel consists of a mixture comprising 20% petrol and 80% ethanol.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 104. With reference to the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO), consider the following statements:
 - 1. A transgenic organism refers to a genetically modified organism (GMO) that incorporates a DNA sequence or gene from a distinct species.
 - 2. A genetically modified organism (GMO) is an organism, whether it's an animal, plant, or microbe, whose DNA has been modified through genetic engineering methods.
 - 3. All transgenic organisms are GMOs, and all GMOs are transgenic.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 105. Consider the following statements regarding 'Climate Change Synthesis Report':
 - 1. The IPCC's 2023 Climate Change Synthesis Report highlights that governments worldwide are not taking sufficient action to address the climate crisis.
 - 2. The report indicates that if the current pace of remedial measures continues, the global average temperature will decrease to 2.7 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100.
 - 3. The world's richest countries are responsible for more than half of greenhouse gas emissions, as compared to poorest countries.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 106. With reference to the Inflation, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Rural Kerala has a price level higher than rural Bihar, along with higher rural inflation.
 - 2. Estimating real wages should incorporate statespecific inflation rates and consider the rural population in each state.
 - 3. State-specific inflation rates are essential to adjust wages for variations in price levels and inflation across different regions.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 107. Consider the following statements regarding 'Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)':
 - 1. The UIDAI is a statutory authority established by the Government of India under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 - 2. The Supreme Court's ruling in 2018 stated that Aadhaar authentication can only be required for the disbursement of benefits from the Consolidated Fund of India.
 - 3. The Aadhaar number is proof of identity, however, it does not confer any right of citizenship or domicile in respect of an Aadhaar number holder.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 108. With reference to the Cyclonic Biparjoy, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Cyclonic storm named Biparjoy has developed in the
 - 2. 'Biparjoy' was suggested by Bangladesh and the word means 'disaster' or 'calamity' in Bengali.
 - 3. A cyclone is a low-pressure system that forms over warm waters.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 109. Consider the following statements regarding 'local body elections':
 - 1. Panchayati Raj Institution was constitutionalized through the 73rdConstitutional Amendment Act of
 - 2. Establishment of a three-tier Panchayati raj systemgram panchayat at the village level, panchayat samiti at the block level and zila parishad at the district level was recommended by the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee.
 - 3. The superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to the panchayats shall be vested in the state election commission.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 110. With reference to the Indian pharma products and drug safety, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The World Health Organization (WHO) has found cough syrup contaminated by the diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol which led to death of children in Gambia.

- 2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta discovered a highly drug-resistant bacteria in the Indian-made eye drops.
- 3. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of India.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 111. With reference to the Temperate Cyclone, consider the following statements:
 - 1. A temperate cyclone, also known as an extratropical cyclone or mid-latitude cyclone.
 - 2. Temperate cyclones derive their energy from the temperature contrast between warm and cold air masses.
 - 3. The cyclone's center, or low-pressure system, is often marked by a distinctive clockwise rotation in the Northern Hemisphere and an anticlockwise rotation in the Southern Hemisphere.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 112. Consider the following statements regarding 'Summit for a New Global Financing Pact':
 - 1. One Planet Lab's white papers released for the summit indicate a need for an annual investment of \$4 trillion to achieve the global and national objectives of the UN SDGs, climate COP21, and Biodiversity COP15.
 - 2. South Asia, Latin America, and Africa, regions that encompass some of the most vulnerable areas, receive only one fourth of global climate investment.
 - 3. The Summit for a New Global Financing Pact in Paris aims to take concrete steps towards sustainable finance and increase financial solidarity with the Global South.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 113. With reference to the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Fatawa-e-Alamgiri was compiled by Aurangzeb.
 - 2. He was among the few monarchs to have fully established Sharia law and Islamic economics throughout the Indian subcontinent.
 - 3. Aurangzeb was called "Zinda Pir" due to his simple living and high thinking.

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

- 114. Consider the following statements regarding 'Nizam-ul- | 118. Consider the following objectives: Mulk':
 - 1. Nizam-ul-Mulk, was the first Nizam of Hyderabad and a loyal nobleman and General of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.
 - 2. The Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah I gave him the name Mir Qamaruddin Khan after his death.
 - 3. Aurangzeb appointed him as the faujdar (garrison commander) of Bijapur.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 115. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. It took India 63 years to achieve a GDP of \$1 trillion, followed by reaching \$2 trillion in seven years and then reaching \$3 trillion in three years.
 - 2. By the year 2030, India is projected to have a workforce of one billion, surpassing the combined population of the G-8 countries.
 - 3. The G8, also known as the Group of Eight, is a forum of countries consisting of the United States, Canada, India, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Russia.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 116. Consider the following states:
 - 1. Adil Shahi of Bijapur
 - 2. Nizam Shahi of Ahmednagar
 - 3. Imad Shahi of Berar
 - 4. Outb Shahi of Golconda
 - 5. Barid Shahi of Bidar

How many of the above states were collectively calledDeccan Sultanates?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All five
- 117. With reference to the Gati Shakti scheme, consider the following statements:
 - 1. PM Gati Shakti is essentially a digital platform to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.
 - 2. In addition to reducing logistics costs, the scheme aims to enhance cargo handling capacity, minimize turnaround time at ports, and ultimately stimulatetrade.
 - 3. The Gati Shakti scheme will subsume the National Infrastructure Pipeline that was launched in 2019.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- - 1. Grievance Redressal
 - 2. Programme Implementation
 - 3. Project Monitoring
 - 4. Promoting Equality

How many of the above areobjectives of PRAGATI Scheme?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 119. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Blood':
 - 1. Blood is a fluid connective tissue that consists of plasma, blood cells and platelets.
 - 2. RBCs are biconvex cells without nucleus in humans which are also known as erythrocytes.
 - 3. Leukocytes are colorless blood cells because they are devoid of hemoglobin.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 120. Consider the following statements with reference to Champaran Satyagraha (1917):
 - 1. It was the first Non-cooperation movement associated with the issues of indigo planters of Champaran in Bihar.
 - 2. The European planters had been forcing the peasants to grow indigo on 3/20 part of the total land called tinkathia system.
 - 3. The government appointed a committee to go into the matter and nominated Gandhi as a member.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 121. With reference to the office of Chief Minister, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is the Governor of the statewho administers to him the oaths of office and secrecy.
 - 2. The term of the Chief Minister is not fixed, and he holds office during the pleasure of the Governor.
 - 3. Since the Chief Minister is the head of the council of ministers, his death automatically dissolves the council of ministers.

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

- 122. With reference to the Badminton Rules, consider the following statements:
 - 1. A one-minute break is permitted between each game during a badminton match.
 - 2. In a badminton match, the format involves playing three games, with each game having a point limit of 21.
 - 3. When the score reaches 20-all in a badminton game, the side that achieves a two-point lead first is declared the winner of that particular game.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 123. Consider the following statements:
 - Statement-I: India has set up Coastal Surveillance Radars across India and as well as in Seychelles, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka.
 - 2. Statement-II: Sri Lanka is a part of India's Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) network.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct
- 124. Consider the following statements regarding 'Semiconductors':
 - 1. Semiconductors are materials which have a conductivity between conductors and insulators.
 - India has launched the Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) which provides financial incentive of 25% of capital expenditure for the manufacturing of electronic products.
 - India Semiconductor Mission was launched to provide financial support to companies investing in semiconductors.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 125. With reference to the Khilafat Movement, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Treaty of Sèvres signed in August 1920 entirely disintegrated the Turkish Ottoman Empire which created ground for Khilafat Movement.
 - 2. In India, Abul Kalam Azad, Shaukat Ali and Muhammad Ali started a campaign named Khilafat Movement against the British Raj.

3. They approached Mahatma Gandhi, requesting his support for their movement and making a commitment to practice non-violence throughout their protests.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 126. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Law and Order':
 - The Constitution guarantees to all persons the right to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice and propagate religion subject to Law and Order.
 - 2. According to List 2 of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the power to legislate on aspects of Law-and-Order rests with the Union Government.
 - 3. Central Government, however, only supplements the efforts of the State Governments to improve the law-and-order condition by providing them with financial assistance.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 127. With reference to the Heat Wave, consider the following statements:
 - Heat Wave need not be considered till maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40°C for Plains and at least 30°C for Hilly regions.
 - 2. When the actual maximum temperature remains 45°C or more irrespective of normal maximum temperature, heat waves should be declared.
 - 3. If the normal maximum temperature of a station is less than or equal to 40°C, then an increase of 5°C to 6°C from the normal temperature is not considered to be a heat wave.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 128. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Sedition may be defined as an offense committed when "any person by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India".

Statement-II: Sedition is a non-bailable offense. Punishment under Section 124A ranges from imprisonment up to three years to a life term, to which a fine may be added.

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

- Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct
- 129. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967':
 - 1. Under the UAPA, both Indian and foreign nationals can be charged.
 - 2. The investigating agency can file a charge sheet in maximum 180 days after the arrests and the duration cannot be extended further.
 - 3. The 2004 amendment expanded the list of offenses to include "terrorist act" for the purpose of prohibiting organizations involved in terrorist activities.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 130. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Law Commission of India':
 - 1. Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body and is constituted by a notification of the Government of India.
 - 2. The Government of India established the First Law Commission of Independent India in 1955 with the then Attorney-General of India, Mr M. C. Setalvad, as its Chairman.
 - 3. It identifies the laws which are no longer relevant and recommended the repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 131. With reference to the recommendation of law commission in its 279threport consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Law Commission of India recommended the retention of Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) on 'sedition'.
 - 2. Law Commission of India in its report implies that the provision of section 124A is seen as a tool to safeguard the nation's stability and integrity.
 - 3. The Commission noted that the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) of 1967 does not encompass all elements of the offense envisioned under Section 124A IPC.

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

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

- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and | 132. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Gurkha Soldiers':
 - 1. The recruitment of Gurkha soldiers into the Indian Army's Gurkha regiments dates to 1816, during the time of the British Indian Army.
 - 2. This practice continued under a 1947 treaty that emphasized "equal treatment" between the Gurkha soldiers and their Indian counterparts.
 - 3. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has confirmed that the Indian Army will not recruit Nepal Domicile Gurkhas through the Agnipath scheme.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 133. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Panchayati Raj':
 - 1. According to the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee (1957) the panchayat samiti should be the executive body while the zila parishad should be the advisory, coordinating and supervisory body.
 - 2. Rajasthan was the first state to establish Panchayati Raj.
 - 3. The Gadgil Committee (1988) suggested that the Panchayati Raj institutions should be granted constitutional status.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 134. With reference to the State Election Commission, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to the panchayats shall be vested in the state election commission.
 - 2. It consists of a state election commissioner to be appointed by the President.
 - 3. He shall not be removed from office except in the manner and on the grounds prescribed for the removal of a judge of the state high court.

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

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

135. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The West Bank is a landlocked area bordered by Israel to the east, north, and south, while Jordan borders it to the east. Gaza, on the other hand, is a coastal strip along the Mediterranean Sea, bordered by Israel and Egypt.

Statement-II: Both territories are part of the larger Palestinian territories and have been subject to various political, social, and economic challenges, including conflicts and disputes between Israel and Palestine.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1.
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.
- 136. Consider the following Boards:
 - 1. Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB)
 - 2. Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB)
 - 3. Medical Assessment and Rating Board
 - 4. Ethics and Medical Registration Board.

How many of the above are working under the National Medical Commission?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 137. Consider the following features:
 - 1. Majority party rule
 - 2. Collective responsibility of the executive to the legislature
 - Dissolution of the lower House (Lok Sabha or Assembly)
 - 4. Membership of the ministers in the legislature

How many of the above come under the features of parliamentary government in India?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 138. Which one of the following are not the members of a committee on which recommendation the President appoints the Chief Election Commissioner?
 - (a) Prime Minister
 - (b) Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
 - (c) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
 - (d) Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister
- 139. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The decision to confer the Gandhi Peace Prize to Gita Press at its centennial has received widespread appreciation and support.

Statement-II: The award acknowledges the significant contributions of Gita Press in promoting moral and ethical values, as well as the principles of everyday Dharma. These are ideals that were close to the heart of Mahatma Gandhi.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct
- 140. Consider the following Ideas of things/objects:
 - 1. Source of the Constitution
 - 2. Nature of Indian State
 - 3. Statement of its objectives
 - 4. Date of its adoption

How many of the above ideas of things/objects are mentioned in the preamble?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 141. With reference to the Panchayati Raj Institution, consider the following statements:
 - The state legislature may authorize a panchayat to levy, collect and appropriate taxes, duties, tolls and fees.
 - 2. The state legislature has provisions in place to allocate grants-in-aid to the panchayats using funds from the consolidated fund of the state.
 - 3. The governor of a state shall, after every five years, constitute a finance commission to review the financial position of the panchayats.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 142. Consider the following statements with respect to 'State Legislature':
 - The maximum strength of the council is fixed at one-third of the total strength of the state legislative assembly.
 - 2. The state legislative assembly is a continuing chamber like Lok Sabha.
 - 3. The term of the assembly can be extended during the period of national emergency by a law of Parliament for one year only.

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

- 143. Consider the following statements with respect to 'United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)':
 - The UNFCCC is an international environmental treaty which seeks to reduce atmospheric concentrations of Ozone Depleting Substances.
 - 2. The Conference of Parties (COP) is regarded as the highest decision-making authority and the "supreme body" of the Convention.
 - 3. The Convention establishes two permanent subsidiary bodies (SBs), namely the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 144. Consider the following Gasses:
 - 1. Carbon dioxide (CO2)
 - 2. Methane (CH4)
 - 3. Nitrous oxide (N2O)
 - 4. Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6)

How many of the above are included in Kyoto Protocol Emission Target Gases?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 145. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of IMF':
 - The SDR is an international reserve asset, created by the IMF to supplement its member countries' official reserves.
 - 2. The SDR is not a currency. It is a potential claim on the freely usable currencies of IMF members.
 - 3. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of five currencies i.e. U.S. Dollar, Euro, Chinese Renminbi, Japanese Yen, and British Pound Sterling.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 146. Consider the following Acts:
 - 1. Indian Contract Act 1872
 - 2. Transfer of Property Act 1882
 - 3. Partnership Act 1932
 - 4. Evidence Act, 1872

How many of the above Indian laws do follow a uniform code in most civil matters?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 147. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Quad':
 - 1. The term "Quad" refers to the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, an informal strategic forum.

- 2. All the countries that make up the Quad are characterized by democratic governance.
- 3. The Quad is seen as a response to the growing influence of China in the Indo-Pacific region.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 148. With reference to the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), consider the following statements:
 - Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) is a method used to compare economic productivity and standards of living between different countries.
 - 2. In PPP calculations, exchange rates are not adjusted so that the same quantity of goods and services can be purchased in different countries, equalizing their purchasing power.
 - PPP calculations may not fully account for factors such as quality disparities, variations in consumer preferences, and other elements that can influence the actual purchasing power of individuals in different countries.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 149. Consider the following statements with respect to 'African Union (AU)':
 - 1. The African Union is a continental union consisting of member nations from the continent of Africa and from other continents also.
 - 2. The African Union was announced in the Sirte Declaration in Sirte, Libya.
 - 3. The intention of the AU was to replace the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 150. With reference to the Naga-Kuki conflict, consider the following statements:
 - The Kukis are an ethnic group including multiple tribes originally inhabiting the North-Eastern states of India such as Manipur, Mizoram and Assam
 - 2. Kuki is not a term coined by the ethnic group itself, the tribes associated with it came to be generically called Kuki under colonial rule.
 - 3. The Naga-Kuki conflict primarily revolves around issues of identity, land, and territorial claims, as certain areas inhabited by the Kuki people overlap with those inhabited by the Naga people.

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

- 151. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Indian constitution mandates that it shall be the duty of the President to protect every State against external aggression and internal disturbance.
 - 2. Union has to ensure that the government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution".
 - 3. The emergency provisions contained in Part XVIII of the Constitution of India,

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

152. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The West Asia North Africa (WANA) region is characterized by high population growth, low and erratic rainfall, limited arable land, and severely limited water resources.

Statement-II: The region has been at conflict since the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and notably after the creation of Israel.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct
- 153. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Secularism is a political concept that aims to structure a state and its society in a way that ensures religious, or belief systems are not forced upon individuals, and it upholds the principles of freedom of religion and non-discrimination based on faith or belief. **Statement-II:** The 4Constitution Amendment Act of 1976 introduced the term 'secularism' into the preamble, affirming that India is a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct
- 154. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: In modern times, Mahatma Gandhi and the Egyptian revolutionary Saad Zaghloul shared the common goal of independence from British colonial rule.

Statement-II: In 1961, India and Egypt along with Yugoslavia, Indonesia and Ghana established the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.
- 155. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Suez Canal':
 - Suez Canal links the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea
 - 2. It is the shortest route between the Atlantic Ocean and lands around the Indian and western Pacific Oceans.
 - 3. It provides an alternative to the necessity of circumnavigating the Cape of Good Hope in Africa.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 156. Which one of the following defense exercises is conducted between India and Russia?
 - (a) INDRA
- (b) MALABAR EXERCISE
- (c) SAMPRITI
- (d) DHARMA GUARDIAN
- 157. With reference to the State Finance Commission (SFC), consider the following statements:
 - 'State Finance Commission (SFC) is a constitutional body established by the 73rdConstitutional Amendment Acts of 1992.
 - 2. It advises that funding be transferred from the State Government to Panchayati Raj Institutions.
 - 3. Municipalities and city councils work under the jurisdiction of the State Finance Commission.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None
- 158. With reference to the Secularism, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Ashoka in his 12thRock Edict made an appeal not only for the toleration of all religious sects but also to develop a spirit of great respect toward them.
 - 2. In medieval India, the Sufi and Bhakti movements bond the people of various communities together with love and peace.
 - 3. In medieval India, religious toleration and freedom of worship marked the State under Akbar.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 159. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Parliament is not authorized to curtail the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court.

Statement-II: The Chief Justice of India can appoint officers and servants of the

Supreme Court without any interference from the executive.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct
- 160. With reference to the Delhi Sultanate, consider the following statements:
 - The Delhi Sultanate was an Islamic empire based in Delhi that stretched over large parts of the Indian subcontinent
 - The Slave Dynasty, also known as the Mamluk Dynasty, was the first Muslim dynasty to rule over the Delhi Sultanate.
 - 3. The establishment of the Slave Dynasty is credited to Qutbuddin Aibak.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 161. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Southwest Monsoon':
 - The southwest monsoon originates from the Indian Ocean, particularly the warm waters of the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
 - 2. The southwest monsoon contributes to around 70-90% of the total annual rainfall in most parts of India.
 - The southwest monsoon gradually withdraws from India, starting from the northwest regions around September and retreating towards the southeast by October.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 162. With reference to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), consider the following statements:
 - 1. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is an American scientific and regulatory agency.
 - 2. NOAA monitors and observes Earth systems with instruments and data collection networks.
 - Advanced Very High-Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) is a sensor carried on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Polar Orbiting Environmental Satellites (POES).

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 163. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Lok Sabha is not a continuing chamber. Its normal term is five years from the date of its first meeting after the general elections, after which it automatically dissolves.

Statement-II: The President is authorized to dissolve the Lok Sabha at any time even before the completion of five years and this cannot be challenged in a court of law.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1.
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.
- 164. Consider the following Scientist:
 - 1. Carolyn R. Bertozzi, 2. Morten Meldal
 - 3. K. Barry Sharpless 4. Anton Zeilinger

How many of the above have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2022?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 165. With reference to the India-US relation, consider the following statements:
 - Joint manufacture of GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India by GE and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been concluded between India and the United States.
 - 2. India has bought from the U.S. the C-130 and C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft.
 - 3. India bought S-400 Triumf missile defense systems from the US.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 166. Consider the following parameters:
 - 1. Teaching, Learning and Resources
 - 2. Graduation Outcome
 - 3. Research and Professional Practices
 - 4. Outreach and Inclusivity
 - 5. Perception

How many of the above parameters are taken into consideration of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking metric?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five
- 167. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Ordinance making power of the President':
 - 1. The President can promulgate an ordinance only when both the Houses of Parliament are not in session or when either of the two Houses of Parliament is not in session.
 - 2. In Cooper case, 1970, the Supreme Court held that the President's satisfaction to promulgate ordinance cannot be questioned in a court on the ground of malafide.
 - 3. The maximum life of an ordinance can be six months and six weeks, in case of non-approval by the **Parliament**

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 168. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS)':
 - 1. The EPS is administered by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).
 - 2. The pension fund was to comprise a deposit of 8.33% of the employers' contribution towards the PF
 - 3. Employees who are members of EPF automatically become members of EPS.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 169. With reference to the Employees' Provident Fund, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Employees' Provident Fund came into existence with the promulgation of the Employees' Provident Funds Ordinance In 1951.
 - 2. The Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and Schemes framed under this act are administered by a tripartite Board known as the Central Board of Trustees.

3. The Central Board of Trusteesoperates three schemes EPF Scheme 1952. Pension Scheme 1995 (EPS) and Insurance Scheme 1976 (EDLI).

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 170. Which one of the following committees is associated with investigating irregularities in the IPL and BCCI following the spot-fixing scandal.
 - (a) Mudgal Committee
 - (b) Santhanam Committee
 - (c) Kasturirangan Committee
 - (d) Narsimhan Committee
- 171. Consider the following new aspects/elements associated with National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2023:
 - 1. Introduction of a new subject, namely Agriculture & Allied Sectors.
 - 2. Expansion of scope of "Architecture" to "Architecture and Planning".
 - 3. Integration of the "Innovation" ranking.
 - 4. Introduction of separate institution based on Industrial chemistry.

How many of the above are included as distinct additions of 2023 edition of India rankings?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 172. With reference to the Civil Services, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Part XIV of the Constitution of India deals with Civil Services under The Union and The State.
 - 2. The protective safeguards given under Article 311 are applicable to both civil servants and defense personnel.
 - 3. In the case of dismissal, a person is debarred from future employment, but in case of removal he is not debarred from future employment.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 173. Consider the following statements with respect to 'President's power topromulgate ordinances':
 - 1. An ordinance is subject to the same constitutional limitation as an act of Parliament.
 - 2. Every ordinance issued by the President during the recess of Parliament must be laid before both the Houses of Parliament when it reassembles.
 - 3. The President's power of ordinance-making is not a discretionary power, and he can promulgate or withdraw an ordinance only on the advice of the council of ministers.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 174. With reference to the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Ordinance seeks to amend the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act 1991.
 - 2. The ordinance aims to give the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Delhi more power over the administration of services in the national capital.
 - The National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA)

 a new statutory body established responsible for
 making recommendations to the LG regarding
 transfer postings, vigilance, and other related
 matters.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 175. Consider the following statements with respect to 'La Nina':
 - 1. The La Nina event is observed when the water temperature in the Eastern Pacific gets comparatively colder than normal.
 - 2. La Nina leads to a strong high pressure over the eastern equatorial Pacific.
 - 3. La Nina events are also associated with rainier-thannormal conditions over southeastern Africa and northern Brazil.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 176. With reference to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation, consider the following statements:
 - Retail inflation, also known as Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation, is the rate at which the prices of goods and services that consumers buy for personal use.
 - It measures the change in the cost of a basket of goods and services that are typically purchased by households.
 - CPI for Urban Non-Manual Employees (UNME) is compiled by the Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

177. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Indian government has advised states to obtain pulses for the Mid-day meals program through the PM-POSHAN initiative from National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED).

Statement-II: The government maintains buffer stocks of pulses through NAFED and wants states to purchase from them to ensure benefits from economies of scale and subsidized rates for the students.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-1.
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.
- 178. Consider the following Consumer Price Index (CPI):
 - 1. CPI for Industrial Workers (IW).
 - 2. CPI for Agricultural Labourer (AL).
 - 3. CPI for Rural Labourer (RL).
 - 4. CPI (Rural/Urban/Combined).

How many of the above are compiled by the Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
- 179. Which one of the following nations is associated with the Watergate scandal in 1974?
 - (a) United States
 - (b) United Kingdom
 - (c) France
 - (d) Germany
- 180. Consider the following nations:
 - 1. Taiwan
 - 2. Philippines
 - 3. Brunei
 - 4. Malaysia

How many of the above have disputes with China regarding the South China Sea?

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

- 181. With reference to the Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), consider the following statements:
 - 1. DNA is made of two linked strands that wind around each other to resemble a twisted ladder, a shape known as a double helix.
 - 2. Each strand has a backbone made of alternating sugar (deoxyribose) and phosphate groups.
 - 3. The two strands are connected by chemical bonds called bases.

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
- 182. Which one of the following nitrogenous bases is not found in the Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)?
 - (a) Adenine (A)
 - (b) Cytosine (C)
 - (c) Guanine (G)
 - (d) Uracil (U)

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