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- 1. Consider the following statements regarding Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme:
 - Launched in March 2020 the PLI scheme was conceived to scale up domestic manufacturing capability, accompanied by higher import substitution and employment generation.
 - 2. At present the scheme covers 14 industrial sectors.
 - 3. Under the scheme, domestic companies receive financial rewards for manufacturing in India, based on a percentage of their revenue over up to ten years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 2. Consider the following statements regarding Serow:
 - 1. Himalayan serow are known to be found in eastern, central, and western Himalayas, but not in the Trans Himalayan region.
 - Himalayan serow is under the threatened category of IUCN Red list.
 - 3. Recently, photographic evidence of the Mainland Serow was captured in western Assam's Raimona National Park.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 3. REPLACE action framework sometimes seen in news is related to?
 - A. Reducing use of antibiotic medicines
 - B. Replacing plastic with biodegradable items
 - C. Eliminating trans-fats from food items
 - D. Reducing sugar intake campaign
- 4. Consider the statements related to currency swap agreements:
 - 1. They are undertaken to address short-term foreign exchange liquidity needs.
 - 2. These swap operations do not involve any exchange rate risk.
 - 3. The RBI can offer a swap arrangement up to a total of USD 10 billion under the SAARC Swap Facilities.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. All three
- D. None
- 5. Consider the following statements related to marine mineral resources found in the Indian Ocean:
 - 1. Polymetallic sulfides are found in the Carlsberg Ridge.
 - 2. Cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts are found in the Afanasy-Nikitin Seamount.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 6. Which one of the following best describes Front-running in the stock market?
 - A. Executing trades based on insider information about a company's upcoming financial reports.
 - B. Buying or selling stocks immediately after a public announcement that impacts the stock price.
 - C. A broker or agent executing orders on their own account ahead of client orders to profit from the anticipated movement in stock prices.
 - D. Placing large orders in penny stock to manipulate the price for personal gain.
- 7. Consider the following pairs:

Parts of Puducherry

Nearby State

- 1. Karaikal
- a. Tamil Nadu
- 2. Mahe
- b. Kerala
- 3. Yanam
- c. Andhra Pradesh

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
- 8. With reference to Project Nexus, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is conceptualised by the Innovation Hub of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
 - 2. It seeks to enhance cross-border payments by connecting multiple domestic instant payment systems (IPS) globally.

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
- 9. Consider the following statements about Araku Coffee:
 - 1. It is grown in the Araku Valley in Alluri SitaRam Raju district of Andhra Pradesh.
 - 2. It received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag including Coorg Arabica, Wayanad Robusta, Chikmagalur Arabica and Bababudangiris Arabica.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- Consider the following statements about Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis:
 - 1. National Statistics Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.
 - 2. He was a member of India's inaugural Planning Commission and was honored with the Padma Vibhushan for his contributions to science.

Which of the above statements is/are **not** correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 11. Consider the following statements regarding Certificates of Deposit (CDs):
 - 1. It is a money market instrument offered by banks and credit unions that pays an inflation adjusted interest rate on money held in banks for an agreed-upon period.
 - 2. A minimum amount of a CD should be Rs.1 lakh and thereafter permits multiples of it.
 - 3. The maturity period of CDs issued by banks ranges from 1 month to one year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 12. Consider the following statements regarding Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA):
 - 1. It has been established by the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
 - 2. CCPA operates under the Department of Consumer Affairs.
 - It can impose penalties of up to 1 lakh rupees, with a penalty of up to 10 lakh rupees for subsequent violations, on manufacturers, advertisers, and endorsers for misleading advertisements.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- 13. In the history of post-independent India, Operation Gibraltar is associated with which of the following?
 - A. Indo-Pakistani War of 1947-1948
 - B. Indo-Pakistani War of 1965
 - C. Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
 - D. Kargil War 1999
- 14. Consider the following statements regarding steel slag:
 - 1. It is rich in metal oxides that can be upcycled into valuable end-products.
 - 2. Because of its large load-bearing capacity, it is used in road base course material in the same way as gravel.

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
- 15. Consider the following statements about nanocomposite:
 - 1. It is a combination of two or more materials, of which at least one is a nanomaterial.
 - 2. It can be used in catalysis, energy storage, sensors, optoelectronics, biomedical fields, coatings, and renewable energy production.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 16. Consider the following statements regarding Digital India:
 - 1. It was launched by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to transform India into a digitally empowered society.
 - 2. Broadband Highways and Universal Access to Mobile connectivity are among the 11 Pillars of Digital 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
- 17. Consider the following statements about Windfall Tax:

Statement-I: It is imposed on entities that have made huge profits due to external factors.

Statement-II: If a company earns profits due to a planned strategy, then no windfall tax can be levied.

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
- 18. What is the primary purpose of the Codex Alimentarius?
 - A. To regulate international trade tariffs on food products.
 - B. To establish international food safety and quality standards.
 - C. To create dietary guidelines for different age groups.
 - D. To promote the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in agriculture.
- 19. The Macaulay's Minutes and Wood's Dispatch are associated with which of the following?
 - A. Industrial Development
 - B. Agricultural Reforms
 - C. Education Reforms
 - D. Judicial Reforms

- 20. Consider the following statements related to Abhay Mudra commonly associated with Buddhism:
 - 1. It depicts the gesture of fearlessness.
 - 2. It is also found in the iconography of Christianity and Jainism.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 21. Consider the following statements about Polio disease:
 - 1. It is a highly infectious viral disease that enters the body through the mouth, multiplying in the intestine before invading the nervous system.
 - 2. Jonas Salk developed the first successful polio vaccine.
 - 3. India was declared polio-free by the WHO in 2015, following three consecutive years with no reported cases.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All of the above
- 22. Consider the following statements about Gharials:
 - 1. They are a critically endangered species according to the IUCN Red List.
 - 2. The Ganges River and its tributaries are their primary habitat in India.
 - 3. Gharials exhibit a prominent bony bump on their snout called a 'ghara'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- 23. Which of the following has launched the Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI) to assess the level of AI preparedness across countries?
 - A. International Monetary Fund
 - B. World Bank
 - C. World Economic Forum
 - D. European Union
- 24. Consider the following statements regarding "Sampoornata Abhiyan":
 - 1. It is a year-long campaign launched by the NITI Aayog.
 - 2. It has been launched with a focus to attain saturation in 5 key social sector indicators in Aspirational Blocks and districts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 25. With reference to Santhal Hul of 1855, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The uprising was led by Sidhu, Kanho, Chand and Bhairav Murmu.
 - 2. It led to the enactment of the Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, 1876.
 - 3. The Santhal Pargana was formed from the districts of Bhagalpur and Birbhum.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 26. Consider the following statements about the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC):
 - 1. The Supreme Court appoints its chairman and members on the recommendations of a six-member committee.
 - The committee consists of the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, leaders of the Opposition in both Houses of Parliament, and the Union Home Minister.

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. Consider the following statements about the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
 - 1. It is a quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial body that can draft regulations, conduct inquiries, and impose penalties.
 - It is similar to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and aims to safeguard investor interests and foster the development of the securities market.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 28. Consider the following statements about the Foreign Direct Investment:
 - 1. Under the automatic route, the foreign entity requires the prior approval of the government or the RBI.
 - 2. Under the government route, the foreign entity is not required to get the approval of the government.
 - It is different from Foreign Portfolio Investment where the foreign entity merely buys stocks and bonds of a company.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

- 29. Consider the following statements about the Net-Zero Target:
 - It refers to achieving an overall balance between carbon emissions produced and carbon taken out of the atmosphere.
 - To keep global warming to no more than 1.5°C as called for in the Paris Agreement emissions need to be reduced by 45% by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 30. Consider the following statements about India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX):
 - 1. It was first announced in the Union Budget 2020-21 for easing the Gold Import by Jewellers in India.
 - The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) is responsible for notifying eligible qualified jewellers in India to directly import gold via IIBX.

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. Consider the following statements about the National Security Council:
 - 1. It was established as India's foremost authority for national security management, following nuclear tests by India and Pakistan.
 - It operates under a three-tier structure comprising the Strategic Policy Group (SPG), National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) and National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).
 - 3. Prior to its formation, the functions related to national security were carried out by the cabinet secretary of India

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- 32. Which of the following best describes the chronological evolution of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)'s objectives?
 - A. Money laundering, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) proliferation financing, terrorist financing
 - B. Terrorist financing, money laundering, WMD proliferation financing
 - C. Money laundering, terrorist financing, WMD proliferation financing
 - D. WMD proliferation financing, money laundering, terrorist financing

- 33. Consider the following statements about Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India:
 - 1. As per the revised definition (2020), a micro manufacturing unit has an investment in plant and machinery exceeding Rs. 1 crore.
 - 2. All bank loans to MSMEs are automatically classified under the priority sector lending.
 - 3. The MSME sector is the largest employment provider in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- 34. With reference to the Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) consider the following statements:
 - It is an algorithm-based technology which creates a digital map of the face by identifying and mapping an individual's facial features and matching with the database.
 - 2. This technology is used in mobile phones, at airports, by law enforcement agencies, etc.
 - 3. Currently, there is an absence of any legal framework present to regulate the use of FRT in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All of the above
- 35. Consider the following statements regarding Borneo elephants:
 - They have been classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
 - They are a subspecies of the Asian elephant native to Borneo, mainly found in Sabah, Malaysia, and Kalimantan, Indonesia.

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
- 36. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA):
 - 1. It is the regulatory body established under Section 10 of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019.
 - 2. It has the power to investigate violations of consumer rights or unfair trade practices either upon receiving complaints or suo-moto.
 - 3. It operates under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

- 37. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) is a neurostimulator that delivers mild electrical currents to specific brain regions linked to epileptic seizures.
 - 2. Epilepsy is a central nervous system disorder in which brain activity becomes abnormal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 38. Consider the following statements about Asian Development Bank (ADB):
 - It is a regional development bank which aims to support its member countries and partners financially to promote social and economic development in the Asia-Pacific region.
 - 2. India is a founding member and the fourth-largest shareholder of ADB.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 39. Consider the following statements about Fundamental Rights:
 - 1. They are considered sacrosanct and permanent, incapable of being curtailed or repealed by Parliament, and these rights are seen as absolute.
 - 2. The rights can be suspended during the operation of a National Emergency except the rights guaranteed by Articles 20 and 21.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 40. Consider the following statements about Ramakrishna Mission:
 - 1. It engages in extensive philanthropic activities while promoting a contemporary interpretation of Dvaita Vedanta, a prominent school of Indian philosophy.
 - 2. Atmano Mokshartham Jagad Hitaya Cha ("For one's own salvation and for the welfare of the world") was the motto of this mission.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 41. Which of the following best describes the Axiom-4 Mission?
 - A. A NASA-ISRO joint mission to explore Mars.
 - B. A private astronaut mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

- C. A European Space Agency mission to study South pole of the Moon.
- D. A Greek mission to launch a satellite for global communication.
- 42. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Eagle-Owl:
 - 1. It is a large horned owl species native to hilly and rocky scrub forests in the Indian Subcontinent.
 - 2. It was earlier treated as a subspecies of the Eurasian eagle-owl.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 43. KF51 Panther, Abrams M1A2, and Zorawar which were recently seen in the news are related to:
 - A. Drones
 - B. Tanks
 - C. Satellite
 - D. Bilateral Exercises
- 44. Regarding Samayapuram temple, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The temple is located in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, and is over 1200 years old.
 - 2. It is dedicated to Goddess Mariamman.

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. Regarding Particulate Matter (PM), consider the following statements:
 - 1. PM 2.5 is small enough to easily bypass the nasal and throat regions and can instead enter directly into the bloodstream.
 - 2. The safe limit recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) for PM2.5 is $15 \mu g/m^3$.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 46. Consider the following statements about the Fungi:
 - 1. They are Prokaryotic cells that lack membrane-bound organelles and clearly defined nuclei.
 - 2. They are found in all temperate and tropical regions of the world where there is sufficient moisture to enable them to grow.
 - 3. Fungi are found either on land or in water, freshwater fungi thrive in clean, cool water due to their sensitivity to high salinity levels.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- 47. Consider the following statements about the Aphelion:
 - 1. The aphelion is a natural consequence of Earth's elliptical orbit, which is a result of the gravitational interactions between the planets.
 - 2. The Earth's perihelion and aphelion dates are fixed depending on the variations in its orbit eccentricity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 48. Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020
 - 2. Positive Indigenisation Lists
 - 3. Defense Corridors
 - 4. Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)

Which of the above mentioned initiatives have been taken by the government for achieving self-reliance in the defense sector?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 49. Lambayeque region, sometimes seen in the news, is located in
 - A. Peru
 - B. Greece
 - C. Ukraine
 - D. Mauritius
- 50. Consider the following statements about Volcanoes:
 - 1. Lava is the term used to denote the molten rocks and related materials seen inside the earth.
 - 2. Magma is the lava above the earth surface.
 - 3. Mount Etna and Stromboli are examples of active volcanoes located in Italy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1 and 2 only
- 51. Consider the following statements regarding SEHER program:
 - UNESCO and the Ministry of Women & Child Development launched the SEHER program.
 - 2. It is expected to enable women to access the financial tools necessary for business growth and job creation.

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
- 52. Regarding the Bhimbetka rock shelters, consider the following statements:
 - It is an archaeological site in Madhya Pradesh that spans the prehistoric Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods.
 - 2. They are in the foothills of the Satpura Mountains.
 - 3. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- 53. Consider the following pairs:

Country

Joint Exercise

- 1. Sri Lanka
- a. Mitra Shakti
- 2. Thailand
- b. Maitree
- Bangladesh
- c. Sampriti

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
- **54.** Consider the following statements about criteria for granting classical language status:
 - 1. High antiquity of early texts/recorded history spanning 1,500–2,000 years.
 - 2. Possession of a body of ancient literature/texts considered valuable heritage by generations.
 - 3. Presence of an original literary tradition not borrowed from another speech community.
 - 4. The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there can also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 55. Consider the following statements about Russia's highest civilian honour "Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle":
 - 1. It was established by Tsar Peter the Great in 1698 and reinstated in 1998.
 - 2. It features a double-headed eagle emblem and a light blue silk moire ribbon.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 56. Regarding the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an international non-legally binding treaty under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
 - 2. It aims to address the growing concerns over the long-term protection of marine biodiversity in the high seas.
 - 3. It aims at achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 which deals with Life Below Water.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 57. Consider the following countries:
 - 1. Yemen
 - 2. Oman
 - 3. Syria
 - 4. Israel

How many of the above-mentioned countries form a part of the Arabian Peninsula?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3
- C. 2, 3 and 4
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 58. Consider the following statements about the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in India:
 - U. K. Sinha Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises to study the problems faced by MSMEs.
 - 2. MSMEs currently contribute approximately 30% to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), playing a crucial role in driving economic growth.
 - 3. The MSME Samadhaan portal is designed to oversee the implementation of public procurement from MSMEs by Central Public Sector Enterprises.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 2 only
- 59. Which of the following institutions/departments publishes the Financial Stability Report (FSR)?
 - (a) World Bank
 - (b) International Monetary Fund
 - (c) Reserve Bank of India
 - (d) Department of Financial Services
- 60. Consider the following entities related to Cooperative Sector in India:
 - 1. Indian Famine Commission
 - 2. Maclagan Committee
 - 3. Union Ministry of Cooperation
 - 4. Montague-Chelmsford Reforms Committee

Arrange the entities in the order of their establishment:

- A. 1-2-4-3
- B. 2 1-4 3
- C. 3-1-2-4
- D. 1-3-2-4
- 61. Consider the following statements about the High Seas Treaty?
 - It is formally called the Agreement on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
 - Negotiated in 2020, it aims to reduce pollution and promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and marine resources in international waters.

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
- 62. Consider the following statements about Report on Trans
 Fat:
 - 1. WHO initiated a Validation Programme to recognise countries achieving Trans Fat Elimination (TFA) goals.
 - 2. Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand were the first to receive the TFA Validation Certificate.

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 statements:
 - 1. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCED) is one of the three Rio Conventions adopted at the Earth Summit 1992.
 - 2. Sustainable Development Goal 9 calls for the protection, restoration and sustainable management of land-based ecosystems.
 - 3. India aims to restore 126 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 64. Ariane series of rockets is associated with which of the following?
 - A. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - B. European Space Agency
 - C. Korea Aerospace Research Institute
 - D. Israel Space Agency

- 65. Consider the following statements regarding National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA):
 - 1. It is a statutory body formed under provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 - 2. It was established in 1976 following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.

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
- 66. Consider the following statements regarding Priority Sector Lending (PSL).
 - 1. PSL mandates banks to allocate a minimum proportion of their loans to development sectors or sectors facing difficulty in obtaining loans.
 - 2. Regional Rural Banks and Small Finance Banks have to allocate 50% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) for PSL.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both
- D. None of the Above
- 67. Consider the following statements regarding the Green Funds.
 - Green funds are mutual funds or other types of investment vehicles that promote socially and environmentally conscious policies and business practices.
 - 2. It aims to generate competitive returns while combating climate change and promoting sustainable development.
 - 3. The Green Climate Fund was established by the World Bank in 2010.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All of the above
- 68. Consider the following statements related to the safe harbor protection under Sections 79 of IT Act, 2000,
 - 1. The intermediary must observe due diligence while discharging their duties.
 - 2. The intermediary must initiate the transmission, select the receiver of transmission, or modify the information contained in the transmission.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 69. Consider the following statements regarding One Health initiative:
 - 1. It is an integrated disease control approach against priority diseases of both human and animal.
 - 2. It is a joint initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO), and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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
- 70. Consider the following statements regarding FAME India scheme:
 - 1. The scheme aims to encourage the adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles by offering loans at low interest rates
 - 2. Phase I of the scheme was started in 2015 and was upto 2019.
 - 3. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 1 only
- 71. Regarding Nanoparticles consider the following statements:
 - 1. Their size ranges between 1 to 100 nanometres.
 - 2. These can be used in the manufacture of scratch proof eyeglasses, crack-resistant paints, anti-graffiti coatings for walls and stain-repellent fabrics.
 - They are responsible for the formation of dust clouds,
 Ozone depletion and environmental hydroxyl radical concentration.

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All of the above
- 72. Groynes, recently in the news, are best defined as:
 - A. Low-lying wood or concrete structures extending out to sea from the shore.
 - B. Underwater tunnels used for submarine travel.
 - C. Space-based telescopes for observing distant galaxies.
 - D. Solar-powered buoys for weather monitoring.
- 73. Regarding the Cognitive Test consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an assessment designed to measure a person's mental abilities.
 - 2. It can be used to diagnose conditions like dementia, or pseudo-dementia.
 - 3. Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) involves tasks like memorizing words, naming objects, and copying shapes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All three
- 74. Consider the following statements about Balance of Payment (BOP):
 - 1. It is a systematic record of all economic transactions between the residents of a country and the rest of the world.
 - A BoP deficit occurs when a country's earnings from exports, services, and investments exceed its expenditures on imports and external obligations.
 - 3. Current Account of BoP consists of Trade on Goods, Loans and Foreign Investment.

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

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 3 only
- 75. Consider the following statements regarding gallantry awards:
 - 1. Post-independence, Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra were instituted by the Government of India.
 - Ashoka Chakra Class-I, Ashoka Chakra Class-II and Ashoka Chakra Class-III were renamed as Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra respectively.
 - 3. They are announced thrice in a year.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 76. Consider the following statements about Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee:
 - 1. He started "Bang Wani", a Bengali journal, in 1922 and The Nationalist in 1940's.
 - 2. He served as the Minister of Food and Agriculture in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.

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
- 77. Consider the following statements about Medical Council of India (MCI):
 - It was established in 1934 to set uniform standards for higher qualifications in medicine and to recognize medical qualifications in India and abroad.
 - 2. It was replaced by the National Medical Commission (NMC) in 2019.

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
- 78. Consider the following statements about Gig Workers in India:
 - 1. The Code on Social Security 2020 has defined gig workers in India.
 - 2. The Code on Social Security 2020, provides for universal minimum wage and floor wage across organised and unorganised sectors, including gig workers.
 - 3. Karnataka is the first state to come up with legislation for gig workers in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1 and 3 only
- 79. Consider the following statements regarding Cabinet Committees:
 - 1. This committee is extra-constitutional in emergence.
 - 2. It is set up by the Speaker/ Chairman of the houses of Parliament.
 - 3. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is chaired by the Finance Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 2 only
- 80. Consider the following statements regarding conservation of Biosphere Reserve in India:
 - 1. The Government of India started the Biosphere Reserve scheme in 1972.
 - $2. \quad \hbox{This is guided by the UNESCO MAB programme}.$
 - The Central Government prepares the Management Action Plan for the biosphere reserves, which is then approved and monitored by the Central MAB Committee

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 2 only
- 81. Consider the following statements regarding Jagannath Temple, Puri:
 - 1. It was constructed during the reign of the Ganga Dynasty in the 12th century.
 - 2. It is an example of Kalinga architecture, featuring distinctive curvilinear towers and intricate carvings.
 - 3. It is known as the "Black Pagoda".

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None
- 82. Consider the following:
 - 1. Agroforestry
 - 2. Contour bunding
 - 3. Crop diversification
 - 4. Mixed cropping

Which of the above-mentioned agricultural practices are parts of Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA)?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 83. Consider the following statements regarding the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
 - 1. It is a specialised agency of the United Nations (UN).
 - 2. IMO enforces its conventions through its available enforcement mechanisms.
 - 3. It facilitates international maritime traffic without involving in legal matters related to them.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 84. Consider the following statements regarding glacial and interglacial periods:
 - 1. Glacial periods are characterised as colder, dustier, and generally drier compared to interglacial periods.
 - Advances and retreats of glaciers, the sediment deposits and the rings in the trees provide clues about wet and dry periods.
 - 3. When the number of sunspots decrease, cooler and wetter weather and greater storminess occur.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only
- 85. Consider the following statements regarding the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI):
 - 1. It was established under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.
 - 2. It has its headquarters at Dehradun.
 - 3. It functions under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answers

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1. (a)	2. (c)	3. (c)	4. (b)	5. (c)	6. (c)	7. (d)	8. (b)	9. (c)	10. (d)
11. (b)	12. (a)	13. (b)	14. (c)	15. (c)	16. (d)	17. (b)	18. (b)	19. (c)	20. (c)
21. (b)	22. (d)	23. (a)	24. (d)	25. (c)	26. (b)	27. (c)	28. (b)	29. (c)	30. (d)
31. (a)	32. (c)	33. (b)	34. (d)	35. (c)	36. (d)	37. (c)	38. (d)	39. (b)	40. (a)
41. (b)	42. (d)	43. (b)	44. (c)	45. (c)	46. (b)	47. (a)	48. (d)	49. (a)	50. (c)
51. (b)	52. (c)	53. (d)	54. (d)	55. (c)	56. (b)	57. (a)	58. (d)	59. (c)	60. (a)
61. (a)	62. (c)	63. (a)	64. (b)	65. (a)	66. (a)	67. (b)	68. (a)	69. (a)	70. (b)
71. (d)	72. (a)	73. (d)	74. (b)	75. (b)	76. (b)	77. (d)	78. (c)	79. (a)	80. (d)
81. (b)	82. (d)	83. (b)	84. (a)	85. (c)					