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1. Which of the following is true about the concept of a "living Constitution"?
  1. It means the interpretation of the Constitution must evolve with societal norms.
  2. The Indian Constitution is rigid, as it only allows for amendments while preserving the basic structure of the Constitution.

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

2. Consider the following statements:
  1. The Asia Power Index is launched by the Asian Development Bank to assess power dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region.
  2. India ranked 3rd in the Asia Power Index 2024, surpassing the United States due to strong post-Covid-19 economic growth.

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

3. Consider the following statements about 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak':
  1. Tsangyang Gyatso was the 6th Dalai Lama, born in the Tawang region of Arunachal Pradesh.
  2. The peak is located in the Karakoram Range of Arunachal Pradesh.
  3. National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), which undertook the expedition to the peak, functions under the Ministry of Defence.

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

4. Consider the following statements about "Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav":
  1. The first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi.
  2. The festival was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of the North-East Region (DoNER).
  3. Rashtrapati Nilayam, where the event was held, is the only presidential retreat in Southern India.

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. 3 only

5. Consider the following statements about "Oxygen Bird Park" recently inaugurated in Nagpur, Maharashtra:
  1. It is an eco-initiative developed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
  2. The park is designed to mimic natural ecosystems and conserve both local and migratory bird species.
  3. It aims to preserve rare and endangered tree species native to Central India, including the Indian Bael and Yellow Flame of the Forest.

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. Consider the following statements:
    1. The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFW) designated by the European Union, aims to raise awareness and mobilise global efforts to reduce food loss and waste.
    2. IDAFW highlights the importance of achieving climate goals but does not relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
    3. Food wastage refers only to food discarded due to spoilage, excluding losses in production or distribution.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None

7. Regarding the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Interlinking Rivers, consider the following statements:
  1. The NPP aims to transfer water from surplus basins to deficit basins in India through the creation of artificial channels.
  2. The Himalayan Rivers Development Component includes projects like the Kosi- Yamuna Link and the Ganga (Farakka)-Damodar-Subernarekha Link.
  3. The Peninsular Rivers Development Component includes projects like the Mahanadi-Godavari Links and the Ken-Betwa Link.

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

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

8. Consider the following statements:
  1. Gross Value Added (GVA) measures the value of goods and services produced in an area, industry, or sector, minus the value of goods and services used up in production.
  2. GVA is calculated by adding Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to the taxes earned by the government and subtracting the subsidies provided by the government.

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. Consider the following statements about IN-STEP programme:

1. IN-STEP provides a platform for participants to exchange ideas and strategies to address pressing security challenges.
2. The programme is a collaborative effort between the National Security Council Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, and Ministry of Defence.
3. The IN-STEP programme is attended only by Indian military and civil officers.

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

10. Consider the following statements about SASTRA Ramanujan Prize:

1. The prize is awarded by the Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) University.
2. It is awarded annually to mathematicians aged 40 or below for exceptional contributions to mathematics.
3. The prize is named in honor of mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and includes a cash award of USD 10,000.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements regarding Balance of Payments (BoP).

1. Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) are the main constituents of the current account part of BoP.
2. A BoP surplus occurs when a country's imports surpass its exports.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

12. Consider the following statements regarding the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

1. FSSAI is an autonomous statutory body under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution.
2. The FSSAI regulates the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale, and import of food.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

13. Which of the following statements about the historical and constitutional background of state regulation of temples in India is/are correct?

1. The Religious Endowments Act, 1863 aimed to transfer temple control entirely to religious committees without any government oversight.
2. The Shirur Mutt case, 1954 ruled that religious institutions can manage their affairs independently without any state interference.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union mandates parental consent for all users under the age of 16 to access the internet.
2. Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), 2023 of India aims to regulate children's use of social media under the age of 16 years.

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 regarding Mahalaya and its significance:

1. Mahalaya marks the day when Goddess Durga is believed to descend to Earth to vanquish the demon king Mahishasura.
2. It signifies the end of 'Debi Paksha' and the beginning of 'Pitru Paksha.'
3. Durga Puja in Kolkata is inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. The Madrid International Plan of Action and Vienna International Plan of Action, recently in the news, are related to which of the following issues?

- A. Climate Change Mitigation
- B. Aging Population and Elderly Care
- C. Global Trade and Commerce
- D. Human Rights and Refugee Protection

17. Consider the following statements related to Cholera,
1. It is an acute diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine
  2. Malnourished children and individuals with HIV/AIDS are at higher risk of mortality.
  3. At present, there is only one WHO-approved oral cholera vaccine.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements about BharatGen:

1. It is the world's first government-funded Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) project for Indian languages.
2. It is led by IIT Bombay under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19. Which of the following statements about the World War II pillboxes in Visakhapatnam is/are correct?

1. The pillboxes were part of a strategic defense system to protect Visakhapatnam's shores, a key naval base, from potential enemy invasions during World War II.
2. The name "pillbox" is derived from their box-like structure designed to store ammunition and supplies for soldiers.
3. The most visible pillbox in Visakhapatnam was revealed due to beach erosion at R.K. Beach.
4. These pillboxes served as tactical posts, camouflaged into the landscape to defend the coastline and provide cover for soldiers firing at enemies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. Consider the following statements about Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)?

1. ABDM was launched to provide digital health IDs for all Indian citizens.
2. The National Health Authority (NHA) is responsible for implementing ABDM under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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

21. Consider the following statements regarding effects of Global Warming.

1. Global Warming decreases weather predictability, reducing forecast accuracy by about one day per celsius increase.
2. Rising temperatures lead to an increase in the formation of atmospheric eddies within the troposphere that influence weather patterns.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

22. Consider the following statements regarding Uzbekistan.

1. Exercise DUSTLIK is a yearly event alternately conducted in India and Uzbekistan.
2. Silk Road does not pass through Uzbekistan
3. The Tashkent Declaration was signed in Uzbekistan, by India's 2nd Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, shortly before his death.

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

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding Mahatma Gandhi.

1. Mahatma Gandhi first used a hunger strike in 1918 during Champaran Satyagrah.
2. Gandhi's concept of trusteeship was about the equitable distribution of wealth and poverty alleviation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

24. Consider the following statements regarding Judges of the Supreme Court and High Court.

1. The Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President under Article 124(2) of the Constitution.
2. The Salaries, Pension, and Allowances of the Supreme Court Judges and pension of a High Court judge are charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

25. Consider the following statements regarding rabies.

1. Rabies is caused by a DNA virus present in the saliva of infected animals, such as dogs, cats, or monkeys.
2. Human-to-human transmission of rabies is more common than transmission from animals.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

26. Consider the following statements regarding Permafrosts.

1. Permafrost is a combination of soil, rocks, and sand held together by ice.
2. A 2022 NASA report states that Arctic permafrost contains 1,700 billion metric tons of carbon, 51 times the 2019 global fossil fuel emissions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

27. Consider the following statements regarding the Supreme Court's rulings on bail under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002:

1. The court emphasized that the stringent provisions of PMLA, 2002, including Section 45, should not result in indefinite pretrial detention.
2. The PMLA was enacted by India's Parliament under Article 256 which empowers it to make laws for implementing the international conventions
3. In Babu Singh v. State of Uttar Pradesh, 1978, the Supreme Court ruled that bail should be granted unless there are substantial grounds to suspect tampering or absconding of evidence.

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

28. Which of the following statements correctly describes the Procedure for Removal of Judges?

1. A judge of the Supreme Court can be removed from his Office by an order of the President.
2. A removal motion signed by 100 members (in the case of Lok Sabha) or 50 members (in the case of Rajya Sabha) is to be given to the Speaker/ Chairman.
3. Article 124(4) of the Constitution requires an impeachment motion to be supported by a majority of the total membership and at least two-thirds of members present and voting in each House.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements about Samajik Adhikarita Shivir:

1. These are distribution camps organised to provide assistive devices to people with disabilities and senior citizens.
2. It is organised for distribution of aids and assistive devices to over 9000 pre-identified Divyangjan beneficiaries under the ADIP (Assistance to Disabled Persons) Scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

30. Consider the following statements about Project Udbhav:

1. It aims to integrate India's rich historical military knowledge with modern military practices.
2. It is a joint initiative between the Indian Army and the United Services Institution of India (a think tank).

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

31. Regarding Little Prespa Lake, consider the following statements:

1. It is located on the Albanian-Greek border.
2. It is one of the oldest tectonic lakes in Europe.
3. The Kilimanjaro Mountains separate Lake Prespa from Lake Ohrid.

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

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. India ranks as the fourth largest oilseed producer in the world.
2. India is heavily reliant on imports of oilseed which account for 57% of its domestic demand for edible oils.
3. National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) was launched in 2021 to increase the area of oil palm with a special focus on North Eastern states.

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

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding the SMR-300 (Small Modular Reactor):

1. The SMR-300 is a compact pressurized light-water reactor that produces at least 300 MWe of electric power.
2. India's Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010, encourages foreign investment in the nuclear sector by providing financial protection to equipment manufacturers.
3. SMR-300 technology could support India's clean energy transition by replacing coal-based plants.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding Clinical Research Organizations (CRO):

1. A CRO can only be a commercial entity or an academic institution with legal status.
2. The transfer of responsibilities from the sponsor to a CRO must be documented in writing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding Typhoons:

1. A typhoon forms over warm ocean waters near the equator and has wind speeds of at least 119 kmph.
2. In the Northern Hemisphere, air circulates clockwise around a low-pressure area during a typhoon.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

36. Regarding the academic freedom in India, consider the following statements:

1. According to the Academic Freedom Index (AFI), India is one of the countries with low academic freedom.
2. According to the AFI, India now ranks as "partially restricted."
3. Political control and majoritarian religion agendas are major concerns affecting academic freedom in Indian universities.

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

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

37. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Under the SBM Urban India has become Open Defecation Free (ODF), with all 4,715 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) completely ODF.
3. The criteria for an area to be notified as ODF is guaranteeing complete access to toilets by citizens and ensuring that nobody goes out for open defecation at any time of day or night.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

38. Consider the following pairs:

Defence System	Function
Tejas Light Combat Aircraft	Indigenous unmanned aerial vehicle
Akash Missile System	Medium-range surface-to-air missile system
NETRA UAV	Indigenous multi-role fighter aircraft

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following characteristics of an island country:

1. It is the third largest island in the Caribbean Sea.
2. It is located to the west of Haiti and south of Cuba.
3. It gained independence from the UK in 1962 and is a member of the Commonwealth.

Which island country is best described by the above characteristics?

- A. Jamaica
- B. Barbados
- C. Trinidad and Tobago
- D. Saint Lucia

40. Consider the following statements about Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC):

1. The CAC was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1963.
2. The primary purpose of the CAC is to set international food standards to protect consumer health and ensure fair trade practices.
3. The CAC is comprised of 189 member countries, including India, which participate in developing global food standards.



4. The CAC exclusively focuses on regulations related to food safety and does not address nutritional guidelines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements about Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC):

1. The term Gulf Nations refers to a group of countries located in the Central Asian Region.
2. The GCC was founded to enhance collaboration, integration, and connectivity among its member countries, drawing on their regional and cultural closeness.
3. Iraq is a member of the GCC.

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

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

42. Chatfield Committee, sometimes in news, is related to which of the following?

- A. Defense Policy  
B. Agricultural Reforms  
C. Telecommunications Regulation  
D. Economic Policy Review

43. Consider the following features:

1. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, the French imported slave labor from Africa and India to this island.
2. The United Kingdom took control in 1814 after Napoleon Bonaparte's defeat.
3. In 1965, this island became part of the British Indian Ocean Territory.

Which of the following regions is best described by the specifications above?

- A. Seychelles  
B. Fiji  
C. Maldives  
D. Chagos Archipelago

44. Consider the following statements about Ultra-Processed Foods:

1. Ultra-processed foods typically contain additives such as preservatives, artificial colors, and sweeteners.
2. Consumption of ultra-processed foods has been linked to a disruption in gut microbiome health.
3. Minimally processed foods include pre-packaged snacks and ready-to-eat meals.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements about National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC):

1. The NCDRC was established under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
2. It has jurisdiction over consumer disputes where the value of goods or services exceeds Rs 2 crore.
3. Appeals against the decisions of the NCDRC can be made directly to the High Courts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. Regarding Trachoma, consider the following statements:

1. Trachoma is a bacterial infection that can lead to blindness if untreated.
2. India was officially declared free from infective Trachoma in 2017 by WHO.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements regarding Sudan's geographical location:

1. Sudan is bordered by the Red Sea to the east.
2. Sudan shares a border with Iran to the north.
3. The Nile River, one of the longest rivers in the world, flows through Sudan from north to south.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

48. Consider the following statements about Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015:

1. The Act allows juveniles aged 16-18 years to be tried as adults in cases of heinous crimes.
2. It replaced the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, and Guardians of the Ward Act, 1890, with a more accessible adoption law.
3. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has been made a statutory body under this Act.
4. Child Care Institutions (CCIs), whether run by the State or NGOs, must be registered under the Act within 6 months of its commencement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statement related to Non-Banking Financial Companies:
1. They cannot accept demand deposits.
  2. Their deposits are insured by Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
  3. More than 50% of their total assets should be in financial assets.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. Only one
  - B. Only two
  - C. All three
  - D. None
50. Lin-4 and lin-14, recently in the news, are related to which of the following?
- A. Regulation of immune responses in mammals
  - B. Developmental timing in the roundworm *C. elegans*
  - C. Genetic disorders linked to heart diseases
  - D. Signal transduction pathways in plants
51. Regarding the Colombo Security Conclave, consider the following statements:
1. It was originally known as the NSA Trilateral on Maritime Security and was established in 2011.
  2. It was an initiative of Sri Lanka to enhance maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.
  3. India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives are its founding members.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
52. International Religious Freedom Report is released by which of the following:
- A. US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)
  - B. World Bank
  - C. International Monetary Fund
  - D. None of the above
53. Regarding Lothal, consider the following statements:
1. It is one of the westernmost sites of the Harappan civilization, located in Rajasthan.
  2. Lothal had the world's earliest known dock, connecting the city to an ancient course of the Sabarmati River.
  3. Lothal was nominated in April 2014 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- A. Only One
  - B. Only Two
  - C. All Three
  - D. None
54. Lambsquarters, Quack Grass and Dandelions, sometimes seen in the news, are related to which of the following?
- A. Ornamental garden plants
  - B. Medicinal herbs
  - C. Common agricultural weeds
  - D. Edible wild plants
55. Consider the following events:
1. Establishment of India's first post office in Bombay.
  2. Issuance of Scinde Dawk, India's first postage stamp.
  3. India joined Universal Postal Union
- Arrange the events in order of their occurrence:
- A. 1, 2, 3
  - B. 2, 1, 3
  - C. 1, 3, 2
  - D. 2, 3, 1
56. AlphaFold2, recently in the news, is associated with which of the following?
- A. Climate change prediction
  - B. Protein structure prediction
  - C. Quantum computing
  - D. Space exploration
57. Consider the following statements regarding Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan:
1. It is an umbrella scheme to implement existing schemes across Scheduled Caste-majority villages.
  2. "Dharti Aaba" refers to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
  3. The initiative aims to address critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, and education.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. Only one
  - B. Only two
  - C. All three
  - D. None
58. Regarding the Assam Accords, consider the following statements:
1. It is a tripartite agreement between the Central Government, the Assam State Government, and leaders of the Assam Movement.
  2. The PK Mohanty Committee suggests measures for implementing Clause 6 of the accord.
- 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
59. With reference to Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) in India, consider the following statements:
1. Denotified Tribes were once labelled as 'born criminals' during British rule under the Criminal Tribes Act of 1871.



2. All Denotified Tribes are listed under the Scheduled Castes (SC) category.
3. Nomadic Tribes and Semi-Nomadic Tribes generally do not have access to private land or home ownership.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements about PM Internship Scheme:

1. The scheme provides insurance coverage under PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and PM Suraksha Bima Yojana upon enrollment.
2. Graduates from premier institutions like IITs and IIMs are eligible for this internship.
3. The scheme is available only to candidates whose family income does not exceed Rs.8 lakh annually.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. Which statements reflect key findings of the "Free to Think 2024" report by Scholars at Risk on academic freedom in India?

1. India's Academic Freedom Index score dropped from 0.6 to 0.2 points between 2013 and 2023.
2. India now ranks as "completely restricted" in academic freedom, its lowest since the mid-1940s.
3. Academic Freedom Index currently covers 169 countries (excluding India) and territories, and provides the most comprehensive dataset on the subject of academic freedom.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding India's oilseed production.

1. India is the fourth-largest oilseed producer globally.
2. Rajasthan is the largest oilseed-producing state in India.
3. India meets 80% of its domestic edible oil demand through imports.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

63. Consider the following statements about Chagos Archipelago:

1. The Chagos Archipelago is located in the Indian Ocean, south of the Maldives.

2. The United Kingdom took control of the Chagos Islands from the French in the 18th century, following Napoleon Bonaparte's fall.
3. The United Kingdom established a military base on Diego Garcia in the 1960s, and it remains a key strategic asset for the United States.
4. In 2019, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that the detachment of Chagos from Mauritius in 1965 was legal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

64. Consider the following statements about Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):

1. DRDO was formed in 1958 by amalgamating the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) and Defence Science Organisation (DSO).
2. DRDO is primarily responsible for the production and procurement of weapons for the Indian Armed Forces.
3. DRDO has successfully developed indigenous missile systems like Agni and Prithvi series.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. Regarding the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a quasi-judicial body set up in 1988 under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 1986.
2. It is led by an officer of Secretary rank.

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

66. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** India is the world's largest producer of cotton, accounting for about 23% of the world's cotton production.

**Statement-II:** Weed management is a significant challenge for cotton farmers, which can be addressed through new seed varieties.

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

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

67. Consider the following statements regarding Israel.

1. Israel is a country located in the Middle East region of Asia sharing its borders with Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.
2. Iron Dome is an Israeli mobile all-weather air defense system.

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

68. Consider the following statements regarding the Antarctic Treaty.

1. The Antarctic Treaty was signed in 1959 to make Antarctica a demilitarized zone for scientific research only.
2. India has not signed this treaty yet.

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding Sri Lanka.

1. Palk strait separates India and Sri Lanka and connects the Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mannar.
2. Katchatheevu Island is an uninhabited region in the Palk Strait.

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 the National Perspective Plan for Interlinking of Rivers.

1. It aims to transfer water from water-surplus basins to water-deficit basins.
2. Ken-Betwa inter-linking of rivers project is the first project under this Plan.
3. It is 100% funded by the central government.

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

71. Regarding the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP), consider the following statements:

1. The pipeline has been prepared by NITI Aayog in consultation with related ministries.
2. The power sector holds the largest share of pipeline value under the NMP.
3. Under this initiative, the government retains primary ownership of the assets.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following events:

1. Implemented the appointment of educated Indians as Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors.
2. Reviewed and updated the Mahalwari land revenue system in 1833.
3. Reorganized the Bengal Presidency into twenty divisions, each overseen by a commissioner.
4. Ordered the use of vernacular languages in local courts.

Which of the following personalities is/are credited with the above reforms?

- A. William Bentinck
- B. Lord Cornwallis
- C. Lord Wellesley
- D. Charles Metcalfe

73. Consider the following statements related to French in India:

1. The first French factory in India was established at Masulipatnam.
2. They occupied Mahe in Malabar and Yanam in Coromandel.
3. The arrival of Dupleix as French governor saw the beginning of Anglo - French conflict

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements about the Nobel Prize in Literature awarded in 2024?

1. South Korean author Han Kang received the prize for her exploration of historical traumas and the fragility of life through her intense poetic prose.
2. Han Kang is the first South Korean writer to be awarded with the Nobel Prize in Literature.
3. The Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by the Nobel Committee in Oslo, Norway.

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

75. Consider the following statements about cadaver donation:

1. Cadaver donation involves donating the entire body to science after death to aid medical training.
2. Unclaimed bodies can be used for medical education under the state's Anatomy Act, 1959 requiring relatives to claim the body within 48 hours.

3. The National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization oversees the monitoring of whole-body donations in India.

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

76. Regarding Living Planet Report 2024, consider the following statements:

1. It is an annual report released by the Indian Environmental Society (IES).  
2. There has been a catastrophic 73% decline in the average size of monitored wildlife populations in just 50 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

77. Regarding the Nobel Prize, consider the following statements:

1. The 2024 Nobel Prize for Peace has been awarded to Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese organisation of survivors of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings.  
2. The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded for modern artificial neural networks (ANNs) and machine learning (ML).

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

78. With reference to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), consider the following statements:

1. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is empowered by the UAPA to investigate and prosecute cases nationwide.

2. The Act gives the central government complete authority to declare any activity as unlawful.

3. Both Indian and foreign nationals can be charged, with the law applying equally to offenders, even if the crime is committed abroad.

How many of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

79. Regarding the East Asia Summit (EAS), consider the following statements:

1. It was established in 2005 as an India-led initiative.  
2. It has 18 member countries excluding ASEAN members.  
3. EAS members represented approximately 53% of the world's population and accounted for approximately 60% of global GDP.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

80. With reference to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), consider the following statements:

1. It ensures that by 2030 at least 30% of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration.  
2. Its target refers to collective global efforts rather than requiring each country to allocate specific portions of its land and water areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

## Answers

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