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1. With reference to Tuberculosis (TB), consider the following statements:

1. Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) is a form of TB caused by viruses that do not respond to isoniazid and rifampicin, which are the most powerful first-line anti-TB drugs.
2. MDR-TB is treatable and curable by using second-line drugs such as Bedaquiline.
3. The Nikshay Poshan Yojna was initiated with the objective of assisting each TB patient through a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

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

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

2. With reference to the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 consider the following statements:

1. The AFSPA grants extensive authority to the armed forces and the Central armed police forces stationed in regions designated as "disturbed areas."
2. The Act underwent an amendment in 1972 that granted the authority to declare an area as "disturbed" only to the Central government.
3. It also grants soldiers executive powers to enter premises, search, and arrest without a warrant.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

3. With reference to the 'Statistical Performance Indicators (SPI)', consider the following statements:

1. The World Economic Forum compiles SPIs to assess the performance of national statistical systems across 174 countries.
2. The SPI is based on the assessment of five dimensions of performance, commonly referred to as the five pillars of a national statistical system.
3. India performs well in measures assessing the comparability of estimates of child mortality, debt reporting, drinking water, and labor force participation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

4. Consider the following indicators:

1. Data services;
2. Data products;
3. Data sources,
4. Data infrastructure.

How many of the above are part of Statistical Performance Indicators (SPI)?

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

5. With reference to the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), consider the following statements:

1. GRAP is a set of emergency measures that kick in to prevent further deterioration of air quality once it reaches a certain threshold in the Delhi-NCR region.
2. Following the Supreme Court's ruling in the case of M. C. Mehta vs. Union of India (2016), it received approval and was officially notified in 2017.
3. GRAP comprises actions to mitigate the deterioration of air quality in Delhi-NCR and to ensure that lead and Arsenic levels do not surpass the 'moderate' category of the national Air Quality Index (AQI).

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

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

6. Which one of the following is responsible for suggesting the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for agricultural crops?

- (a) National Statistical Commission (NSC)
(b) Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)
(c) Labour Bureau
(d) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)

7. With reference to the mRNA vaccines, consider the following statements:

1. mRNA vaccines use mRNA to teach our cells how to make a protein or a protein that triggers an immune response inside our bodies.
2. No mRNA vaccines for COVID-19 have been developed till now.
3. "Robust immune response" has been observed against the Covid-19 spike protein in mice upon administration of two doses of the mRNA.

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

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

8. With reference to the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI20) Engagement Group of G20, consider the following statements:

1. The SAI20 priority areas include "Green Economy" and "Responsible Artificial Intelligence" which represent new-age opportunities and concerns.
2. A Center of Excellence focused on the Green Economy has been founded within the International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED) at SAI India.
3. SAI is promoting the close cooperation for knowledge sharing and capacity building in the area of Artificial Intelligence.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

9. With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), consider the following statements:

1. He is the guardian of the public purse and controls the entire financial system of the country at both the levels—the Centre and the state.
2. He holds his office till the pleasure of the President.
3. He can resign any time from his office by addressing the resignation letter to the President.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements with respect to Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA):

1. James Watson and Francis Crick discovered that DNA is a double-helix polymer in 1953
2. DNA molecule's strands are made up of a long chain of monomer nucleotides.
3. It is arranged in a double helix structure.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

11. With reference to the Immune System, consider the following statements:

1. The innate immune system is characterized by its rapid response to infections and does not rely on prior exposure to the specific pathogen.
2. The adaptive immune system is a highly specialized part of the immune system that provides a specific and targeted defense against pathogens.
3. B Cells is white blood cells that produce antibodies that can bind to specific antigens on pathogens, neutralizing them or marking them for destruction by other immune cells.

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

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

12. Which one of the following committees is associated with Data Protection Framework ?

- (a) Justice BN Srikrishna Committee, 2017
(b) K.V. Kamath Committee, 2020
(c) Justice A.K Mathur Commission, 2014
(d) Balwantrai Mehta Committee, 1957

13. With reference to the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), consider the following statements:

1. ED is a multi-disciplinary organization mandated with investigation of offenses of money laundering and violations of foreign exchange laws.
2. The administrative control of the Directorate was transferred from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Economic Affairs.

3. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) empowers ED to conduct investigation into suspected contraventions of foreign exchange laws and regulations

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Supreme Court's inherent powers under Article 142':

1. The SC has powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to quash proceedings under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989.
2. The Article 142 of constitution provides discretionary power to the SC as it states that the SC in the exercise of its jurisdiction may pass such decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice.
3. The Supreme Court Bar Association v. Union of India, 1998 the Supreme Court stated that Article 142 could not be used to supplant the existing law, but only to supplement the law.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Financial Emergency':

1. The 38th Amendment Act of 1975 made the satisfaction of the President in declaring a Financial Emergency final and not beyond the judicial review.
2. A proclamation declaring financial emergency must be approved by both the Houses of Parliament within two months from the date of its issue.
3. Once approved by both the Houses of Parliament, the Financial Emergency continues indefinitely till it is revoked.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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

1. The Act empowers the Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA) to grant approval of seizure of property when the case is investigated by the said agency.
2. A person who commits an offense outside of India, which falls under the purview of this Act, will be subject to the provisions of this Act in the same way as if the act had occurred within India.
3. The State Government can establish a tribunal called the "Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal" through an official notification published in the Official Gazette.

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 respect to 'Indian federalism':

1. The Indian model of federalism is called quasi-federal system as it contains major features of both a federation and union.
2. Indian federation is a product of coming together of states to form the federal union of India.
3. Supremacy of the Constitution strengthened the federal characteristic of the Indian constitution.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18. Which one of the following agenda is associated with the 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2023?

- (a) Established the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)
- (b) Reservation of one-third seats in Lok Sabha, State legislative assemblies and the Delhi assembly
- (c) Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)
- (d) Reservation For Other Backward Classes

19. Consider the following statements with respect to '74th Constitutional Amendment':

1. Decentralization of powers and authorities to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) at various levels was mandated by this Amendment Act.
2. Each municipal region will be divided into territorial constituencies known as wards for this purpose.
3. Provision for reservation of 1/3rd of the total number of seats is also provided for women.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

20. With reference to the Delimitation Commission, consider the following statements:

1. It is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India (ECI).
2. The 1971 Census was used to determine and lock in the number of Lok Sabha constituencies for the States, maintaining this configuration for the subsequent 25 years via the 42nd Amendment Act of 1976.
3. The 84th Amendment Act of 2001 empowered the government to undertake readjustment and rationalization of territorial constituencies in the states on the basis of the population figures of 1991 census.

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

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

21. With reference to the Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The Finance Commission of India is a constitutional body established under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution
2. The Finance Commission is constituted by the Parliament of India every 5 years.
3. Its primary role is to recommend the distribution of financial resources between the central government and the state governments in India.

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

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

22. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Enforcement Directorate' (ED):

1. It functions under the Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance.
2. There are three regional offices headed by Special Directors of Enforcement.
3. The Directorate is empowered to execute the provisions of Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA) and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) only.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23. With reference to the Teesta River, consider the following statements:

1. Teesta river is a tributary of the Brahmaputra, which is known as Jamuna in Bangladesh.
2. The river flows through India, Bangladesh and Myanmar.
3. It originates in the Himalayas near Chunthang, Arunachal Pradesh and flows to the south through West Bengal.

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

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

24. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Labour Force Participation Rate'(LFPR):

1. The LFPR essentially is the percentage of the working age population that is asking for a job.
2. The working age population consists of people who are 25 years old or more.
3. LFPR includes those who are employed and not those who are unemployed.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

25. Which one of the following statements is correct with respect to 'Nobel Prize':
- The Nobel Prize was first awarded in the year 1951.
 - The Prize Ceremony is held in Germany every year in the month of December.
 - At maximum, four people can share a Nobel Prize amongst themselves.
 - Rabindra Nath Tagore became the first Indian Nobel Laureate in the year 1913.
26. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Socio-Economic Caste Census' (SECC):
- SECC is meant to canvas every rural Indian family and not the families in urban areas.
 - Its data is kept confidential and not allowed to be used by Government departments for targeting beneficiaries.
 - SECC falls under the purview of Census Act, 1948 like the decennial census.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
27. With reference to the Quantum Dots, consider the following statements:
- Quantum dots are microscale particles, typically ranging in size from 1 to 100 micrometers.
 - The quantum dot structures possess unique properties that are governed by their size and the size determines the color of light they emit.
 - Quantum dots can enhance the quality of displays, such as LED lamps and television screens, by emitting clear and vibrant light.
- How many of the above statements are **not** correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
28. With reference to the 'Diabetes Mellitus', consider the following statements:
- Diabetes Mellitus is a disorder in which the body does not produce enough or respond normally to insulin, causing blood sugar (glucose) levels to be abnormally high.
 - In Type-1 Diabetes, the body's immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas, and more than 90% of them are permanently destroyed.
 - In type-2 diabetes, the body develops resistance to the effects of insulin, so there is not enough insulin to meet the body's needs.
- How many of the above statements are **not** correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
29. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Bihar Caste-Census, 2023':
- This caste census in Bihar has been conducted by the Central Government.
 - Buddhists, Christians, Sikhs and Jains together constitutes the highest percentage of the Bihar's population
 - Caste Census can be properly utilized to attain the socio-economic objectives as enunciated in Directive Principles of State Policies (DPSPs).
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
30. With reference to the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:
- It plays a unique role by forming part of the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve, the first Biosphere Reserve in India, declared during 1986.
 - This tiger reserve extends over a junction of the three states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
 - The Moyar River flows through the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
31. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Insulin':
- Insulin is an enzyme secreted by the B cells of the pancreas.
 - Insulin also helps store excess glucose in the liver and muscles in the form of glycogen.
 - An important mechanism in the cell is insulin signaling, which is a series of biochemical reactions to regulate the glucose in the blood.
- How many of the above statements are **not** correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
32. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Indian National Congress (INC) Session, 1927':
- This session is presided over by Motilal Nehru.
 - INC in this session passed a resolution against the use of Indian troops in China, Iran and Mesopotamia.
 - During this session, INC adopted a resolution opposing the boycott of the Simon Commission.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

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

1. Monetary policy refers to the policy of the central government with regard to the use of monetary instruments.
2. The primary objective of the monetary policy is to maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth.
3. The interest rate at which the Reserve Bank provides overnight liquidity to banks against the collateral of government and other approved securities is known as Bank Rate which is a monetary policy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

34. With reference to the Kavach system, consider the following statements:

1. It is a set of electronic devices and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices installed in Fighter aircrafts.
2. They connect to each other using ultra high radio frequencies to control the air brakes of and also alert fighter pilots.
3. The current form of Kavach adheres to the highest level of safety and reliability standard called Safety Integrity Level (SIL) 4.

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

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

35. With reference to the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, consider the following statements:

1. An autonomous body, the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), will be created to provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas on the use of technology.
2. National Assessment Centre- 'PARAKH' has been created to assess the students.
3. It emphasizes setting up of Gender Inclusion Fund, Special Education Zones for disadvantaged regions and groups.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Guru Teg Bahadur':

1. The sacred text known as the 'Guru Granth Sahib' contains poetic hymns authored by Guru Teg Bahadur.
2. According to Sikh tradition, Sikhism was established by Guru Teg Bahadur and subsequently led by a succession of nine other Gurus.

3. Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed in Delhi under the orders of the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.

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

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

37. Which one of the following organized the Harijan Sevak Sangh?

- (a) Dr. B.R Ambedkar
(b) Mahatma Gandhi
(c) Jyotiba Phule
(d) Iswar Chand Vidyasagar

38. Consider the following statements with respect to 'International Day of Non-Violence':

1. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on the birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela.
2. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) established the International Day of Non-Violence for dissemination of non-violence principles through education and awareness.
3. This resolution is also reflecting the universal respect for Mahatma Gandhi and of the enduring relevance of his philosophy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

39. Consider the following Nations:

1. Iraq 2. Syria
3. Lebanon 4. Jordan

How many of the above was the part of Arab-Israeli War erupted in 1948 when Israel was declared an independent state?

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

40. Which one of the following research got the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2023?

- (a) Synthesis of quantum dots.
(b) Development of click chemistry
(c) Organocatalysis.
(d) CRISPR/Cas9 genetic scissors

41. Which one of the following activities contributed to the growth of India's IT services during the pandemic?

- (a) Increased demand for tech capability due to remote work.
(b) Greater investment in manufacturing.
(c) Expansion of call centers.
(d) Decreased reliance on IT services.

42. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)':

1. The CAGR is the yearly smoothened growth rate of an investment after a given interval.
2. CAGR provides a more accurate rate of growth that can help investors arrive at a more informed decision about their investment.
3. Calculating CAGR requires three pieces of information, the start value of the investment, end value, and the number of periods under consideration.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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

1. It was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles as an affiliated agency of the League of Nations.
2. The ILO sets international labor standards which are ratified by member states and binding in nature.
3. Freedom of Association and The Right to collective bargaining is one of the four categories of fundamental principles and rights.

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

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

44. Consider the following nations:

1. Palestine 2. Israel
3. Syria 4. Egypt

How many of the above nations are related to the Toofan Al-Aqsa operation?

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

45. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Sports Authority of India (SAI)':

1. It is an autonomous body established in 1984 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
2. Number of academic programmes in physical education and sports are also offered by SAI.
3. SAI is maintaining and utilizing the important stadiums like Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium on behalf of Government of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements with respect to 'World Press Freedom Index, 2023':

1. This index was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).
2. India got 161st rank among the 180 countries in this report.

3. Theme for World Press Freedom Index, 2023 is 'Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights'.

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

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

47. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Mental Health':

1. The National Mental Health Program addresses the huge burden of shortage of qualified professionals in the field of mental health.
2. Kiran Helpline offers mental health rehabilitation services with the objective of early screening, first-aid, psychological support, and distress management.
3. The government of India launched MANAS (Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation System) for government hospitals to promote mental wellbeing among the BPL population.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

48. With reference to the United Nation Developed Program (UNDP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a UN agency entrusted with assisting nations in eradicating poverty and achieving long-term economic and human development.
2. It manages the investment, technical training, and technology development initiatives and provides professionals to assist in developing environmental institutions and the expansion of pollution efficient technology.
3. The UNDP is supported entirely by voluntary donations from UN member states.

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

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

49. Which one of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) promotes Decent Work and Economic Growth?

- (a) Goal 4 (b) Goal 8
(c) Goal 9 (d) Goal 14

50. Consider the following statements with respect to 'State Legislature':

1. The Constitution of India mandates uniformity in the organization of state legislatures.
2. The state legislature consists of the legislative council and the legislative assembly only.
3. The legislative council is the upper house while the legislative assembly is the lower house.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

51. With reference to the Indian National Congress (INC), consider the following statements:

1. The INC was established in 1885, by A.O. Hume, a retired civil servant.
2. In his book 'Unhappy India' Bal Gangadhar Tilak suggested that the formation of the INC was the result of a conspiracy orchestrated by Lord Dufferin and A.O. Hume.
3. Womesh Chandra Bonnerje was the President of the first session of INC.

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 respect to 'Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council':

1. The creation of the Autonomous Hill Councils in Ladakh represented an important step towards recognizing the unique identity and aspirations of the region's people.
2. The total number of seats in the Council to be filled by persons chosen by indirect election from territorial constituencies.
3. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of Chairman as the Chief Executive Councillor and four members to be nominated by the Chief Executive Councillor.

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

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

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

1. To provide for the administration of tribal areas in the northeastern states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram.
2. To protect tribal land and resources and prohibits the transfer of such resources to non-tribal individuals or communities.
3. To ensure the tribal communities are not exploited or marginalized by non-tribal populations and that their cultural and social identities are preserved and promoted.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

54. With reference to the, Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 consider the following statements:

1. The Act covers a wide range of offenses against SCs and STs, such as causing physical but not mental harms.
2. It imposes a duty on every public servant to take necessary steps to protect SCs and STs from any harm or harassment arising out of an offense under the Act.

3. It mandates that any offense under the Act shall be investigated by an officer not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) within 30 days.

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

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

55. Consider the following Vedas:

1. Rigveda 2. Atharvaveda
3. Samaveda 4. Yajurveda

How many of the above are the sources of Ayurveda?

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

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

1. This act reserves one-third of the seats in Lok Sabha, State legislative assemblies and the Delhi assembly.
2. The act provided for inserting Article 330A to the constitution, which borrows from the provisions of Article 330, which provides for reservation of seats to SCs/STs in the Lok Sabha.
3. It provided that reserved seats for women may be allotted by rotation to different constituencies in states or Union Territories.

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

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

57. Regarding the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), consider the following statements:

1. Under it, European Union (EU) mandates reporting carbon emissions for imports of iron, steel, aluminum, cement, fertilizer, and electricity.
2. CBAM could have a significant impact on the competitiveness of developing countries that export the covered goods to the EU.
3. The IPCC recently published the CBAM Exposure Index.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

58. With reference to Inflation Indexes, consider the following statements:

1. CPI measures the changes in the prices of goods sold and traded in bulk by wholesale businesses to other businesses.
2. WPI measures price changes from the perspective of a retail buyer.
3. Producer Price Index (PPI) captures prices received by producers of goods and services.

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 only

59. Regarding the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), consider the following statements:

1. The Security Council, one of the six principal organs of the United Nations was established by the UN Charter in 1945.
2. The council is headquartered in Geneva.
3. The five permanent members are the United States, the Russian Federation, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

60. Regarding the Guardian Minister, consider the following statements:

1. It is mentioned in Article 104 of the Indian constitution.
2. It is mandatory for every state government to appoint a Guardian minister.
3. The Guardian Minister reports directly to the Governor of the state.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

1. Recently, the 17th edition of the report has been released by the World Bank.
2. It benchmarks countries on their progress towards gender parity in four Key dimensions with Submatrices.
3. India has made significant progress, rising from 135th (in 2022) to 127th out of 146 countries in the Report's 2023 edition.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

62. Consider the following pairs:

- | Event | Meaning |
|--------------|--|
| 1. Nakba | a. Catastrophe; referring to the ethnic cleansing of Palestine in 1948 |
| 2. Naksa | b. Setback; referring to Israeli invasion and occupation of the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza Strip |
| 3. Intifida | c. Shaking off; referring to either of two popular uprisings of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip aimed at ending Israel's occupation of those territories and creating an independent Palestinian state. |

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

63. Regarding the Janaushadhi Kendra, consider the following statements:

1. These are the centers from where only branded medicines are made available to all.
2. The Bureau of Pharma PSUs in India (BPPI) supports Janaushadhi Kendras as a part of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
3. The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

64. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)', 1967:

1. As per the Act, an investigating officer is required to obtain the prior approval of the Superintendent or Commissioner of Police to seize properties that may be connected with terrorism.
2. Under the provisions of the Act, investigation of cases can be conducted by officers of the rank of Deputy Superintendent or Assistant Commissioner of Police or above.
3. UAPA has the death penalty and life imprisonment as the highest punishments.

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

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

65. Consider the following Committee/Council:

1. InterState Council
2. Business Advisory Committee
3. National Integration Council
4. Rules Committee

How many of the above are chaired by the Prime Minister?

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

66. With reference to the Prime Minister, consider the following statements:

1. It is the duty of the Prime Minister to communicate to the president all decisions of the council of ministers relating to the administration of the affairs of the Union.
2. Lord Morely described the Prime Minister as 'primus inter pares' (first among equals) and 'key stone of the cabinet arch'.
3. He is the chairman of the National Water Resources Council and some other bodies.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

67. With reference to the state legislature, consider the following statements:

1. The maximum strength of the council is fixed at one-third of the total strength of the assembly and the minimum strength is fixed at 40.
2. 1/3 are elected by the members of local bodies in the state like municipalities, district boards, etc.
3. 1/12 are elected by graduates of three years standing and residing within the state.

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

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

68. Which one of the following Passes is found in Ladakh?

- (a) Baralacha La (b) Mana Pass
(c) Shipki La (d) Rohtang Pass

69. Consider the following statements with respect to 'United Nation Security Council':

1. The council's presidency is a capacity that rotates every month among its 15 members.
2. Each year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members for a two-year term.
3. A "No" vote from one of the 15 members blocks the passage of the resolution.

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

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

70. With reference to the Iron Dome Air Defence System, consider the following statements:

1. It is a short-range, ground-to-air, air defense system that includes a radar and Tamir interceptor missiles.
2. It is capable of being used in all weather conditions, including during the day and night.
3. The Iron Dome has three main systems that work together to provide a shield over the area where it is deployed.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)':

1. PLFS is launched by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).
2. It estimates the key employment and unemployment indicators in a short time interval of three months for the urban areas and rural areas both in the 'Current Weekly Status'.
3. Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) is defined as the percentage of employed persons in the population.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

72. With reference to the global warming, consider the following statements:

1. It is a result of atmospheric gasses like carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide (N₂O), water vapor, and chlorofluorocarbons.
2. Nitrogen oxide and Nitrogen dioxide are causing global warming while Nitrous oxide (N₂O) is a global cooling gas.
3. Carbon Dioxide possesses the highest global warming potential over a 100-year period.

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

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

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

1. It was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950 which is celebrated as national voters' day.
2. The body administers elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies in India, and the offices of the President and Vice President in the country.
3. They enjoy the same status and receive salary and perks as available to Judges of the Supreme Court (SC) of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

74. Consider the following nations:

1. Israel 2. Palestine
3. Russia 4. Ukraine

How many of the above are parties in Oslo Accords?

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

75. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Enforcement Directorate (ED)':

1. The ED can initiate preventive detention cases under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967 for violations of law related to foreign exchange and smuggling activities.
2. Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA) empowers the ED to confiscate the properties of the fugitive economic offenders who have escaped from India and warrant arrest.
3. ED has been given the responsibility to enforce the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

76. Consider the following key dimensions:

1. Economic Participation and Opportunity
2. Educational Attainment
3. Health and Survival
4. Political Empowerment

How many of the above are key dimensions of the Global Gender Gap Index?

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

77. With reference to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), consider the following statements:

1. The IOC has the aim of ensuring the regular holding of the Olympic Games and fostering Olympism and the Olympic movement.
2. The Committee is responsible for establishing the Olympic Games' rules, regulations, and determining the future location and timing of the next Olympic event.
3. Each member of IOC must speak German or English and be a citizen of or reside in a country that has a National Olympic Committee.

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

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

78. With reference to the Anaemia, consider the following statements:

1. It is a condition in which the number of oxygen-carrying capacity in lungs is insufficient to meet physiological needs.
2. Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS) Programme is being implemented to meet the challenge of high prevalence and incidence of anemia.
3. The 6X6X6 strategy of Anaemia Mukh Bharat aims to reduce anemia among six beneficiary age groups through implementation of six interventions and six institutional mechanisms.

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

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

79. With reference to the Global Hunger Index (GHI), 2023 consider the following statements:

1. GHI is an annually released peer-reviewed report, co-published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.
2. The GHI score is calculated on a 100-point scale reflecting the severity of hunger - 0 is the worst score and 100 is the best.
3. GHI score is calculated based on a formula that combines four indicators and child stunting is one of the four indicators.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

80. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Preamble of Indian Constitution':

1. "Democratic Republic" means that India is a democracy where people choose their leaders through elections, and there's no king or queen.
2. Jawaharlal Nehru's Objectives Resolution, passed by the Constituent Assembly established the fundamental principles of equality, liberty, democracy and sovereignty mentioned in the Preamble.
3. "Secular" means that the government in India is separate from religion and ensures that people of all religions are treated equally.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 5':

1. Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has come down below the threshold at which the population is expected to replace itself from one generation to next.
2. NFHS-5 includes some new topics, such as preschool education, disability, access to a toilet facility, death registration, bathing practices during menstruation, and methods and reasons for abortion.
3. NFHS-5 data shows that there were 1,020 women for 1000 men in the country in 2019-2021.

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

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

82. With reference to the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013, consider the following statements:

1. Beneficiaries under this act fall into two categories Priority Households (PHH) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households.
2. Under this act, wheat costs Rs. 2 per kg, rice costs Rs. 3 per kg and coarse grains cost Rs. 1 per kg.
3. Schemes such as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), the Public Distribution System (PDS), are included under the Act, however, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is not its part.

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

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

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

1. The CES is a survey carried out by the NSSO (National Sample Survey Office).
2. The survey is conducted once every five years to gather data on the spending pattern of the households of rural areas only in the consumption of goods and services.
3. The survey data helps to estimate the household Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE) and the distribution of households in different MPCE classes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

84. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)':

1. A GLOF is a sudden and potentially catastrophic flood that occurs when water stored behind a glacier or a moraine is released rapidly.
2. GLOF in Sikkim was triggered by rupture in South Lhonak Lake which is a glacial lake.
3. The flooding led to the breach of the Chungthang Hydro-Dam on the Teesta River in Sikkim, exacerbating the overall crisis.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

85. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Supreme Court':

1. Its original jurisdiction is confined to federal cases.
2. Its appellate jurisdiction is confined to constitutional cases only.
3. It defends the rights of the citizen according to the 'due process of law'.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

86. With reference to the Collegium system, consider the following statements:

1. It is the system of appointment and transfer of judges that has evolved through an Act of Parliament.
2. First Judges Case (1981) declared that the "primacy" of the CJI's (Chief Justice of India) recommendation on judicial appointments and transfers can be refused for "cogent reasons."
3. The SC collegium is headed by the CJI (Chief Justice of India) and comprises four other senior most judges of the court.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

87. With reference to the Token Cut Motion, consider the following statements:

1. It should not make suggestions for the amendment or repeal of existing laws.
2. It should relate to one demand only.
3. It should not relate to the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

88. With reference to the Bhakti Movement, consider the following statements:

1. This movement in the 15th century was a popular movement which treated all sections of society equally and it developed two traditions of Saguna and Nirguna.
2. Saguna believed in the form of God Vishnu or Shiv relating to the Vaishnavite or Shaivite traditions.
3. Ravidas and Kabir were the major figures of the Nirguna tradition.

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

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

89. Consider the following publications:

1. Janta 2. Bahishkrit Bharat
3. Indian Opinion 4. Navajivan and Harijan

How many of the above are written by Dr. Ambedkar?

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

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

1. The EIA Notification is issued under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 in India.
2. The notification categorizes projects into categories: A and B based on their potential environmental impacts and clearance by Central/State Government.
3. Category A projects require environmental approval and do not undergo the screening procedure.

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

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

91. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Environment Protection Act (EPA),1986':

1. The roots of the enactment of the EPA lies in the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development held at Stockholm in June,1972.
2. The Act implements the decisions made at the Stockholm Conference.
3. The EPA Act was enacted under Article 253 of the Indian Constitution which provides for the enactment of legislation for giving effect to international agreements.

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

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

92. With reference to the Special Marriage Act 1954, consider the following statements:

1. It is an Indian law that provides a legal framework for the marriage of people belonging to different religions or castes.
2. It governs a civil marriage where the state sanctions the marriage and religion both.
3. The act requires either spouse to convert to the religion of the other before marriage.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)':

1. The primary basis for NALSA's establishment can be traced back to Article 39A within the framework of the Indian Constitution.
2. It distributes funding and grants to state legal services authorities and non-profit organizations to help them execute legal aid systems and initiatives.
3. NALSA was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and the Attorney General of India is the Patron-in-Chief.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

94. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Palk Strait':

1. Palk Strait lies between the Indian state of Tamil Nadu and the Jaffna District of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.
2. It is situated between the Gulf of Mannar and the Bay of Bengal.
3. Palk Strait is bordered by Pamban Island, Adam's Bridge, the Gulf of Mannar, and Mannar Island (Sri Lanka).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

95. With reference to the Neighbourhood First Policy, consider the following statements:

1. Under this Policy, India strives to build cordial and synergetic relations with the South Asian neighbors.
2. The policy endeavors to assist in conflict resolution and mediate disputes between neighboring countries, promoting peaceful coexistence.
3. India is deepening regional security through military cooperation, with exercises like Surya Kiran (Nepal) and Sampriti (Bangladesh).

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

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

96. With reference to the appointment of High Court, consider the following statements:

1. Indian Constitution states that the Judge of a High Court shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), the Governor of the State.
2. The Second Judges Case (1993) introduced the Collegium system, holding that "consultation" really meant "concurrence".
3. A High Court (HC) collegium is led by its Chief Justice of India and four other senior most judges of that court.

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

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

97. With reference to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, consider the following statements:

1. This scheme aims to provide 33% reservation to women in Parliament and Assemblies.
2. The reservation can only come into effect after the delimitation exercise is undertaken in India i.e., it cannot be made effective before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.
3. The quota will be applicable to Rajya Sabha or State Legislative Councils also.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

98. Consider the following statements with respect to 'fetus':

1. A "fetus" is the term used to refer to the developing, unborn offspring of a mammal, including humans, during the later stages of pregnancy.
2. It typically describes the stage of prenatal development after the embryo stage and before birth.
3. Limbs, including arms and legs, become more developed and exhibit more defined fingers and toes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

99. Consider the following nations:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
2. Israel
3. Jordan
4. Palestine

How many of the above are not part of the Prosperity Green & Blue agreement?

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

100. With reference to the Carbon Footprint, consider the following statements:

1. A carbon footprint refers to the total amount of greenhouse gasses, primarily carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other carbon compounds, that are emitted directly or indirectly by anthropogenic activity.
2. It is usually measured as tons of CO₂ emitted per year, a number that can be supplemented by tons of CO₂-equivalent gasses, including methane, nitrous oxide, and other greenhouse gasses.
3. Carbon footprint is the same as the ecological footprint.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

101. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Abraham Accords':

1. This accords are a series of agreements signed in 2020 between Israel and several Arab states, marking a historic shift in diplomatic relations in the Middle East.
2. UAE was the first Arab country to formally announce its normalization of relations with Israel under the Abraham Accords.
3. The agreement shows how the Arab countries are gradually decoupling themselves from the Palestine question.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

102. With reference to the Ramanathaswamy temple, consider the following statements:

1. The Ramanathaswamy temple in Rameswaram is a holy pilgrimage site for Shaivites, Vaishnavites, and Smarthas.
2. The Ramanathaswamy Temple was built in the Dravidian style with limestone and granite.
3. Lord Rama worshiped Lord Shiva at this spot on his way back from Lanka.

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

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

103. With reference to the Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), consider the following statements:

1. CAGR is a measure used to determine the annual growth rate of an investment or business over a specified time period, taking into account the compounding effect.
2. It is especially useful for analyzing growth rates from various data sets of the different domains.

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

104. Consider the following statements with respect to Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Act, 2022?

1. Under the Act, state governments can not declare areas adjacent to national parks and sanctuaries as a conservation reserve, for protecting flora and fauna, and their habitat.
2. Centre can designate a management authority to grant export or import permits for the trade of specimens and a scientific authority to give advice on the trade impact on the survival of the specimens
3. Centre will appoint a Chief Wildlife Warden who processes applications for breeding in captivity or artificially propagating any scheduled specimen.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

105. With reference to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals from the threats of international trade.
2. CITES was drafted as a result of a resolution adopted in 1963 at a meeting of members of IUCN
3. Appendix I of CITES includes species threatened with extinction.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

106. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Mandal Commission':

1. The Mandal Commission or the second Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission, was established in 1979 to "identify the socially or educationally backward classes" of India.
2. The Commission reported that one third of the country's population was OBCs.
3. The commission argued that the percentage of reservations in government service should match the percentage of the population of the OBC.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

107. With reference to the Referendum, consider the following statements:

1. A referendum is an instrument of direct democracy through which people can vote directly on a particular issue.
2. Citizens and foreigners both are allowed to vote on a specific issue or question, typically proposed by a government or other official body.

3. Mandatory Referendum is a form of referendum held in response to demand.

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

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

108. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Minimum Support Price (MSP)':

1. The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) decides the minimum support price.
2. MSP is a "minimum price" for any crop that the government considers as remunerative for farmers and hence deserving of "support".
3. CACP is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

109. With reference to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act), consider the following statements:

1. According to the Act, narcotic drugs include coca leaf, cannabis (hemp), opium, and poppy straw.
2. Psychotropic substances include any natural or synthetic material or any salt or preparation protected by the Psychotropic Substances Convention of 1971.
3. The offenses under the Act attract jail terms ranging from one year to 20 years and fine depending on the crime.

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

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

110. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Wetland':

1. A wetland is a land area that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, and it takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem.
2. According to estimates by Wetlands International South Asia, half of the natural wetlands in India have been lost in the last three decades.
3. Wetlands help in flood control by acting as natural sponges.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

111. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Mycorrhizal Fungi':

1. Mycorrhizae are a symbiotic association between plant roots and fungi.
2. By using photosynthesis, the plant creates organic molecules like sugars and gives them to the fungus.
3. The arbuscular form is the most rare form and is found in very less plant species, including important agricultural plants like wheat and rice.

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

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

112. With reference to the Chenkurinji (*Gluta travancorica*), consider the following statements:

1. Chenkurinji (*Gluta travancorica*), is a species endemic to the Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve.
2. It belongs to Anacardiaceae family tree was once abundant in the hills on the southern parts of Aryankavu Pass.
3. It's used to treat lower blood pressure and treat arthritis.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

113. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Gross value added (GVA)':

1. GVA can be defined as output produced after deducting the intermediate value of consumption.
2. The base year for the calculation of GVA has also been shifted to 2021-2022 from the earlier 2011-2012.
3. The difference between GVA and GDP is that GVA is the value added to the product to enhance the various aspects of the product whereas GDP is the total amount of products produced in the country.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

114. With reference to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The PLI scheme was conceived to scale up domestic manufacturing capability, accompanied by higher import substitution and employment generation.
2. In this scheme, only domestic companies receive financial rewards for manufacturing in India, based on a percentage of their revenue over up to five years.
3. The Drones and Drone components manufacturing sector comes under the PLI scheme.

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

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

115. Consider the following statements with respect to 'International Booker Prize':

1. The award has been granted yearly to a single book that has been translated into English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland.
2. Novels and collections of short stories are not eligible for this prize.
3. "Tomb of Sand", is the first book written in an Indian language to be awarded the International Booker Prize.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

116. Which one of the following seas is adjacent to the Gaza Strip?

- (a) Mediterranean Sea (b) Black Sea
(c) Caribbean Sea (d) Baltic Sea

117. With reference to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), consider the following statements:

1. Wages must be paid according to the statutory minimum wages specified for agricultural laborers in the state under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.
2. The most important part of MGNREGA's design is its legally-backed guarantee for any rural adult to get work within 15 days of demanding it.
3. The act mandates Gram sabhas to recommend the works that are to be undertaken and at least 50% of the works must be executed by them.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

118. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Fast-Moving Consumer Goods Sector (FMCG)':

1. FMCG can be defined as packaged goods that are consumed or sold at regular and small intervals.
2. FMCG is the fourth largest sector in the Indian economy.
3. Technologies like Artificial intelligence, Big Data and Predictive Analysis are being increasingly used by FMCG companies to predict customer behavior.

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

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

119. Consider the following rights:

1. Right to Marry
2. Doctors' assistance
3. Protection of cultural heritage
4. Right to health and medical

How many of the above are not part of fundamental rights?

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

120. Consider the following states:

1. Tripura 2. Punjab
3. West Bengal 4. Uttar Pradesh

How many of the above are covered under the National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem?

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

121. With reference to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), consider the following statements:

1. It is entrusted with functions and responsibilities under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
2. CPCB has an automatic monitoring station where Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Ozone (O₃), Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) are being monitored regularly.
3. Its mandate is to develop and disseminate technologies, monitor and implement National policies for the scientific and sustainable development and management of India's Ground Water resources.

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

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

122. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Gaganyaan mission':

1. Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk III (GSLV Mk III), also known as Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM-3), will be used as a launch vehicle in Gaganyaan mission.
2. The Central Hub of the Gaganyaan Mission, Orbital Module (OM), which will orbit the Earth, will comprise Crew Module (CM) and Service Module (SM).
3. The Crew Module will have an Earth like environment in space for the crew.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

123. With reference to the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR), consider the following statements:

1. The IHR is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories.
2. The Indian Himalayan Region extends across Tripura.
3. Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin guidelines, each hill town receives approximately 150 liters per capita of water supply.

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

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

124. With reference to the Mahatma Gandhi consider the following statements:

1. Harijan Sevak Sangh is an organization founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932.
2. He started the Bahishkrit Bharat newspaper to address the cause of the depressed classes.
3. In March 1927, he spearheaded the Mahad Satyagraha.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

125. Consider the following part of the Constitution :

1. Fundamental Rights
2. Directive Principle of State Policy
3. Citizenship
4. Fundamental Duties

How many of the above are enshrined by Social Justice?

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

126. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Indian Himalayas Climate Adaptation Programme (IHCAP)':

1. The project aims at strengthening the capacities of Indian institutions in climate science, with a specific focus on glaciology.
2. The programme supports India's National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE), a mission of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).
3. The consortium of Swiss and Indian scientists guided by an Indo-Swiss Joint Working Group, for planning and implementation at state level in Himachal Pradesh.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

127. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (VCDR)':

1. The Convention was adopted in 1961 by the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse.
2. It entered into force in 1964, and is the only universally ratified International convention.
3. It sets out the special rules privileges and immunities – which enable diplomatic missions to act without fear of coercion or harassment through enforcement of local laws

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

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

128. With reference to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), consider the following statements:

1. ICJ was established in 1945 by the United Nations charter and started working from 1946.
2. It settles legal disputes between States and gives binding decisions in accordance with international law,
3. The Court is composed of 15 judges, who are elected for terms of office of nine years by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

129. With reference to the "Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act 2021", consider the following statements:

1. Terminating a pregnancy up to 20 weeks will only require the medical advice of one doctor.
2. Abortion is legal for up to 24 weeks pregnant women who are differently-abled or minors.
3. The upper gestation limit applies in cases of substantial fetal abnormalities diagnosed by the Medical Board.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

130. Which of the following is not the member of the Selection Committee for the Lokpal's Chairperson and the members?

- (a) Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha
(b) Chief Justice of India
(c) Prime Minister
(d) Chairman of the Rajya Sabha

131. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Article 324 of the Constitution has made the provisions to safeguard and ensure the independent and impartial functioning of the Election Commission.

Statement-II: The chief election commissioner is provided with the security of tenure. He cannot be removed from his office except in the same manner and on the same grounds as a judge of the Supreme Court. 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.

132. With reference to the Electoral Process, consider the following statements:

1. The Sixty-First Amendment Act, 1989 reduced the voting age from 21 years to 18 years for the Lok Sabha only.
2. This was done in order to provide to the unrepresented youth of the country an opportunity to express their feelings.
3. A person who is convicted for the offense of insulting the National Flag will be disqualified to contest in the elections to the Parliament and state legislature for 6 years.

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 'Study of voting behavior':

1. Psephology is a branch of political science, deals with the scientific study of voting behavior.
2. It helps in comprehending the process of political socialization.
3. It reflects the direct relation of the individual citizens to the formal government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

134. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)':

1. MPC was constituted under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 as an initiative to bring more transparency and accountability to the Monetary Policy formulation.
2. The Monetary Policy Committee fixes the benchmark policy interest rate (repo rate) to restrain inflation within the particular target level.
3. The Financial Markets Operations Department (FMOD) assisted MPC in formulating the policy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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

1. Chandrayaan-3 aimed to investigate "permanently shadowed regions" near the North Pole for potential water-ice and resources.
2. Vikram's landing occurred on the Moon's near side, unlike China's Chang'e 4 on the far side.
3. Chandrayaan-3 is expected to operate for at least one lunar day (14 Earth days) on the lunar surface.

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

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

136. With reference to the Gaganyaan mission, consider the following statements:

1. Service module comprises of propulsion system, thermal system, power systems, avionics systems and deployment mechanisms
2. The Crew Module will have an Earth like environment in space for the crew.
3. As part of the abort mission, the crew escape system and crew module will be separated from the test vehicle at an altitude of about 17 km.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

137. With reference to the Indian Space Policy 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The policy will pave the way forward with much-required clarity in space reforms and augment private industry participation to drive the space economy opportunity for the country.
2. ISRO will focus its energies on developing new technologies, new systems and research and development.
3. The operational part of ISRO's missions will be moved to the NewSpace India Limited.

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

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

138. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Air Quality Index (AQI)':

1. Air Quality Index (AQI) launched by the central government as part of the Swachh Bharat campaign.
2. The AQI transforms complex air quality data of various pollutants into a single number (index value), nomenclature and color.
3. An Air Quality Index (AQI) rating of 301-400 indicates poor air quality remarks.

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

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

139. With reference to the anticyclonic circulation, consider the following statements:

1. Anticyclonic winds rotate anti-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere around a center of high pressure.
2. In anticyclones, air comes in from above and sinks to the ground.
3. In general, areas with high-pressure systems typically experience stable and clear weather conditions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

140. With reference to the East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC), consider the following statements:

1. ECEC is India's first coastal economic corridor along the eastern coast.
2. It stretches from Kolkata (West Bengal) in the north to Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu) in the south.
3. The New Development Bank approved a loan to fund the construction of this corridor.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

141. Consider the following statements with respect to 'White Phosphorus':

1. White phosphorus is a pyrophoric that ignites when exposed to light, producing thick, light smoke as well as intense 815-degree Celsius heat.
2. White phosphorus is dispersed in artillery shells, bombs, and rockets.
3. White phosphorus munitions are under the blanket ban, though their use is regulated under the International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

142. 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 the Rajya Sabha members retire every second year.
3. The retiring members are not eligible for re-election and renomination.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

143. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Doklam Plateau':

1. Doklam is a narrow plateau lying in the tri-junction of India, China and Bhutan.
2. The disputed region is very close to India's Siliguri Corridor which connects the seven north eastern states to the Indian mainland.
3. The Doklam Plateau is part of the Chumbi Valley, which is primarily in Tibet.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

144. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Human Rights Watch (HRW)':

1. Human Rights Watch (HRW) is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1978 as "Helsinki Watch,"

2. Its aim is to investigate the rights abuses in countries that signed the Helsinki Accords.

3. World Report 2023 was published by the Human Right Watch (HRW).

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

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

145. With reference to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, consider the following statements:

1. It seeks to prohibit or restrict the use of certain conventional weapons which are considered excessively injurious or whose effects are indiscriminate.
2. The convention covers land mines, incendiary devices, blinding laser weapons and clearance of explosive remnants of war.
3. India has not ratified this Convention.

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

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

146. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Increased Women Labor Market Participation is often associated with improved economic opportunities and greater decision-making influence within households.

Statement-II: From a macroeconomic perspective, a reduced women's labor force participation rate (LFPR) carries significant implications for both women's bargaining power within and outside households, as well as the overall economic advancement of the nation.

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.

147. With reference to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), consider the following statements:

1. Negotiations for the CWC began in 1980 at the United Nations Conference on Disarmament.
2. It makes it mandatory to destroy old and abandoned chemical weapons.
3. Members are required to disclose any riot-control agents or tear gas they have in their possession.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

148. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)':

1. This health scheme can not be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
2. The National Health Authority (NHA) has been constituted as an autonomous entity under the Society Registration Act, 1860 for effective implementation of PM-JAY.
3. It is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data of 2011.

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 'National AYUSH Mission':

1. It envisages flexibility of implementation of the programmes which will lead to substantial participation of the State Governments/UT.
2. It facilitates the enforcement of quality control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) drugs and sustainable availability of the raw-materials.
3. AYUSH Wellness Centres comprising Yoga and Naturopathy come under the obligatory components of the National AYUSH Mission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

150. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Artificial Intelligence':

1. One of the most desirable attributes of artificial intelligence is its capacity to make reasoned decisions and execute actions with the highest likelihood of attaining a particular objective.
2. Machine Learning (ML) is a component within the broader field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
3. NITI Aayog, has issued some guiding documents on AI Issues such as the National Strategy for AI.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

151. With reference to the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), consider the following statements:

1. NSDL is a depository of Indian securities that stores digitally securities such as investor bonds, shares and debentures.
2. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Unit Trust of India (UTI), and National Stock Exchange (NSE) are promoting NSDL.

3. It is a growing platform to transfer ownership of securities via the straightforward transfer of accounts without involving in the documentation.

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

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

152. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The ongoing changes in the Arctic pose a risk of losing the region's vital "great white shield" at the North Pole and releasing substantial amounts of stored carbon.

Statement-II: The Arctic is experiencing a warming rate that is four times quicker than the global average. This rapid warming is causing an unparalleled decline in sea ice and the thawing of permafrost.

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.

153. Consider the following statements with respect to 'SAMVAD Initiative':

1. It stands for Support, Advocacy & Mental health interventions for children in Vulnerable circumstances and Distress (SAMVAD).
2. The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. Its implementation is led by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

154. Consider the following statements with respect to 'India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)':

1. The project forms part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII).
2. The proposed IMEC will consist of Railroad, Ship-to-Rail networks and Road transport routes extending across two corridors, that is the East Corridor and Northern Corridor.
3. India, the US, Saudi Arabia, UAE, the European Union, Italy, France, and Germany are the signatory of the IMEC.

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

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

155. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Public Accounts Committee':

1. This committee was set up first in 1921 under the provisions of the Government of India Act of 1919.
2. At present time this committee consists of 22 members from the Lok Sabha and no member from the Rajya Sabha.
3. The members are elected by the Parliament according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote among its members.

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

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

156. With reference to the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, consider the following statements:

1. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita is replacing the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
2. It permits the filing of a zero FIR from any part of the country.
3. This act does not have provision to officially inform the family of the arrested person about his arrest online or in person.

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

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

157. With reference to the Arctic Sea Ice, consider the following statements:

1. Arctic sea ice refers to the frozen seawater that covers the Arctic Ocean and surrounding seas during the colder months.
2. It spreads over one-sixth of the earth's landmass.
3. Decreased ice cover reduces earth's surface reflectivity, leading to more absorption of solar radiation and surface warming and aggravating the Arctic sea ice melting.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

158. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)':

1. GBA is an initiative spearheaded by India with the goal of creating a coalition involving governments, international organizations, and industry to encourage the widespread use of biofuels.
2. It will help to accelerate India's existing biofuels programs such as PM-JIVANYojna, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme, and GOBARdhan scheme.
3. The alliance was launched with nine initiating members: India, the US, Brazil, Argentina, Bangladesh, Italy, Mauritius, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates.

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

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

159. With reference to the Enforcement Directorate, consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance.
2. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003 has been amended to give the government the power to keep the chiefs in their posts for one year after they have completed their two-year terms.
3. The Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA) empowers the Directorate to sponsor cases of preventive detention with regard to contraventions of Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

160. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR) set up a permanent commission to probe human rights violations in Gaza, West Bank and Palestine.

Statement-II: UNHRC is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations (UN) system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world.

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.

161. With reference to the Minimum Export Price (MEP), consider the following statements:

1. MEP is the price below which an exporter is not allowed to export the commodity from India.
2. MEP is imposed in view of the rising domestic retail / wholesale price or production disruptions in the country.
3. The Foreign Trade (Development And Regulation) Act, 1992, provides legal backing for MEP.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

162. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Election Commission':

1. The Constitution has debarred the retiring election commissioners from any further appointment by the government.
2. The Constitution has specified the term of the members of the Election Commission.
3. The Constitution has not prescribed the qualifications of the members of the Election Commission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

163. With reference to the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, consider the following statements:

1. The legal framework for the administration of foreign exchange transactions in India is provided by the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.
2. Under the FEMA, all transactions involving foreign exchange have been classified as capital account transactions only.
3. In accordance with Section 2(v) of FEMA, 1999, a 'person resident in India' is described as an individual who has lived in India for a period exceeding 182 days within the preceding financial year.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

164. Consider the following statements with respect to 'End-to-end encryption (E2EE)':

1. It is a communication process that encrypts data being shared between two devices.
2. It prevents third parties like cloud service providers, internet service providers (ISPs) and cybercriminals from accessing data while it is being transferred.
3. The process of end-to-end encryption uses an algorithm that transforms standard text into an unreadable format.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

165. With reference to the Open Market Operations (OMOs), consider the following statements:

1. Open Market Operations (OMOs) are market operations conducted by RBI.

2. This is conducted through the way of sale/purchase of government securities to/from the market.

3. Its objective is to adjust the rupee liquidity conditions in the market on a durable basis.

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

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

166. Which one of the following chemical compounds is responsible for the unique fragrance and flavor of the Basmati rice?

- (a) 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline.
- (b) Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)
- (c) Thiophene (C₄H₄S)
- (d) Ethyl Mercaptan (CH₃CH₂SH)

167. Consider the following sports:

1. e-Sports
2. Breakdancing.
3. Paragliding
4. Skateboarding

How many of the above sports have made their debut in medal sports of the Asian Games in 2023?

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

168. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The direct instruments of monetary policy are: Cash Reserve Ratio, Statutory Liquidity Ratio, Refinance facilities.

Statement-II: Monetary policy is a set of central bank activities that influence the quantity of money and credit in an economy. The main objective of monetary policy is to balance the supply and demand of money.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

169. Consider the following statements with respect to 'High Court':

1. An advocate of a high court for ten years can be appointed as the Judge of the High Court.

2. The constitution has prescribed a minimum age for appointment of an individual as a judge of a high court.
3. The Constitution has not fixed the tenure of a judge of a high court.

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

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

170. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967':

1. According to the act unlawful activity refers to any action taken by an individual or association intended to disrupt the territorial integrity and sovereignty of India.
2. The Act empowers the Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to grant approval of seizure of property related to terrorism.
3. Personal/financial information of an individual designated as a terrorist can not be shared with Western or any other foreign intelligence agencies.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

171. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)':

1. IEDs consist of a variety of components that include an initiator, switch, main charge, power source, and a container.
2. Many commonly available materials, such as fertilizer, gunpowder, and hydrogen peroxide, can be used as explosive materials in IEDs.
3. Explosives must contain a fuel and an oxidizer, which provides the oxygen needed to sustain the reaction.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

172. With reference to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), consider the following statements:

1. The NIA is the Central Counter-Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency of India mandated to investigate all the offenses affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India.
2. The law under which the agency operates extends to the whole of India and also applies to Indian citizens outside the country.

3. The NIA can investigate crimes listed in the Schedule of the NIA Act which includes the Anti-Hijacking Act.

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

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

173. Which one of the following states are associated with the Pulikkali Folk Art ?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

174. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: OTT, or over-the-top platforms, are audio and video hosting and streaming services which started out as content hosting platforms, but soon branched out into the production and release of short movies, feature films, documentaries and web-series themselves.

Statement-II: These platforms offer a range of content and use artificial intelligence to suggest to users the content they are likely to view based on their past viewership on the platform.

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.

175. With reference to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), consider the following statements:

1. The forum initially started as an informal dialogue of economic leaders in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific.
2. The proliferation of regional economic blocs, such as the European Union (EU) and the now defunct North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA), encouraged its formation.
3. APEC projects provide digital skills training for rural communities and help indigenous women export their products abroad.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answers

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| 11. (d) | 12. (a) | 13. (b) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) | 16. (a) | 17. (b) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (d) |
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| 41. (a) | 42. (c) | 43. (a) | 44. (b) | 45. (c) | 46. (d) | 47. (b) | 48. (a) | 49. (b) | 50. (a) |
| 51. (b) | 52. (a) | 53. (c) | 54. (a) | 55. (a) | 56. (d) | 57. (b) | 58. (c) | 59. (a) | 60. (d) |
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| 81. (d) | 82. (a) | 83. (b) | 84. (c) | 85. (a) | 86. (b) | 87. (c) | 88. (d) | 89. (b) | 90. (d) |
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| 101. (c) | 102. (d) | 103. (a) | 104. (b) | 105. (c) | 106. (b) | 107. (b) | 108. (c) | 109. (d) | 110. (b) |
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| 131. (a) | 132. (a) | 133. (c) | 134. (b) | 135. (a) | 136. (c) | 137. (d) | 138. (a) | 139. (b) | 140. (b) |
| 141. (b) | 142. (a) | 143. (c) | 144. (d) | 145. (a) | 146. (b) | 147. (c) | 148. (a) | 149. (b) | 150. (c) |
| 151. (d) | 152. (a) | 153. (b) | 154. (d) | 155. (a) | 156. (b) | 157. (c) | 158. (d) | 159. (b) | 160. (a) |
| 161. (c) | 162. (a) | 163. (b) | 164. (c) | 165. (d) | 166. (a) | 167. (b) | 168. (b) | 169. (a) | 170. (b) |
| 171. (c) | 172. (d) | 173. (a) | 174. (a) | 175. (c) | | | | | |

