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**Current
Affairs
MCQ
(Consolidation)**

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(Part-I)**

1. With reference to the Indus Valley Civilisation sites, consider the following pairs:

Site	Findings
1. Amri	Antelope evidence
2. Kalibangan	Wooden plough
3. Surkotada	Dockyard

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

2. With reference to Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:

- It was added to Indian constitution by the 102nd constitutional amendment.
- It is a destination-based direct tax.
- GST council is a constitutional body.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. Consider the following pairs:

Cyclones	Areas Affected
1. Hurricane Marco	Cuba
2. Molave	Puerto Rico
3. Goni	Philippines
4. Hurricane Hanna	Vietnam

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

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

4. With reference to Budapest Convention, consider the following statements:

- It is a non-binding international multilateral treaty on cybercrime.
- India recently became a party to this convention.

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

5. With reference to Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, consider the following statements:

- It is a centrally funded scholarship scheme for students in the backward states only.
- It aims to help students of minority communities only.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements:

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is a Not for Profit Company for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.
- Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transaction is currently the second biggest among the NPCI operated systems after NEFT.

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

7. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding the Central Vigilance Commission?

- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is a statutory body.
- The CVC is only responsible to the President of India.
- The CVC was set up on the recommendations of K Santhanam committee.
- The Vigilance Awareness Week is observed by the CVC.

8. With reference to Defence Exhibition Organisation (DEO), consider the following statements:

- It is an autonomous organisation established by the Government of India in 1981.
- DEO will be organising Aero India 2021.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. With reference to Ganga Utsav 2020, consider the following statements:

- It is an annual event organised by National Mission for Clean Ganga.
- The mini Ganga Quest is designed to make youth and students aware of environmental issues.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), consider the following statements:

- It is an indicator of business activity in the manufacturing sectors only.
- PMI above 50 represents an expansion when compared to the previous month.

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

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

- Members of the Gulf Cooperation Council include Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Kuwait.
- The Secretariat of GCC is located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

12. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), consider the following statements:

- It aims to extend the coverage of branded medicines to reduce the out of pocket expenditure on medicines.
- The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Which of the following states come under India's core cold wave zone?

- Punjab 2. Rajasthan
- New Delhi 4. Kerala

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

14. With reference to Central Vista Redevelopment Project, consider the following statements:

- The project envisages construction of a new Parliament and Secretariat in Delhi.
- It is proposed by the Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

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

15. With reference to the National Monsoon Mission, consider the following statements:

- It was launched to develop a dynamic monsoon prediction system.
- It was launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences in 2012.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

16. With reference to Luhri Stage-I Hydro Electric Project, consider the following statements:

- It is being constructed on the Ravi river.

2. It is being implemented on a Build-Own-Operate-Maintain basis.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

17. With reference to Pinaka Mark (Mk) -1 Missile, consider the following statements:

- The missile was first used successfully in the Indo-Pak war of 1971.
- The enhanced version of Pinaka Mk-1 has been designed recently by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune.

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

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

18. Saffir-Simpson Scale remains in the news. It is used to measure?

- (a) Amplitude of Tsunami waves
(b) Wind speed of Hurricanes
(c) Intensity of Earthquake in Polar region
(d) Solar intensity for establishing solar PV cells

19. With reference to Leishmaniasis, consider the following statements:

- It is transmitted through the bite of sand flies.
- Kala Azar is one of its types prevalent in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. With reference to Tele-Law, consider the following statements:

- It is launched by the Ministry of Law and Justice.
- It is a service that uses ICT for access to courts.
- It seeks to further implement Article 39 A of Indian Constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements about the Academic Freedom Index (AFI)?

- The AFI is published by the Global Public Policy Institute.
- Australia and Brazil are the top performers in the index.

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

22. With reference to National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), consider the following statements:
1. The Indian government has a 100% stake in NIIF.
 2. Strategic Opportunities Fund is one of its components.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
23. With reference to the Hyperloop Transportation System, consider the following statements:
1. In this system a pod-like vehicle is propelled through a near-vacuum tube.
 2. The low air pressure allows the pod to travel substantially free of air friction.
- 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
24. With reference to First Committee of UN General Assembly, consider the following statements:
1. The First Committee of the UN General Assembly deals with the Disarmament and International security.
 2. India's resolution on 'Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction' failed as parties could not reach a consensus.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
25. With reference to E-YUVA Scheme, consider the following statements:
1. It aims to promote a culture of applied research.
 2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Education.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
26. Consider the following statements about Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs):
1. In the Milky Way, the Fast Radio Burst was spotted for the first time in 2007.
 2. In the recently spotted FRB, the radio component was detected by NASA's Wind Mission.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
27. Consider the following statements:
1. The Kepler mission was launched by European Space Agency (ESA).
 2. Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) is the new planet exploration satellite of NASA.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
28. Which of the following Protected Areas is/are not located in Arunachal Pradesh?
1. Talle Wildlife Sanctuary.
 2. Orang National Park
 3. Mouling National Park.
 4. Sessa Orchid Sanctuary
- Choose the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 4
29. Consider the following statements:
1. It was in Kartarpur where the foundations of Sikhism was laid.
 2. The Kartarpur corridor connects the Darbar Sahib Gurdwara in India with the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Pakistan.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
30. With reference to National Payments Corporation of India, consider the following statements:
1. It manages all retail payments systems in India.
 2. Indian Banks' Association (IBA) provides the guidance and support to NCPI.
- 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
31. With reference to Warli Art, consider the following statements:
1. Its origin can be traced back to the palaeolithic age.
 2. Its paintings are mainly dominated by basic geometric shapes.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
32. With reference to the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), consider the following statements:
1. The Chief Justice of India is the Patron-in-Chief of NALSA.
 2. Free legal services to poor and weaker sections of the society are provided in Civil matters only.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

33. With reference to Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA), consider the following statements:

1. These are ecologically fragile areas which are located within 10 km of protected areas.
2. ESAs are notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements about Blue Macaw:

1. The Blue Macaw is a parrot native to tropical forests in Africa.
2. It is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.
3. The Blue Macaw has been recently released in the Hengrabari Reserve Forest.

Which of the given statements given above is/ are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Tehri Dam is the highest dam in India.
2. Dobra Chanti bridge is India's longest motorable single lane suspension bridge.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. With reference to Competition Commission of India (CCI), consider the following statements:

1. It is an executive body responsible for prohibiting anti-competitive practices.
2. Competition Appellate Tribunal is the appellate tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals against CCI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements about Saffron Cultivation:

1. Saffron in India is cultivated in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Meghalaya.
2. Recently, Kashmir Saffron has got the GI tag.

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

38. With reference to the Dharcula region, consider the following statements:

1. The region is prone to the earthquakes of micro and moderate magnitude.
2. The region is located in the peninsular Indian.

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

39. With reference to recommendations of National Education Policy 2020, consider the following statements:

1. Vocational Education shall start from Class 10 with Internships.
2. By 2030, the minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed. degree.

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

40. Consider the following statements:

1. The mRNA vaccine can be used for protecting against viral infection.
2. Sputnik V is an undertrial vaccine for Covid-19.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Panna Biosphere Reserve?

1. It is situated in the Vindhya mountain ranges.
2. It is included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).
3. Betwa river flows through the Panna Biosphere Reserve.

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

42. With reference to education in India, consider the following statements:

1. The 42nd Amendment to the Constitution in 1976 moved education from the Concurrent to the State List.
2. The 86th Amendment to the Constitution in 2002 made education an enforceable right under Article 21-A.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. With reference to Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), consider the following statements:
1. It is an Asian political, economic and military organisation aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.
 2. Member States hold the Chairmanship of SCO for a year by rotation.
- 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
44. With reference to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group, consider the following statements:
1. It is co-chaired by the United Kingdom along with France and Russia.
 2. It is the world's largest security-oriented intergovernmental organisation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
45. 'EASE Agenda' has been in the news. It is related to?
- (a) Banking (b) Vaccination
(c) Scientific Research (d) Judicial Process
46. With reference to the Viability Gap Funding (VGF), which of the given statements are correct?
1. VGF refers to the one-time grants provided to support infrastructure projects that are economically justified but fall short of financial viability.
 2. The VGF Scheme was launched by the Department of Economic Affairs for the public sectors undertaking infrastructure projects only.
 3. The government of India provides 40% of the Total Project Cost (TPC) as the Viability Gap Fund.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
47. In which of the sectors, the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme has been allowed by the Central Government?
1. Telecom
 2. Steel
 3. Electronics
 4. Solar photo-voltaic modules
 5. Food processing
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 4 and 5 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
(c) 2, 3 4 and 5 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
48. With reference to Over the Top (OTT) Platform, consider the following statements:
1. There is no law yet to regulate the OTT platform in India.
 2. Now the OTT and digital content is under the ambit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- 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
49. Which of the following initiatives have been undertaken by India to assist Maldives?
1. Operation Sanjeevani
 2. Mission Sagar
 3. Operation Neer
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
50. With reference to Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), consider the following statements:
1. It is implemented by the Ministry of External Affairs.
 2. The act prohibits the political parties from receiving any foreign contribution.
 3. The Act is applicable to all associations, groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 only
51. Consider the following statements regarding Striped Bubble-nest frog:
1. It is a treefrog species endemic to the Andaman Islands.
 2. The genus usually performs community egg attendance.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
52. With reference to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), consider the following statements:
1. ASEAN is a regional grouping of India and South East Asian nations.
 2. ASEAN is the second largest trading partner of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

53. With reference to Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It will provide subsidy for provident fund contribution.
2. Establishments registered with EPFO will be eligible under this scheme.

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

54. With reference to the Swarna Jayanti Fellowships Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It provides special assistance and support to the young scientists for basic research in science and technology.
2. It is funded by the Ministry of Education.

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

55. With reference to the Phases of Economy, consider the following statements:

1. The overall output of goods and services is measured annually for both expansionary and recessionary phases.
2. A business cycle is created by clubbing together expansionary and recessionary phases.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answers

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| 1. (b) | 2. (a) | 3. (b) | 4. (d) | 5. (b) | 6. (a) | 7. (b) | 8. (c) | 9. (c) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (d) | 13. (b) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (b) | 17. (a) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (c) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (b) | 23. (c) | 24. (a) | 25. (a) | 26. (d) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (a) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (b) | 32. (a) | 33. (a) | 34. (c) | 35. (c) | 36. (d) | 37. (b) | 38. (c) | 39. (b) | 40. (c) |
| 41. (a) | 42. (b) | 43. (b) | 44. (b) | 45. (a) | 46. (c) | 47. (d) | 48. (c) | 49. (d) | 50. (a) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (d) | 53. (c) | 54. (a) | 55. (b) | | | | | |