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**Current  
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MCQ  
(Consolidation)**

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(Part-I)**

1. With reference to Zombie Fire, consider the following statements:

1. It is a peat fire which persists from year to year inside the Arctic Circle.
2. It occurs only in the regions with Tundra vegetation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. With reference to Index of Industrial Production (IIP), Consider the following statements:

1. It is compiled and published quarterly by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
2. It is a composite indicator of three broad sectors, namely Mining, Manufacturing, and Electricity.
3. Base Year for IIP calculation is 2014-2015.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), consider the following statements:

1. It was set-up after the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on Mumbai in 2008.
2. The 'Crime in India' report is released by NCRB annually.

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

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 41 of the Constitution mentions the welfare of old age persons.
2. Vayoshreshtha Samman is a national award given to eminent senior citizens & institutions working for the welfare of senior citizens.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

5. With reference to the 'Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM)', consider the following statements:

1. It is launched under Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (SCs).
2. It aims to promote entrepreneurship among the SC Youth with special preference to Divyangs.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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

6. With reference to Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI) survey, consider the following statements:

1. It was conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. It aims to assess performance of the implementation of Central Sector Schemes (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

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. Consider the following statements regarding Atal Tunnel:

1. It connects Manali to Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh.
2. It is the longest highway tunnel in the world.
3. The tunnel is built in the Dhauladhar range of Himalayas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. 'Exercise Bongosagar', a bilateral naval exercise is conducted between which of the following two countries?

- (a) India and Bangladesh  
(b) India and Maldives  
(c) Bangladesh and Srilanka  
(d) Maldives and Srilanka

9. Consider the following statements:

1. Mahatma Gandhi participated in the Third Round Table Conference only.
2. The Hindustani Prachar Sabha was founded by Mahatma Gandhi at Wardha in 1942.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to Retributive Justice, consider the following statements:

1. It is a system of criminal justice based on the punishment of offenders as well as their rehabilitation.
2. It requires that the response to a crime must be proportional to the committed offence.

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

11. Scientific techniques like narcos analyses and polygraph tests are being increasingly used in criminal investigations. Which of the following statements is correct with reference to these methods?

- The results of these tests or subsequent discoveries with the help of the results are not admissible in the courts.
- These tests are scientifically proven methods based on the fact that physiological responses that are triggered when a person is lying are different from what they would be otherwise.
- Consent is required to carry out these tests, both in case of victims and accused.
- While the polygraph test detects falsehood, narcos analysis determines drug levels in the blood of a person.

12. Which of the following diseases affect the cultivation of rice crops?

- Tungro
- Bakanae
- Sheath blight

Choose the correct option using code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

13. 'Noumea Accord', recently seen in the news is related to?

- Peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan.
- Middle East peace agreement signed with the United States.
- Global alliance under UNFCCC to reduce carbon emission.
- Decolonisation plan for New Caledonia proposed by France.

14. With reference to the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), consider the following statements:

- The fund is collected under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
- The CAF is shared between Centre and States.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

15. With reference to the K Family of Missiles, consider the following statements:

- It is primarily a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs).
- It is transferred from Russia under the missile technology control regime.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

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

- The Nobel Prize for Physiology in 2020 has been awarded for the discovery of the Hepatitis C Virus.
- The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) was launched to eliminate Hepatitis C by 2030 in India.
- Hepatitis C vaccine is included under India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

17. With reference to the Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness for Innovation (CEPI), consider the following statements:

- CEPI was launched in 2020 in response to Covid-19 in order to develop vaccines to stop future epidemics.
- It is an initiative of the World Health Organisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

18. With reference to the World Habitat Day, consider the following statements:

- The World Habitat Day 2020 is hosted by the Habitat International Coalition and the Government of Indonesia.
- First World Habitat Day was celebrated in 1986 in Kenya.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

19. With reference to the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013, consider the following statements:

- The jurisdiction of Lokpal does not include the Prime Minister.
- The term of office fixed for Lokayukta is of 5 years duration or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

20. Frequently in the news, Panglong Peace Conference is related to?

- Afghanistan
- Myanmar
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong

21. With reference to Avian Botulism, consider the following statements:
1. It is a neuro-muscular illness in birds caused by a bacterium.
  2. It's outbreak tends to occur when average temperatures are above 21 degrees celsius and during droughts.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. The Nobel Prize in Physics for the year 2020 has been awarded for the discoveries related to black holes.
  2. The concept of black holes was theorized by John Archibald Wheeler.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. India follows the policy of No First Use of nuclear weapons against the countries with nuclear weapons.
  2. Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty prohibits the manufacturing and movement of nuclear weapons.
- 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
24. Which of the following agreements is/are signed between India and the US?
1. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)
  2. General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)
  3. Communications and Information Security Memorandum of Agreement (COMCASA)
  4. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-Spatial Cooperation (BECA)
- Choose the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 4 only  
(c) 3 and 4 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
25. Which of the following is not a tributary of the river Godavari?
- (a) Wardha                      (b) Warna  
(c) Maner                      (d) Sabri
26. With reference to the CRISPR technology, consider the following statements:
1. Using CRISPR technology, researchers can add, remove and alter specific DNA sequences.
  2. Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2020 has been awarded for discovering CRISPR/Cas9 genetic scissors.
3. CRISPR technology is based on a natural defence mechanism in a bacterium, *Streptococcus pyogenes*.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
27. Which of the chemicals mentioned below are banned under the Stockholm Convention?
1. Furans
  2. Chlordane
  3. DDT
  4. Hexachlorobenzene
- Choose the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 and 4 only              (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
28. Consider the following statements:
1. Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) was approved in 2016.
  2. HELP provides for a uniform licensing system that will cover all hydrocarbons such as oil, gas, and coal bed methane.
- 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
29. India and Japan are part of which of the following groupings?
1. G7
  2. Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)
  3. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
  4. G4
- Code:
- (a) 2 and 3 only              (b) 2 and 4 only  
(c) 3 and 4 only              (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
30. Which of the following organization publishes the Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report?
- (a) Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative  
(b) United Nations Development Programme(UNDP)  
(c) World Bank  
(d) World Economic Forum
31. Which of the following reports are released by the World Bank?
1. South Asia Economic Focus report
  2. Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report
  3. Global Financial Stability Report
  4. Global Gender Gap Report
- Choose the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only              (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

32. With reference to Target Rating Points (TRP), consider the following statements :

1. TRP is used to calculate the viewership of TV channels determined by opinion polls.
2. Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) is the national level statutory body for determination of TRP.

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 Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), consider the following statements:

1. It is formulated by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. The GRAP focuses particularly on the regulation of air quality of the metropolitan regions 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

34. Which of the following factors is/are responsible for the warming of the Arctic?

1. Presence of Iodic acid
2. Higher albedo
3. Changing ocean currents

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

35. With reference to the recently launched Earthshot Prize, consider the following statements:

1. It aimed at funding the most innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges.
2. It is launched under the aegis of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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. Which of the following monetary policy measures can be taken by the Reserve Bank of India for infusion of liquidity in the market?

1. Buying Government Securities from commercial banks
2. Increase in Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement of commercial banks
3. Long Term Reverse Repo Operation (LTRO)

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Kasturi Cotton is a branding for Indian long staple cotton.
2. Cotton-4 is the grouping of countries lying in tropical regions of Africa and South Asia.
3. India is the largest exporter of cotton in the world.

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

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

38. With reference to missile 'Rudram-1', consider the following statements:

1. It is an air-to-surface missile, designed and developed by the DRDO.
2. It is the first indigenous anti-radiation missile of the country.
3. It will enhance the Suppression of Enemy Air Defence (SEAD) capability of Indian Air Force.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. With reference to the World Food Programme (WFP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-governmental organisation independent of the United Nation.
2. It focuses on emergency assistance as well as rehabilitation and development aid.
3. The 2020 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to the World Food Programme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

40. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding 'National Commission for Protection of Child Rights'?

1. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Women & Child Development.
2. It inquires into complaints relating to a child's right to free and compulsory education under the Right to Education Act, 2009.

Choose the correct answer using code given below:

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

41. With reference to Hurricane, consider the following statements:

1. It is an extratropical disturbance.
2. It moves counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.
3. The Saffir-Simpson wind scale is used to measure the power of hurricanes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. With reference to South Asia Economic Focus report, consider the following statements:
1. It is released annually by the World Bank.
  2. The South Asia Economic Focus report includes Myanmar but excludes Maldives.
- 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 Bharatmala Pariyojna, consider the following statements:
1. Bharatmala Pariyojana is an umbrella program envisaged by the Ministry of Shipping.
  2. Under this programme National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been mandated for the development of projects.
- 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 Central Information Commissioners, consider the following statements:
1. They are appointed by the President on the recommendation of the council of ministers.
  2. They are not eligible for reappointment.
- 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. With reference to Lepidoptera, which of the following is correct?
- (a) It is a genus of insects.  
(b) It is an order of insects.  
(c) It is a kingdom of insects.  
(d) It is a species of insects.
46. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the role of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia in India's freedom struggle?
1. He was actively involved in the Congress Socialist Party (CSP) in 1934.
  2. He was amongst the leaders who got arrested during the launch of the Quit India movement in 1942.
- Choose the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
47. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the 'Namath Basai' initiative?
- (a) It is a programme for teaching tribal children in their mother tongue.  
(b) It provides access to safe and adequate water for the tribal communities.  
(c) It is a capacity building of scheduled tribe representatives in local self governments.  
(d) It aims to provide e-marketplace for handicraft and organic products for tribals.
48. With reference to recently released Human Cost of Disasters report, Consider the following statements:
1. The report is published by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.
  2. The report also considers the biological hazards and disease-related disasters.
- 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. With reference to Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme, consider the following statements:
1. It was launched with an objective to increase the demand for physical gold and increase the domestic savings.
  2. In this scheme, the Gold Bonds are issued by the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Union Government.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
50. With reference to Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2020, consider the following statements:
1. It is awarded to Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson.
  2. It is awarded for development of auction theory.
  3. It is also known as Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only              (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2 and 3
51. Consider the following statements:
1. Aquaponics is a system that combines hydroponics and aquaculture within an open system.
  2. There are two biological components in the aquaponics process.
  3. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants in a water-based, nutrient-rich solution.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only              (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

52. With reference to AMRUT Mission, consider the following statements:

1. The mission seeks urban renewal in 500 Indian cities.
2. It is a center sector scheme.
3. It comes under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. Consider the following statements:

1. KIRAN is a toll-free helpline to provide support to people facing mental health concerns.
2. Manodarpan Initiative is an initiative of the Ministry of Education under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

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 Common Leopard, consider the following statements:

1. It is widely found on the Indian subcontinent only.
2. It is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The opposition effect is the circumstance in which two celestial bodies appear in opposite directions in the sky.
2. The planets Venus and Mercury can never be in opposition to the Sun.

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

56. With reference to Hologram Imaging, consider the following statements:

1. These are three-dimensional images.
2. They are generated by interference and diffraction of laser beams.
3. It can be used to detect viruses and antibodies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

57. Consider the following statements:

1. The habitat of one-horned rhinoceros is restricted to North-East India only.
2. The one-horned rhinoceros is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.
3. The National Rhino Conservation Strategy was launched in 2005 to conserve the greater one-horned rhinoceros.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. With reference to Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Livelihoods Mission, which of the following is/are correct?

1. It provides for organising one-woman members from each rural poor household into Self Help Groups.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
3. It is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

59. With reference to Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), consider the following statements:

1. It is the selling of foodgrains by Government agencies at predetermined prices in the open market.
2. It is done by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).

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

60. With reference to the Madhuca Diplostemon, recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a species of non-flowering plant which has been listed as critically endangered in the IUCN Red List.
2. The tree species was long believed to be extinct and has been rediscovered after a gap of 184 years.
3. The tree was discovered by the Forest Research Institute.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

## Answers

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| 1. (a)  | 2. (b)  | 3. (b)  | 4. (c)  | 5. (c)  | 6. (b)  | 7. (a)  | 8. (a)  | 9. (b)  | 10. (a) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (d) | 13. (d) | 14. (b) | 15. (a) | 16. (a) | 17. (d) | 18. (b) | 19. (d) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (a) | 23. (b) | 24. (d) | 25. (b) | 26. (d) | 27. (d) | 28. (c) | 29. (b) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (d) | 33. (d) | 34. (b) | 35. (a) | 36. (c) | 37. (c) | 38. (d) | 39. (b) | 40. (c) |
| 41. (c) | 42. (d) | 43. (b) | 44. (b) | 45. (b) | 46. (a) | 47. (a) | 48. (a) | 49. (b) | 50. (d) |
| 51. (c) | 52. (c) | 53. (c) | 54. (b) | 55. (c) | 56. (d) | 57. (c) | 58. (a) | 59. (a) | 60. (b) |