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(Part-I)**

1. With reference to 'School Education Quality Index', consider the following statements:

1. It aims to evaluate the performance of States and Union Territories (UTs) in the school education sector.
2. It measures the overall effectiveness, quality, and efficiency of the Indian school education system.
3. It is released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. A channel that is no longer part of an active river system and has ceased to be a conduit of water is commonly referred to as a Paleochannel.
2. The K.S. Valdiya Committee prepared a report on 'Paleochannel on North-West 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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Asian Development Bank is a regional development bank that has members only from the Asia and Pacific region.
2. It releases 'Asian Development Outlook Report' 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. Penicillin was the first used antibiotic.
2. Penicillin is the cheapest drug to treat Rheumatic Fever.
3. Rheumatic fever is endemic to India that commonly affects the children in the age group of 5-15 years.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The theme of the International Day of Older Persons for 2019 is 'The Journey to Age Equality.'
2. In India, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment deals with matters related to the senior citizens.

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:

1. 'State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2019-20' is an annual publication of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
2. According to it, the gross fiscal deficit of states has remained within the limits prescribed by the FRBM Act.

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 events:

1. State Reorganization Act.
2. Accession of princely state of Jammu & Kashmir.
3. Formation of state of Andhra Pradesh.
4. Accession of princely state of Hyderabad.

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

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

8. With reference to 'ARISE', consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative to stimulate innovation and research in the MSME industry.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. The current account of a country measures the flow of goods, services, and investments to and from the country.
2. In the Indian context, lowering the exports and increasing the import of non-essential items could help in reducing the Current Account Deficit.

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

10. The 'World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index' is released by

- (a) World Tourism Organization
(b) World Travel & Tourism Council
(c) World Economic Forum
(d) International Telecommunication Union.

11. From West to East, which one of the following is the correct sequence of the tributaries of river Ganga?

- (a) Kosi-Gandak-Ghaghara-Gomati
(b) Gomati-Gandak-Ghaghara-Kosi

- (c) Kosi-Ghaghara-Gandak-Gomati
(d) Gomati-Ghaghara-Gandak-Kosi

12. Consider the following statements:

1. Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony (PRAKASH) web-portal is developed by the Ministry of Railways.
2. The portal aims to ensure adequate coal supplies to power plants.

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. Poisonous Fire Coral is a type of:

- (a) Fungus (b) Bacteria
(c) Virus (d) Protozoa

14. With reference to 'National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection, and Management of River Ganga', consider the following statements:

1. The council is chaired by the Minister of Jal Shakti.
2. This council replaced the National River Ganga Basin Authority (NRGBA).

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

15. With reference to CPGRAMs, consider the following statements:

1. CPGRAMs is an online grievance redressal portal to receive, redress and monitor the grievances of the public.
2. It is launched by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances.

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. Which of the following article of the Indian Constitution empowers the President to grant pardon:

- (a) Article 61 (b) Article 58
(c) Article 77 (d) Article 72

17. Consider the following statements:

1. India Economic Summit is organized by the World Economic Forum.
2. World Economic Forum releases the Global Competitiveness Report.

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

18. With reference to 'Youth Co: Lab', consider the following statements:

1. It aims to accelerate the social entrepreneurship and innovation in young India.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. FAME India scheme aims to promote the manufacturing of enterprises machinery.
2. It is the scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Central Pollution Control Board is a statutory organization constituted under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
2. CPCB was entrusted with the powers and functions under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. With reference to MOSAiC, consider the following statements:

1. MOSAiC is an expedition exploring the melting of Antarctic glaciers.
2. The project is being carried out under the aegis of the Antarctic Treaty System.

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 Strategic disinvestment, consider the following statements:

1. Strategic disinvestment is considered as a sale of stocks, bonds, or securities of a Public Sector Enterprise directly to a private investor, without transfer of ownership.
2. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) under the Ministry of Finance has been made the nodal department for the strategic stake sale in the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

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. The geotail is the region that is formed when solar wind plasma gets obstructed due to Earth's magnetic field.
2. The geotail is stretched into a long tail, which extends beyond the orbit of the Moon.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. World Cotton Day is observed every year on October 7.
2. Cotton is a rabi crop which requires at least 210 frost free days in a year.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations has designated the October 7 as World Habitat Day.
2. Observance of World Habitat Day supports the Sustainable Development Goal 13, that aims to make cities more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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

26. With reference to 'National Human Rights Commission', consider the following statements:

1. It has the power of a civil court and can take suo moto cognizance of a case.
2. The Commission submits its annual report to the President and/or to the Governor of the concerned state.

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. Hajong, Koch, and Rabha tribes are predominantly found in which region of India?

- (a) Southern Region (b) Central Region
(c) Western Region (d) North-Eastern Region

28. With reference to Hindu Kush Himalayan region, consider the following statements:

1. Hindu Kush Himalayan region is considered as the third pole of the Earth.
2. This region has the world's largest store of snow and ice apart from the polar region.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Rafale Deal was an inter-governmental deal signed between India & Russia in 2016.
2. Rafale is a twin-jet fighter aircraft that can carry out all combat aviation missions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements:

1. Information Fusion Centre (IFC) has been established by the Indian Navy only for the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
2. All countries that have signed white shipping information exchange agreements with India are India's IFC partners.

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. The proposed Green Wall of India is a stretch spanning from?

- (a) Kerala to Maharashtra
(b) Tamil Nadu to West Bengal
(c) Gujarat to Delhi
(d) Meghalaya to Arunachal Pradesh

32. With reference to 'GEMINI', consider the following statements:

1. It is GAGAN enabled instrument for navigation and information dissemination.
2. It is a portable receiver that facilitates satellite-based communication.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

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

33. With reference to World Mental Health Day, consider the following statements:

1. World Mental Health Day is organized annually by the World Health Organization (WHO).
2. Its theme for 2019 is- 'Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention.'

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. Recently in news 'Smominru' is a type of:

- (a) Malware (b) Exoplanet
(c) Mini Satellite (d) Cryptocurrency

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Global Competitiveness Index report is released annually by the World Bank.
2. India is the best performing nation amongst BRICS countries in the 2019 edition of the Global Competitiveness Report.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements:

1. Syria is a land-locked country.
2. Operation Peace Spring was launched by Turkey to eliminate Syrian Kurdish militants.

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. With reference to the 'Gangetic Dolphin', consider the following statements:

1. It is blind and does not have an eye lens.
2. It is among the four freshwater dolphins in the world.
3. It is listed as critically endangered in the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Consider the following pairs:

Convention	Purpose
1. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	— To prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species.
2. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	— To protect biological diversity from the potential risks posed by Living Modified Organisms resulting from modern biotechnology.
3. Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)	— To conserve terrestrial, marine and avian migratory species.

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. Central Council of Health and Family Welfare is an

advisory body that is set up under Article 263 of the Constitution.

2. The council is headed by the Prime Minister 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

40. 'Swas, Star and Safal' launched by CSIR are a type of:

- (a) Electronic equipment (b) Electric vehicles
(c) Respiratory machine (d) Fire-crackers

41. Consider the following statements:

1. Right to Information is an implicit right mentioned under Article 19.
2. Right to Information is available to both citizens as well as foreigners.

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

42. With reference to the 'National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment', consider the following statements:

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. It aims to provide universal coverage of eye health for all.

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. By whom the King Harsha of Kannauj and the Pallava king Mahendravarman-I got defeated?

- (a) Yajnavarman (b) Pulakesin-I
(c) Vikramaditya-II (d) Pulakesin-II

44. Consider the following statements:

1. IRCTC is a Mini Ratna Category-I central public sector enterprise.
2. IRCTC is administratively controlled by the Ministry of Railways.

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 Elastocaloric effect, consider the following statements:

1. Elastocaloric effect refers to the adiabatic change in temperature of a material subjected to strain.
2. A rubber band, when twisted, exhibits a similar effect.

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

46. Consider the following statements:

1. The city of Mamallapuram was founded by the Pallava dynasty.
2. The famous World Heritage Site- Shore temple is located in Mamallapuram.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. The Strait of Malacca connects which of the following water-bodies?

- (a) Andaman Sea and Indian Ocean
(b) Gulf of Thailand and South China Sea
(c) East China Sea and Philippines Sea
(d) Andaman Sea and South China Sea

48. With reference to 'Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme', consider the following statements:

1. It is a programme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
2. The SCAAP programme is an offshoot of the ITEC.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. SARAS Aajeevika Mela is an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.
2. The Mela is an integrated approach towards women empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

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

50. Exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is a military exercise between:

- (a) India and Maldives (b) India and Mongolia
(c) India and Japan (d) India and Philippines

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Exoplanets are planets that are located outside the milky way galaxy.

2. Exoplanet '51 Pegasi b' is a first-ever discovered exoplanet.

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

52. With reference to the 'Nobel Prize for Economic Sciences-2019', consider the following statements:

1. The award was given to the laureates for their experimental approach towards alleviation of global poverty.
2. It was awarded to an Indian for the first time.

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. The 'Horn of Africa' comprises of which of the following nations?

1. Eritrea 2. Djibouti
3. Kenya 4. Ethiopia
5. Sudan 6. Somalia

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (b) 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
(c) 1, 2, 4 and 6 only (d) 2, 4 and 5 only

54. Consider the following statements:

1. Dutch were the first European power that came to India in the 17th century.
2. LOTUS initiative between India & the Netherlands aims to treat the sewage water 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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the national standard body of India.
2. It works under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

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

Answers

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