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**Current  
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MCQ  
(Consolidation)**

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(Part-II)**

1. With reference to Living Planet Index, consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Zoological Society of London.
2. It is a measure of the state of the world's biological diversity based on population trends of vertebrate species in terrestrial habitats 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

2. Which of the following statements about Phytoplankton is not correct?

- (a) They reduce global warming by absorbing human-induced carbon dioxide.
- (b) They also serve as the base of the ocean food chain.
- (c) They can swim in the ocean water.
- (d) They are important bioindicators and their abundance determines the overall health of the ocean ecosystem.

3. With reference to the Phosphine, consider the following statements:

1. It acts as a biosignature.
2. It is only made naturally by aerobic bacteria.
3. It is also used as a chemical weapon.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. With reference to Adjournment motion, consider the following statements:

1. Adjournment motion is introduced only in the Lok Sabha to draw the attention of the House to a definite matter of urgent public importance.
2. Right to move a motion for an adjournment of the business of the House is subject to the restriction that it should not raise a question of privilege.

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. On which of the following rivers Mokedatu Project is located?

- (a) Tungabhadra              (b) Cauvery  
(c) Krishna                      (d) Vagai

6. With reference to 'Djibouti Code of Conduct', consider the following statement:

1. It is related to the repression of piracy and armed robbery in the Western Indian Ocean.
2. It was established under the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

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 differences between Western and Eastern Ghats:

1. While the Western Ghats are considered as a biodiversity hotspot, that is not the case with the Eastern Ghats.
2. The Eastern Ghats are ancient, having Gondwanaland relict forests, while the formation of the Western Ghats is recent.

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

8. With reference to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), consider the following statements:

1. The approval for application of a vaccine is given by the CDSCO.
2. It can not give emergency authorisation without late-phase trials.

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 Serial Interval of SARS-CoV-2, consider the following statements:

1. It is the duration between symptom onset of a primary case and symptom onset of secondary.
2. The serial interval depends on other epidemiological parameters such as the incubation period.

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. Hispanic Heritage Month has been in the news. It is related to?

- (a) Largest tribal festival of south asia  
(b) Honour of American citizens from different origin  
(c) Four lunar eclipses in a year  
(d) Wheat harvest festival in ASEAN nations

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Montreux Record is a register of wetland sites of international importance.
2. Three wetlands of India are in Montreux Record.

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

12. With reference to 'Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)', consider the following statement:

1. BECA will allow India to use the geospatial maps of the USA for military use.
2. It is one of the four foundational military communication agreements between India and USA.

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 reports are published by the World Bank?

1. Global Economic Prospects
2. Ease of Doing Business
3. Global Risks Report
4. World Development Report
5. Human Capital Index

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. With reference to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), consider the following statements:

1. Nagoya and Cartagena protocols are signed under CBD.
2. CBD has also released Aichi Targets on biodiversity for 2030.
3. India is a party to the CBD convention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. With reference to Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a credit-linked subsidy scheme which promotes self-employment.
2. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal agency for Implementation at the national level.

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 Beach Environment & Aesthetics Management Services (BEAMS), consider the following statements:

1. It has been launched under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management project.
2. It is launched by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. Its objective is to protect & conserve coastal ecosystems & natural resources.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements:

1. The basin of the Indus river system is shared only by India and Pakistan.
2. The Indus Water Treaty allows India to use upto 20% water of eastern rivers.

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 the protection status of Sloth Bear, consider the following statements:

1. It is listed as endangered under the IUCN Red List.
2. It is protected under Schedule I of the Indian 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

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

1. Arsenic is naturally present at high levels in the earth crust.
2. It is a vital mineral for the human body.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 and 2

20. India has signed a Free Trade Agreement with which of the following countries?

1. Japan
2. South Korea
3. Sri Lanka

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

21. Which of the following initiatives are dedicated to improve education in India:

1. DIKSHA mobile app
2. SWAYAM Prabha
3. PRAGYATA guidelines

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

22. This dynasty ruled the Andhra region in and around the 12<sup>th</sup> century CE. Gnapati Deva, Rudrama Devi were few important rulers belonging to the dynasty. The famous Ramappa Temple was built during their reign. Recently, NITI Aayog has recognised a water management mission of the Telangana government named after this dynasty. Identify the dynasty being referred to in the above paragraph?
- Vijayanagara Empire
  - Chalukya Chola Dynasty
  - Kakatiya Dynasty
  - Hoysala Empire
23. Which of the following GI Tagged Products belong to Kerala?
- Chendamangalam Saree
  - Nilambur Teak
  - Tirur Betel Leaf
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
24. With reference to the Financial Intelligence Unit-IND, consider the following statements:
- It is an independent body reporting directly to the Economic Intelligence Council (EIC).
  - It is a nodal agency for receiving, analyzing and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
25. Regarding Indian Parliamentary system, consider the following statements:
- No confidence motion can be moved in both the houses.
  - Unlike resolution, a motion can be moved only with the approval of the presiding officer of house.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
26. Consider the following statements about Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India:
- The highest number of PVTGs are found in Madhya Pradesh.
  - Absence of written language is one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.
- There are 75 PVTGs officially notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
  - Bondas and Didiayis Tribes are included in the list of PVTGs.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 4 only
  - 2, 3 and 4
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
27. Consider the following statements regarding Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT):
- InvITs are mutual funds like instruments that are designed to pool small sums of money from a number of investors.
  - InvITs are regulated by the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
28. With reference to Komodo Dragon, consider the following statements:
- They are the largest and heaviest lizards on Earth.
  - The only island inhabiting this species is in Indonesia.
  - Its IUCN status is critically endangered.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
29. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- Neutrinos are subatomic fundamental particles with no charge.
  - Neutrinos are created from radioactive decay.
  - A Neutrino Observatory is being set up in the Himalayan region.
- Choose the correct option using code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
30. Which of the following are Rabi crops?
- Wheat
  - Barley
  - Gram
  - Mustard
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 4 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 2, 3 and 4
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4

31. With reference to Shuchi Scheme, consider the following statements:
1. It was initiated by the Madhya Pradesh Government.
  2. It is aimed at instilling awareness about menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls.
- 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 Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA), consider the following statements:
1. EPCA is constituted for taking various measures to tackle air pollution in metro cities.
  2. It can not take actions suo-moto for controlling vehicular pollution.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Equinox means equal days and equal nights
  2. Equinoxes along with solstices signals the changing of the seasons.
  3. On the December solstice the sun is overhead at the tropic of Cancer.
- 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
34. With reference to soil nutrients, consider the following statements:
1. The primary macronutrients consist of Calcium, Magnesium and Sulfur.
  2. The standard ratio of primary macronutrients should be 4:2:1.
- 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
35. With reference to 'Generation Unlimited (GenU)', consider the following statements:
1. It is a multi-stakeholder platform to make young people career ready.
  2. It was launched by UNICEF.
- 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 Brucellosis, consider the following statements:
1. Brucellosis is a viral disease which mainly infects cattles.
  2. The disease can not be transmitted from infected animals to humans.
- 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. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding 'Modern Grand Solar Minimum'?
1. The solar minimum will completely offset the rising temperatures due to global warming.
  2. The surface temperatures on Earth may go down due the reduction in solar magnetic activity.
- Choose the correct option using code given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
38. Consider the following statements:
1. Cess is a permanent source of revenue for the government.
  2. The proceeds of a cess are not shared with the state governments.
- 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 World Risk Index 2020, consider the following statements:
1. It assesses the vulnerability of the external debt of a country.
  2. It is released by the World Economic Forum.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 and 2
40. Consider the following statements:
1. Plastics culture is the use of plastics in agriculture and allied activities.
  2. The Plastic Parks Scheme has been launched to set up industrial zones of plastic enterprises.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 and 2

41. Recently in news, Chandrashekhar limit refers to?
- The theoretical maximum mass a white dwarf star can have and still remain a white dwarf.
  - Maximum possible mass of a black hole.
  - The largest explosion of a star that takes place in space.
  - The greatest stress that can be applied to a material without causing deformation.
42. With reference to India's Artificial Intelligence (AI), consider the following statements:
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has released the National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence.
  - India has joined the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) as a founding member.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
43. With reference to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2020, consider the following statements:
- It prohibits public servants from receiving foreign contributions.
  - It makes the Aadhaar number mandatory for receiving foreign contributions.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
44. With reference to Jnanpith Award, consider the following statements:
- The award is given for literary work in Indian languages only.
  - The award is open only for Indian citizens.
- Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
45. With reference to Lok Adalat, consider the following statements:
- It is a component of Alternative Dispute Resolution.
  - It has a constitutional status.
  - It deals with only civil matters.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
46. Recently in the news, Dharma Guardian is an annual joint military exercise between?
- India and Myanmar
  - India and Japan
  - India and South Korea
  - India and Bangladesh
47. Regarding the National Medical Commission (NMC), consider the following statements:
- It is a statutory body constituted to replace the Medical council of India (MCI).
  - NMC will function as the country's top regulator of medical education.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
48. Which of the following have been identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2020-21?
- The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
  - General Insurance Corporation of India
  - The New India Assurance Co Ltd
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
49. With reference to Permanent Court of Arbitration, consider the following statements:
- It is an independent non-governmental dispute resolution organization located at Hague.
  - It is an allied body of the United Nations.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 and 2
50. With reference to the Leuser Ecosystem, consider the following statements:
- It is among the most ancient rainforest areas in South America.
  - The ecosystem has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
51. The 'Nagorno-Karabakh' region recently seen in the news, is a disputed territory between which two countries?
- Israel and Palestine
  - India and China
  - China and Bhutan
  - Armenia and Azerbaijan

52. Consider the following statements regarding Red Sandalwood:
1. Red sandalwood is endemic to western Himalayas in India.
  2. They usually grow under cool temperate climates.
  3. It is known for its rich hue and therapeutic properties.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only                                (d) 1, 2 and 3
53. With which of the following incidents Bhagat Singh was/were associated?
1. Lahore Conspiracy case
  2. Protest against Public Safety Bill and the Trade Dispute Bill.
  3. Protest against Simon Commission
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                                (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only                        (d) 1, 2 and 3
54. Which of the following are full members of MERCOSUR bloc?
1. Argentina
  2. Brazil
  3. Venezuela
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only                        (b) 2 and 3 only  
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(c) 2 and 3 only                        (d) 1, 2 and 3
56. Which of the following Indian languages are supported by Bharati script?
1. Tamil                                    2. Telugu
  3. Gujarati                                4. Bengali
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only  
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
57. Which of the following is not correct regarding invasive species?
- (a) An invasive species is not indigenous or native to a particular area.
  - (b) They are capable of causing extinctions of native plants and animals.
  - (c) They increase biodiversity and provide stability to the ecosystem.
  - (d) They can be introduced to an area by ship ballast water.
58. Consider the following statements:
1. Indus Valley Civilization (IVC) is known for its urban civic planning.
  2. There is no evidence of maritime trade during IVC.
- Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
- (a) 1 only                                (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                        (d) Neither 1 nor 2
59. Which among the following subjects were added to the Concurrent List of the Constitution through the 42<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Act in 1976?
1. Protection of wild animals and birds
  2. Education
  3. Forests
  4. Co-operative societies
  5. Inter-state trade and commerce
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only                        (b) 2, 4 and 5 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only                        (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
60. Consider the following statements:
1. The Namami Gange Programme is operated by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
  2. Ganga Avalokan is inland waterway connecting India and Bangladesh
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                                (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                        (d) Neither 1 and 2
61. With reference to the 'Hope mission', consider the following statements:
1. It is the first interplanetary mission from Arab world.
  2. It was launched from the Kennedy Space Center.
- 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

62. With reference to Cat Que virus (CQV), consider the following statements:

1. It comes under the category of Arthropod-borne viruses.
2. Humans can be infected by this virus through mosquito bites.

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

63. With reference to the White Ribbon Alliance, consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-profit and non-governmental organization.
2. It aims to eliminate HIV infections globally.

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

64. With reference to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI) consider the following statements:

1. It brings together the public and private sectors to create equal access to vaccines for children.
2. India is a beneficiary of a global vaccine alliance.

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

65. With reference to the Congo fever, consider the following statements:

1. Congo fever was first discovered in Democratic Republic of the Congo.
2. It is caused by a tick-borne virus.
3. Human-to-human transmission is not possible.

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

## Answers

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