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1. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given under two categories namely Bal Shakti Puraskar, and Bal Kalyan Puraskar.
2. A child who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India and is between 5-18 years of age is eligible for both Bal Shakti Puraskar and Bal Kalyan Puraskar.

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 the Western Disturbance, consider the following statements:

1. Western Disturbances are a series of cyclonic storms that originate in the Mediterranean region.
2. Its trajectory changes as per the position of the Sun.
3. While the storm systems occur throughout the year, they travel to India mostly between December and April.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA):

1. NeVA is a work-flow system deployed on NIC Cloud, MeghRaj which helps the Chair of the House to conduct the proceedings of the House smoothly.
2. NeVA is a device neutral and member centric application created to equip the members of house to handle diverse House Business smartly.

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. Which of the following best defines the concept of Reciprocity?

- (a) Reciprocity refers to the exchange of signals between two points in opposite directions, similar to bouncing a ball off a wall.
- (b) Reciprocity is the phenomenon where a signal sent from one point to another is sent back from the second point to the first.
- (c) Reciprocity is the ability of an object to emit and receive signals simultaneously without interference.
- (d) Reciprocity is a term used in movies to describe situations where characters can't see each other through a window due to lighting conditions.

5. With respect to 'NavIC', consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology plans to make NavIC integration mandatory in all devices.

2. Second-generation Navigation satellites for NavIC were launched in May 2023.

3. The new satellites will send signals in L1 frequency, in addition to L5 and S frequency signals.

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

6. With reference to the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a business strategy in which a domestic firm expands its operations to a foreign country.
2. FDI can take various forms, such as acquiring shares, establishing a subsidiary or a joint venture, or providing loans or technology transfers.

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

7. Consider the following statements with respect to 'International Organisation of metrology (OIML)':

- i. Its headquarters is located in Beijing, China.
- ii. India has neither accepted the membership nor signed the metric convention related to metrology.
- iii. OIML-CS is a system for issuing, registering, and issuing OIML certificates.
- iv. India is one of the countries entitled to issue OIML certificates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) i & ii only (b) ii & iii only
(c) i, ii & iii only (d) iii & iv only

8. Which of the following statements with respect to 'Yashobhoomi' is/are correct?

- (a) It was launched by the Prime Minister at Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- (b) It demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability with 50% waste-water treatment reuse.
- (c) It does not cover water harvesting mechanisms.
- (d) It has received platinum certification from the Confederation of Indian Industries Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

9. Which of the following Countries are signatories of India-Middle East-Europe Corridor?

1. India
2. United States
3. Saudi Arabia
4. China
5. European Union

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding Gross Domestic Product (GDP):

1. Nominal GDP is adjusted for inflation and is considered a more precise representation of a country's economic progress.
2. The formula for calculating GDP using the expenditure method is $\text{GDP} = \text{Real GDP (GDP at constant prices)} - \text{Taxes} + \text{Subsidies}$.
3. GDP calculated based on the income method is known as GDI, which stands for Gross Domestic Investment.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

11. "Patient Safety Rights Charter" is released by which of the following?

- (a) OECD (b) ICMR
(c) WHO (d) IMC

12. Consider the following statements regarding Hoysala dynasty:

1. They were feudatories of the Chalukyas of Kalyana, also known as the Western Chalukya Empire.
2. Hoysala architecture is a blend of Bhumiya, Nagara and the Dravida styles of architecture.
3. Mantapa, Vimana and Sculpture are the key elements of Hoysala Architecture.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

1. Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM WANI) was launched by the Department of Telecom (DoT) in December 2020.
2. PM-WANI is a key part of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
3. DPI refers to blocks or platforms such as digital identification, payment infrastructure and data exchange solutions that help countries deliver essential services to their people.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

14. With reference to State of Working India 2023 Report, consider the following statements:

1. It is a report published annually by NITI Aayog.
2. It covers unemployment rates, women's participation, intergenerational mobility, and caste-wise workforce dynamics.

3. The report used various data sources like surveys conducted by the National Statistical Office including Employment-Unemployment Surveys and Periodic Labour Force Surveys along with the India Working Survey.

4. After stagnating since the 1980s, the share of workers with regular wage or salaried work started increasing in 2004.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements about the protection status of lions:

- I. Lions are listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
- II. All lion populations worldwide are included in CITES Appendix I.
- III. In India, lions are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

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

- (a) I and II (b) I and III
(c) II and III (d) All of the above

16. Regarding the Santiniketan, consider the following statements:

1. Santiniketan is located in Birbhum district of West Bengal.
2. It was founded by Rabindranath Tagore as a residential school and a centre for art based on ancient Indian traditions.
3. Santiniketan has been recognized by UNESCO as India's 40th World Heritage Site.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

17. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Operation Polo?

1. It was a police action against the Razakars, a militant group that supported the Nizam's independence.
2. It resulted in the integration of Hyderabad into the Indian Union and the abolition of the Nizam's rule.
3. It was opposed by the United Nations, which passed a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire and a plebiscite in Hyderabad.
4. It was preceded by a standstill agreement between India and Hyderabad, which maintained the status quo of their relations.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only
(d) All of the above

18. What is the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) primarily established for?
- Providing emergency food and healthcare to children and mothers in post-World War II countries.
 - Promoting global peace and security.
 - Offering educational resources to children in developing countries.
 - Addressing long-term needs of children and women in developed countries.
19. Consider the following statements:
- India has become the 13th country that can issue OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates.
 - The CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL-India) is India's National Metrology Institute (NMI) tasked with maintaining standards of SI units and calibrating national standards of weights and measures.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
20. Consider the following statements regarding 'Skill India Digital (SID)':
- It is envisioned as the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship in India.
 - It is a project under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
21. Regarding the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, consider the following statements:
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched by MoMSME on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti in 2023.
 - The scheme will cover 18 traditional trades in the first instance, such as carpenter, blacksmith, goldsmith, potter, etc.
 - The scheme supports artisans and craftspeople by providing credit, skill training, and promoting cultural heritage, integration into the formal economy, global value chains, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
22. Which one of the following is the best description of 'Ship Samudra Prahari', that was in the news recently?
- Amphibious warfare ship
 - Pollution Control Vessel
 - Torpedo launch and recovery vessel
 - Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
23. Consider the following states-
- Kerala
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Tripura
 - West Bengal
- How many of the above are generally rubber producing states?
- Only one state
 - Only two states
 - Only three states
 - All of the above
24. Consider the following statement regarding 'Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)':
- SCD is a group of inherited white blood cell disorders.
 - National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission aims to eliminate sickle cell anemia from India by 2047.
 - SCD was included in the list of disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
25. Consider the following statement :
- The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) Project was signed at the G20 Summit in New Delhi.
 - Addressing environmental impact concerns, ensuring sustainability, and adhering to green and eco-friendly practices in construction and operation are critical aspects of the project.
 - All QUAD partners are part of this project.
 - It is a world bank sponsored project.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 4 only
 - 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4
26. Consider the following International Initiatives related to marine pollution-
- UNCLOS
 - MARPOL
 - London Convention
- India is a member of which of the above ?
- 1 & 2 only
 - 3 only
 - 2 & 3 only
 - 1, 2 & 3
27. With reference to the "Rubber Board" in India, consider the following statements:
- The Rubber Board is a statutory body.
 - It is a regulatory body attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 - The Board is headed by a Chairman appointed by the Central Government
 - The Rubber Board's Head Office is situated in Bengaluru.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 & 2 only
 - 2 & 3 only
 - 1 & 3 only
 - 1 & 4 only

28. Consider the following statements:

1. World Health Organisation has recently released the first ever Patient Safety Right Charter.
 2. The theme for World Patient Safety Day 2023 is 'Engaging patients for patient safety'.
 3. World Health day is celebrated on 5th May every year.
- How many of the statements given above are correct ?

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

29. Regarding the Global Trends in Antimicrobial Use, consider the following statements:

1. Recently, the WHO has released its 7th report on Antimicrobial use in animals.
2. There is a 13% increase in global antimicrobial usage in animals .
3. Antimicrobial drugs are used to treat or prevent infections in humans, animals, and sometimes plants.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

30. Which of the following highlight/s the critical issues under 'Planetary Boundary Framework'?

1. Change in biosphere integrity
2. Ocean Acidification
3. Biogeochemical flows
4. Land System Change

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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

1. Kisan Rin Portal (KRP) is joint initiative of NITI Aayog and RBI .
2. The Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyaan underscores government commitment to Universal Financial Inclusion.
3. The WINDS initiative is an effort aimed at establishing a network of Automatic Weather Stations & Rain Gauges at taluk/block and gram panchayat levels.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

32. Biohacking, a term recently in news, refers to:

- (a) hacking into biological systems to steal or manipulate data
- (b) biological experimentation done to improve the qualities or capabilities of living organisms
- (c) using biotechnology to create new forms of life or alter existing ones
- (d) exploiting biological vulnerabilities to cause harm or disruption

33. Regarding the Hoysala Temples, consider the following statements:

1. The Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebid, and Somanathapur in Karnataka have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.
2. Chennakeshava Temple was built by Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana to commemorate his victory over the Cholas.
3. Keshava Temple of Somanathapur is a beautiful Trikuta Temple dedicated to Lord Krishna in three forms-Janardhana, Keshava and Venugopala.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

34. Regarding the SHREYAS, consider the following statements:

1. The SHREYAS initiative aims to empower students from Scheduled Castes, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Other Backward Classes by providing them access to quality education.
2. It is an umbrella scheme, under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

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. Consider the following statements related to basic magma:

1. It is rich in ferromagnesian minerals
2. It is associated with shield volcanoes.
3. It is commonly associated with the oceanic crust.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

36. What geological feature is commonly observed in the aftermath of extinct or inactive volcanoes?

- (a) Broad shield volcanoes
- (b) Dormant craters
- (c) Filled craters forming lakes
- (d) Continuous gas emissions

37. Consider the following statements regarding Hoysala dynasty:

1. They were feudatories of the Chalukyas of Kalyana, also known as the Western Chalukya Empire.
2. Hoysala architecture is a blend of Bhumiya, Nagara and the Dravida styles of architecture.

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. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Global report on hypertension':

1. Global report on hypertension: The race against a silent killer is released by the World Health Organization (WHO).
2. The number of hypertension cases has doubled between 1990 and 2019.
3. The prevalence of high blood pressure in India is higher than the global average.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

39. With reference to the Global Education Monitoring Report, 2023, consider the following statements:

1. UNESCO released the Global Education Monitoring Report, 2023 which is titled 'SDG 4 Mid-Term Progress Review.'
2. There has been a decline in the ratio of young women completing secondary school compared to every 100 young men.
3. In sub-Saharan Africa, the percentage of trained pre-primary teachers has decreased.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

40. Which of the following best describes the PM-WANI Scheme?

- (a) It is a framework that enables any entity, such as a shopkeeper or a tea stall owner, to set up a public Wi-Fi hotspot and provide internet service to customers.
- (b) It is an academic development scheme for providing funding to state universities and colleges to improve infrastructure, faculty recruitment, and research facilities.
- (c) It is a women-centric welfare program that aims to create a conducive environment for the overall development of women, especially in rural and marginalized communities.
- (d) It is an agricultural development scheme that aims to improve water-use efficiency in the agriculture sector.

41. Recently, the National Medical Commission (NMC) of India was awarded the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) Recognition Status for 10 years, the highest standards in medical education and accreditation.

Which of the following is/are the correct implications of the recognition status?

1. All the 706 existing medical colleges in India will become WFME accredited.

2. The new medical colleges that will be set up in the coming 10 years will also automatically become WFME accredited.
3. It makes Indian medical graduates eligible to pursue postgraduate training and practice in other countries that require WFME recognition.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar:

1. The awards are to be announced annually on National Technology Day - 11th May and awarded on National Space Day - 23rd August.
2. The constituent awards of Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar comprise a certificate, a medal, and a cash prize.
3. Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) are not eligible for either Vigyan Ratna or Vigyan Team awards under Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar.

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

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

43. Which of the following best describes gravitational redshift?

- (a) The change in the color of an object due to its motion through space.
- (b) The shift in the frequency of light as it passes through a gravitational field.
- (c) The increase in the speed of an object as it approaches a massive celestial body.
- (d) The bending of light around a massive object due to its gravitational pull.

44. Consider the following statements:

1. Jupiter's faint ring system was discovered by the Voyager Mission in 1979.
2. Io is a volcanic moon of Jupiter.
3. Juno is a NASA mission to explore Jupiter and its icy moons.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. Gravitational Instabilities occurs in astrophysical systems, particularly in celestial bodies like galaxies, stars, and planetary systems.
2. Less stable spiral galaxies convert gas into stars effectively through gravitational instabilities.

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 central government's Elephant Corridor report shows that West Bengal has the largest number of elephant corridors.
2. The largest population of wild Asian Elephants is found in India, with Karnataka having the highest number of elephants in the country.
3. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of threatened species categorizes the Asian Elephant as critically endangered and the African Forest Elephant as endangered.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. World Rhino Day, announced by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), is an annual event held on September 22 to promote awareness for all five rhino species and conservation efforts.
2. India, Bhutan, Nepal, Indonesia, and Malaysia have signed the New Delhi Declaration on Asian Rhinos to ensure the conservation and protection of the species.

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

48. With reference to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly and works as a sexual and reproductive health agency.
2. UNFPA is not supported by the UN budget, instead, it is entirely supported by voluntary contributions.

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

49. With reference to the development of OBC reservation in India, consider the following statements:

1. Kalekar Commission (1953) was the first to identify backward classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on national level.
2. Following Mandal Commission's (1980) recommendations, the central government implemented the reservation policy, reserving seats in union civil posts and services for OBCs.
3. The Supreme Court directed the exclusion of the "creamy layer" among OBCs to ensure reservation benefits reach the most disadvantaged.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

50. Regarding the Surety Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. A surety bond is a legally binding contract entered into by three parties—the principal, the obligee, and the surety.
2. Surety bonds are mainly aimed at infrastructure development, mainly to reduce indirect cost for suppliers and work-contractors thereby diversifying their options and acting as a substitute for bank guarantee.
3. In the Budget 2022-23, the government has allowed the use of surety insurance bonds as a substitute for bank guarantees in case of government procurement and also for gold imports.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

51. With reference to the "Indo-Pacific" region, consider the following statements:

1. It consists of 75% of the world's population and 2/3rd of the global economic output.
2. In its geographical dimension, it starts from India's shores and extends to America's shores.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is an independent autonomous energy regulator.
2. The India's Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) aims to reduce cooling demand across sectors by 25-40% by 2025.
3. Standards and Labelling (S&L) programme mandates labelling of ceiling fans based on their energy efficiency.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

53. Which of the following statements best describes India Stack?

- (a) India Stack is a collection of digital payment solutions exclusively for businesses.
- (b) India Stack is a set of Application Programming Interface (APIs) designed to enhance traditional paper-based services in India.
- (c) India Stack is an infrastructure that aims to facilitate presence-less, paperless, and cashless service delivery through APIs.
- (d) India Stack focuses primarily on bridging wealth gaps and does not involve digital transactions.

54. With reference to the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM WANI), consider the following statements:

1. Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM WANI) was launched by the Department of Telecom (DoT) in December 2020.
2. It is a key part of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
3. It can provide an affordable and convenient option for internet access, as compared to mobile technologies like 5G, which require high investment and subscription costs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) One only (b) Two only
(c) All three (d) None

55. With reference to State of Working India 2023 Report, consider the following statements:

1. It is a report published annually by Niti Aayog.
2. It covers unemployment rates, women's participation, intergenerational mobility, and caste-wise workforce dynamics.
3. The report used various data sources like surveys conducted by the National Statistical Office including Employment-Unemployment Surveys and Periodic Labour Force Surveys along with the India Working Survey.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

56. With reference to Borlaug Award, consider the following statements:

1. The award is endowed by the Rockefeller Foundation.
2. The award is presented every March in the USA by the World Food Prize Foundation.

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

57. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), consider the following statements:

1. The Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. PMMSY is implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of five years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

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

58. With reference to the PM-KISAN Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology introduced an AI chatbot, a first for the central government's flagship PM-KISAN scheme.

2. The Chatbot will provide the farmers with "prompt, clear and accurate" responses to their queries.
3. The Chatbot is integrated with Bhashini, providing multilingual support to cater to the diverse linguistic and regional backgrounds of the beneficiaries.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One (b) Only Two
(c) Only Three (d) None

59. With reference to the Parliamentary privileges in the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Parliamentary privileges are defined in Article 71 of the Indian Constitution.
2. Parliamentary privileges are special rights, immunities and exemptions enjoyed by the two Houses of Parliament, their committees and their members
3. Under these privileges, the members of Parliament are exempted from any civil liability (but not criminal liability) for any statement made or act done in the course of their duties.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

60. From which region of the country did scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) recently discover a new species of vibrant orange coloured deep water marine fish?

- (a) Andaman Islands
(b) Anaimalai Forests
(c) Digha Mohana in West Bengal
(d) Tropical rain forests of northeast

61. With reference to the Mukurthi National Park, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the northwest corner of Karnataka.
2. It is a part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
3. Nilgiri tahr is the keystone species of Mukurthi National Park

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

62. With reference to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), consider the following statements:

1. IRDAI is a non statutory body.
2. It comes under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Commerce.
3. It regulates and sees to the development of the insurance industry.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

63. With reference to Phosphorus, consider the following statements:

1. India is the world's largest importer of phosphorus.
2. Rock Phosphate production in India comes only from Rajasthan and Gujarat.
3. Phosphorus underuse promotes algal blooms, depleting oxygen in water bodies and causing fish deaths.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

64. With reference to the United Nations Climate Ambition Summit (CAS), consider the following statements:

1. The CAS aimed to accelerate climate action as a prelude to the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28).
2. China, USA and India are the most active participants of CAS.
3. In this Summit, India updated its goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

65. With reference to Adi Shankaracharya, consider the following statements:

1. He propounded the doctrine of Vishishtadvaita.
2. Statue of equality is related to Adi Shankaracharya.
3. He established four Mathas in the four corners of India at Sringeri, Puri, Dwaraka and Badrinath for propagation of Sanathana Dharma.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding Five Eyes Alliance:

1. It is an intelligence-sharing alliance of five countries: the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
2. It originated from the 1946 UK-USA Agreement, which was a cooperative arrangement for sharing signals intelligence (SIGINT).

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

67. Consider the following statements:

1. India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is calculated using three distinct methods.
2. The factor cost method indicates how different areas of the economy are performing, such as trade, investments etc.

3. The expenditure-based method assesses the performance of different industries.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

1. In 2021-2022, India was the second largest producer of milk in the world.
2. Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of milk in India.
3. Increasing temperatures may reduce milk production in India's arid and semi-arid regions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

69. Regarding the growing concern related to *Vibrio vulnificus* infections in India consider the following statements:

1. It is a deadly bacteria found in marine environments.
2. Despite its potential threat, this pathogen remains largely underreported in India.
3. This bacterium thrives in warm waters above 20°C.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

70. Consider the following statements:

1. News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA) is a constitutional body.
2. The Press Council of India (PCI) is the apex body for regulating print media in India.
3. The government's Cable Television Networks (CTN) Amendment Rules of 2021 require registration of self-regulatory bodies.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

71. With reference to the report on the "Implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Higher Education", consider the following statements:

1. The report emphasized that a major portion of India's higher education system operates under Central Acts.
2. 94% of students are enrolled in Central institutions, leaving just 6% in State higher educational institutions.
3. National Education Policy aims to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education to 50% by 2035.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

72. With reference to "Joshimath", consider the following statements:

1. Joshimath is a hilly town located in Dehradun district of Uttarakhand.
2. The town is traversed by running streams from Devprayag.
3. It is home to one of the four cardinal monasteries established by Adi Shankara.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

73. Regarding the Aadhar, consider the following statements:

1. Aadhaar is a 16-digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India.
2. Aadhaar number helps the residents to avail various services provided by banking, mobile phone connections and other Govt and Non-Govt services in due course.
3. It is a voluntary service that every resident can avail irrespective of present documentation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements:

1. A fuel cell is an electrochemical device that converts chemical energy into electrical energy.
2. Green Hydrogen fuel cell use Green Hydrogen as a fuel to drive an electrochemical process that produces electricity, with water and heat as the only by-products.

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

75. With reference to the Hybrid seeds, consider the following statements:

1. A hybrid seed is produced by controlled Cross-Pollination between different varieties of the same plant.
2. These are often easier and faster to grow than Heirloom Seeds.
3. All hybrid seeds in a packet have the same parent plants, which means they will all grow into uniform plants.

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

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

76. Regarding the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. MGNREGA is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the Ministry of Rural Development.

2. Unlike earlier employment guarantee schemes, the scheme aims to address the causes of chronic poverty through a rights-based framework.
3. Wages must be paid according to the statutory minimum wages specified for agricultural labourers in the state under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

77. Regarding the Asia Pacific Forum on Human Rights, consider the following statements:

1. It was founded in the year 1990.
2. It aims to address significant human rights challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.
3. It forms partnerships with various international agencies, governments, and non-government organizations

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

78. Consider the following statements:

1. Indian pangolin and Chinese pangolin are the only two extant species of Pangolins in Asia.
2. The habitat of pangolins is very limited; grasslands and agricultural fields.
3. In India, the Chinese pangolin can be found in Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

79. Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct regarding Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana?

1. It is administered by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. It is a central sector scheme funded from the Consolidated Fund of India.
3. It provides free of cost devices to senior citizens from any (caste) category who are unable to afford them.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

80. Consider the following statements regarding Palm Oil:

1. Palm oil is an edible vegetable oil derived from the seeds of oil palm trees.
2. Biodiesel made from crude palm oil is branded as 'green diesel'.
3. High preference of palm oil can be attributed to its cheap cost and more production per hectare compared to other vegetable oil plants.
4. Indonesia alone accounts for almost 90% of the global palm oil production.

- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
81. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the member states of which of the following alliances and its five FTA partners?
- (a) ASEAN (b) BRICS
(c) G20 (d) African Union
82. With reference to the Election Commission of India, consider the following statements:
1. It administers elections for the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, panchayats and municipalities in India.
 2. Originally, the commission had one election commissioner, but it became a multi-member body after the Election Commissioner Amendment Act 1989.
 3. The President of India appoints the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners.
- How many of the statements above are **not** correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
83. Consider the following statements:
1. Indian pharmaceutical industry is the 3rd largest pharmaceutical industry in the world by volume.
 2. Recently, the government has launched initiatives namely National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector in India and Scheme for Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector (PRIP).
- 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
84. With reference to the Geospatial Intelligence, consider the following statements:
1. Geospatial technology uses tools like GIS (Geographic Information System), GPS (Global Positioning System) and Remote Sensing for geographic mapping and analysis.
2. The technology may be used to create intelligent maps to help identify spatial patterns in large volumes of data.
- 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
85. With reference to the China-Nepal Relations, consider the following statements:
1. Nepal has declined China's invitation to join China's Global Security Initiative (GSI).
 2. Nepal has expressed interest in China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), aiming to improve infrastructure connectivity and trade facilitation.
- 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
86. With reference to the Delimitation Commission, consider the following statements:
1. Delimitation Commissions have been set up four times 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002 under the Acts of 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002.
 2. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission 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
87. With reference to the Surety Bonds, consider the following statements:
1. Surety bond is provided by the insurance company on behalf of the contractor to the entity that is awarding the project.
 2. A surety bond can be defined in its simplest form as a written agreement to guarantee compliance, payment, or performance of an 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

Answers

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| 11. (c) | 12. (c) | 13. (b) | 14. (c) | 15. (a) | 16. (b) | 17. (c) | 18. (a) | 19. (c) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (b) | 23. (c) | 24. (c) | 25. (a) | 26. (a) | 27. (c) | 28. (b) | 29. (a) | 30. (d) |
| 31. (d) | 32. (b) | 33. (c) | 34. (b) | 35. (c) | 36. (c) | 37. (c) | 38. (b) | 39. (a) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (d) | 42. (b) | 43. (b) | 44. (b) | 45. (c) | 46. (b) | 47. (c) | 48. (d) | 49. (c) | 50. (c) |
| 51. (d) | 52. (a) | 53. (c) | 54. (c) | 55. (b) | 56. (a) | 57. (b) | 58. (b) | 59. (b) | 60. (c) |
| 61. (b) | 62. (a) | 63. (a) | 64. (b) | 65. (a) | 66. (c) | 67. (d) | 68. (c) | 69. (c) | 70. (b) |
| 71. (a) | 72. (a) | 73. (c) | 74. (c) | 75. (d) | 76. (c) | 77. (b) | 78. (a) | 79. (c) | 80. (b) |
| 81. (a) | 82. (a) | 83. (b) | 84. (d) | 85. (d) | 86. (c) | 87. (c) | | | |