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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Immediately after the commencement of the examination, you should check that this test booklet does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items, etc. if so, get it replaced by a complete test booklet.
2. This test contains 100 questions. Each question comprises four responses and you have to mark only one as the correct response. In case you feel there is more than one response, mark the one that you consider the best or the most appropriate.
3. Each question carries equal marks, i.e., **2 marks**. However, there will be penalty for wrong answers. For each wrong response to a question, **one-third** of the total marks assigned to the question, will be deducted as penalty.
 - (a) If a student gives more than one answer to a question, it will be treated as wrong answer.
 - (b) If there is no response to a question, there will be no penalty for that question.
4. You have to mark all your responses on the separate Answer Sheet (OMR Sheet).
5. After filling the responses, submit only the answer sheet. You can take away the question booklet.

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1. Consider the following statements:

1. Parliament has the power to make a law and to remove it from the statute books.
2. In Pocket veto, the President has the power to withhold a bill for an infinite period.
3. The bills passed by the State Legislature can be withheld by the President in the first instance but has to be approved in the second instance.

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

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

2. Consider the following statements with reference to Collegium System:

1. It is a system of appointment and transfers of judges that has evolved by an Act of Parliament.
2. The recommendations of the Collegium system are binding on the President.
3. The Supreme Court collegium is led by the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

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

3. Consider the following statements with reference to COVID-19 Performance Index:

1. It was compiled by Lowy Institute.
2. China was not included in this study.
3. India outperformed Pakistan in this study.
4. The country having a score of 'Zero' is best performing and a score of 'Hundred' is worst performing.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

4. Which of the following criteria are used by the 15th Finance Commission while determining the share of states?

1. Demographic Performance
2. Forest and Ecology
3. Population and Area
4. Tax and Fiscal efforts

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

5. Justice Rohini Commission has been set up to:

- (a) Investigate the conditions of Backward classes.
- (b) Investigate the conditions of Women at the workplace.
- (c) Investigate in the cases of breach of Right to Privacy.
- (d) Investigate in the cases of spread of provocative content and misinformation on the farmers' protest.

6. With reference to Sedition Law, consider the following statements:

1. Origin of Sedition law in India was related to Wahabi movement.
2. Gandhiji was arrested on the charges of 'sedition' for publishing articles in weekly journal Young India.
3. Sedition is a non-bailable offence in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

7. Global Corruption Barometer, sometimes seen in the news, is published by:

- (a) International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities
- (b) Central Vigilance Commission
- (c) Transparency International
- (d) Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development

8. Consider the following statements:

1. A horizontal direct investment refers to the investor investing in a firm that produces similar goods as it operates in its home country.
2. A vertical type of foreign direct investment is one where a company or individual makes an investment in a business that is unrelated to its existing business.

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:

List I

1. Davos Dialogue
2. Davos in the desert
3. Shangri-la Dialogue

List II

1. World Economic Forum (WEF)
2. Saudi Arabia
3. International Institute for Strategic Studies

Which of the above is/are correctly matched?

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

10. Consider the following statements with reference to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) scheme:

1. The Employee Provident Fund is open for employees of both the Public and Private Sectors.
2. EPF scheme is mandatory for employees who draw a basic wage of Rs. 20,000 per month.
3. Both employer and employee contribute 12% of an employee's monthly salary.
4. The EPF interest rate is declared every year by the EPFO.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements with reference to Brent crude and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude?

1. Brent oil originates in the North Sea whereas WTI is sourced from US and Canada.
2. Brent oil has lower sulphur content than WTI.
3. Both oils can be used as a benchmark for oil prices in India.

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

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

12. With reference to Seaweeds, consider the following statements:

1. Large seaweeds act as underwater nurseries for fish and snails.
2. Seaweeds, found mostly in the intertidal region, in shallow and deep waters of the sea.
3. These can be used as fertilizers and to increase aquaculture production.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements with reference to Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad):

1. Quad is a formal strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia
2. The idea of Quad was first mooted by the former Japanese Prime Minister.
3. In 2020, all four Quad Countries took part in the Malabar exercise.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

14. The Scarborough Shoal of South China Sea is claimed by which of the following countries?

1. Philippines
2. Brunei
3. China
4. Taiwan
5. Vietnam

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

15. Ekuverin, a joint military exercise, is held between:

- (a) India and Sri Lanka
(b) India and Myanmar
(c) India and Maldives
(d) India and Bangladesh

16. Consider the following statements with reference to Glaciers:

1. Glaciers are a bulk of ice moving under its weight.
2. Glaciers are the largest freshwater basin which covers around 15% of the land surface of the Earth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

17. Kerch Strait connects:

- (a) Sea of Azov and Black Sea
(b) Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea
(c) Sea of Azov and Baltic Sea
(d) North Sea and Baltic Sea

18. Consider the following statements with reference to Nanda Devi National Park:
1. It was inscribed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
 2. It is the largest national park in India.
 3. It is drained by the river Dhauliganga.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 2 and 3 only
19. Consider the following statements:
1. A subglacial lake is a lake that is found under a glacier.
 2. A proglacial lake is a lake formed by the damming action of a moraine.
 3. A supraglacial lake is any pond of liquid water on the top of a glacier.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
20. Making Peace with Nature, a report, is released by:
- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(b) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
(c) Greenpeace
(d) World Wide Fund for Nature
21. Which of the following pollutants are released by the coal burning that contributes to the Air pollution?
1. Mercury
 2. Lead
 3. Nitrogen dioxide
 4. Particulate Matter
 5. Oxides of Sulphur
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 3 and 5 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
22. With reference to World Sustainable Development Summit, consider the following statements:
1. The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).
 2. It was earlier known as Bharat Sustainable Development Summit.
 3. It has been conceptualized as a single platform to accelerate action towards sustainable development and climate change.
- Which of the statements given above is/are *not* correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
23. With reference to Hindukush Himalayan Region, which of the following statements is/are correct?
1. It is considered as the third pole of the world.
 2. It contains vast frozen water parts and is the second largest store of snow and ice.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
24. Consider the following statements with reference to Assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region report:
1. It has been published by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
 2. It is India's first-ever national forecast on the impact of global warming on the subcontinent.
 3. One of the key findings of this report is the decline in winter snowfall in high elevation Karakoram Himalayas.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only
25. Which of the following activities are prohibited in Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs)?
1. Felling of trees
 2. Establishment of hotels and resorts
 3. Commercial mining
 4. Establishment of hydroelectric projects
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
26. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?
- | List I | List II |
|---|----------------|
| 1. Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary | Bihar |
| 2. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve | Andhra Pradesh |
| 3. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary | Kerala |
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

27. Consider the following statements with reference to Wetlands:
1. Recently, India has added Tso Kar Wetland Complex in Ladakh as Ramsar site.
 2. Wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests.
 3. Wetlands include backwaters, lagoons and estuaries.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1 and 3 only
28. Andaman and Nicobar Islands are sandwiched between:
- (a) Bay of Bengal and Laccadive Sea
 - (b) Laccadive Sea and Andaman Sea
 - (c) Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal
 - (d) Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea
29. Consider the following statements with reference to planet Mars:
1. It is the smallest planet in the Solar system.
 2. Mars is the only planet that humans can visit or inhabit in the long term.
 3. Atmosphere of Mars is made up of carbon dioxide, nitrogen and argon gases.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
30. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?
- | List I | List II |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. UAE's HOPE Mission | Mars |
| 2. NASA's Perseverance Rover | Moon |
| 3. NASA's Artemis Mission | Moon |
- 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
31. Consider the following statements:
1. Mutation is an alteration in the genetic material of a cell of a living organism or of a virus.
 2. The genomes of viruses are composed of DNA or RNA only.
 3. Coronavirus spike protein binds to a human protein to initiate the process of infection.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
32. Consider the following statements with reference to Sulphur-Iodine cycle:
1. This cycle is used to produce hydrogen.
 2. The Sulphur-Iodine cycle comprises high temperature endothermic reactions of sulfuric acid decomposition.
- 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. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to Bhimbetka rock paintings?
1. The paintings generally portray every-day life of prehistoric men.
 2. The paintings show hunting scenes and war scenes.
 3. The paintings have simple geometric designs and social life is well depicted.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
34. Consider the following statements:
1. Recently, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and MapmyIndia have partnered to come up with an indigenous geospatial portal known as Bhuvan.
 2. MapmyIndia is an alternative to the Google map.
- 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 with reference to Lala Lajpat Rai:
1. He formed the Lal-Bal-Pal trio of extremist leaders.
 2. He was the founder of Servants of People Society.
 3. He did not support the Non-Cooperation movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

36. Consider the following statements:

1. Mahatma Gandhi called off the Non-Cooperation movement after the Chauri Chaura incident.
2. Jawahar Lal Nehru and Sardar Patel were against the suspension of the movement.
3. Sudden termination of the Non-Cooperation Movement created a rift between Congress and the muslim leaders.

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

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

37. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), consider the following statements:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme being executed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. Target beneficiaries are all pregnant women, lactating mothers, central and state government employees.
3. The eligible beneficiaries also receive cash incentive under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court has power to transfer to itself cases pending before two or more High Courts.
2. India is a signatory to UN Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

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 Ecological Footprint, consider the following statements:

1. The ecological footprint focuses on measuring the use of bio-productive space.
2. It is promoted by the Global Footprint Network.
3. Global Footprint Network tracks the human demand on natural capital through the ecological accounting system.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

40. Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD), acts as an independent predictor of which of the following diseases and syndromes?

1. Cardiovascular diseases
2. Hypertension
3. Type 2 diabetes
4. Glucose intolerance

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

41. Yuelu Proclamation, sometimes seen in the news, is related to the affairs of:

- (a) Linguistic resources and diversity conservation
- (b) Tiger conservation
- (c) Biodiversity conservation
- (d) Water conservation

42. Consider the following statements with reference to Thermoelectric effect:

1. The thermoelectric effect allows converting waste heat into electric power.
2. Silver Antimony Telluride is one such material that can help in tapping waste heat.
3. Heat from a laptop being used to charge a mobile phone, can be an example of thermoelectric effect.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements:

1. Helina and Dhruvastra are anti-tank guided missile systems, indigenously developed by DRDO.
2. The Helina is an Indian Air Force version and Dhruvastra is an Army version.
3. These are helicopter-launched versions of third-generation anti-tank guided missiles (the Nag Missile system).

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

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

44. Which of the following passes are located in the state of Sikkim?

1. Nathu La
2. Jelep La
3. Donkia
4. Bomdila
5. Chiwabhanjang

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

45. Consider the following statements with reference to Arbor Day Foundation:

1. The Arbor Day Foundation is the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to tree planting.
2. Chandigarh has been recognised as a 2020 Tree City of the World by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. Which of the following is/are under the category of Critically Endangered according to the IUCN List?

1. Mandarin Duck
2. Sulawesi coelacanth
3. Sunda Tiger
4. Dhole

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

47. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

List I

1. Garia dance
2. Nongkrem
3. Bardo Chham

List II

1. Tripura
2. Manipur
3. Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

48. With reference to Buffer zone, consider the following statements:

1. Buffer zones are areas created to enhance the protection of a specific conservation area.
2. The buffer zone is managed as a multiple use area.
3. A buffer zone can be designated as a protected area.
4. The term Buffer zone gained international importance through UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere programme.

Which of the following statements are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements with reference to Global Innovation Index 2020 report:

1. The index is a leading reference for measuring an economy's innovation performance.
2. It is published by the World Economic Forum.

3. India is at 48th position in 2020 and at the top among Central and South Asian countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. With reference to Zoonoses, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. These are those diseases and infections which are naturally transmitted between vertebrate animals and man.
2. These can be bacterial and viral only.
3. Transmission of these infections can occur while petting animals or coming into contact with areas where animals live.

Select 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

51. China has its border with which of the following countries?

1. Laos
2. Vietnam
3. India
4. North Korea
5. Thailand

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

52. Mrichchhakatika is a Sanskrit drama referring to:

- (a) Later life of Rama
(b) Love affair of brahmin Charudatta
(c) Love story of princess Ratnavali
(d) None of the above

53. With reference to Namdev, a bhakti saint, consider the following statements:

1. Namdev's abhangs (short devotional poems) are collected in Namdevachi Gatha.
2. His hymns are also included in Guru Granth Sahib.
3. Namdev opposed the principles of Vaishnavism and built his powerful movement against it.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements:

1. Urdu literature was initially called Dakkani.
2. Urdu is included in the Eight Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
3. Urdu mostly follows the grammar of Hindi.
4. Diwan- a collection of poetry in urdu, was composed by Mirza Ghalib.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

55. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is taken from:

- (a) Aitareya Upanishad
(b) Chandogya Upanishad
(c) Maha Upanishad
(d) Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

56. Consider the following statements with reference to Bioswales:

1. Bioswales are channels designed to concentrate and convey stormwater runoff while removing debris and pollution.
2. These can be beneficial in recharging groundwater.

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. Adaptation Gap Report is released by:

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme
(b) Global Environment Facility
(c) Greenpeace
(d) World Wide Fund for Nature

58. Which of the following are the sources of hydrogen production?

1. Electrolysis of water 2. Natural gas
3. Biomass gasification 4. Coal gasification

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

59. Bandhi, Ahar Pynes and Panam Keni are the types of:

- (a) Shifting cultivation methods
(b) Commercial farming methods
(c) Organic farming methods
(d) Water conservation methods

60. Consider the following statements:

1. Hydrogen is a source of energy, not a carrier of energy.
2. Hydrogen is transmitted into electricity via a fuel cell.
3. Grey hydrogen constitutes the bulk of India's production and is extracted from hydrocarbons.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. With reference to Judicial Review, consider the following statements:

1. Indian Constitution confers the power of judicial review to both the Supreme Court and High Court.
2. The purpose of judicial review is to review the legislation of Parliament, State Legislatures and subordinate legislations.

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. The Strait of Hormuz is located between:

- (a) Oman and Iran
(b) UAE and Iran
(c) Saudi Arabia and Oman
(d) Saudi Arabia and Iran

63. Which of the following are the applications of Nanotechnology?

1. Improving efficiency of fuel production.
2. Enables reduction in fuel combustion.
3. Help in making camera displays resistant to UV and infrared radiations.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

64. Barbell Strategy, sometimes seen in the news, is related to the affairs of:

- (a) Finance
(b) Defense
(c) Space technology
(d) COVID-19 mitigation

65. Consider the following statements with reference to Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO):

1. It is an intergovernmental radio telescope project.
2. India, China and Pakistan are part of this project.
3. This organisation will establish two radio telescope networks in South Africa and Australia.

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

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

66. India-Afghanistan Friendship Dam is a hydroelectric and irrigation dam project located on which river?

- (a) Harirud river (b) Amu Darya river
(c) Helmand river (d) Hari river

67. Consider the following statements with reference to Atlantic Ocean:

1. It is the coldest of all the oceans.
2. The Bering strait connects the Atlantic ocean to Pacific ocean.

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

68. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

List I

1. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
2. Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

List II

- Arunachal Pradesh
West Bengal
Kerala

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

69. Consider the following statements with reference to Abdul Rahim Khan-i-Khanan:

1. He was one of the Navratna in the Mughal emperor Akbar's court.
2. He translated Babur's Baburnama to Persian.
3. He wrote Khet Kautukam a book on astrology.

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

70. With reference to Dhauliganga river, consider the following statements:

1. It rises in the border regions of India and Nepal.
2. The river is joined by the Rishiganga river at Raini.
3. Tapovan, which is famous for its hot springs, is situated on the banks of this river.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

71. With reference to National Education Policy 2020, consider the following statements:

1. Universalization of education from preschool to secondary level with 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in school education by 2025.
2. It will bring the uncovered age group of 2-6 years under school curriculum.
3. Teaching up to at least Grade 5 to be in mother tongue/regional language.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to Countervailing Duty, consider the following statements:

1. Countervailing duty (CVD) is an additional import duty imposed on imported products.
2. This can be in the form of low-rate loans, tax exemptions, or indirect payments.
3. CVD is imposed to countervail export subsidy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

73. With reference to Zero Coupons bonds, consider the following statements:

1. These are non-transferable and non-interest bearing government securities.
2. These are issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
3. These are long-term bonds with maturity periods upto 15 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Which of the following come under the category of indirect taxes?
1. Octroi tax
 2. Additional customs duty
 3. Entertainment tax
 4. Securities transaction tax
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
75. Consider the following statements with reference to Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA):
1. It is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
 2. The scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India.
 3. This is being implemented in Haryana, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh only.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
76. Hong Kong Convention, recently seen in the news, is related to the affairs of:
- (a) Preventive conservation of plastics
 - (b) Biodiversity conservation
 - (c) Ships maintenance
 - (d) Protection of world culture
77. V-shaped recovery refers to:
- (a) Recovery in which the economy quickly rises after an economic crash and overshoots the previous trend path.
 - (b) A strong recovery after an economy suffers a sharp economic decline.
 - (c) Recovery in which the economy fails to regain the level of earlier growth trend after several years.
 - (d) None of the above
78. With reference to primary sector in India, consider the following statements:
1. It contributes around 16% of Gross Added Value (GVA).
 2. It employs more than half of the workforce 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
79. Consider the following statements with reference to India's Debt:
1. India's debt to GDP is the lowest among the BRICS nations.
 2. It is also lowest among the G-20 OECD countries.
 3. It has declined from 2003 and has been stable since 2011.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
80. Ricardian Equivalence Proposition (REP) mentioned in Economic Survey 2020-21 refers to which of the following?
- (a) Debt sustainability of economies
 - (b) GDP growth rates of economies
 - (c) Consumer's consumption decisions
 - (d) Income Inequality
81. With reference to fiscal measures adopted by the government as a response to COVID-19, consider the following statements:
1. Above-the-line measures include those for which full cost is reflected in the fiscal deficit.
 2. Below-the-line measures generally involve the creation of assets, like equity injections, loans, asset purchase etc.
- 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
82. Consider the following statements:
1. In pro-cyclical fiscal policy, the government chooses to decrease spending and increase tax during an economic expansion.
 2. In counter-cyclical fiscal policy, the government chooses to increase spending and reduce tax during recession.
- 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

83. Consider the following statements with reference to PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme:

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries as a part of Startup India programme.
2. This is a Centrally sponsored scheme.
3. It will be implemented over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.
4. This scheme adopts the One District One Product approach.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

84. Consider the following statements with reference to Gini coefficient:

1. It is a measure of the distribution of income across a population.
2. The coefficient ranges from '0' to '1' with '1' representing perfect inequality.

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

85. World Investment Report has been released by:

- (a) World Trade Organisation (WTO)
(b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
(c) World Bank
(d) International Monetary Fund

86. With reference to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by National Statistical Office (NSO), consider the following statements:

1. The number of unemployed persons declined largely in the category of females, and in the rural sector.
2. The level of unemployment is recorded the lowest among urban youth (age 15-29 years).
3. Self-employment is still the major source of employment with more than half of the workforce being self-employed.

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

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

87. Which of the following diseases has been eradicated from India?

1. Guinea worm disease 2. Polio
3. Yaws 4. Maternal Tetanus

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

88. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India does not specifically use the word Budget.
2. Annual Financial Statement (AFS) evidences the receipts and expenditure of the Government in two separate parts under Consolidated Fund and Contingency Fund.
3. According to the Constitution, AFS should be laid before Parliament in every financial year.

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

89. World Rule of Law Index is released by which of the following?

- (a) World Justice Project
(b) International Court of Justice
(c) International Law Commission
(d) Amnesty International

90. Which of the following factors are responsible to make India an attractive destination for Research and Development (R&D)?

1. Highly skilled labour force
2. Increasing income levels
3. Generous tax incentive structure

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

91. Consider the following statements with reference to Public goods:

1. Public goods are non-rival and non-excludable.
2. Public goods are adequately provided for by the markets.
3. Education is a necessary public good.

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

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

92. Consider the following statements with reference to Bare Necessities Index:

1. It is developed by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO).
2. BNI is an attempt to quantify basic needs approach to economic development using data from the NSO.
3. It measures bare necessities for households in rural areas only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements:

1. Headline inflation is Core inflation minus inflation that is contributed by food and energy commodities.
2. Core inflation indicates the price rise in hydrocarbon and food 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

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

1. PMMSY focusses on sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country.
2. It is a part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
3. It will be implemented as a Central sector scheme only.
4. PMMSY aims to enhance fish production by 2024-25 at an average annual growth rate of about 9%.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

95. The term Zombie Firm mentioned in the Economic Survey 2020-21 refers to:

- (a) A company that is currently unable to stay in business.
- (b) A company that is currently able to stay in business but is loaded with bad debts.
- (c) Firms that have capital to risk weighted assets ratio of less than 8%.
- (d) None of the above

96. Laffer curve is a relationship between which of the following?

- (a) Tax rate and tax revenue collected
- (b) Inflation and unemployment
- (c) Tax rate and tax elasticity
- (d) Inequality and income per capita

97. Recently, RBI has constructed a composite Digital Payments Index (DPI) to capture the extent of digitisation of payments. RBI-DPI comprises which of the following parameters?

1. Payment Enablers
2. Payment Infrastructure – Demand side factors
3. Payment Infrastructure – Supply side factors
4. Payment performance

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

98. Chile Madrid Time for Action, sometimes seen in the news, is related to the affairs of:

- (a) UNFCCC
- (b) Greenpeace
- (c) IPCC
- (d) World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

99. With reference to Services sector, consider the following statements:

1. It accounts for the largest share in the Indian economy.
2. It accounts for more than 50% of Gross State Value Added (GSVA) in all states and UTs.
3. India improved its position from 12th position in 2018 to 9th position in 2019 in the World Investment Report 2020.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

100. India is the largest producer of which of the following?

1. Milk
2. Millets
3. Wheat
4. Eggs
5. Mangoes

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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