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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. Which of the following are features of the Federal Government?

1. Written Constitution
2. Rigid Constitution
3. Division of Power
4. Integrated Judiciary

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

2. With reference to Council of Ministers (CoM), consider the following statements:

1. The total number of ministers in the CoM shall not exceed 15% of the total strength of the Lok Sabha.
2. The advice tendered by ministers to the President can be inquired into any court.
3. A minister who is not a member of either House of the Parliament for any period of six consecutive months shall cease to be a minister.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The Council of Ministers are collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha.
2. The ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President.

Which of the statement(s) 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 statements are correct regarding Parliamentary sessions?

1. The President summons each House of the Parliament.
2. The power of adjournment lies with the Presiding Officer of the House.
3. The President prorogues both Houses of Parliament.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Quorum is the minimum number of members required to be present for conducting a meeting of the House.
2. Prorogation is calling all members of the Parliament to meet.
3. Adjournment sine die means the termination of the meeting for a specified time.

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

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

6. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Joint Session of Parliament?

1. The joint sitting is called by the Prime Minister.
2. Joint sitting is presided over by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
3. There is provision for a joint sitting in case of a disagreement between both Houses.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

7. With reference to the Attorney General of India, consider the following statements:

1. The Attorney General must be a person who is qualified to be appointed a judge of the Supreme Court.
2. The Attorney General holds office during the pleasure of the President.
3. The Attorney General has the right to take part in the proceedings of both the Houses of Parliament without a right to vote.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. Privilege Motion is moved by a member when he feels that a minister has committed a breach of privilege of the House.
2. Censure Motion is moved to censure the Council of Ministers for specific policies and actions.
3. Call-Attention Motion is introduced in the Parliament by a member to call the attention of a minister to a matter of urgent public importance, and to seek an authoritative statement from him on that matter.

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

9. Recently in the news, the Kedar Nath Case v Union of India is associated with:

- (a) Right to Privacy  
(b) Sedition  
(c) Information Technology Act  
(d) Preamble

10. With reference to Adjournment Motion, consider the following statements:

1. It can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha.
2. It is introduced in the Lok Sabha to draw the attention of the House to a definite matter of urgent public importance.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

11. With reference to Pegasus, consider the following statements:

1. It is a type of spyware.
2. It has been developed by the Russian firm NSO Group.
3. It is designed to gain access to devices without the knowledge of users.

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

12. Regarding the Appointment of High Court Judges, consider the following statements:

1. The Judges are appointed by the President.
2. The Chief Justice of a High Court shall be appointed in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and the Governor of the State.
3. In the case of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted.

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

13. 'Right to Strike' is a:

- (a) Fundamental Right              (b) Legal Right  
(c) Statutory Right                    (d) None of the above

14. 'Public Utility Service' and 'Strike' have been defined under:

- (a) Industrial Disputes Act, 1947  
(b) Disaster Management Act, 2005  
(c) Factories Act, 1948  
(d) None of the above

15. The 'Kelkar Commission' and the 'Mandal Commission' are related to:

- (a) Scheduled Castes  
(b) Scheduled Tribes  
(c) Backward Classes  
(d) Economically Weaker Section

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Union List contains 98 subjects and comprises the subjects which are of national importance and admit of uniform laws for the whole of the country.
2. State List contains 59 subjects and comprises subjects of local or State interest.
3. Concurrent List contains 52 subjects with respect to which; both Union Parliament and the State Legislature have concurrent power of legislation.

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

17. To give a new push to the Co-operative movement, a new 'Ministry of Cooperation' has been formed with the mandate:

1. To provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.
2. To help deepen Co-operatives as a true people based movement reaching upto the grassroots.
3. To streamline processes for 'Ease of Doing Business' for co-operatives and enable development of Multi-State Co-operatives (MSCS).

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

18. Which among the following are the issues concerning police forces?

1. Colonial legacy
2. Psychological Pressure
3. Public Perception
4. Overburdened Force
5. Infrastructural Issues

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

19. Consider the following committees:

1. Padmanabhaiah Committee
2. Ribeiro Committee
3. Malimath Committee

The above given committees are associated with which among the following?

- (a) Police Reforms
- (b) Judicial Reforms
- (c) Bureaucracy Reforms
- (d) Administrative Reforms

20. With reference to the Chief Minister, consider the following statements:

1. The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the President.
2. The term of the Chief Minister is fixed in the Constitution.
3. A person who is not a member of the State Legislature cannot be appointed as the Chief Minister.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None of the above

21. With regard to the Chief Minister's (CM) role, consider the following statements:

1. CM allocates and reshuffles the portfolios among ministers.
2. The CM can bring about the collapse of the council of ministers by resigning from office.
3. The Chief Minister acts as a link between the President and the state council of ministers.

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

22. 'Punjabi Suba Movement' is related to:

- (a) Punjab's Farm laws
- (b) Demand for creation of a Punjabi speaking state
- (c) Creation of Self Help Groups in Punjab
- (d) None of the above

23. The Krishna River passes through which among the following states?

1. Maharashtra
2. Karnataka
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

24. Consider the following statements with reference to Inter State River Water Disputes:

1. Article 262 of the Constitution provides for the adjudication of inter-state water disputes.
2. The Inter-State Water Disputes Act empowers the President to set up an ad hoc tribunal for the adjudication of a dispute between two or more states in relation to the waters of an interstate river or river valley.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding the Civil Procedure Code, 1908:

1. It is a procedural law related to the administration of civil proceedings in India.
2. Rule 8 refers to representative suits, which is the closest to a classic class action suit in a civil context in India. It also covers criminal proceedings.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding Non-Performing Assets (NPA):

1. NPA refers to a classification for loans or advances that are in default or are in arrears on scheduled payments of principal or interest.
2. In most cases, debt is classified as non-performing, when the loan payments have not been made for a minimum period of 90 days.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding Labour Force:

1. The labour force participation rate indicates the percentage of all people of working age who are employed or are actively seeking work.
2. In 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, female labour force participation in India was 23.5%, according to ILO estimates.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

28. Which among the following are rules in India for Class Action Suits?

1. Civil Procedure Code, 1908
2. Companies Act, 2013
3. Competition Act, 2002
4. Consumer Protection Act, 2019

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

29. The Assam-Mizoram Dispute, recently seen in news, is related to which of the following?

- (a) Cow Protection Bill  
(b) Border Dispute  
(c) Citizenship Amendment Act  
(d) Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)

30. Which of the following Indian States share their border with Mizoram?

1. Assam
2. Tripura
3. Manipur
4. Meghalaya
5. Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

31. With respect to the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), consider the following statements:

1. UAPA is the India's main anti-terrorism legislation.
2. Prior to the UAPA's enactment, associations were being declared unlawful under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) 2002.
3. The major problem with the UAPA is that it makes it difficult for any accused person to obtain bail.

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding the Antarctic Treaty System:

1. It is the whole complex of arrangements made for the purpose of regulating relations among states in the Antarctic.
2. Its purpose is to ensure in the interests of all mankind that Antarctica shall continue forever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and shall not become the scene or object of international discord.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

33. Financial Stability Report is published by:

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)  
(b) Ministry of Finance  
(c) Ministry of Commerce  
(d) Monetary Policy Committee

34. Consider the following statements with respect to the Wholesale Price Index (WPI):

1. WPI is published by the Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. It is the most widely used inflation indicator in India.
3. The base year of the All-India WPI is set at 2014-15.

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

35. Which among the following best explains the concept of 'Core Inflation'?

- (a) Core Inflation refers to the rise in the prices of most goods and services of daily or common use.  
(b) Core Inflation is the change in the costs of goods and services but does not include those from the food and energy sectors.  
(c) Core Inflation is the change in the costs of goods and services which includes the food and energy sectors.  
(d) None of the above

36. Consider the following statements:

1. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) tracks inflation at the producer level and Consumer Price Index (CPI) captures changes in prices levels at the consumer level.
2. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) does not capture changes in the prices of services which Consumer Price Index (CPI) does.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?

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

37. Which among the following best explains the concept of 'Anti Dumping Duty'?

- (a) Anti Dumping is said to occur when the goods are exported by a country to another country at a price lower than the price it normally charges in its own home market.  
(b) Anti Dumping Duty is a customs duty on imports providing protection against the dumping of goods at prices substantially lower than the normal value.  
(c) Anti Dumping Duty is a customs duty on goods that have received government subsidies in the originating or exporting country.  
(d) Anti Dumping Duty is a type of excise duty.

38. India's Forex Reserves include which among the following?

1. Foreign Currency Assets
2. Indian Currency in Rupees
3. Gold Reserves
4. Special Drawing Rights
5. Reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

39. Consider the following statements with regard to Special Drawing Rights (SDR) :

1. SDRs are created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
2. SDR is the official currency of the IMF.
3. The value of the SDR is calculated from a weighted basket of major currencies.

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. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA) 2018?

1. FEOA seeks to confiscate properties of economic offenders who have left the country to avoid facing criminal prosecution or refuse to return to the country to face prosecution.
2. Fugitive Economic Offender (FEO) is a person against whom an arrest warrant has been issued for committing an offence listed in the Act and the value of the offence is at least ₹100 crore.

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

41. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative?

1. The G20 countries proposed the B3W initiative.
2. The B3W initiative has been proposed to counter China's Belt and Road initiative.
3. The B3W initiative aims to address the infrastructure investment deficit in developing and lower income countries.

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding the Antarctic Treaty:

1. The treaty was signed to make the Antarctic Continent a demilitarized zone to be preserved for scientific research only.
2. India is not a member of the Antarctic Treaty.
3. Dakshin Gangotri was the first Indian scientific research base station established in Antarctica.

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) :
1. FATF is an inter-governmental body established during the G7 Summit.
  2. FATF objective is to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing.
  3. FATF secretariat is located at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) headquarters in Paris.
  4. FATF retains Pakistan on Black list.
- Which of the statement(s) given above are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (b) 1, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
44. 'Red Fort Declaration 1997' and 'Tshwane Declaration 2006' were signed between which of the following countries?
- (a) India-South Africa  
(b) India- US  
(c) India- China  
(d) China-Russia
45. Recently 'Operation Enduring Freedom' has been all over the international news, it is regarding:
- (a) Iran's response to US blockade  
(b) US-China Trade war  
(c) North Korea-South Korea tensions  
(d) US airstrike targeting Taliban in Afghanistan
46. With regard to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), consider the following statements:
1. OIC is the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations (UN).
  2. OIC endeavors to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony among various people of the world.
  3. India recently became a member of the OIC.
- 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
47. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Right to Repair Movement ?
1. The goal of the movement is to get companies to make spare parts, tools and information on how to repair devices available to customers and repair shops.
  2. The Right to Repair idea has been taken from Germany.
  3. It will help reduce the vast mountain of electrical waste (e-waste) that piles up each year.
- 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
48. The European Union's Fit for 55 Package proposal is related to:
- (a) Climate                              (b) Electric Vehicles  
(c) Hydroelectricity                      (d) None of the above
49. With reference to Conservation of Vultures in India, consider the following statements:
1. A Vulture Safe Zone (VSZ) is a geographical area of at least 500 km radius, which is designated as the natural habitat of wild vultures.
  2. India is home to 8 species of Vulture.
  3. In 2004, India moved a motion in IUCN for vulture conservation, which was accepted in the form of the IUCN resolution which called upon Gyps Vulture Range countries calling to prevent all uses of Diclofenac in veterinary applications.
- Which of the statements given above are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
50. Consider the following statements with respect to the Mangroves:
1. Mangroves can survive under extreme hostile conditions like low salt and high oxygen conditions.
  2. Mangroves are viviparous.
  3. Avicennia Marina is one of the most prominent mangrove species found in all mangrove formations 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

51. With reference to Genetically Modified Rubber Plant (GM Rubber), consider the following statements:

1. The world's first GM rubber plant has been planted in Assam.
2. India's top rubber producing state is Karnataka.
3. China is the world's biggest producer of rubber.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

52. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the LIGO-India Project?

1. LIGO India is an advanced electromagnetic wave observatory.
2. The LIGO-India observatory is scheduled for completion in 2024 and will be built in the Hingoli District of Maharashtra.

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

53. H5N1, H7N2, H9N6 are a type of:

- (a) Bacterial Diseases  
(b) Avian Influenza Type A Virus  
(c) Fungal Infection  
(d) Malaria Vaccine subtype

54. Consider the following statements with respect to the Zika Virus Disease:

1. Zika virus is caused by a virus transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes.
2. Zika virus is not transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy.
3. Zika virus symptoms are generally mild and include fever, rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise or headache.

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

55. Consider the following pairs:

| Disease    | Types of Disease |
|------------|------------------|
| 1. Malaria | Parasitic        |
| 2. Dengue  | Bacterial        |
| 3. Cholera | Fungal           |
| 4. AIDS    | Viral            |

Which of the above given pairs are *not* correctly matched?

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

56. The Bhakti Movement began in which century?

- (a) 8<sup>th</sup> century (b) 6<sup>th</sup> century  
(c) 5<sup>th</sup> century (d) 7<sup>th</sup> century

57. 'He composed the song Vande Mataram in Sanskrit and was in Government service for thirty-two years. His famous novels include Kapalkundala, Mrinalini and Vishbriksha.'

The above given paragraph talks about which famous personality?

- (a) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay  
(b) Rabindra Nath Tagore  
(c) Aurobindo Ghosh  
(d) Satyendra Nath Tagore

58. Silambam, Gatka, Paika, Choliya are all forms of :

- (a) Folk Dance (b) Folk Music  
(c) Martial Art (d) Theatre

59. Consider the following statements regarding Valmiki Tiger Reserve:

1. It is located at the India-Nepal border in the West Champaran district of Bihar.
2. It was established in March 1994 under Project Biodiversity.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

60. With reference to 'Subsidiary Alliance', consider the following statements:

1. Lord Bentick introduced the concept of Subsidiary Alliance.
2. It was first signed by the Marathas.
3. Under it the ruler of the allying Indian state was compelled to pay a subsidy for the maintenance of the British army in return for getting protection from the British against their enemies.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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



61. Which among the following will be the advantages/benefits of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)?
1. It links the beneficiaries' ration cards with their PAN numbers .
  2. The beneficiaries from one state can get their share of rations in other states.
  3. It will be particularly beneficial for women and other disadvantaged groups.
  4. ONORC will help achieve the target of Sustainable Development Goal of ending hunger by 2030.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
62. Consider the following statements with respect to the SMILE Scheme:
1. It has been formulated to provide support for the marginalised individuals.
  2. The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs has formulated this scheme.
  3. It will be implemented with the support of State/UT Governments/Local Urban Bodies, Voluntary Organizations, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) , institutions and others.
- 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
63. Recently, which country's government has approved a draft bill that would allow anyone over the age of 14 to legally change gender without a medical diagnosis or hormone therapy?
- (a) Spain                                      (b) Norway  
(c) Switzerland                              (d) Sweden
64. Consider the following statements with regard to Project BOLD?
1. Under the project 5000 saplings of special bamboo species have been planted.
  2. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched this project.
  3. It seeks to create bamboo based green patches in tropical and semi-tropical zones.
- 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
65. Recently in the news, SPARSH has been associated with:
- (a) System of Payment to Schools
  - (b) System for Pension Administration
  - (c) Scenario for Police Reforms
  - (d) System for Payment to Senior Citizens
66. With regard to Corporate Bonds (CBs), consider the following statements:
1. A corporate bond is a fixed-income instrument issued by a firm to raise capital for building a new plant, purchasing equipment, funding acquisitions or expanding its business.
  2. CBs refers to short term debt instruments with a maturity date of at least more than six months.
  3. An efficient corporate bond market helps reduce financial sector fragility and provides an alternative cheap capital for firms.
- 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
67. Which among the following are the outcomes of Climate Change?
1. Changes in precipitation patterns
  2. Increase in extreme weather events like droughts, hurricanes and cyclones.
  3. Changes in temperature patterns
  4. Increase in sea level and storm surges
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only  
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
68. Consider the following statements:
1. The Sundarbans in West Bengal is the largest mangrove region in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
  2. The Sundarbans spans from the Hooghly River in West Bengal to the Baleswar River in Bangladesh.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                              (d) Neither 1 nor 2

69. Which of the statements is/are correct regarding the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)?

1. PMJAY subsumed two schemes namely, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana and the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme.
2. PMJAY provides insurance coverage for primary healthcare.
3. PMJAY is the world's largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government.
4. It provides a cover of ₹5 lakhs per family per year.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

70. Which among the following best describes Compulsory Licensing?

- (a) It is when the patent owner is not allowed to give permission for production of a patented product and the government cannot do anything.
- (b) Compulsory licensing is a provision of the World Bank and talks about ease of doing business.
- (c) Compulsory licensing is when a government allows someone else to produce a patented product or process without the consent of the patent owner or plans to use the patent-protected invention itself in case of emergency.
- (d) None of the above

71. Who among the following is a pastoral, nomadic community of Saurashtra region?

- (a) Bharwads                              (b) Bhotiyas  
(c) Gujars                                  (d) Bakerwal

72. Which measures can be taken to strengthen the role of indigenous people in environmental conservation?

1. Recognition of rights of indigenous people
2. Building trust with indigenous people
3. Treating indigenous people as equal citizens of the country
4. Respecting indigenous people's traditional knowledge for conservation efforts

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

73. Consider the following:

1. Alagh Committee
2. Lakdawala Committee
3. Tendulkar Committee
4. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee
5. Rangarajan Committee

Which among the above given committees are associated with the Poverty line in India?

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding Lothal:

1. Lothal was one of the southernmost cities of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization located in Tamilnadu.
2. According to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Lothal had the world's earliest known dock.
3. Recently, the Ministry of Culture (MoC) and Ministry of Ports have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 'Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)' at Lothal.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

75. With regard to the New Generation Akash Missile (Akash NG), consider the following statements:

1. ISRO successfully test fired the Akash NG Missile.
2. The missile is supported by the indigenously developed radar called 'Rajendra'.
3. The Akash missile system has been designed and developed as part of India's Integrated Guided-Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

76. Nord Stream 2 Pipeline is between which two countries?

- (a) Germany and US  
(b) Germany and Russia  
(c) South Africa and China  
(d) France and Russia

77. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Transgender Persons Act, 2019?
1. The Act defines a transgender person as one whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth.
  2. It states that a transgender person shall have the right to self-perceived gender identity.
  3. There will be medical or physical examination for procedures for issue of certificate of identity/change of gender.
- 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
78. In the recent past, which among the following initiatives have been taken by the government for the betterment of Forest Dwellers?
1. Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006
  2. Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)
  3. Pradhan Manti Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY)
  4. Increasing the number of Minor Forest Products (MFP) in the bracket of Minimum Support Price (MSP)
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (d) All the above
79. With reference to Kabir Das, consider the following statements:
1. Kabir was the disciple of Shankaracharya.
  2. Kabir was a famous saguna bhakti saint.
  3. Bijak is the compilation of the compositions of Kabir.
- Which of the statements given above are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
80. Which among the following are the features of Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC)?
1. Burnt Bricks
  2. Well developed drainage system
  3. Iron
  4. Citadels
  5. Cereals, wheat and barley
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only                      (b) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only  
(c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only                      (d) All the above
81. Consider the following cities of Indus Valley Civilisation:
- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| I. Ropar        | II. Dholavira |
| III. Kalibangan | IV. Lothal    |
- Arrange the above given cities from North to South direction:
- (a) I, II, III and IV                      (b) III, I, II and IV  
(c) I, III, II and IV                      (d) III, I, IV and II
82. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the James Webb telescope?
1. James Webb is the successor of the Hubble space telescope.
  2. James Webb is an international collaboration between NASA, ISRO, European Space Agency (ESA) and Canadian Space Agency (CSA).
  3. It will study every phase in the history of our Universe, ranging from the first luminous glows after the Big Bang to the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life.
- 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
83. With reference to the LEAF Coalition, consider the following statements:
1. It will be one of the largest ever public-private efforts to protect tropical forests.
  2. It is a collective effort of the governments of India and China.
  3. It is a step towards concretising the aims and objectives of the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) mechanism.
- 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
84. The Enforcement Directorate comes under which ministry?
- (a) Corporate Affairs Ministry  
(b) Ministry of Commerce  
(c) Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance  
(d) Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance

85. Recently in the news, Kandahar, Herat and Kunduz cities are situated in which country?

- (a) Afghanistan (b) Iraq  
(c) Iran (d) Pakistan

86. Consider the following:

- I. Biosphere  
II. Biome  
III. Population  
IV. Communities  
V. Ecosystem

Arrange the above given levels of organisations in the correct order?

- (a) III, IV, V, I, II (b) III, V, IV, II, I  
(c) III, IV, V, II, I (d) IV, III, V, I, II

87. Consider the following pairs:

1. Habitat: Area where an organism lives  
2. Biosphere: Functional unit of the environment  
3. Ecosystem: Region on earth that supports life

Which of the above given pairs are **not** correctly matched?

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

88. Consider the following statements:

1. An ecotone is a zone of junction or a transition area between two biomes.  
2. Edge effect refers to the number of species and the population density of some of the species in the ecotone is much greater than either community.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

89. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Ecological Pyramid?

1. The food producer forms the base of the pyramid and the top carnivore forms the tip.  
2. Pyramid of numbers is always upright.  
3. Pyramid of energy is both upright and inverted.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

90. Consider the following pairs:

| Term            | Meaning  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. Amensalism   | One species benefits while the other species remains unaffected  |
| 2. Predation    | One species is harmed and the other is benefited                 |
| 3. Competition  | Both species are harmed to some extent                           |
| 4. Commensalism | One species is harmed while the other species remains unaffected |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding Eutrophication:

1. Eutrophication is the subtraction of nutrients such as nitrates and phosphates naturally or artificially from a water body.  
2. Algal blooms are the consequence of Eutrophication.  
3. It leads to the aging of lakes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. Rudrasagar Lake, a Ramsar Site, is present in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam (e) Tripura  
(f) Mizoram (g) Tamil Nadu

93. With respect to Fly Ash, consider the following statements:

1. It is a residue in coal burning operations which rise along with gases.  
2. Major oxides present in fly ash are Aluminium silicate, Silicon dioxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and Calcium oxide ( $\text{CaO}$ ).  
3. It affects vegetation as a result of its direct deposition on leaf surfaces or indirectly through its deposition on soil.

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

94. Which of the statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Polar Vortex?

1. A polar vortex is a large pocket of very warm air which typically is the warmest air in the Northern Hemisphere which sits over the polar region during the winter season.
2. The Polar Vortex is formed mainly in summers and gets weaker in winters.

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

95. Consider the following statements:

1. Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) is the amount of dissolved oxygen needed by bacteria for decomposing the organic wastes present in water.
2. Higher levels of BOD indicates low pollution in the water body.
3. Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) measures the amount of oxygen in parts per million required to oxidize organic and inorganic compounds in the water sample.

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

96. Consider the following pairs:

| <b>Pollutant</b> | <b>Disease</b>     |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Cadmium       | Blue Baby Syndrome |
| 2. Mercury       | Minamata Disease   |
| 3. Nitrogen      | Itai-Itai Disease  |

Which of the pairs given above are *not* correctly matched?

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

97. Which of the statements given are correct regarding the National Parks?

1. The Wildlife Protection Act 1972 provides for the declaration of an area as a National Park.
2. The State governments are primarily empowered to declare an area as a National Park.
3. National Parks enjoy a lesser degree of protection than sanctuaries.

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

98. Consider the following statements:

1. Conservation Reserves can be declared by the State Governments in any area owned by the Government, particularly the areas adjacent to National Parks and Sanctuaries and those areas which link one Protected Area with another.
2. Community Reserves can be declared by the State Government in any private or community land not within a National Park, Sanctuary or a Conservation Reserve, where an individual or a community has volunteered to conserve wildlife and its habitat.

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

99. With reference to the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), consider the following statements:

1. It's IUCN status is Vulnerable.
2. It is listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. Rajasthan initiated Project Great Indian Bustard for its conservation.

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

100. Which among the following are examples of Ex-Situ Conservation?

1. Zoological Parks
2. Botanical Gardens
3. Biosphere Reserves
4. Seed Banks
5. National Parks
6. Wildlife Safari

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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