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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.
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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 among the following grounds can be used to impose restrictions on the Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression?
1. Sovereignty and Integrity of India
 2. Public Order
 3. Contempt of Court
 4. Entry into the Tribal Areas
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
2. With reference to the Contempt of Court, consider the following statements:
1. The expression 'contempt of court' has been defined in the Constitution.
 2. Civil contempt refers to scandalizing or lowering the authority of the court.
 3. Article 129 of the Constitution conferred on the Supreme Court the power to punish contempt of itself.
- 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
3. Consider the following statements regarding government aid given to an institution:
1. Receiving government aid is a fundamental right of any institution whether run by a majority or minority community.
 2. According to Article 30 of the Indian Constitution, all minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.
- 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. With reference to reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), consider the following statements:
1. The EWS quota was introduced under the 103rd Constitution Amendment Act.
 2. It amended Articles 19 and 21.
 3. It only provides for the economic reservation in jobs for the EWS.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
5. Consider the following statements:
1. The Election Commission of India has the power to register parties under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
 2. The Election Commission of India has the power to de-register parties that are inactive.
- 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
6. Consider the following statements regarding the National Green Tribunal (NGT):
1. With the establishment of the NGT, India became the third country in the world to set up a specialized environmental tribunal.
 2. NGT is mandated to dispose of applications or appeals finally within 6 months of filing the same.
 3. The decisions of the NGT are advisory in nature.
- 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. Which among the following members form the committee for the appointment of Chairman and members of the National Human Rights Commission?
1. Prime Minister
 2. Speaker of Lok Sabha
 3. Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
 4. Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha
 5. Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha
 6. Union Home Minister
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 2, 4 and 6 only (b) 1, 3, 5 and 6 only
(c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
8. With reference to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), consider the following statements:
1. The chairman and members hold office for a term of five years or until they attain the age of 70 years.
 2. The recommendations of NHRC are advisory in nature.
 3. NHRC has all the powers of a Civil Court.
- 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. Which among the following can be considered as grounds for disqualification under Anti-Defection Law?
1. If an elected member voluntarily gives up his membership of a political party.
 2. If any independently elected member joins any political party.
 3. If any nominated member joins any political party after the expiry of six months.
- 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
10. With reference to Indian Citizenship, consider the following statements:
1. Citizenship is listed in the State List under the Constitution.
 2. The Constitution does not define the term 'citizen'.
 3. The Citizenship Act of 1955 prescribes five ways of acquiring citizenship, viz, birth, descent, registration, naturalization and incorporation of territory.
- 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
11. Rajaji Tiger Reserve is located in which of the following states?
- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Bihar
12. Which among the following best describes Compulsory Licensing (CL)?
- (a) CL is the grant of permission by the patent owner to the government to use, manufacture, import, or sell an invention.
 - (b) CL is the grant of permission by the government to entities to use, manufacture, import, or sell a patented invention with the patent owner's consent.
 - (c) CL is the grant of permission by the government to entities to use, manufacture, import, or sell a patented invention without the patent owner's consent.
 - (d) None of the above
13. Consider the following statements regarding Patents:
1. A patent is a form of preservation of intellectual property.
 2. The term of every patent in India is twenty years from the date of filing the patent application.
 3. Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2021 has reduced the fee for patent filing for educational institutions by 50%.
- 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. Consider the following statements with regard to the Special Category Status (SCS):
1. The SCS classification was done on the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission.
 2. The provisions for SCS are present in the Constitution.
 3. The 14th Finance Commission had done away with the 'special category status' for states, except for the Northeastern and three hill states.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only
15. Which among the following are tributaries of River Cauvery?
1. Arkavathi 2. Hemavathi
 3. Kabini 4. Manjira
 5. Penganga
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 3, 4 and 5 only
(c) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 2, 4 and 5 only
16. Which of the following are Government initiatives to check Naxal Activities in India?
1. Aspirational Districts Programme
 2. National Policy and Action Plan, 2015
 3. Operation Green Hunt
 4. Greyhounds
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
17. With reference to the Border Security Force (BSF), consider the following statements:
1. BSF was raised in 1963 after the India-China war.
 2. It comes under administrative control of the Ministry of Defence.
- 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

18. Consider the following statements with reference to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO):

1. WMO is one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations.
2. It publishes the State of the Global Climate Report annually.

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

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding the Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) Scheme:

1. UDAN was launched as a Regional Connectivity Scheme under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
2. The objective was to provide affordable, economically viable and profitable air travel on regional routes to the common man.
3. The scheme is operational for a period of 20 years.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Bharati is India's research base commissioned in the Antarctic region.
2. Dakshin Gangotri is India's first research station located at the International Arctic Research base .

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

21. With reference to the Defence Industrial Corridor (DIC), consider the following statements:

1. Currently there are two DICs being setup in the country, one in Tamil Nadu and the other in Uttar Pradesh.
2. Defence Corridors help in making the nation self-reliant in the field of defence production and promote the 'Make in India' campaign.
3. Defence Corridors will reduce imports and promote the export of defence equipments to other countries.

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. Which among the following are the issues concerned with the Public Safety Act?

1. Detention Without Trial
2. No Right to File Bail Application
3. No Distinction Between Minor and Major Offences

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

23. Under which of the following conditions the Habeas Corpus writ is **not** issued?

1. When the detention is lawful.
2. When the proceeding is for contempt of a legislature or a court.
3. When the detention is within the jurisdiction of the court.

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

24. Which of the following Tunnels are located in Jammu & Kashmir?

1. Jawahar Tunnel
2. Nandni Tunnels
3. Z Morh Tunnel
4. Atal Tunnel

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

25. Consider the following pairs:

Zone	Guidelines
1. Green Zone	: Requires permission from the concerned air traffic control authorities for the operation of drones.
2. Yellow Zone	: No permission is required for operating drones with an all-up weight of up to 500 kg.
3. Red Zone	: It is the 'no-drone zone'.

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are **not** correctly matched?

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding National Adaptation Fund:

1. The fund was established in 2014 with a corpus of ₹100 crore with the aim of bridging the gap between the need and the available funds.
2. The fund is operated under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

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. Which among the following entities is in the centre of implementing Global Minimum Tax?

- (a) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
(b) World Bank
(c) International Monetary Fund
(d) World Trade Organisation

28. Which among the following can be possible impacts of high crude oil prices upon India?

1. Severe Current Account Deficit
2. Decrease in Inflation
3. Slow Economic Recovery
4. Increased Natural Gas Price

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

29. With regard to the Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), consider the following statements:

1. DAP is the second most commonly used fertilizer in India after urea.
2. Farmers normally apply this fertilizer just before or at the beginning of sowing, as it is high in phosphorus that stimulates root development.

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

30. Which among the following criteria can be used to grant the Maharatna status to a company?

1. A company which has recorded more than ₹5,000 crore of net profit for three consecutive years.
2. A company that has an average annual turnover of ₹25,000 crore for three years.

3. A company should have an average annual net worth of ₹15,000 crore for three years.

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

31. Consider the following statements regarding Disinvestment:

1. The government undertakes disinvestment to reduce the fiscal burden on the exchequer.
2. Strategic disinvestment is the transfer of the ownership and control of a public sector entity to some other entity.
3. The Ministry of Commerce is the nodal department for the strategic stake sale in the Public Sector Undertakings.

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. With reference to the Stablecoin, consider the following statements:

1. A stablecoin is a type of cryptocurrency that is typically pegged to an existing government-backed currency.
2. Stablecoins hold a bundle of assets in reserve, usually long-term securities such as cash, government debt, or commercial paper.

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. The first Stablecoin created in 2014 was:

- (a) Binance USD (b) Pax Dollar
(c) TrueUSD (d) Tether

34. Recently, a new QUAD like grouping has been concluded among which of the following countries?

1. India
2. US
3. Israel
4. UAE
5. Saudi Arabia
6. Iraq

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

44. Consider the following statements regarding the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):

1. MPA is a marine area that provides protection for all or part of the natural resources it contains.
2. Within an MPA, certain activities are limited or entirely prohibited.
3. India has extended its support for designating East Antarctica and the Weddell Sea as MPAs.

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

45. The State of the Global Climate Report is released by:

- (a) World Meteorological Organisation
(b) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
(c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
(d) World Economic Forum

46. Consider the following statements:

1. It was declared a National Park and a Tiger Reserve in 1983.
2. It lies at the international border between India and Myanmar.
3. The vegetation is characteristic of tropical evergreen forests.
4. It is the only park in the world to have four species of big cats.

The statements given above refer to:

- (a) Namdapha National Park
(b) Mouling National Park
(c) Kaziranga National Park
(d) Keibul Lamjao National Park

47. Consider the following statements:

1. La Nina is associated with lower than normal monsoon rainfall in India.
2. El Nino leads to heavy floods in Australia and comparatively better monsoon rains in India.

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

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Indian Railways is likely to become the world's first net-zero carbon emitter by 2050.
2. India's transport sector contributes to 12% of the country's greenhouse gas emissions with the railways accounting for about 4% of these emissions.

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

49. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) is an agency of:

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
(b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(c) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(d) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

50. 'Mosquirix' is the world's first vaccine against which disease?

- (a) Jaundice (b) Dengue
(c) Tuberculosis (d) Malaria

51. With reference to the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. GEAC is chaired by the Prime Minister.
3. The committee is responsible for the appraisal of proposals relating to the release of genetically engineered organisms and products into the environment including experimental field trials.

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

52. Consider the following statements:

1. A scramjet is a form of air breathing jet engine that uses the vehicle's forward motion to compress incoming air for combustion without an axial compressor.
2. A ramjet engine is an improvement over scramjet as it operates at hypersonic speeds and allows supersonic combustion.

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

53. Landsat 9, an earth monitoring satellite, has been launched by?
- (a) NASA (b) ISRO
(c) ESA (d) JAXA
54. 'XENON1T, LUX-Zeplin and PandaX-xT' are experiments related to:
- (a) Climate Change
(b) Dark Matter
(c) Gene Editing
(d) Earth Observation Satellites
55. Consider the following statements:
- This Act gave the British Government enormous powers to repress political activities.
 - It also allowed detention of political prisoners without trial for two years.
- The statements given above refer to?
- (a) Simon Commission (b) Rowlatt Act
(c) Vernacular Press Act (d) Arms Act
56. Consider the following events and place them chronologically:
- Champaran Satyagraha
 - Rowlatt Act
 - Beginning of the Civil Disobedience Movement
 - Gandhi-Irwin Pact
 - Chauri-Chaura Incident
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) I, II, III, V, IV (b) I, II, V, III, IV
(c) II, I, V, III, IV (d) II, I, V, IV, III
57. Consider the following statements regarding Subhash Chandra Bose:
- Chittaranjan Das was the political mentor of Bose.
 - He founded a new party, the 'Forward Bloc'.
 - Bose started his own newspaper named Swaraj.
- 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
58. Recently, Mount Harriet of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been renamed as:
- (a) Mount Manipur (b) Mount Mizoram
(c) Mount Nagaland (d) None of the above
59. Which of the following places of Buddhist heritage are correctly matched?
- | Place | Significance |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Lumbini | Birth place of Buddha |
| 2. Bodhgaya | Buddha attained Enlightenment |
| 3. Sarnath | Dharma-Chakra-Pravartana |
| 4. Kushinagar | Death of Buddha |
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
60. With reference to the Bhaskarabda calendar, consider the following statements:
- It is based on both the phases of the moon and the solar year.
 - The Tamil Nadu Government has announced that Bhaskarabda will be used as an official calendar.
 - Bhaskarabda refers to the era counted from the date of the ascension of a 7th century local ruler, Bhaskar Varman.
- 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
61. Which among the following factors are taken into consideration for measuring the Global Food Security Index?
- Affordability
 - Availability
 - Quality and Safety
 - Natural Resources and Resilience
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
62. Consider the following statements:
- Child Wasting refers to children between age 6-8 who have low weight for their height.
 - Child Stunting refers to children between age 8-11 who have low weight for their height.
 - Undernourishment refers to insufficient caloric intake.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only

63. The Global Hunger Index is published by:

- (a) Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe
- (b) World Economic Forum
- (c) World Bank
- (d) Food and Agriculture Organisation

64. Consider the following statements regarding the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules:

1. The gestational limit for termination of a pregnancy has been increased from 20 to 25 weeks for all categories of women.
2. A state-level medical board will be set up to decide if a pregnancy may be terminated after 24 weeks in cases of fetal malformation.

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

65. Consider the following statements:

1. He was inspired by Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Herbert Spencer.
2. He founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House and the Indian Sociologist in London.
3. He also served as a Divan of a number of states in India.

The statements given above refer to whom among the following ?

- (a) Shyamji Krishna Varma
- (b) Ram Prasad Bismil
- (c) Shishir Kumar Ghosh
- (d) Dada Bhai Naroji

66. Which among the following best describes the Saksham Centres?

- (a) Centres for providing financial help to widows and needy women.
- (b) Centre for accepting loan applications of MSMEs.
- (c) Centre for Financial Literacy and Service Delivery.
- (d) Centres for providing financial help to girls for their education.

67. Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary and Nandankanan Wildlife Sanctuary are situated in which Indian State?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat

68. Consider the following pairs:

Exercise	Countries
1. Garuda Shakti	India-Indonesia
2. Ekuverin	India-Mauritius
3. Surya Kiran	India-Nepal

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

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

69. Which among the following missiles are developed under the Integrated Guided-Missile Development Programme?

- 1. Prithvi
- 2. Agni
- 3. Trishul
- 4. Nag
- 5. Akash

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

70. Consider the following statements about International Energy Agency (IEA):

1. It is an autonomous Intergovernmental Organisation established in 1974 in Paris, France.
2. India is a member of IEA.

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

71. Which among the following products are from Assam that have received the GI Tag?

- 1. Kaji Nemu
- 2. Chokuwa Rice
- 3. Tamenglong Orange
- 4. Judima Wine Rice

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

72. Consider the following statements:

1. Dark matter repels and causes the expansion of our universe.
2. Dark energy attracts and holds galaxies together.

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

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

73. With reference to the Blue Food, consider the following statements:
1. Blue foods are food derived from aquatic animals, plants or algae that are caught or cultivated in freshwater and marine environments.
 2. Blue Foods are found to rank more highly than terrestrial animal-source foods in terms of their nutritional benefits and potential for sustainability gains.
- 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
74. Consider the following statements regarding Leverage Ratio:
1. Leverage ratio is the ratio of debt to assets.
 2. A low financial leverage ratio shows that the company is using debt to finance its assets.
- 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
75. With reference to the JIGYASA Programme, consider the following statements:
1. JIGYASA is a student-scientist connect programme.
 2. It has been launched by Indian Space Research Organisation.
 3. It's primary objective is to extend classroom education and focus on well-planned research laboratory based learning.
- 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
76. Which among the following are challenges faced by women entrepreneurs in India?
1. Access to Credit
 2. Domestic Responsibilities
 3. Information Asymmetry
 4. Lack of Role Models
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
77. The world's largest plant designed to directly remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air has been set up in?
- (a) Iceland (b) USA
(c) China (d) Antarctica
78. The Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India is released by?
- (a) NITI Aayog
(b) Indian Space Research Organisation
(c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(d) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
79. Nobel Peace Prize, 2021 was awarded to?
- (a) Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov
(b) Abdulrazak Gurnah
(c) World Food Programme
(d) Doctors without Borders
80. Consider the following statements with reference to Oil-Palm:
1. Palm oil is the world's most consumed vegetable oil.
 2. India is the largest consumer of oil palm.
 3. India through its National Mission on Edible Oil - Oil Palm aspires to raise the area under oil palm cultivation.
- 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
81. Consider the following pairs:
- | List I | List II |
|--------------|--|
| 1. Green Box | Subsidies that limit production. |
| 2. Amber Box | Any support payments that are considered to be trade distorting. |
| 3. Blue Box | A subsidy that does not distort trade. |
- Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only
82. Consider the following statements regarding the large-scale indigenous seaweed farming:
1. Large-scale farming of indigenous seaweeds has been launched in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
 2. It has been launched under the guidance of premier marine research body Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute.
 3. Seaweed is used in many South Asian countries as a food additive, medicine, fertiliser and to stop beach erosion.

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

83. With reference to the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), consider the following statements:

- LDN is a state whereby the amount and quality of land resources, necessary to support ecosystem functions and services and enhance food security, remains stable or increases within specified temporal and spatial scales and ecosystems.
- India aims to achieve its land degradation neutrality goal by 2030.
- The 14th edition of the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification was held in NCT Delhi, India.

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

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

84. Which one of the following best describes the Bonn Challenge?

- (a) It is a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes into restoration by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030.
(b) It is designed to prevent transfer of hazardous waste from developed to less developed countries.
(c) It is the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.
(d) None of the above

85. Ashtadhyayi, a Sanskrit treatise on grammar was written by?

- (a) Varahamihira (b) Ashvaghosha
(c) Panini (d) Kalidas

86. Consider the following pairs:

Calendar	Significance
1. Vikram Samvat	: Hindu Lunar Calendar
2. Saka Samvat	: Hindu Solar Calendar
3. Hijri Calendar	: Islamic Lunar Calendar
4. Gregorian Calendar	: Scientific Solar Calendar

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

87. Consider the following statements:

- Ballistic Missile leave the earth's atmosphere and re enter it while the path of Cruise Missile is within the earth's atmosphere.
- BrahMos missile is a Cruise Missile.

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

88. With reference to the Gene Editing, consider the following statements:

- Genome editing is a group of technologies that give scientists the ability to change an organism's Ribonucleic Acid.
- Gene editing allows genetic material to be added, removed, or altered at particular locations in the genome.

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 is the weakest of the Four Fundamental Forces of Nature?

- (a) Strong Nuclear force (b) Electromagnetic force
(c) Gravitational force (d) Weak Nuclear force

90. Consider the following statements:

- The forest region is home to the world's largest population of Indian Rhinoceros.
- It is located along the river Brahmaputra on the North and the Karbi Anglong hills on the South..
- It is recognized as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

The statements given above refer to:

- (a) Jim Corbett National Park
(b) Silent Valley National Park
(c) Manas National Park
(d) Kaziranga National Park

91. Consider the following statements regarding National Human Rights Commission:

- The chairman and members hold office for a term of three years or until they attain the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.
- It has all the powers of a civil court and its proceedings have a judicial character.
- They are eligible for re-appointment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. With reference to the Public Interest Litigation (PIL), consider the following statements:
1. Public interest cases may arise from both public and private law matters.
 2. The expression PIL has been borrowed from the United Kingdom jurisprudence.
 3. Matters pertaining to pension and gratuity will not be entertained as PIL.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 3 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 only (d) 1 and 2 only
93. Buddhism was first brought to Sri Lanka by a mission sent out from India during the reign of?
- (a) Kanishka
(b) Chandragupta Maurya
(c) Harshavardhan
(d) Ashoka
94. Consider the following statements regarding Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC):
1. OPEC is a permanent, intergovernmental Organisation, created at the Baghdad Conference in 1960.
 2. Its objective is to secure fair and stable prices for petroleum producers.
 3. Recently, OPEC has been working with China, as OPEC+ to fix the global prices and supply.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
95. With regard to the Kunming Declaration, consider the following statements:
1. It calls for urgent and integrated action to reflect biodiversity considerations in all sectors of the global economy.
 2. It is a binding international agreement.
 3. Strengthen sustainable use of biodiversity for meeting the needs of people.
- 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. With regard to Convention on Biological Diversity, consider the following statements:
1. It is a legally binding treaty to conserve biodiversity.
 2. India is a party to the convention.
- 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
97. Birthday of who among the following is celebrated as Parakram Diwas?
- (a) Bhagat Singh (b) Chandrashekhar Azad
(c) Subhash Chandra Bose (d) Veer Savarkar
98. Consider the following statements regarding Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR):
1. CCAMLR was established with the objective of conserving Antarctic marine life.
 2. An important feature of CCAMLR is the ecosystem approach to conservation.
 3. It's secretariat is located in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.
- 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
99. With reference to the Great Hornbill, consider the following statements:
1. It is the largest of all hornbill species in India.
 2. Great Hornbill is the state bird of Arunachal Pradesh and Kerala.
 3. It is protected at the highest level under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- 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. The Basel Convention deals with:
- (a) Protecting human health and the environment from the effects of persistent organic pollutants.
 - (b) Facilitating informed decision-making by countries with regard to trade in hazardous chemicals.
 - (c) Control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal .
 - (d) A multilateral environmental agreement that addresses specific human activities which are contributing to widespread mercury pollution.