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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.
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 - (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 best describes the Sunset Clause?
- (a) It is a measure within a law, regulation or statute that provides that the law shall cease to have effect after a specific date.
 - (b) It is a measure within a law, regulation or statute that provides that the law shall start from a specific date.
 - (c) It is a clause which marks the end of a session of Parliament.
 - (d) It is a clause which marks the end of the yearly session of Parliament.
2. Which among the following are provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016?
- 1. Establishment of state level regulatory authorities.
 - 2. Establishment of Real Estate Appellate Tribunal.
 - 3. Penal interest in case of default to repair structural defects for five years.
 - 4. Cap on advance payments.
- 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
3. Consider the following statements regarding the Uniform Civil Code (UCC):
- 1. UCC would provide for one law for the entire country.
 - 2. Article 45 of the Constitution lays down that the state shall endeavour to secure a UCC for the citizens.
 - 3. Article 45 is one of the Fundamental Duties.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only
4. Consider the following statements with reference to International Court of Justice (ICJ):
- 1. ICJ is a principal judicial organisation of the United Nations.
 - 2. It was established by a UN Charter and is the successor to Permanent Court of International Justice.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Neither 1 nor 2 (b) 1 only
 - (c) 2 only (d) Both 1 and 2
5. With reference to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), consider the following statements:
- 1. These are the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India for conduct of political parties and candidates during elections.
 - 2. MCC is operational one week after the announcement of the election schedule.
 - 3. The Code remains in force till the end of the electoral process.
- 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
6. Which of the following best describes Matosinhos Manifesto:
- (a) A dedicated platform to improve the quality of education among underprivileged children in India and the world.
 - (b) A program by European Space Agency Council to accelerate the use of space in Europe.
 - (c) An initiative by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation to highlight those villages where tourism preserves cultures, traditions and safeguards biodiversity.
 - (d) None of the above
7. Consider the following statements with reference to World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO):
- 1. WIPO is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
 - 2. It is a self funded, global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation.
- 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
8. Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary Privileges:
- 1. These are certain rights and immunities enjoyed by members of Parliament, individually and collectively.
 - 2. When any of the rights and immunities are disregarded, the offence is called a breach of privilege and is not punishable under law of Parliament.
 - 3. The parliamentary privileges do not extend to the President who is also an integral part of the Parliament.
- 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

9. Consider the following statements with regard to Constitutional Amendment Bills:

1. Constitutional Amendment Bills cannot be introduced in the State Legislature.
2. The President has no veto power when it comes to the Constitutional Amendment Bills.
3. In case of deadlock between the two Houses of Parliament, the President can call for a Joint sitting of the Parliament.

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

10. Consider the following pairs:

List-I

List-II

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| 1. Absolute | Veto Power to withhold assent to a bill. |
| 2. Suspensive | Veto Bill is sent back to the Parliament for reconsideration. |
| 3. Pocket | Veto Bill is kept pending for an indefinite period. |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

11. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Bureau Of Investigation (CBI):

1. The CBI comes under the administrative control of Department of Personnel, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
2. The CBI is not a statutory body and derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.

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

12. With reference to the Enforcement Directorate (ED), consider the following statements:

1. Directorate of Enforcement is a specialised financial investigation agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. The tenure of ED's director has been extended up to five years which can be extended up to one year at a time.

3. ED enforces laws under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

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. Which of the following committees recommended for the government to raise the MSP by at least 50% more than the weighted average cost of production?

- (a) Rattan P Watal Committee
(b) Swaminathan Committee
(c) Ashok Dalwai Committee
(d) Shekatkar Committee

14. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. Minimum Support Price has statutory protection in India.
2. High average agricultural land holding size in India is one of the factors responsible for low farm productivity.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

15. Which of the following provisions of the Indian Constitution states for the Supreme Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction to pass a decree or make an order as necessary for doing complete justice in any matter pending before it?

- (a) Fundamental Rights
(b) Directive Principles of States Policy
(c) Article 142
(d) Article 32

16. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about Uniform Civil Code (UCC)?

1. Goa is the only state of India that has Uniform Civil Code.
2. UCC is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy of the Indian Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements about Model Code of Conduct (MCC):
1. The MCC is a set of guidelines issued by the Election Commission to regulate political parties and not individual candidates.
 2. MCC does not have any statutory backing.
- 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
18. Which of the following services are among the three All India Services in India?
1. Indian Administrative Services
 2. Indian Forest Services
 3. All India Judicial Services
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
19. Which of the following statement(s) is/are **not** correct about the Privilege Committee of the Parliament?
1. It is an ad hoc committee of the Parliament.
 2. Privilege committees of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have 15 members each.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. Which of the following statements best describes Data Localization?
- (a) It is the practice of storing data generated by Indian companies located abroad within the borders of India.
 - (b) It is the practice of storing data on any device that is physically present within the borders of the country where the data is generated.
 - (c) It is the practice of ensuring that only locally generated data is used for research in India.
 - (d) None of the above
21. Which of the statement(s) is/are correct about the veto power of the President of India?
1. The President cannot exercise his suspensive veto in relation to the Money Bill.
 2. The President does not have any veto power over any bills passed by the State Legislature.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
22. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?
1. It was established on the recommendation of the Santhanam Committee
 2. It is the nodal police agency in India which coordinates investigations on behalf of Interpol Member countries.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
23. Consider the following statement about the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):
1. It is a Constitutional body.
 2. The Chief Justice of India is the Patron-in-Chief.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct about NALSA?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
24. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India?
1. CAG is appointed by the Prime Minister of India by a warrant under his hand and seal.
 2. CAG can be removed by the President on the same grounds and same manner as a Judge of Supreme Court.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
25. With reference to the MPLAD Scheme, consider the following statements:
1. Funds under MPLADS are lapsable.
 2. Nominated Members of both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha can recommend works anywhere in the country.
 3. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- 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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. The Periyar River is the longest river in the state of Tamil Nadu.
2. The main tributaries of Periyar are Muthirapuzha, Mullayar, Cheruthoni and Perinjankutti.
3. Mullaperiyar Dam reservoir is located within the Periyar Tiger Reserve.

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. With reference to RBI's Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (IOS), consider the following statements:

1. It amalgamates three ombudsman schemes of RBI – banking ombudsman scheme of 2006, ombudsman scheme for NBFCs of 2018 and ombudsman scheme of digital transactions of 2019.
2. The IOS will provide redress of customer complaints involving deficiency in services rendered by RBI regulated entities if the grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of the customers or not replied within a period of 60 days by the regulated entity.

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

36. Which among the following best describes Input Tax Credit?

- (a) It is a tax that is levied on the purchase or sale of shares and other tradable securities of the companies listed on the stock exchange.
- (b) It is the tax that a business pays on a purchase and that it can use to reduce its tax liability when it makes a sale.
- (c) It is defined as the tax charged in respect of the supply of goods and services by the vendor.
- (d) None of the above

37. With reference to Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), consider the following statements:

1. The Central Board of Excise and Customs was renamed as the CBIC after the roll out of the Goods and Service Tax (GST).
2. It is a part of the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Commerce.
3. It deals with the tasks of formulation of policy concerning levy and collection of customs, central excise duties, Central GST and Integrated GST.

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

38. Consider the following statements regarding the Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs):

1. It is a specialised financial institution that buys the Non Performing Assets from banks and financial institutions so that they can clean up their balance sheets.
2. The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 provides the legal basis for the setting up of ARCs in India.
3. RBI does not have the power to regulate ARCs.

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

39. Consider the following statements regarding the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework:

1. The PCA framework enables supervisory intervention of RBI over Banks at an appropriate time and ensures effective market discipline.
2. The PCA framework applies to all banks operating in India, including foreign banks, payments banks and small finance banks.
3. The capital adequacy ratio, tier-1 capital ratio and net NPA ratio are some of the parameters which trigger PCA action.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The Capital Adequacy Ratio is a measure of a bank's available capital expressed as a percentage of a bank's risk-weighted credit exposures.
2. The tier 1 leverage ratio is calculated by dividing tier 1 capital by a bank's average total consolidated assets and certain off-balance sheet exposures.

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

41. Which among the following comes under the Capital Account?
1. Disinvestment
 2. Foreign Direct Investment
 3. External Commercial Borrowing
 4. Remittances
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
42. With reference to the Current Account Deficit (CAD), consider the following statements:
1. It is a component of a country's balance of payment.
 2. CAD and Fiscal Deficit are together known as Twin Deficit.
- 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
43. Consider the following statements regarding the Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPRs):
1. SPRs are huge stockpiles of crude oil to deal with any crude oil-related crisis like the risk of supply disruption from natural disasters, war or other calamities.
 2. Each International Energy Agency member country has an obligation to hold emergency oil stocks equivalent to at least 180 days of net oil imports.
 3. The construction of the Strategic Crude Oil Storage facilities in India is being managed by Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited.
- 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
44. Recently, which country received the highest remittances around the world?
- (a) India (b) China
(c) United States (d) Vietnam
45. The Migration and Development Brief is released by:
- (a) International Monetary Fund
(b) World Trade Organisation
(c) World Economic Forum
(d) World Bank
46. With reference to the Shale Gas, consider the following statements:
1. Shale gas is trapped under low permeable rocks.
 2. Shale Gas extraction is done through horizontal drilling, followed by fracking.
 3. One of the biggest positives of fracking is extremely low consumption of water in 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
47. Consider the following statements regarding the Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM):
1. It is a marketplace for trading renewable power on a day-ahead basis.
 2. National Load Despatch Center, Power System Operation Corporation Limited as the nodal agency has set up the requisite technologies and infrastructure for the launch of the GDAM.
- 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
48. Consider the following statements regarding the National Security Council (NSC):
1. NSC is the principal advisory body on the coordination and integration of plans and policies affecting national security.
 2. The Defence Minister of India presides over the NSC.
 3. NSC comprises the three-tier structure- Strategic Policy Group, National Security Advisory Board and National Security Council Secretariat.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
49. Which among the following countries are members of ASEAN?
1. Indonesia
 2. Malaysia
 3. Pakistan
 4. India
 5. Singapore
 6. Thailand
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 only (b) 1, 2, 5 and 6 only
(c) 3, 4, 5 and 6 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

50. Israel shares its borders with which among the following countries:

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| 1. Lebanon | 2. Syria |
| 3. Iran | 4. Iraq |
| 5. Egypt | 6. Jordan |

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

51. Consider the following pairs:

Initiative	Country
1. Sydney Dialogue	Australia
2. Eastern Economic Forum	China
3. Future Investment Initiative	UAE

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

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

52. Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement has been signed between which two?

- (a) India and Australia
(b) India and European Union
(c) India and Germany
(d) India and Sweden

53. India conducts Cope India and Vajra Prahar defence exercises with which country?

- (a) France (b) Russia
(c) US (d) Thailand

54. With reference to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements:

- India was among the founding members of the AIIB.
- India is the third largest shareholder after China and Japan.
- It is headquartered in Shanghai.

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

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

55. Consider the following statements:

- India will increase its non-fossil fuel energy capacity to 500GW by 2030.
- India will meet 50% of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030.
- India will become carbon neutral by 2070.

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

56. With reference to the National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA), consider the following statements:

- It will replace the existing National Water Development Agency.
- It will be chaired by the Prime Minister.
- NIRA will function as an umbrella body for all river linking projects.

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

57. Recently in news, Landraces refers to:

- (a) Naturally occurring variants of commonly cultivated crops.
(b) Species found in an endemic zone.
(c) Technique developed to tackle the problem of desertification.
(d) None of the above

58. Consider the following pairs:

List-I	List-II
1. First Mass Extinction	Ordovician Mass Extinction
2. Second Mass Extinction	Devonian Mass Extinction
3. Third Mass Extinction	Triassic Mass Extinction
4. Fourth Mass Extinction	Permian Mass Extinction
5. Fifth Mass Extinction	Cretaceous Mass Extinction

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

59. With reference to the Global Resilience Index Initiative, consider the following statements:

- It will be the world's first curated, open-source reference index.
- It has been launched to build a universal model for assessing resilience to climate risks.
- It was launched during the Conference of Parties 26.

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

60. Rome Declaration 2021 was adopted at which event?
(a) United Nations Security Council Meeting
(b) BRICS Summit
(c) CoP 26
(d) G20 Summit
61. Which among the following constitutes Greenhouse Gases?
1. Carbon dioxide 2. Methane
3. Nitrogen dioxide 4. Nitrous oxide
5. Water Vapour
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 1, 2 and 5 only
(c) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
(d) All the above
62. Consider the following reports:
1. Emissions Gap Report
2. Adaptation Gap Report
3. Global Environment Outlook
Which organisation publishes the reports given above?
(a) UNESCO
(b) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
(c) United Nations Development Programme
(d) United Nations Environment Programme
63. Consider the following statements regarding the International Solar Alliance (ISA):
1. The ISA is an intergovernmental treaty-based organisation with a global mandate to catalyse solar growth by helping to reduce the cost of financing and technology.
2. ISA is the nodal agency for implementing One Sun One World One Grid.
3. Russia is the latest joinee of ISA.
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
64. U-235 and U-238 which are in news, are isotopes of which element?
(a) Vanadium (b) Plutonium
(c) Uranium (d) Actinium
65. Which among the following are potential uses of IRNSS-NAVIC?
1. Terrestrial, Aerial, and Marine Navigation
2. Disaster Management
3. Integration with Mobile Phones
4. Mapping and Geodetic Data Capture
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
66. Consider the following statements regarding the Photochemical Method:
1. It is a method to convert carbon dioxide to methane.
2. The catalyst has a chemical called the conjugated microporous polymer.
3. The photochemical method of reducing carbon dioxide uses solar light as a renewable source of energy.
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. Consider the following statements regarding the White Dwarf Stars:
1. White dwarfs are stars that have burned up all of the hydrogen they once used as nuclear fuel.
2. Chandrasekhar Limit is the maximum mass theoretically possible for a stable white dwarf star.
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
68. With reference to the Adi Shankaracharya, consider the following statements:
1. He was a devotee of Shiva.
2. He propounded the Doctrine of Vishishtadvaita.
3. Brahma Sutra Bhasya and Bhaja Govindam Stotra are some of his major works.
Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
(a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only

69. 'Every year, 11th November is celebrated as National Education Day, which commemorates the birth anniversary of independent India's first education minister. He donned many hats of being a journalist, freedom fighter, politician, and educationist. He started weekly called Al-Hilal with the mission of propagating Indian nationalism and revolutionary ideas based on Hindu-Muslim unity.'
- The above given passage talks about which freedom fighter?
- (a) Sir Syed Ahmed Khan
(b) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(c) Mohammad Ali
(d) Badruddin Tyabji
70. Consider the following statements:
1. Rani Gaidinliu was a Naga spiritual and political leader who led a revolt against British rule in India.
 2. Alluri Seetha Ram Raju led the Rampa Rebellion against the British in which he organised the tribal people of Visakhapatnam and East Godavari districts.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 1 only
(c) Neither 1 nor 2 (d) Both 1 and 2
71. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):
1. It is headquartered in Beijing, China.
 2. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is a permanent organ of the SCO.
 3. The summit is held bi-annually.
- 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
72. Consider the following statements with reference to Advaita Vedanta:
1. It articulates a philosophical position of radical dualism.
 2. The fundamental thrust of Advaita Vedanta is that the atman is pure non-intentional consciousness.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 1 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
73. With reference to the Project Samhati, consider the following statements:
1. The ST and SC Development Department of the Kerala government has started it.
 2. It intends to address the language issues faced by tribal students in higher education.
- 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 the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM):
1. EAC-PM is a constitutional and independent body.
 2. It is constituted to give advice on economic and related issues to the Prime Minister.
 3. For administrative, logistic, planning and budgeting purposes, the NITI Aayog serves as the Nodal Agency for the EAC-PM.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only
75. Consider the following statements regarding the Best Tourism Village Initiative:
1. It is a pilot initiative by NITI Aayog.
 2. It highlights those villages where tourism preserves cultures and traditions, celebrates diversity, provides opportunities and safeguards biodiversity.
 3. The Punsari village in Gujarat is selected as one of the Best Tourism Villages.
- 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
76. Recently, Punjab's wildlife preservation wing has batted for the conservation of these dolphins and also their natural habitat. These dolphins were declared the State aquatic animal of Punjab in 2019.
- The above given paragraph refers to which type of dolphins?
- (a) Ganga River Dolphin
(b) Irrawaddy Dolphin
(c) Indus River Dolphin
(d) None of the above

77. 'Huron, Erie, Ontario' are names of:
 (a) Rivers (b) Lakes
 (c) Glaciers (d) Mangrove Areas
78. Consider the following statements regarding the Biofortification:
 1. Biofortification refers to the increase in the amount of essential vitamins or provitamins or minerals in crops to improve the nutritional status of the people.
 2. Biofortified crops are also often more resilient to pests, diseases, higher temperatures, drought and provide a high yield.
 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
79. Which among the following are the objectives of SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) Scheme:
 1. Creation of accurate land records for rural planning
 2. Facilitate with the determination of property tax
 3. Serve as a means of reduction in property-related disputes
 4. Provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India
 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
80. Which among the following factors are responsible for coral reefs becoming endangered:
 1. Coastal to Ocean Pollution
 2. Overfishing in the Reef Areas
 3. Bleaching
 4. Coastal Development
 5. Clear Salt Water
 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) All the above
81. Consider the following statements regarding the Zoonotic Diseases:
 1. Zoonosis refers to diseases that can be passed from animals to humans.
 2. Zoonotic diseases are caused by harmful germs like viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi.
3. Ebola, COVID-19, Zika virus, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) are some of the examples of zoonotic diseases.
 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
82. Which among the following are salient features of Sufism:
 1. Simple Life
 2. Inner Purity
 3. Love for God
 4. Blind Observance of Religious Rituals
 5. Devotion
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 (a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 1, 4 and 5 only (d) All the above
83. During Humayun's reign, Mir Sayyid Ali and Abdus Samad were famous?
 (a) Painters (b) Historians
 (c) Singers (d) Poets
84. Consider the following pairs:
- | Literary Work | Poet |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Kumarasambhava | Kalidas |
| 2. Mrcchakatika | Vishakhadatta |
| 3. Harshacharita | Banabhatta |
- Which of the pair(s) given above is/are **not** correctly matched?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
85. Consider the following pairs:
- | Literary Source | Author |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Laila wa Majnun | Amir Khusrau |
| 2. Fawaid-ul-Faud | Khawaja Najm-ud-Din Hasan |
| 3. Akbarnama | Abul Faizi |
| 4. Hasht Bihisht | Amir Khusrau |
- Which of the pair(s) given above is/are **not** correctly matched?
 (a) 3 only (b) 4 only
 (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only

86. With reference to Indus Valley Civilization, consider the following statements:

1. Well-lined straight streets cutting each other at right angles.
2. Town divided into citadel and lower town.
3. Art of sculpting, dancing, pottery making, usage of beads was prevalent.
4. Extensive use of iron was seen for cutting forest.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding the Shramana Tradition:

1. All the Shramana sects denied the supremacy of philosophies of Vedic texts.
2. Buddhists, Jains, Lokayatas, Ajivikas are examples of shramana tradition.

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. 'Before getting into social reforms, he had already devoted a large part of his life in refining the Bengali education sector. He introduced Western thought in Sanskrit College, Calcutta to break the self-imposed isolation of Sanskrit learning. He cited even Vedic texts to prove that the Hindu religion sanctioned widow remarriage. To break the priestly monopoly of scriptural knowledge, he opened the Sanskrit College to non brahmins.'

The above given paragraph refers to which social reformer?

- (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
(b) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
(c) Aurobindo Ghosh
(d) Keshab Chandra Sen

89. Consider the following statements regarding Chandragupta Maurya:

1. He laid the foundations of an extensive and efficient system of decentralised administration.
2. During his reign, trade and agriculture were reformed and regulated with the building of infrastructure and standardisation of weights and measures.

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

90. With reference to the Royal Indian Navy (RIN) Mutiny, consider the following statements:

1. The RIN mutiny took place in 1942 by naval ratings on HMIS Talwar in Madras.
2. The immediate cause of the RIN mutiny was dissatisfaction over the general conditions in the Navy.
3. As the mutiny grew, members of the Royal Indian Air Force and the Armed Forces also joined in the rebellion.

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

91. Consider the following events:

1. Widow Remarriage Act in 1855
2. Electric Telegraph System
3. New Post Office Act
4. Railway Reforms

The above given events highlight which Governor General's tenure?

- (a) Warren Hastings (b) William Bentick
(c) Lord Cornwallis (d) Lord Dalhousie

92. Consider the following statements regarding the Bhoodan Movement:

1. It was initiated by Mahatma Gandhi.
2. The objective was to persuade the larger landowners and rich farmers to donate their lands.

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

93. In world history, which among the following were the consequences of disintegration of Soviet Union:

1. End of Ideological Battle
2. Rise of Free-Market Economic Model
3. Decline in Financial Aid to Other Countries
4. Reorganization of Eastern Europe
5. Rise of Central Asia

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) All the above

94. With reference to the Anti-Defection Law, consider the following statements:

1. The anti-defection law punishes individual Members of Parliament (MPs)/MLAs for leaving one party for another.
2. The Tenth Schedule, popularly known as the Anti-Defection Act was included in the Constitution via the 52nd Amendment Act.
3. A defection by one-third of the members of a party is considered a merger without inviting the penalty for defection.

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding the Tribunals:

1. Tribunal is a quasi-judicial institution.
2. Tribunals were not part of the original constitution, it was incorporated in the Indian Constitution by 44th Amendment Act.

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

96. Which among the following are features of Indo-Islamic Architecture:

1. Arch and Dome Method
2. Existence of Minars
3. Use of Pietra Dura Technique
4. Significance of Symmetry

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

97. Consider the following pairs:

Foreign Traveller

1. Fa Hein
2. Al Baruni
3. Abdur Razak

Ruler

- Chandragupta II
Muhammad Ghori
Devaraya II

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

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

98. Surr-i-Akbar is:

- (a) Persian translation of Upanishads by Dara Shikoh.
- (b) Persian translation of Mahabharata by Abul Fazl.
- (c) Song sung in praise of Akbar by Tansen.
- (d) A detailed account of Akbar's reign by Bairam Khan.

99. Battle of Hydaspes was fought between?

- (a) Chandragupta Maurya and Alexander
- (b) Samudragupta and Pulakesin II
- (c) Porus and Alexander
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya and Dhana Nanda

100. Who among the following was conferred with Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, 2021?

- (a) ISRO (b) Pratham
(c) Maria Ressa (d) SEWA