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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. The Puttaswamy judgment recognized the constitutional right of women to make reproductive choices like:
- To carry a pregnancy to its full term
  - To give birth
  - To raise children
- The above given choices come under which right?
- Right to Exploitation
  - Right to Equality
  - Right to Bodily Integrity
  - All of the above
2. With reference to the language used in the courts of India, consider the following statements:
- All proceedings before the Supreme Court and in every High Court shall be conducted in English or Hindi.
  - The Governor of a state with previous consent of the President can authorize the use of the official language of the state, in addition to English, for the purpose of any judgement, decree or order passed by the High Court of that state.
  - The Governor has the power to declare any regional language as an alternative for the proceedings of the subordinate court.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
3. Vikramorvashiyam, a romantic play in Apabhramsa was written by?
- Banabhatta
  - Sudraka
  - Nagasena
  - Kalidas
4. Consider the following statements regarding the Witness Protection Scheme:
- The protection measures include protection/change of identity of witnesses, their relocation, installation of security devices at the residence of witnesses, etc.
  - The Scheme provides for a State Witness Protection Fund for meeting the expenses of the scheme.
  - The scheme works under the Legal Services Authority Act.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
5. Which one of the following best discusses/defines the term 'Adjournment Sine Die'?
- It means terminating a sitting of Parliament for a specified period.
  - It means terminating a sitting of Parliament for an indefinite period.
  - It terminates both the sitting and session of the House.
  - It ends the very life of the existing House, and a new House is constituted after the General Elections.
6. Consider the following pairs:
- | Session of Parliament   | Issuing Authority |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Adjournment          | President         |
| 2. Adjournment Sine Die | President         |
| 3. Prorogation          | Presiding Officer |
| 4. Dissolution          | Presiding Officer |
- Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?
- 3 only
  - 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 4 only
  - None of the above
7. Consider the following statements regarding the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of business in Lok Sabha:
- It provides for the withdrawal of a member whose conduct is 'grossly disorderly', and suspension of one who abuses the rules of the House or willfully obstructs its business.
  - The maximum suspension as per the rules is 'for five consecutive sittings or the remainder of the session, whichever is less'.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct about the Provisions for Suspension of a Member of Parliament (MP)?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
8. In Indian Constitution, the 'Uniform Civil Code' is a part of:
- Fundamental Rights
  - Fundamental Duties
  - Directive Principles of State Policy
  - Preamble

9. The Marrakesh Agreement, sometimes seen in the news is related to?
- World Bank
  - World Trade Organization
  - International Monetary Fund
  - International Labour Organization
10. With reference to the Election Expenditure Limit, consider the following statements:
- Under the Constitution every candidate shall keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure incurred between the date on which they have been nominated and the date of declaration of the result.
  - An incorrect account or expenditure beyond the cap can lead to disqualification of the candidate by the Election Commission of India for up to three years, under the Constitution.
  - There is no cap on a political party's expenditure, which is often exploited by candidates of the party.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
11. With respect to the Cost Inflation Index, consider the following statements:
- It is used to estimate the increase in the prices of goods and assets year-by-year due to inflation.
  - It is calculated to match the prices to the inflation rate.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
12. Consider the following statements regarding the deputation of All India Service (AIS) Officers:
- The Centre asks every year for an 'offer list' of officers of the AIS willing to go on central deputation, after which it selects officers from that list.
  - Officers must get a no-objection clearance from the state government for central deputation.
  - States have to depute the AIS officers to the Central government offices and at any point, it cannot be more than 40% of the total cadre strength.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
13. Consider the following statements:
- The Cadre controlling authority for deputation of IAS and IPS officers is the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).
  - The Cadre controlling authority for deputation of Indian Forest Service Officers (IFoS) is the Environment Ministry.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
14. Consider the following statements regarding the powers of Press Council of India (PCI):
- It cannot penalize newspapers, news agencies, editors and journalists for violation of the guidelines.
  - The PCI only overviews the functioning of print media.
  - It is a constitutional body.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- 2 only
  - 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
15. The 'Bezbaruah Committee' and 'Viswanathan Committee' are associated with which among the following issues?
- Digital Currency
  - Degradation of Land
  - Management of Plastic Waste
  - Hate Speech
16. Consider the following statements regarding the difference between a State and a Union Territory (UT):
- A Governor is the constitutional head of the State while the Prime Minister of India is the executive head of the UT's.
  - States enjoy autonomous powers while the UT's do not have autonomous powers.
  - States enjoy a federal relationship with the central government while UTs have a unitary relationship with the central government.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3

17. With reference to the Creation of New States, consider the following statements:

1. The Indian Constitution empowers both the Union government and the state government to create new states out of existing states or to merge one state with another.
2. As per Article 3 of the Indian Constitution, the State government has the power to form a State, increase or decrease the size of any State and alter the boundaries or name of any State.

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. Consider the following pair(s):

Disputed Border Area	Associated State
1. Langpih	Arunachal Pradesh-Nagaland
2. Belagavi	Maharashtra-Karnataka
3. Sarchu	Himachal Pradesh-Ladakh

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

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

19. With reference to the Recusal of Judges from cases, consider the following statements:

1. It is the act of abstaining from participation in an official action such as a legal proceeding due to a conflict of interest of the presiding court official or administrative officer.
2. There are formal rules governing recusals of judges in India.

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

20. 'Tungabhadra', 'Mallaprabha', 'Koyna', 'Bhima' are tributaries of which river?

- (a) Krishna                      (b) Cauvery  
(c) Godavari                      (d) Narmada

21. Consider the following statements with respect to the National Water Awards (NWA):

1. It was launched in 2015.
2. They are organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
3. Rajasthan bagged the first prize for efforts towards water conservation in the NWA 2020.

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

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

22. With reference to the Environment Clearance in India, consider the following statements:

1. Environmental clearance of a project must be obtained from the State Government/Central Government/District Government.
2. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) includes the details of the procedure for obtaining Environmental Clearance.
3. The basic objective behind environmental clearance is to ensure the least damage to natural resources.

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

23. The term 'Special and Differentiated Treatment' is associated with?

- (a) World Bank  
(b) World Health Organization  
(c) World Trade Organization  
(d) International Monetary Fund

24. Consider the following statements:

1. There are no WTO definitions of 'developed' and 'developing' countries.
2. Members announce for themselves whether they are 'developed' or 'developing' countries.

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

25. 'It is a customs duty on goods that have received government subsidies in the originating or exporting country.'

The above given statement talks about which type of duty?

- (a) Dumping Duty  
(b) Anti-Dumping Duty  
(c) Customs Duty  
(d) Countervailing Duty

26. According to NSSO, which among the following constitutes the Labor Force?

1. Working (engaged in an economic activity)
2. Seeking or available for work
3. Neither seeking nor available for work

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

27. Consider the following pairs:

Term	Meaning
1. Disguised Unemployment	More people are employed than needed
2. Structural Unemployment	Time lag between the job switches
3. Frictional Unemployment	Mismatch between the jobs available & skills required

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

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

28. Consider the following pairs:

Term	Meaning
1. Blue-Collar Worker	Salaried professional, office workers and management
2. White-Collar Worker	Who performs manual labor and earns an hourly wage
3. Green-Collar Worker	Employed in the environmental sectors
4. Red-Collar Worker	Government workers of all types

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

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

29. Which among the following are challenges faced in Gig Economy?

1. Regulated Nature
2. No Job Security
3. Demand-Supply Mismatch
4. Very Less Bargaining Power

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

30. Which one of the following best defines the term 'Unbalanced Growth Theory'?

- (a) It aims at the development of all sectors simultaneously.
- (b) It stresses the need for investment in strategic sectors of the economy instead of all the sectors simultaneously.
- (c) The unobservable market force that helps the demand and supply of goods in a free market to reach equilibrium automatically.
- (d) None of the above

31. Regarding the National Technical Textile Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to position the country as a global leader in technical textiles and increase the use of technical textiles in the domestic market.
2. India allows only 50% FDI in the textile sector.
3. Technical textiles are textile materials and products manufactured primarily for aesthetic characteristics.

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

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

32. With reference to the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), consider the following statements:

1. C-DAC is the premier Research & Development organization of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for carrying out R&D in IT, Electronics and associated areas.
2. India's first supercomputer PARAM 8000 was indigenously built by the C-DAC.

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. Consider the following statements with respect to the ESG Funds:

1. The asset size of ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) Funds has grown nearly five times over the last couple of years.
2. It is a kind of Emergency Fund.
3. The fund is regulated by RBI.

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

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



34. Consider the following statements with regard to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

1. It is the oldest among all the 15 specialised agencies of the UN.
2. Recently, India got elected as a member of ITU Council for another 4-year term.
3. It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

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. Consider the following pairs:

**List I**

**List II**

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Vishakhapatnam Port | Landlocked Port              |
| 2. Kolkata Port        | Riverine Port                |
| 3. Kamarajar Port      | Only Corporatized Major Port |

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

36. With reference to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), consider the following statements:

1. It is a military alliance established by the Washington Treaty.
2. Belarus became the latest member to join the alliance.
3. NATO-Russia Council was established by the Rome Declaration.

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding Kazakhstan:

1. It is the world's largest miner of bitcoin.
2. It is the world's top producer of Uranium.
3. It is the world's largest landlocked country.

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 International Court of Justice (ICJ):

1. It is one of five major organs of the United Nations.
2. The Judgement of ICJ is final but not binding, appeals can be made against it.

3. It has jurisdiction to try individuals accused of war crimes or crimes against humanity.

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

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

39. Sudan is situated along:

- (a) Mediterranean Sea                      (b) Red Sea  
(c) Gulf of Suez                              (d) Gulf of Aden

40. Which among the following best describes the objective of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)?

- (a) To coordinate national export control laws to minimize the risk of proliferation of chemical and biological weapons.  
(b) To contribute to security and stability at the regional and international level by promoting transparency and greater responsibility in the transfer of dual-use goods and technologies and conventional arms.  
(c) Eliminating Invasive Alien Species.  
(d) To prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament.

41. The term 'Restrictive Immunity' implies:

- (a) The government cannot be sued without its consent.  
(b) Total immunity from all legal proceedings in a foreign court.  
(c) A foreign state is immune only for sovereign functions.  
(d) None of the above

42. The 'WiMax Technology' is associated with:

- (a) Cryptocurrency                              (b) Wireless Broadband  
(c) COVID Vaccine                              (d) Space Debris

43. Yemen shares its land border with which among the following countries:

- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1. Qatar   | 2. Saudi Arabia |
| 3. UAE     | 4. Oman         |
| 5. Bahrain |                 |

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

44. The 'Pro-Planet People (P3) Approach' is related to:
- Green Economy
  - Sustainable Development
  - Combating Desertification
  - Climate Change
45. With reference to the AUKUS, consider the following statements:
- It is a trilateral maritime partnership for the Atlantic, between Australia, UK and US (AUKUS).
  - The major highlight of AUKUS is the sharing of US nuclear missile technology to Australia.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
46. Global Gender Gap and Global Competitiveness Report are released by?
- World Bank
  - International Monetary Fund
  - United Nation Development Program
  - World Economic Forum
47. Consider the following pairs:
- | Type of Forest              | Canopy Density              |         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1. Very Dense Forests       | Canopy Over 90%             | Density |
| 2. Moderately Dense Forests | Canopy Between 40% – 70%    | Density |
| 3. Open Forests             | Canopy Between 10% – 40%    | Density |
| 4. Scrubs                   | Canopy Density Less Than 2% |         |
- Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 3 and 4 only
  - 1 and 4 only
48. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021:
- It has for the first time assessed forest cover in Tiger Reserves, Tiger Corridors and the Gir Forest.
  - The forest cover in the Northeast India region has shown an overall decline.
  - The Bamboo Forests have registered significant growth since the last survey.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
49. Consider the following statements:
- India is one of the Founding members of the intergovernmental Global Tiger Forum.
  - The IUCN status of tiger is Endangered.
  - Guru Ghasidas (Chhattisgarh) is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Tiger Reserve of India.
  - India has achieved the target of St. Petersburg Declaration of doubling the tiger population.
- Which of the statements given above are **not** correct?
- 2 and 4 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - All are correct
50. Regarding the Pacific Ring of Fire, consider the following statements:
- It is an area along the Pacific Ocean that is characterized by divergent plate boundaries.
  - It is home to about 75% of the world's volcanoes and about 90% of the world's earthquakes.
  - Barren Island is a part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
51. Which among the following are consequences of Sea Level Rise?
- Coastal Flooding
  - Dangerous Storm Surges
  - Lateral and Inland Migration
  - Threat to Inland Life
  - Destruction of Coastal Biodiversity
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- 1, 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
  - 3, 4 and 5 only
  - All the above
52. Recently, which country has relocated its capital to 'Nusantara'?
- Egypt
  - Fiji
  - Indonesia
  - Malaysia
53. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Millimetre Wave Band':
- It is a segment of the radio frequency spectrum ranging between 70 GHz and 100 GHz.
  - It has a long wavelength.
  - It makes data transfer efficient and seamless.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3

54. Consider the following statements:

1. A solid-state battery has higher energy density than a Lithium-ion battery.
2. A solid-state battery can decrease energy density per unit area since a large number of batteries are needed.

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

55. With reference to the Anti-Microbial Resistance, consider the following statements:

1. Antimicrobial resistance is the resistance acquired by any micro-organism against antimicrobial drugs that are used to treat infections.
2. Micro-organisms that develop antimicrobial resistance are sometimes referred to as 'Superbugs.'

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

56. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Web 3.0':

1. It is a decentralized internet to be run on blockchain technology.
2. Under it the tech giants will control the platforms and the role of intermediaries will increase.

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

57. With reference to the 'Quantum Computing', consider the following statements:

1. Quantum computers compute in 'bits' or 1s and 0s.
2. Quantum Technology is based on the principles of Quantum mechanics to describe nature at the scale of atoms and elementary particles.
3. In this, processors can be a 1 and a 0 simultaneously, a state called quantum superposition.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Inactivated vaccines use the killed version of the germ that causes a disease.
2. Live vaccines use a weakened (or attenuated) form of the germ that causes a disease.
3. Viral vector vaccines make proteins to trigger an immune response.
4. mRNA vaccines use a modified version of a different virus as a vector to deliver protection.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

59. Consider the following writings:

1. Buddha and his Dharma
2. Mook Nayak
3. Janta
4. Buddha or Karl Marx

The above given writings belong to whom?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi  
 (b) B R Ambedkar  
 (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak  
 (d) Rabindranath Tagore

60. Consider the following statements:

1. He was a Tamil poet-saint.
2. He is linked to both Jainism and Hinduism.
3. He contributed immensely to Sangam literature.
4. His collection of 1,330 couplets are an essential part of every Tamil household.

The above given statements talks about which ancient poet/saint?

- (a) Thiruvalluvar              (b) Ilango Adigal  
 (c) Sri Ramanujacharya      (d) Manimegalai

61. Consider the following statements regarding the Odisha style of architecture:

1. The shikhara is called deul.
2. The mandapas are called jagamohana.
3. Odisha temples do not have boundary walls.
4. Tara Tarini Temple is situated in Odisha.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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



62. 'This temple is situated in Odisha. It was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by King Narasimhadeva. The temple is designed in the shape of a colossal chariot. It was declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1984. Sailors once called this the Black Pagoda.'
- The above given paragraph talks about which temple?
- (a) Jagannath Temple  
(b) Konark Sun Temple  
(c) Lingaraja Temple  
(d) Kandariya Mahadev Temple
63. Which among the following government initiatives deals with Hunger/Malnutrition?
1. Eat Right India Movement
  2. POSHAN Abhiyan
  3. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme
  4. Saubhagya Scheme
  5. Mission Indradhanush
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 4 only                      (b) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only  
(c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only              (d) All the above
64. With reference to the International Labor Organization (ILO), consider the following statements:
1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
  2. India is a founding member of the ILO.
  3. ILO was created after the Second World War.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 3 only                              (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only                      (d) 2 and 3 only
65. The 'Inequality Kills' report is released by:
- (a) World Bank  
(b) International Labor Organization (ILO)  
(c) Oxfam International  
(d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
66. With reference to the Special Marriage Act (SMA), 1954, consider the following statements:
1. It is the legislation made to validate and register interreligious and inter-caste marriages in India.
  2. The Act includes Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists marriages and exclude Muslim marriages.
  3. The act does not include Indian nationals who live abroad.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only                              (b) 1 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only                      (d) 2 and 3 only
67. Who among the following leaders is nicknamed as 'Champion of India's Peasants'?
- (a) Vinoba Bhave  
(b) Mahatma Gandhi  
(c) Chaudhary Charan Singh  
(d) Jayaprakash Narayan
68. Recently launched, the 'Saaṛthi' mobile app is associated with:
- (a) Vocational education  
(b) Easy loans for women centric MSME's  
(c) Access to e-book library  
(d) Investor Education
69. 'This National Park in Madhya Pradesh has been selected for reintroduction of Cheetahs from Africa. It was originally developed as the second home for Asiatic lions in India, apart from Gir National Park.'
- The above given paragraph talks about which National Park?
- (a) Bandhavgarh National Park  
(b) Kanha National Park  
(c) Kuno National Park  
(d) Panna National Park
70. With reference to the Eastern Swamp Deer, consider the following statements:
1. It is found in India and the surrounding South Asian region.
  2. In India, it is found only in Kaziranga National Park.
  3. IUCN status is critically endangered.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 2 only                              (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
71. Consider the following statements with respect to the Hindi Language:
1. The Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in Devnagari Script as the official language of the country.
  2. The Hindi language is one of the 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

3. The Constitution gives power to Parliament to issue a directive for the development of the Hindi language.

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. 'He was a mystic poet saint of the Bhakti Movement from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It is believed that he was born in Varanasi. He worked for the abolition of the caste system and openly despised the notion of a Brahminical society. Around 41 of his poems were included in 'Guru Granth Sahib', the religious text of the Sikhs.'

The above given paragraph talks about which bhakti saint?

- (a) Guru Nanak Dev (b) Guru Ravidas  
(c) Guru Gobind Singh (d) Guru Arjun Dev

73. Which among the following are Federal features?

1. Division of Powers
2. Unified Judiciary
3. Written Constitution
4. National Emergency
5. Bi-cameral Legislature

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding the Saguna and Nirguna brahman:

1. Nirguna represented those poet-saints who composed verses extolling a god with attributes or form.
2. Saguna represented those poet-saints who extolled God without and beyond all attributes or form.
3. Guru Nanak and Kabir were proponents of Nirguna brahman.

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 and 3 only

75. Institutions such as the 'Academic Association' and 'Society for the Acquisition of General Knowledge', were founded by:

- (a) Aurobindo Ghosh (b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy  
(c) Henry Vivian Derozio (d) Debendranath Tagore

76. Consider the following pairs:

Volcanic Eruptions	Country
1. Mount Sinabung	Indonesia
2. Klyuchevskoy	Russia
3. Erebus	Antarctica

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

77. Which among the following are the significance of the Moderates in the freedom struggle?

1. Wide democratic base.
2. Involvement of the masses on a very high scale.
3. They represented the most progressive forces of time.
4. Trained people in political work and popularized modern ideas.
5. Did a great deal to awaken the national sentiment.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

78. Which among the following are examples of Fold Mountains?

1. Ural Mountains
2. Andes Mountains
3. Himalayas
4. Rhine Valley
5. Great African Rift Valley

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

79. Which among the following are horizontal devolution criteria for 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission?

1. Population (1971 basis)
2. Area
3. Forest and Ecology
4. Income Distance
5. Demographic Performance
6. Fiscal Discipline

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

80. In which among the following ways can Parliament ensure accountability of the executive?
1. Question Hour
  2. Zero Hour
  3. Calling Attention Motion
  4. No-Confidence Motion
  5. Censure Motion
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2, 4 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 Legislative Council:
1. The Parliament can abolish a Legislative Council (where it already exists) or create it (where it does not exist) by a special majority.
  2. The Legislative Assembly of the concerned state, by a simple majority, passes a resolution for the creation or abolition of the Legislative Council.
- 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
82. Which among the following occurred under the tenure of Lord Wellesley?
1. Fourth Anglo Mysore War
  2. Subsidiary Alliance
  3. Construction of Fort William College
  4. Vernacular Press Act
- 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
83. Recently in news, the 'SAMRIDH Programme' was launched by:
- (a) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology  
(b) NITI Aayog  
(c) Ministry of Agriculture  
(d) Ministry of Women and Child Development
84. 'APPLE' was:
- (a) Indigenous scientific wheat variety  
(b) First indigenous anti-tank missile  
(c) DRDO's first indigenous helicopter.  
(d) ISRO's first indigenous experimental communication satellite.
85. With reference to the Official Languages Act, 1963, consider the following statements:
1. It empowers the Governor of a state to, with previous consent of the High Court, authorize the use of Hindi/the official language of the state, in addition to English, for the purpose of any Judgement, decree or order passed by the High Court of that state.
  2. It provides that where any judgement/decreed/order is passed in any such language it shall be accompanied by a translation of the same in English.
- 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
86. Which among the following criteria needs to be fulfilled to come under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS)?
1. Family's gross annual income should be below ₹8 lakhs
  2. Family should not own agricultural land of size more than 5 acres
  3. Family should not own a residential flat of area more than 1000 square feet
  4. Person should be a 'general' candidate
- 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
87. State Health Index is released by:
- (a) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
(b) World Health Organization  
(c) NITI Aayog  
(d) Reserve Bank of India
88. The 'World Press Freedom Index' is released by:
- (a) Oxfam International  
(b) Transparency International  
(c) World Economic Forum  
(d) None of the above
89. 'It originates near Mahabaleshwar (Satara) in Maharashtra. It is the second biggest river in peninsular India. It flows from four states Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh before emptying into the Bay of Bengal.'
- The above given paragraph talks about which river?
- (a) Cauvery      (b) Krishna  
(c) Narmada      (d) Godavari

90. Consider the following statements regarding the State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs):
1. The SEIAAs are responsible for providing environmental clearance for a bulk of the infrastructure, developmental and industrial projects.
  2. Its main purpose is to assess the impact of the proposed project on the environment and people and to try and minimize this impact.
- 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
91. Consider the following statements:
1. India's GDP growth rate over the last decade has constantly been increasing every year.
  2. India's unemployment rate in 2020 is the worst in the last two decades.
- 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
92. With reference to the Gig Economy, consider the following statements:
1. The Code on Wages 2019 provides for universal minimum wage and floor wage across organized and unorganized sectors, including gig workers.
  2. The Code on Social Security, 2020, recognizes gig workers as a new occupational category.
  3. The Code on Social Security bill, 2020 makes platform workers eligible for guaranteed benefits like maternity benefits, life and disability cover, old age protection, provident fund, employment injury benefits, etc.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
93. The terms 'Build-Operate-Transfer', 'Build-Own-Operate', 'Build-Operate-Lease-Transfer' are related to:
- (a) Special Provisions Under WTO  
(b) Public Private Partnership Models  
(c) Solid Waste Management Systems  
(d) A billing mechanism that credits solar energy
94. Ukraine shares its border with:
- (a) Black Sea (b) Sea of Azov  
(c) Mediterranean Sea (d) Both (a) and (b)
95. Which among the following are the aims/objectives of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI)?
1. Give companies incentives on incremental sales
  2. Invite foreign companies to set up units in India
  3. Encourage local companies to set up or expand existing manufacturing units
  4. Generate more employment
  5. Cut down the country's reliance on exports
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only (b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only  
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (d) All the above
96. Which among the following comprises the definition of Cropland Area?
1. Herbaceous Crops
  2. Perennial Woody Crops
  3. Permanent Pastures
  4. Shifting Cultivation
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 4 only (d) 2, 3 and 4 only
97. Which freedom fighter's birth anniversary is celebrated as Parakram Divas?
- (a) Bhagat Singh (b) Surya Sen  
(c) Chandrashekhar Azad (d) Subhash Chandra Bose
98. Consider the following events:
1. Karachi Session of Congress
  2. Second Round Table Conference
  3. Re-starting of Civil Disobedience Movement
  4. Communal Award
- Arrange the above given events chronologically:
- (a) 1, 3, 2 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4  
(c) 2, 1, 3, and 4 (d) 1, 3, 4 and 2
99. Recently, ISRO placed which country's Amazonia 1 satellite in orbit?
- (a) Kuwait (b) UAE  
(c) Brazil (d) Mexico
100. Consider the following statements:
1. The power of adjournment sine die lies with the President.
  2. The Presiding officer of the House issues a notification for the prorogation of the session.
- 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