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- 1. With reference to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), consider the following statements:
  - 1. Its members comprise both government and civil society organisations.
  - 2. As per the IUCN, the oxygen content of the ocean has declined by around 2% since the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century overall.
  - 3. The Environmental Impact Classification for Alien Taxa is the IUCN global standard for measuring the severity of environmental impacts caused by animals, fungi and plants living outside their natural range.

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

- 2. With reference to Heat Waves, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is a hydrological event where intense heating of ocean water takes place because of climate change.
  - 2. They are mainly affecting North-Western and South-Central parts of India.
  - 3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) classifies heat waves according to regions and their temperature ranges.
  - Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only	(b) 2 and 3 only
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- 3. Which of the following statement(s) is/are *not* correct regarding the Election Commission of India?
  - 1. It is a constitutional body.
  - 2. It administers elections to the Legislative Assembly of every State.
  - 3. Removal procedure of the Chief Election Commissioner is similar to the Chief Justice of India.
  - Select the correct answer using the code given below:
  - (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only (d) None of the above
- 4. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the National Statistical Office (NSO)?
  - 1. It comes under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
  - 2. It is formed by merging the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) with the Central Statistical Office (CSO).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2

- 5. On which of the following grounds, the Election Commission of India (ECI) can deregister a political party?
  - 1. If its registration was obtained by fraud.
  - 2. If it is inactive.
  - 3. If a party amends its internal Constitution and notifies the ECI.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 6. In the context of Adivasi Group Agreement, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is a bipartite agreement signed between the Government of Assam and representatives of the Adivasi Group.
  - 2. It aims to fulfil the educational aspirations of the Adivasi Groups.
  - 3. It provides for the establishment of a Tribal Welfare and Development Council.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 7. Consider the following pairs:

Dance Forms	States
A. Kuchipudi	1. Andhra Pradesh
B. Bharatnatyam	2. Kerala
C. Mohiniyattam	3. Odisha

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs
- (c) All three pairs (d) None of the above
- 8. Which of the following are the Verticals of the NITI Aayog?
  - 1. Agriculture and Allied sectors
  - 2. Governing Council Secretariat
  - 3. Railways
  - 4. Health and Family welfare
  - 5. Defence
  - 6. Energy
  - 7. Public-Private partnership

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only

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(b) 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 only

(d) 2, 3, 5 and 6 only

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- 9. With reference to PARAKH, recently in the news, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is a part of the National Education Policy, 2020.
  - 2. It is a new exam pattern for postgraduate courses.
  - 3. It will aim at achieving a benchmark framework to assess students at the primary, secondary and higher secondary level.

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only
- 10. With reference to PM Gati Shakti scheme, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It will include all the existing and planned initiatives of various Ministries and Departments with one centralised portal.
  - 2. It aims at coordinated planning and execution of infrastructure projects to bring down logistics costs.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 11. Recently, which of the following organisations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets?
  - (a) The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
  - (b) United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
  - (c) World Bank (WB)
  - (d) The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- 12. In the context of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), which of the statements are *not* correct?
  - 1. It is a statutory body set up under FRBM Act.
  - 2. The Raghuram Rajan committee on financial sector reforms first proposed the creation of FSDC.
  - 3. The FSDC sub-committee is headed by the Finance Minister.
  - 4. Its members include the heads of RBI and SEBI.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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

- 13. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding International Day of Peace:
  - 1. Each year it is observed on  $2^{nd}$  October.
  - 2. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly.
  - 3. It is also known as International Day of Non-Violence.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above
- 14. Consider the following statements with reference to Commonwealth of Nations:
  - 1. It was established by the London Declaration in 1949.
  - 2. It has a formal constitutional structure.
  - 3. Its member countries include more than fifty developed countries.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above
- 15. In the context of Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is headquartered in Beijing, China.
  - 2. The 6<sup>th</sup> EEF was hosted by 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
- 16. With reference to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit held recently, which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?
  - 1. India takes over the presidency for the year 2023.
  - 2. Gandhinagar was declared as the SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-2023.

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. Which of the following Indian States doesn't share a border with Bangladesh?
  - 1. Assam 2. Manipur
  - 3. Mizoram 4. Sikkim
  - 5. Tripura

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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(b) 2 and 4 only



18.	In the 'Index of eight core industries', which one of the
	following is given the lowest weight?

- (a) Coal production (b) Electricity generation
- (c) Fertiliser production (d) Steel production

#### 19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Recently, in terms of PPP, India became the fifth largest economy in the world.
- 2. The per capita income in India remains very high as compared to the United Kingdom.

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. The 'Samarakhanda Declaration', recently in the news, is related to the affairs of:
  - (a) G20
  - (b) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
  - (c) ASEAN
  - (d) BRICS

21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. World Ozone Day is celebrated to commemorate the signing of the Montreal Protocol.
- 2. India has been a party to the Montreal Protocol since its inception.

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
- 22. In the context of La Nina, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It brings floods in some parts of India and Australia.
  - 2. Drier-than-normal conditions are observed along the Gulf Coast of the United States.
  - 3. Waters off the Pacific coast are colder and contain more nutrients than usual.

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

(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only

- 23. Consider the following initiatives:
  - 1. PM-PRANAM
  - 2. National Bioenergy Programme
  - 3. National Hydrogen Energy Mission
  - 4. PM-KUSUM

Which of the above initiatives are renewable energy initiatives of the Government of India?

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

24. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Biosphere Reserves</b>	States
A. Khangchendzonga	1. Assam
B. Pachmarhi	2. Madhya Pradesh
C. Dehang-Dibang	3. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Sunderbans	4. West Bengal

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs
- 25. Recently, Poyang and Dongting freshwater lakes have been seen in the news. In which of the following countries are they located?
  - (a) Russia (b) Ukraine
  - (c) India (d) China
- 26. With reference to Cloud Seeding, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is the process of spreading silver iodide aerosols into the upper part of clouds to try to stimulate the precipitation process and form rain.
  - 2. It increases rainfall rates by approximately 70% to 90% per year.
  - 3. It is an eco-friendly process.
  - 4. Its first experiment was conducted in 1946 by American meteorologist Vincent J. Schaefer.
  - Which of the statements given above are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 27. Consider the following statements in the context of Chandrayaan-1:
  - 1. It was the first lunar space probe of the ISRO and found water on the moon.
  - 2. It was launched from Sriharikota by a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III.

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

(b) 2 only

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

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- 28. With reference to Cryptocurrency, which of the following statement(s) is/are not correct?
  - 1. It refers to any form of currency that exists digitally and uses blockchain technology to secure transactions.
  - 2. It is tracked by the central banks of the countries.
  - 3. Ripple and Ethereum are notable examples of cryptocurrencies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only (d) None of the above
- 29. What is the Cas9 protein that is often mentioned in the news?
  - (a) A molecular scissors used in targeted gene editing
  - (b) biosensor used in the accurate detection of pathogens in patients
  - (c) A gene that makes plants pest-resistant
  - (d) A herbicidal substance synthesised in genetically modified crops
- 30. Which of the following is/are correct regarding Hindi language?
  - 1. Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on September 14 to mark its adoption as the official language by the Constituent Assembly.
  - 2. Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar and Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar recognise contributions to Hindi.

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
- 31. Match the following UNESCO Sites with Countries and select the correct answer using the code given below:

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(a)	1	3	4	2			36. Which of the follow	wing is <i>not</i> an initiative of the
(b)	1	3	4	2			Government of India	in the education sector?
(c)	3	2	1	4			(a) PRAGYATA	(b) PM SHRI Schools
(d)	1	2	4	3			(c) SWAYAM	(d) UDAY
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- 32. With reference to Gallantry Awards, consider the following statements:
  - 1. All the gallantry awards are conferred by the President to the awardees on the occasion of the Republic Day Parade at the Rajpath.
  - 2. These are announced twice in a year.
  - 3. It comprises only three awards viz. Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
- 33. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to Acharya Vinoba Bhave?
  - 1. He was conferred with India's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna.
  - 2. He was chosen as the first individual satyagrahi by Mahatma Gandhi.
  - 3. He wrote a book 'Geeta Rahasya'.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 34. Which of the following personalities has founded the Brahma Vidya Mandir?
  - (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
  - (b) Acharya Vinoba Bhave
  - (c) Keshab Chandra Sen
  - (d) Dayanand Saraswati
- 35. With reference to International Labour Organisation (ILO), consider the following statements:
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  - reports

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- 37. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Constitution of India has clearly defined Scheduled Tribes (STs).
  - 2. The Sixth Schedule deals with the administration of the tribal areas other than Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
  - 3. The Xaxa Committee is related to Scheduled Tribes (STs).

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 38. Which of the following statement(s) with reference to the National Family Health Survey is/are *not* correct?
  - 1. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal ministry to conduct NFHS.
  - 2. The NFHS-1 was conducted in 1952-53.
  - 3. NFHS-5 data shows that there were 1020 women for 1000 men in the country in 2019-2021.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 3 only
- Consider the following statements with reference to De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs):
  - 1. In the pre-independence period, DNTs were notified as being born criminals under a series of laws including Criminal Tribes Act of 1871.
  - 2. Recently, all the DNTs have been included in the SC, ST and OBC categories.
  - 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
- 40. The term 'Dvorak Technique' is sometime mentioned in the news in the context of:
  - (a) Forest Conservation Technique
  - (b) Cloud Pattern Recognition Technique
  - (c) Data Analysis Technique
  - (d) Land Survey Technique

41. Consider the following pairs:

Committees/ Commissions	Purpose
A. Gadgil Committee	1. To demarcate areas within the Western Ghats Region for notifying ecologically sensitive zones.
B. Fazl Ali Commission	2. To identify socially and educationally backward classes.
C. Idate Commission	3. To reorganise states on administrative and linguistic basis.

How many pairs given above are *not* correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) All four pairs
- 42. The Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, recently heard in the news, is located in which of the following states?
  - (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Jharkhand
  - (c) Meghalaya (d) Maharashtra
- 43. With reference to Community Forest Resource Rights (CFRR), consider the following statements:
  - 1. These are provided under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
  - Once CFRR is recognised for a community, the forest department becomes the nodal body for management of the forests.
  - 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
- 44. Which of the following dimensions are considered in the Gender Inequality Index?
  - 1. Expected and mean years of schooling
  - 2. Empowerment
  - 3. Education
  - 4. Standard of living
  - 5. Labour market

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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(b) 3 and 4 only



- 45. In the context of Euthanasia, consider the following statements:
  - 1. Active euthanasia entails the use of substances to end the life of the patient.
  - 2. Only passive euthanasia is legalised in India.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 46. Which of the following missiles operates on the 'Fire and Forget' principle?
  - (a) Prithvi (b) Trishul
  - (c) Brahmos (d) None of the above
- 47. With reference to Ebola Virus Disease, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It was first discovered in Uganda in 1976.
  - 2. According to the World Organisation for Animal Health, it is considered as an emerging zoonotic disease.

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. It is produced by electrolysis of water using renewable energy. It has a lower carbon footprint. Its by-products are water and water vapour.

The above description is related to which of the following types of hydrogen?

(a) Green	(b) Brown
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- (c) Grey (d) Blue
- 49. With reference to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It provides 10% reservation in education and job opportunities to all the sections including SCs, STs and OBCs, whose income is less than 8 lakhs.
  - 2. It was introduced by amending Article 16 of the Indian Constitution.
  - 3. It was introduced under the 103<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act.

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

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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

- 50. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct with respect to JEEViKA:
  - 1. It is a rural social and economic empowerment programme of Bihar Government.
  - 2. It is funded by the World Bank.

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
- 51. Which of the following Indus Valley Sites means 'Mound of Dead'?
  - (a) Harappa
  - (b) Mohenjodaro
  - (c) Kalibangan
  - (d) Lothal
- 52. Recently, Annabelle M. Rayson received the prestigious 2022 Stockholm Junior Water Prize for her research on:
  - (a) how to control soil runoff and increase food production, using the traditional soil solidification technology.
  - (b) how to remove contaminants from freshwater in a simple and cost-effective way.
  - (c) how to accurately measure large UV exposures for solar disinfection of water.
  - (d) how to treat and prevent harmful algae blooms.
- 53. With reference to Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is a value-added tax levied on goods and services sold for domestic consumption.
  - 2. Petroleum and tobacco products are exempted from GST.

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

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

(c) Tourism

- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 54. PRASHAD scheme is related to which of the following sectors?

(d) Trade

(a) Health (b) Education

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<ul> <li>55. Consider the following statements regarding Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED):</li> <li>1. The ultimate objective of TRIFED is socio-economic development of tribal people in the country by way of marketing development of the tribal products.</li> <li>2. It came into existence in 1987 under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs.</li> <li>Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?</li> <li>(a) 1 only</li> <li>(b) 2 only</li> <li>(c) Both 1 and 2</li> <li>(d) Neither 1 nor 2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Which of the statements given above are <i>not</i> correct?</li> <li>(a) 2 only</li> <li>(b) 2 and 3 only</li> <li>(c) 1 and 2 only</li> <li>(d) 1 and 3 only</li> </ul> 60. Which of the statement(s) is/are correct regarding Integrated Farming System? <ol> <li>It is based on the concept that waste from one component becomes an input for another part of the system.</li> <li>It plays an important role in reducing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.</li> <li>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</li> <li>(a) 1 only</li> <li>(b) 2 only</li> <li>(c) Both 1 and 2</li> <li>(d) None of the above</li> </ol>
<ul><li>56. In the context of issue of stubble burning, consider the following statements:</li><li>1. It is a process of setting on fire the straw stubble, left after the harvesting of grains, like paddy, wheat, etc.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>61. With reference to Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs), which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?</li> <li>1. ESZs are the areas declared under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</li> <li>2. The purpose of declaration of ESZs is to prohibit</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>2. It is a significant source of volatile organic compounds which are harmful for human health.</li> <li>Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?</li> <li>(a) 1 only</li> <li>(b) 2 only</li> <li>(c) Both 1 and 2</li> <li>(d) Neither 1 nor 2</li> </ul>	all kinds of human activities in those zones except agriculture. 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
<ul> <li>57. Consider the following statements:</li> <li>1. Earliest evidence of Tribal culture comes from the upper Palaeolithic period.</li> <li>2. Paintings from Bhimbetka present scenes from tribal hunting and other life events from the Stone Age.</li> <li>Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?</li> <li>(a) 1 only</li> <li>(b) 2 only</li> <li>(c) Both 1 and 2</li> <li>(d) Neither 1 nor 2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>62. Which of the statement(s) is/are correct regarding Capital Adequacy Ratio?</li> <li>1. It is a profitability ratio that indicates the amount of profit an organisation may produce from its assets.</li> <li>2. It is measured in percentage.</li> <li>Select the correct answer using the code given below: <ul> <li>(a) 1 only</li> <li>(b) 2 only</li> <li>(c) Both 1 and 2</li> <li>(d) Neither 1 nor 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>58. Which of the following is <i>not</i> an intangible Cultural Heritage of India?</li> <li>(a) Mudiyettu</li> <li>(b) Kumbh Mela</li> <li>(c) Kalbelia</li> <li>(d) Garba</li> </ul>	<ul><li>63. Consider the following statements with regard to Social Audit of Social Sectors:</li><li>1. It is the audit of a scheme jointly by the Government of India and the people.</li><li>2. MGNREGA was the first Act to mandate Social Audit by the Gram Sabha.</li></ul>
<ul> <li>59. Consider the following statements regarding Niger Crop:</li> <li>1. It is a part of the Minimum Support Price List.</li> <li>2. It requires a huge amount of water and fertilisers for cultivation.</li> <li>3. It is highly demanded by the cosmetics industry.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3. The report 'Social audit calendar vs audits completed' was released by the Union Rural Development Ministry.</li> <li>Which of the statements given above are correct?</li> <li>(a) 1 and 2 only</li> <li>(b) 2 and 3 only</li> <li>(c) 1, 2, and 3</li> <li>(d) None of the above</li> </ul>
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64. He was the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He introduced the policies of Glasnost and Perestroika which helped in freedom of speech and press.

The above description is related to which of the following leaders of the Soviet Union?

- (a) Vladimir Lenin
- (b) Nikita Khrushchev
- (c) Mikhail Gorbachev
- (d) Joseph Stalin
- 65. Which of the following countries has launched the world's first fleet of fully hydrogen-powered trains:
  - (a) China (b) Germany
  - (c) India (d) USA
- 66. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission in 2015.
  - 2. The Prime Minister is the chairperson of NITI Aayog.
  - 3. Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds the thinktank acumen of NITI Aayog.

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

(a) 1 only	(b) 3 only	

(c) 1 and 2 only	(d) All of the above
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67. Which Article of Indian Constitution gives the President the power to recognise a language as an official language of a given state?

(a) Article 356	(b) Article 343
(c) Article 350	(d) Article 347

- 68. Which of the following organisations releases the Logistics Performance Index (LPI)?
  - (a) World Bank Group
  - (b) World Trade Organisation
  - (c) International Monetary Fund
  - (d) World Economic Forum
- 69. With which of the following countries, business representatives of Gujarat have launched agreements in the diamond and pharmaceuticals industry?

(b) Russia

(d) Japan

- (a) China
- (c) South Korea

- 70. India is not a member of which of the following International Organisations? (a) International Monetary Fund (b) International Labour Organisation (c) Food & Agricultural Organisation (d) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries 71. Consider the following statements with regard to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): 1. It is an independent agency of the executive branch of the United States federal government. 2. It is headquartered in Washington. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 (c) Both 1 and 2 72. Consider the following statements with reference to Preventive Detention in India: 1. It is a precautionary measure and based on suspicion. 2. The police have the authority to make an arrest without a warrant. 3. Article 22 deals with the cases of preventive detention law. 4. Only the Parliament is authorised to make laws on preventive detention. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above 73. Consider the following statements: 1. A moderate level of inflation is necessary to ensure that production is promoted. 2. The Monetary Policy Committee uses Consumer Price Index data to control inflation. Which of the statements given above is/are not correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 74. Consider the following statements regarding Index of Industrial Production (IIP):
  - 1. It is compiled and published by the Ministry of Finance.
  - 2. It is used by the government agencies for policy making purposes.

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

(b) 2 only

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

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- 75. In the context of Gig Workers, consider the following statements:
  - 1. They are defined in terms of length of working relationship, legal classification of workers and the type of work they perform.
  - 2. According to the NITI Aayog report, more than 7.7 million workers were engaged in the gig economy in 2020-21.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 76. Ferghana Valley covers which of the following groups of countries?
  - (a) Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan
  - (b) Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan
  - (c) Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan
  - (d) Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
- 77. Rushpa rail bridge recently appeared in news is located in:
  - (a) Nepal(b) Bangladesh(c) Myanmar(d) India
- 78. Consider the following statements regarding Teesta River:
  - 1. It originates in Sikkim.
  - 2. It is a contentious river between India and Bangladesh.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 79. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct:
  - 1. Troika refers to the top grouping within the G20 that consists of the current, previous and the upcoming presidencies.
  - 2. Spain is designated as the permanent guest in G20.
  - 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
- 80. Consider the following regarding G20:
  - 1. It was formed in the backdrop of the financial crisis of the 1990s.
  - 2. It has no permanent secretariat.

- 3. It aims to secure global financial stability by involving middle-income countries. 4. Both India and Pakistan are members of G20. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above 81. Consider the following statements: 1. Photochemical smog is a type of air pollution due to the reaction of solar radiation with airborne pollutant mixtures of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Compounds (VOCs) Volatile Organic (hydrocarbons). 2. Ozone occurs only in the stratosphere. Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? (b) 2 only (a) 1 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 82. Regarding Pusa bio-decomposer, consider the following statements: 1. It is a technology used for agricultural waste and crop residue management. 2. It is developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. 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 83. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct with regard to Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD): 1. The positive IOD refers to the warmer western basin of the Indian Ocean as compared to the Eastern basin. 2. Positive IOD leads to delayed monsoon in parts of Australia. 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
- 84. Consider the following statements regarding Shallow Water Mining:
  - 1. It is a sustainable substitute for Deep Sea Mining.
  - 2. It is less destructive than terrestrial mining.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

(b) 2 only

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

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85. Which of the following pairs are correct?

Types of Hydrogen	Produced by
A. Green Hydrogen	1. Natural Gas
B. Blue Hydrogen	2. Coal
C. Brown Hydrogen	3. Electrolysis of Water

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

#### 86. Consider the following statements:

- 1. There is no legally accepted definition of drought in India.
- 2. Central government is the final authority to declare a region as drought affected.

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
- 87. Which of the statement(s) is/are correct regarding Sickle Cell Anaemia:
  - 1. It is a type of lung disorder.
  - 2. It affects the red blood cells.
  - 3. It blocks the flow of oxygen and blood from reaching all parts of the body.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of these
- 88. Which Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the provision for Administration and Control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in states other than Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
  - (a) Fifth Schedule (b) Sixth Schedule
  - (c) Fourth Schedule (d) Tenth Schedule

#### 89. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Modern wind power was first developed in the United Kingdom.
- 2. National Institute for Wind Energy found that western states of India have more wind energy potential than eastern states.

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

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2

- 90. Consider the following statements with regard to Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) Vikrant:
  - 1. It is the second indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier for the Indian Navy after INS Vikramaditya.
  - 2. It is designed by a public sector shipyard.
  - 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. The Ninth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the official languages in India.
  - 2. Hindi is an official as well as a classical Indian language.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 not 2
- 92. Consider the following statements:
  - 1. India recorded a decline in HDI value in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21.
  - 2. Sri Lanka emerged as the best performer in the Indian sub-continent.
  - Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 not 2
- 93. The World Social Protection Report is released by:(a) United Nations Development Programme
  - (b) World Bank
  - (c) International Labour Organization
  - (d) International Monetary Fund
- 94. It is one of the most important west-flowing rivers. It begins in the Aravalli Range and ends in the Gulf of Khambhat of the Arabian Sea. Atal Bridge is constructed on this river.

The above description is related to which of the following rivers?

- (a) Narmada (b) Tapi
- (c) Sabarmati (d) Luni
- 95. Who among the following wrote the play Vikramorvashiyam?
  - (a) Valmiki (b) Bhavabhuti
  - (c) Harshavardhan (d) Kalidas

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- 96. Consider the following statements regarding Uyghur ethnic community:
  - 1. Their origins can be traced to Central and East Asia.
  - 2. The largest population lives in Kazakhstan.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 not 2
- 97. Recently in new, Batken Province is located in which country?
  - (a) Tajikistan (b) Turkmenistan
  - (c) Kyrgyzstan (d) Afghanistan
- 98. It was introduced under the Prime Ministership of Indira Gandhi. The Government of India nationalised 14 major Indian Banks. The Drought Prone Area Programme was also launched. A great deal of emphasis was laid on progress towards self-reliance based on Gadgil Formula.

The above description is related to which of the following Five-Year Plans:

- (a) Third Five-Year Plan
- (c) Fifth Five-Year Plan
- (b) Fourth Five-Year Plan
- (d) Sixth Five-Year Plan

- 99. Which among the following are the applications of biotechnology:
  - 1. Therapeutics
  - 2. Diagnostics
  - 3. Genetically modified crops for agriculture
  - 4. Bioremediation
  - 5. Waste treatment
  - 6. Energy production

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
- (b) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (d) All of the above
- 100. Human Development Report is released by:
  - (a) World Bank
  - (b) World Economic Forum
  - (c) World Health Organisation
  - (d) United Nations Development Programme

