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1. Which of the following maritime zones is divided by the Law of the Sea?

1. Internal Water
2. Territorial Sea
3. Contiguous Zone
4. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
5. High Seas.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only                      B. 3, 4 and 5 only  
C. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only                  D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

2. Which of the countries given below are part of the Arctic Council?

1. Finland                                      2. Sweden
3. Norway                                      4. Canada

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only                      B. 1, 3 and 4 only  
C. 2 and 4 only                          D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

3. Consider the following statements regarding Taliban:

1. It is an Islamic fundamentalist political and military organisation.
2. They emerged in the early 1990s in northern Pakistan.
3. They seek to promote liberal democratic republic in Afghanistan.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only                                      B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                          D. 1, 2 and 3

4. Which of the states given below shares border with Bangladesh?

1. West Bengal                                2. Manipur
3. Mizoram                                    4. Tripura

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only                      B. 1, 3 and 4 only  
C. 2 and 4 only                          D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

5. Consider the following statement regarding Yuang Wang 5, which was recently in news:

1. It's a Japanese vessel placed at Colombo Port of Sri Lanka
2. It has the ability to track satellites and intercontinental missiles.

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

6. Regarding G7, consider the following statements:

1. Russia is part of this club.
2. G7 doesn't have a formal secretariat.
3. It was founded after the 2008 financial crisis.
4. The block holds meeting biennially.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                          B. 2 only  
C. 3 only                                      D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

7. Consider the following statements regarding 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights':

1. It was adopted and proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
2. It is not a treaty, so it does not directly create legal obligations for countries.

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding Uzbekistan:

1. It conducted joint military exercise with India named DUSTIK.
2. It shares a border with the Aral Sea.
3. Recently, it has extended the e-Visa facility to Indian tourists.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                          B. 2 only  
C. 3 only                                      D. 1, 2 and 3

9. Consider the following countries:

1. Laos                                              2. Cambodia
3. China                                            4. Thailand

Which of the above-mentioned countries share land border with Vietnam?

- A. 1 and 2 only                          B. 1 and 3 only  
C. 1, 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

10. Regarding Taiwan, consider the following statements:

1. It is an island in the Pacific Ocean.
2. It is a province of China.
3. India has full diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

11. Regarding the India-Mauritius Relations, consider the following statements:

1. They recently signed the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
2. India supported Mauritius in the Chagos Archipelago dispute.
3. Mauritius is the third largest source of FDI in India in 2021-22.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only  
C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3

12. With reference to Joint Rivers Commission of India-Bangladesh, consider the following statements:

1. An Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) is functioning since 1982.
2. It was put in place to maximize the benefits of common river systems between the two countries.
3. It is headed by the Water Resources Ministers of both countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3 only

13. Lake Garda, which was recently in news, is in which one of the following countries?

- A. Kenya                              B. Turkey  
C. Zambia                                D. Italy

14. Consider the following statements regarding China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC):

1. It connects China's Uygur Autonomous region with Gwadar Port in Pakistan.
2. It will enable China to access the Indian Ocean.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

15. Which of the countries given below has/have signed Comprehensive Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India?

1. UAE
2. Japan
3. Sri Lanka
4. Mauritius

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 4 only                      D. None of the above

16. Consider the following statements with respect to the International Labour Organisation (ILO):

1. ILO is the first and oldest specialised agency of the UN founded in 1919.
2. Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report released by ILO.
3. India has ratified the ILO Convention on Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

Which of the statements given above is correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

17. Consider the following statements about 'Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
2. It released 'The State of the World's Forests (SOFO)' report.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

18. Regarding the New Start Treaty, consider the following statements:

1. It's a pact between USA & China to reduce nuclear arms.
2. The duration of the treaty was five years.
3. The treaty is a legally binding and verifiable agreement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only  
C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2, and 3 only

19. Regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Nuclear Agreement.
2. Israel & Iran are the member of it.
3. The action plan would allow Iran to make nuclear weapon for self-defense.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT** correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3 only

20. Which of the following nations is not a member of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)?

1. Afghanistan
2. Nepal
3. Myanmar



4. Pakistan
5. Thailand

Select the correct answer using the following options:

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 2, 3 and 5 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 3 and 5 only

**21.** With reference to Ashgabat Agreement, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to establish an international multimodal transport and transit corridor between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf.
2. India is not a signatory to this agreement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**22.** With reference to UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), consider the following statements:

1. The Council was created by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
2. It is made up of United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**23.** Consider the following statements regarding the Commonwealth?

1. It is an international intergovernmental organization of countries that were mostly former territories of the British Empire and dependencies.
2. It was established by the London Declaration in 1949.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**24.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the World Bank?

1. The World Bank consists of five development institutions like IDA, IFC, IBRD, MIGA, etc.
2. Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA) insures lenders and investors against political risks such as war.

Choose the correct statements using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**25.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Free Trade Agreement between India and Myanmar is known as Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).
2. Myanmar and India both are member nations of the ASEAN.

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

**26.** Consider the following countries:

1. Russia
2. Estonia
3. Latvia
4. Lithuania
5. Poland
6. Ukraine
7. Hungary

Which of the above have borders with Belarus?

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 6 only
- B. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- C. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
- D. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only

**27.** Consider the following statements regarding UNICEF:

1. It was created in 1946 as the International Children's Emergency Fund (ICEF).
2. It is guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**28.** Consider the statements regarding United Nations Guidelines for Displaced Children:

1. These guidelines are published by the United Nations Development programme.
2. The principles are based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**29.** Regarding the International North-South Transport Corridor, consider the following statements:

1. It is an extension of China's Belt & Road Initiative.
2. It connects China with African countries.
3. Iran is part of this project.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only  
C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3 only

**30.** Consider the following statements regarding the phrase 'Kangaroo Court':

1. It is used against a judicial system where the judgement against the accused is usually predetermined.
2. It is a self-appointed or mock court set up without much premeditation for the purpose of delivering judgement.
3. It was first recorded in Australia in 1849.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**31.** India and Maldives, both are members of which of the following groupings?

1. SAARC
2. SCO
3. Colombo Security Conclave
4. SASEC

Select the correct answer by using the codes given below?

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1, 3 and 4 only  
D. 3 and 4 only

**32.** Which of the following statements regarding Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is/are correct?

1. Varanasi has been selected as the SCO region's first Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-23.
2. Turkmenistan is a member state of SCO.
3. It aims to promote and strengthen mutual trust and neighborliness among the member states.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 only  
D. 1 and 3 only

**33.** Which of the following countries constitute I2U2?

1. Iran
2. India
3. Israel
4. United Kingdom
5. United States of America
6. UAE
7. Iraq

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only  
B. 1, 3, 4 and 5 only  
C. 2, 3, 5 and 6 only  
D. 2, 4, 5 and 7 only

**34.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)?

1. It is a Japan-led initiative that aims to strengthen economic partnership among participating countries.
2. India is also one of the participants of the initiative.

Choose the correct option using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**35.** Consider the following statements regarding G20:

1. It is an informal group of 20 members.
2. India, China and Canada are among its members.
3. The meeting of G-20 for the year 2023 will be held in Jammu and Kashmir.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 1 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**36.** Consider the following statements regarding the African Union (AU):

1. In 2002, the Organization of African Unity was succeeded by the African Union.
2. All the countries of Africa are members of AU.

Which of the above statements is/are **not** correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**37.** Consider the following statements regarding 'United Nation Security Council (UNSC)':

1. The permanent members of UNSC are the United States, the Russian Federation, France, China and the United Kingdom.



2. The council's presidency is a capacity that rotates every month among its 15 members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**38.** Consider the following statements regarding 'Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)':

1. SAGAR is a foreign policy initiative of the Government of India, which aims to promote maritime security and cooperation in the Indian Pacific region.
2. Its objective is to combat maritime concerns like piracy, terrorism, and newly emerging non-state entities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**39.** Which of the following is not a member of the G-20?

- A. India  
B. China  
C. United States  
D. Sweden

**40.** Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nation Security Council (UNSC) has 5 permanent and 5 non-permanent members.
2. The UNSC and UNGA jointly elect judges to the International Court of Justice.

Which of the statements give above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**41.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Montreux Convention:

3. It sets limits on the passage of civilian vessels and military warships through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus straits.
4. Turkey used the convention's powers in 2022 for the first time.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**42.** With reference to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), consider the following statements:

1. As of 2022, it has 57 member countries.
2. India has an observer status in OIC
3. It is headquartered in Saudi Arabia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct.

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

**43.** Which countries are members of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)?

- A. India, Pakistan, China, and Australia  
B. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Maldives  
C. India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Maldives  
D. India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, and Seychelles

**44.** With reference to International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a multi-modal transportation established by Japan and US to promote sea transportation between US and its allies.
2. This corridor connects Indian ocean to the Pacific Ocean via strait of Malacca.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**45.** Consider the following statements related to Young Professionals Scheme between India and United Kingdom:

1. It is a part of India-U.K. Migration and Mobility Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2021.
2. It permits their students to live and work in each other's countries for a period of 3 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**46.** With reference to the Indus water treaty, consider the following statements:

5. It is a tripartite agreement between India, Pakistan and China.
6. It grants exclusive rights to India over rivers Ganga and Brahmaputra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2



- 47.** The 'Fordow' and 'Natanz' region, often seen in news, is related to?
- Northern province of Ukraine
  - World heritage site in Uzbekistan.
  - Uranium enrichment facility in Iran.
  - Oil and gas processing plant of Kazakhstan.
- 48.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) also known as the Iran Nuclear Deal:
- It is a deal between Iran and the United States of America only.
  - Under the deal Iran agreed to significantly cut its store of enriched uranium.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
- 49.** Consider the following statements:
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a UN specialised agency.
  - The World Food Programme and UNICEF are the two sister bodies of FAO.
  - The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) is a flagship publication of the FAO.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
- 50.** Geneva Convention 1949 has been recently in the news. It is related to which of the following?
- Conserving Tangible and Intangible Heritage
  - Ownership of Space
  - Limiting War Crimes
  - Regulation of Movement in Black Sea
- 51.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- India is not signatory to United National Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).
  - The Unique Disability Identification (UDID) project is stream-lining the tracking of physical and financial progress of beneficiaries.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
- 52.** Consider the following statements with reference to the United Nations Human Rights Council:
- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights serves as its Secretariat.
  - Its members are elected by the United Nations General Assembly.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
- 53.** With reference to the Ashgabat Agreement, consider the following statements:
- The agreement is intended to establish an international multimodal transport and transit corridor between Central Asia and South Asia.
  - India is not a member of the Ashgabat Agreement.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
- 54.** Consider the following countries:
- Kazakhstan
  - Kyrgyzstan
  - Tajikistan
  - Azerbaijan
- Which of the countries given above is/are part of Central Asian countries?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 55.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) Connectivity Project :
- It is completely funded by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
  - It will provide connectivity to both Passenger and the Cargo.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
- 56.** Consider the following statements with reference to UN Peacekeeping:
- UN Peacekeeping began in the second world war when the UN Security Council authorised the deployment of UN military observers in Germany.
  - UN Peacekeeping helps only third world countries to take up arms against the NATO alliance.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**57.** Hague Convention 1954 has been recently in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- A. Exclusive Economic Zone  
B. International Criminal Court  
C. Prevention of cultural heritage  
D. Ethics in Artificial Intelligence

**58.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Troika refers to the top grouping within the G20 that consists of the current, previous and the upcoming presidencies
2. The theme of G20 Summit, 2023 is "One Earth. One Family. One Future" presided by India.

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

**59.** Consider the following statements:

1. The International Labour Organization (ILO) was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles.
2. The 17<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the ILO was hosted by India.

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

**60.** Tunis Agenda, recently in the news, is related to which of the following?

- A. United Nations Internet Governance forum (IGF)  
B. World Meteorological Organization  
C. International Seabed Authority  
D. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**61.** With reference to the Most Favoured Nation (MFN), consider the following statements:

1. It is a provision under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), 1994.
2. Under this, a country with MFN status will not be treated worse than any other nation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**62.** Kazakhstan does not share its boundary with which of the following countries?

- A. Uzbekistan  
B. Tajikistan  
C. China  
D. Kyrgyzstan

**63.** Consider the following statements about the Australia Group (AG):

1. It seeks to ensure that exports do not contribute to the development of chemical or biological weapons.
2. The members are obliged to fulfil their obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and Biological & Toxin Weapons Convention.
3. India joined the grouping as a founding member in 1985.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

**64.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Kunming Declaration is associated with urgent and integrated action for the protection of biological diversity.
2. Kunming Declaration was adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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

**65.** Recently, European Union (EU) members have agreed to implement a minimum tax rate. Consider the following statements regarding Global Minimum Tax:

1. It aims to apply a standard minimum tax rate to a defined corporate income base worldwide.
2. This framework encourages nations to have tax competition through lower tax rates.
3. It aims to promote tax competition between governments to attract foreign investment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

**66.** Consider the following statements regarding Integrated Coastal Zone Management:

1. The concept was born during the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.
2. The policy regarding ICZM is set out within Agenda 21 (Earth Summit).





Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

67. Which of the following countries is not a member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?

- A. Iraq  
B. Kuwait  
C. Saudi Arabia  
D. Jordan

68. Consider the following statements regarding re-entries of Satellites from outer space:

1. There is an international binding agreement to ensure rocket stages always perform controlled re-entries.
2. The Liability Convention 1972 requires countries to pay for damages caused by satellites.

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding 'United Nations Security Council:

1. The council's presidency rotates every two months among its 15 members.'
2. India entered the UNSC as a non-permanent member for the sixth time in the January 2021.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

70. With reference to Paris Club, consider the following statements:

1. Its objective is to find sustainable debt-relief solutions for countries unable to repay their loans.
2. Its importance has receded with the emergence of China as the world's largest bilateral lender.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

71. Which of the following is correct regarding Operation Dost?

- A. It is India's operation to provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, including 40,000 metric tonnes of wheat, medicines, Covid vaccines, winter clothing, and disaster relief.

B. It is a name given to recent Indian initiative to provide foodgrains, fertilizers and petroleum aid to Sri Lanka.

C. It is India's operation to deliver aid (essentials, medical supplies) to earthquake hit Turkey.

D. It is a trilateral coast guard exercise involving India, Sri Lanka and Maldives.

72. Consider the following statements regarding the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

1. The members are elected by the UN General Assembly.
2. It structures its work around an annual theme of global importance to sustainable development.
3. The World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund are under the purview of ECOSOC.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

73. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding the New START treaty?

- A. It replaced the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT).
- B. It placed new verifiable limits on intercontinental-range nuclear weapons.
- C. It increased the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles each side could deploy.
- D. It lapsed in 2009.

74. Consider the following statements regarding India-Canada relations:

1. Canada has become India's biggest export market in 2022.

2. Canada has world's largest resources of uranium.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2 and

75. Consider the following statements regarding India's membership of agreements related to nuclear power and critical minerals:

1. India is a member of the 'Nuclear suppliers' group'.
2. India is a part of US led 'Mineral Security Partnership' to secure supply of Critical minerals.
3. India has faced international sanctions in the past for its nuclear weapons program as it is not a member of 'Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty'.



Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3

**76.** Which of the following statements regarding IMF Bailout Package is/are correct?

1. It helps countries solve balance-of-payments problems.
2. Recently, IMF approved a bailout package for Sri Lanka.
3. It could hamper the credit worthiness of the receiving country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3

**77.** In which one of the following groups are all the four countries members of G20?

- (a) Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Singapore
- (b) Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the EU
- (c) Argentina, Australia, Brazil and North Korea
- (d) China, France, Germany and Malaysia

**78.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Red Fort Declaration was signed between India and Sudan.
2. India and Sudan both are members of Square Kilometer Array Observatory (SKAO).

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

**79.** With reference to the voting power in the United Nations Security Council, consider the following statements:

1. Any member of the United Nations which is not a member of the Security Council participates in every discussion.
2. A "No" vote from one of the five permanent members blocks the passage of the resolution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

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- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**81.** Consider the following statements regarding "United Nation Human Rights Council":

1. It replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.
2. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council.
3. Members of the Council are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving a complete term.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**82.** Consider the following statements regarding Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC):

1. The organization consists of 8 member states.
2. The BIMSTEC Secretariat is in Dhaka.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**83.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Chinese and Russian are the two official languages of the SCO.
2. Prayagraj has been selected as the SCO region's first "Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-23."

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 "Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)":

1. India signed the NPT in 1974 in the aftermath of Operation Smiling Buddha.
2. Nuclear-weapon states parties under the NPT are defined as those that manufactured nuclear explosive devices before 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1967.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

85. Consider the following pairs regarding Indian military exercise:

Military Exercise	Nation
1. Exercise Samudra Shakti	US
2. Exercise Tiger Triumph	Russia
3. Exercise Garuda Shakti	Indonesia
4. Exercise Vajra Prahar	Israel

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- A. Only one pair                      B. Only two pairs  
C. Only three pairs                D. Only four pairs

86. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- The term Troika refers to the grouping of the last three Presidencies within the G20.
- Sherpa is the term used for the representatives who represent their nations in a G20 summit.

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

87. Which of the following is the name of the military exercise carried out by the Quad members?

- A. Ekuverin                            B. Indra  
C. Malabar                            D. Hand in Hand

88. Which of the following countries participates in Military Exercise "Yudh Abhyas" with India?

- A. Russia                                B. Japan  
C. Malaysia                            D. United States

89. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- India and Mexico's trade balance has continued to favor Mexico.
- During the colonial era, Mexico was a colony of Spain, whereas India was a colony of Britain.

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

90. India is a member of which among the following?

- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- East Asia Summit
- Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1, 2 and 3 only                D. 2, 3 and 4 only

91. Which of the following Countries is not part of the Group of Four (G-4) Countries?

- |            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 1. Brazil  | 2. Japan  |
| 3. France  | 4. Canada |
| 5. Germany | 6. India  |

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 5 only                B. 3, 4 and 5 only  
C. 3 and 4 only                    D. 1 and 6 only

92. Consider the following statements:

- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation, officially founded in Bonn, Germany, in 2009.
- The headquarter of IRENA is located in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- The IRENA promotes the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

93. Consider the following statements with reference to 'World Tourism Day':

- The theme of World Tourism Day, 2022 is "Rethinking Tourism."
- This day is celebrated as the anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

94. With reference to Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), consider the following statements:

- It is a multinational maritime partnership, which exists to uphold the Rules-Based International Order (RBIO).
- It's Commanded by a U.K. Navy
- India is the founding member of CMF.

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

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3 only

95. Which of the following countries is not a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations?

- A. Mauritius                            B. Brunei Darussalam  
C. Laos                                 D. Philippines



96. With reference to Commonwealth countries, consider the following statements:

1. It's a group of 56 countries composed mostly of former British colonies.
2. In all these countries the British monarch is the Head of State.
3. Recently, Barbados removed the British monarch from the role of head of state.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only  
C. 1 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3 only

97. With reference to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), consider the following statements:

1. It's promoted by the US to strengthen economic partnership in the Indo Pacific region.
2. It's a Free Trade Agreement to increase trade and connectivity among member countries.
3. India is not a part of this initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 1 only  
C. 2 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3 only

98. Consider the following statements:

1. Transnistria declared independence like Moldova did soon after the break-up of the Soviet Union.
2. Transnistria was a part of Ukraine until recently.
3. Moldova is not a member of the European Union & North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Choose the correct option from the given code given below.

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

99. Consider the following statements regarding "International Labour Organisation (ILO)":

1. It was established by the Treaty of Versailles.
2. It is headquartered in Paris, France.
3. It is the only tripartite U.N. agency.

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

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 3 only

100. Consider the following statements regarding Arctic Council:

1. It is a high-level intergovernmental body set up by the Ottawa declaration in 1996.

2. Among the members, observer countries and 'permanent participants', only the observer status is open to non-arctic nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

101. Consider the following statements:

1. Russia is the world's largest exporter of crude and oil products.
2. India is the world's largest oil consumer.
3. Brent crude oil is sourced from the US oil fields.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 1 only  
C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2, and 3

102. Consider the following statements:

1. Johkasou technology will be introduced in India by Japanese companies for decentralised wastewater treatment.
2. Dharma Guardian is a joint military exercise between India and Japan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

103. With reference to the Biological diversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty, consider the following statements:

1. It is currently under negotiation at the United Nations.
2. It is being developed within the framework of the UNCLOS.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

104. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations General Assembly has declared decade (2018-2028) as the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development.
2. The Asia-Pacific region is the largest groundwater abstractor in the world.
3. SDG-6 ensures availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 3 only  
C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3



**105.** The area known as 'West Bank' sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to

- A. Central Asia                      B. West Asia  
C. South-East Asia                  D. Middle East

**106.** Consider the following statements regarding 'India-US Economic and Financial Partnership':

1. India and US, both reiterated commitment to step efforts to implement the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatment.
2. Both Nations are committed to share the financial account information under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                  B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**107.** Consider the following statements regarding "Vostok Exercise 2022":

1. It will involve troops from Russia, China, India, Laos, Mongolia and Nicaragua only.
2. The Indian Army was represented by the contingent of troops from Gorkha Rifles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                  B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**108.** Consider the following statements:

1. It is at the gateway of Strait of Hormuz through which India imports one-fifth of its oil imports.
2. It is the only country in the Gulf region with which all three services of the Indian armed forces conduct regular bilateral exercises.
3. The port of Duqm is located in the country.

The above statements most appropriately describe which of the following countries?

- A. Oman                                  B. Qatar  
C. Saudi Arabia                      D. UAE

**109.** With reference to Bucharest Nine, consider the following statements:

1. It is a group of all countries bordering the Black Sea.
2. All countries in this grouping are members of NATO.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**110.** Consider the following statements with reference to Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) in international trade:

1. Two or more partners give preferential rights to certain products by reducing duties on an agreed number of tariff lines.
2. Tariffs can not be reduced to zero for products in a PTA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only                                  B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**111.** Consider the following statements:

1. Australia is going to set up a new Defence Space Command Agency.
2. Defence Space Command Agency helps in providing training to people to become space specialists.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only                                  B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**112.** With reference to Antarctic treaty, consider the following statements:

1. The Antarctic treaty is the only example of a single treaty that governs a whole continent.
2. India recently became a member of this treaty in 2014.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                  B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**113.** Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):

1. It is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly which works as a sexual and reproductive health agency.
2. UNFPA is entirely supported by voluntary contributions of donor governments (or intergovernmental organisations) and not by the UN budget.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                  B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**114.** Consider the following statements:

1. The New Development Bank (NDB) has its genesis in the Fortaleza Declaration.



2. The BRICS nations signed Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) in 2014 as part of the Fortaleza Declaration.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

- 115.** With reference to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:

1. All ASEAN countries are its members.  
2. Its secretariat is in Kathmandu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

- 116.** Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Development Bank (ADB):

1. It was established in 2009.  
2. India joined it as a member in 2016.  
3. It has its headquarters in Manila, Philippines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only  
B. 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 3 only

- 117.** The 'Addu Atoll' often seen in the news is part of which country?

- A. Maldives  
B. Sri Lanka  
C. Indonesia  
D. Madagascar

- 118.** Consider the following statements regarding the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE):

1. The OIE standards are recognised by the World Health Organization as reference international sanitary rules.  
2. India is a member country of OIE.  
3. It is headquartered in Paris, France.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

- 119.** The 'London Convention, 1972' is related to which of the following?

- A. Prevention of marine pollution  
B. Protection of biodiversity.  
C. Reduction of CFC emission.  
D. Protection of migratory species.

- 120.** Consider the following statements:

1. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.  
2. WMO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

- 121.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) makes it mandatory for members to declare the riot-control agents.  
2. India is not a signatory of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

- 122.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) is based in Moscow.  
2. The SWIFT enables financial institutions to exchange information about global monetary transactions.  
3. India's financial system has access to the SWIFT.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

- 123.** Consider the following pairs:

**India's Evacuation Operations**

**Associated Countries**

- |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Operation Ganga  | Ukraine |
| 2. Operation Sukoon | Libya   |
| 3. Operation Maitri | Nepal   |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

- 124.** Which of the following is/are correct regarding the Genocide Convention?

1. It codified, for the first time, the crime of genocide in the international law.  
2. It was the first human rights treaty adopted by the UN General Assembly.

3. India is a signatory to this convention.  
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
 A. 1 and 3 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
 C. 3 only                                D. 1, 2 and 3

**125.** Consider the following statements regarding Convention on Cluster Munitions:

1. It is a United Nations-adopted legal instrument that prohibits the production and use of cluster munitions.
2. India is neither a signatory nor a party to this convention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
 C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**126.** Consider the following statements regarding 'Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT)':

1. This treaty grants investigative authorities data access in order to facilitate investigation for national security.
2. India did not sign the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) till now.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
 C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**127.** Consider the following events:

1. Ashgabat Agreement comes into force
2. Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan sign the Ashgabat Agreement
3. Qatar withdraws from Ashgabat Agreement
4. India joins Ashgabat Agreement

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

- A. 1-2-4-3  
 B. 2-1-3-4  
 C. 3-4-1-2  
 D. 2-3-1-4

**128.** Consider the following pairs:

Types of Trade Agreements	Characteristics
1. Free Trade Agreement (FTA)	Two or more countries agree to provide preferential trade terms, tariff concessions.

2. Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)	Covers negotiation on the trade in services and investment and other areas of economic partnership.
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3. Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)	Covers negotiation on trade tariffs and TRQ (Tariff Rate Quotas) rates only.
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Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 2 only  
 C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**129.** Consider the following statements:

1. India's bilateral relations with Nepal begin with the Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950.
2. Nepal is one of the four countries where India's RuPay payments system exists.
3. India and Nepal signed sister-city agreements for twinning Lumbini-Varanasi and Kathmandu-Ayodhya.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 1 and 2 only  
 C. 1 and 3 only                      D. 2 and 3 only

**130.** Consider the following statements with reference to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD):

1. Efforts to control the spread of WMD are enshrined in the Biological Weapons Convention 1972 and Chemical Weapons Convention 1993.
2. India is signatory to both Biological Weapons Convention and Chemical Weapons Convention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
 C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**131.** With reference to Financial Action Task Force, consider the following statements:

1. Its mandate is to combat money laundering & terrorist financing.
2. Its Secretariat is located in Paris.
3. India is a member of the FATF.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only                      B. 2 only  
 C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3



**132.** Regarding G-20 summit, consider the following statements:

1. It was established in 1991 after the Gulf War.
2. It aims to promote a new world order led by western countries.
3. G-20 countries count for 80% of the world's population.
4. Iran, Bangladesh, and Nepal are part of G-20 countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 4 only  
C. 1, 2 and 3 only                D. None of the above

**133.** Consider the following statements regarding Central Tibetan Relief Committee (CTRC):

1. It includes members from Tibetan settlements in India, Nepal and Myanmar.
2. All the CTRC activities are carried out after the approval from TPIE (Tibetan Parliament in Exile).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**134.** Consider the following statements regarding Global Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA):

1. It was set up by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and Global Wind Energy Council.
2. India, UK, and US are among its members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**135.** Which of the countries given below share land border with Norway?

1. Sweden                                2. Russia
3. Finland                                4. Denmark

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only  
B. 1, 3 and 4 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**136.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to No Money for Terror Conference?

1. It is an initiative of the French government focused on limiting terrorist funding by cooperating between countries.
2. India never hosted this conference.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**137.** Consider the following statements with reference to the International Organization of Securities Commission (IOSCO):

1. It is the international organisation that brings together the world's securities regulators.
2. Securities and Exchange Board of India is one of its members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**138.** With reference to the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), consider the following statements:

1. Myanmar, Mauritius, and the Maldives are its permanent members.
2. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the Association are in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**139.** Regarding the Green Voyage 2050 Project, consider the following statements:

1. It is a partnership project between the Greenland and International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to promote the shipping industry.
2. It aims to utilize potential shipping lanes and increase connectivity in the arctic region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                      D. Neither 1 nor 2

**140.** Which of the following statement correctly explains the ADDM-Plus?

- A. It is an Airdome System of Israel which it uses for the interception of missiles.
- B. It is the first indigenous manufactured Unmanned Vehicle in India.
- C. It is an annual meeting of Defence Ministers of ASEAN countries and other partner countries.
- D. None of the Above





**141.** Consider the following statements regarding Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA):

1. It was the result of negotiations between Iran, Israel and P5+1 (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States + Germany).
2. As per JCPOA, Iran agreed to implement a protocol that would allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to access its nuclear sites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2              D. Neither 1 nor 2

**142.** Which of the following correct statements is/are correct with reference to International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

1. It is an Indian initiative launched by the Prime Minister of India and the United Kingdom.
2. All member states of the United Nations are eligible to join the ISA.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2              D. Neither 1 nor 2

**143.** 'World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)' was recently inaugurated in which one of the following states:

- A. Gujarat                      B. Andhra Pradesh  
C. Maharashtra              D. Kerala

**144.** Which of the following countries have been designated by the US as the State Sponsors of Terrorism:

1. Syria                              2. Pakistan
3. Cuba                             4. Iran
5. Afghanistan

Select the correct answers using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4              B. 1, 3 and 4  
C. 2, 4 and 5                 D. 2, 3, 4 and 5

**145.** Consider the following statements:

1. The US is India's oldest 2+2 talks partner.
2. Apart from the US, India has the 2+2 dialogues in place with Australia, Japan, and Russia only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**146.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Turkmenistan?

1. It shares borders with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.
2. It is a part of the TAPI Pipeline.
3. It supports India's permanent position in the UNSC.
4. Despite being a USD 40 billion plus economy, its bilateral trade with India is below its potential.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3                      B. 2, 3 and 4  
C. 2 and 3 only                 D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**147.** Recently, which of the following countries inaugurated the Solu Corridor 132 kV power transmission line?

- A. India - Bhutan                B. India - Nepal  
C. China - Bhutan               D. China - Nepal

**148.** With reference to Mission Integrated Bio-refineries, consider the following statements:

1. The Mission is co-led by India and Germany.
2. It will advance sustainable biorefining pathways and technologies to support the development and commercialization of bio-based fuels

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                 D. Neither 1 nor 2

**149.** India is a member of which of the following institutions?

1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
2. International Development Association (IDA)
3. Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
4. International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3                      B. 2, 3 and 4  
C. 1, 3 and 4                      D. 1, 2 and 4

**150.** The Cape Town Convention and Protocol 2001 is related to which of the following?

- A. Biodiversity                      B. Aviation  
C. Nuclear Weapons              D. Ozone Layer

**151.** With reference to the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC), consider the following statements:

1. India is a member of CSC.
2. It seeks to strengthen regional maritime security in the Indian Ocean region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**152.** Consider the following statements with reference to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI):

- It is an autonomous statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- It provides suggestions to the government in framing the policies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**153.** "Kuril Island Dispute" resurfaced recently. It is a dispute between -

- A. Japan and Russia  
B. Japan and China  
C. South Korea and China  
D. Philippines and China

**154.** Global Security Initiative has been recently in the news. It is launched by the following countries?

- A. European Union  
B. China  
C. Quad Grouping  
D. Commonwealth Nations

**155.** Which of the following countries have been designated by the US as the State Sponsors of Terrorism:

- Syria
- Pakistan
- Cuba
- Iran
- Afghanistan

Select the correct answers using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4  
B. 1, 3 and 4  
C. 2, 4 and 5  
D. 2, 3, 4 and 5

**156.** Consider the following statements regarding BRICS:

- The term BRICS was coined by the British Economist Jim O'Neill to describe the emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- The New Development Bank was established in the Fortaleza Summit of BRICS in 2014.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**157.** With reference to the New Development Bank, consider the following statements:

- The New Development Bank was founded by the BRICS countries at the 6th BRICS Summit in Brazil.
- No member country has any veto power.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only  
B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2  
D. Neither 1 nor 2

**158.** With reference to the East Asia Summit (EAS), consider the following statements:

- It can be chaired by an ASEAN member only.
- India is one of the founding members of the EAS.
- India unveiled Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) at the EAS 2019.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

**159.** The Windsor Framework, recently in the news, is related to which of the following issues?

- A. Territorial dispute between Spain and the UK over Gibraltar  
B. Trade issues among Northern Ireland, rest of the UK and the European Union.  
C. Dispute between Greece and Turkey over Aegean Sea  
D. Energy security between Russia and Germany

**160.** With reference to the World Wildlife Day, consider the following statements:

- It is celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March every year.
- The theme of this year is 'Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation'.
- This day coincides with the day of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Which of the statements 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

**161.** Which of the following are the indicators used to compute the Academic Freedom Index Report?

- Freedom to research and teach
- Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination,
- Institutional autonomy of universities
- Campus integrity

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1, 2 and 3 only                  D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**162.** Consider the following:

1. Argentina                              2. Mexico  
3. South Africa                          4. Iran  
5. Malaysia

Which of the following are the members of the G-20 Groups:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only                      B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only                  D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**163.** Which of the following is correct about time zone of a lunar mission?

- (a) Lunar mission runs on time zone of the country operating the spacecraft.  
(b) Lunar mission runs on time zone of the International Space Station.  
(c) American time zone is widely accepted by all the countries for lunar missions.  
(d) Moon's own time zone is used for lunar missions, which was established for Apollo11 mission.

**164.** Which of the following countries borders Persian Gulf?

1. Iraq                                      2. Kuwait  
3. Jordan                                  4. Bahrain  
5. Qatar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only                      B. 2, 3 and 4 only  
C. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only                  D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**165.** Consider the following statements regarding 'IBSA Grouping':

1. It is a developmental initiative between India, Bangladesh and South Africa to promote South-South cooperation and exchange.  
2. The grouping was formalised and named the IBSA Dialogue Forum after the Brasilia Declaration.

Which of the above statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                                      B. 2 only  
C. Both 1 and 2                          D. Neither 1 nor 2

**166.** Consider the following statements about the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO):

1. SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organization.  
2. The SCO's member states include both India and Pakistan.  
3. The SCO's main objectives include promoting cooperation between its member states in the areas of security, economy, and culture.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**167.** Recently the Abraham Accords term was in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- A. A ceasefire agreement between Uzbekistan and Russia  
B. The Monetary policy measures taken by the IMF  
C. Normalisation of relations between Israel and four Islamic countries  
D. The Trade deal signed by the Taliban government with central Asian countries

**168.** With reference to Indo-Russia relations, consider the following statements:

1. Both countries regularly conduct the Tri-Services exercise 'INDRA'.  
2. INS Vikramaditya, the sole aircraft carrier operated by India, is also Russian in origin.  
3. Both India and Russia are implementing the Rooppur Nuclear Power Project in Bangladesh.  
4. India and Russia have only one inter-governmental commission i.e., on Military-Technical Cooperation (IRIGC- MTC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1, 3 and 4 only  
B. 2 and 4 only  
C. 2 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3 only

