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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Immediately after the commencement of the examination, you should check that this test booklet does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items, etc. if so, get it replaced by a complete test booklet.
2. This test contains 100 questions. Each question comprises four responses and you have to mark only one as the correct response. In case you feel there is more than one response, mark the one that you consider the best or the most appropriate.
3. Each question carries equal marks, i.e., **2 marks**. However, there will be penalty for wrong answers. For each wrong response to a question, **one-third** of the total marks assigned to the question, will be deducted as penalty.
 - (a) If a student gives more than one answer to a question, it will be treated as wrong answer.
 - (b) If there is no response to a question, there will be no penalty for that question.
4. You have to mark all your responses on the separate Answer Sheet (OMR Sheet).
5. After filling the responses, submit only the answer sheet. You can take away the question booklet.

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1. Consider the following statements:

1. Greenwashing is considered an unfair trade practice in India under the Consumer Protection Act 2019.
2. Fly Net Zero is a commitment of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to achieve net zero carbon by 2060.

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

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

2. With reference to Great India Bustard (GIB), consider the following statements:

1. Currently, their population is confined to Rajasthan and Gujarat.
2. They are herbivorous.
3. They are protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

3. Consider the following Acts:

1. Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
2. Environment Protection Act, 1986.
3. Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1972.
4. Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

How many of the Act(s) given above regulates GM crops in India?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

4. With reference to Genetically Modified mustard (GM mustard) developed in India, consider the following statements:

1. GM mustard has the genes of a soil bacterium that gives the plant the property of pest-resistance to a wide variety of pests.
2. GM mustard has the genes that allow the plant cross-pollination and hybridization.
3. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has recently approved the commercial use of GM mustard.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

5. Who among the following freedom fighters founded the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA), took part in the Kakori Train robbery, and was hanged in 1927?

- (a) Ram Prasad Bismil (b) Bhagat Singh
(c) Chandrasekhar Azad (d) Sachin Sanyal

6. The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, also known as Bonn Convention, belongs to which one of the following organizations?

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme
(b) International Union for Conservation of Nature
(c) World-Wide Fund for Nature
(d) United Nations World Commission for Environment and Development

7. With reference to chemical fertilizers in India, consider the following statements:

1. At present, the retail price of chemical fertilizers is market driven and not administered by the Government.
2. Urea, which constitutes the major portion of chemicals used by Indian farmers, is currently part of the Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme.
3. Ammonia, which is an input of urea, is produced from Natural Gas.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

8. With reference to Finance Commission, consider the following pairs:

Finance Commission	Chairman
1. 12 th	C. Rangarajan
2. 13 th	Y.V. Reddy
3. 14 th	Vijay Kelkar
4. 15 th	N.K. Singh

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

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs
(c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs

9. Consider the following:

1. Demographic performance
2. Area
3. Governance and administrative reforms
4. Stable government
5. Tax and fiscal efforts

For the horizontal tax devolution, the fifteenth Finance Commission used how many of the above as criteria other than income distance, population and forest and ecology?

- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(c) Only four (d) All five

10. Consider the following statements:

1. In the recent months, Indian economy has witnessed a trend of gradual and continuous deflation.
2. For the last three policy cycles, RBI's six-member Monetary Policy Committee has kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 percent.
3. RBI's projections for India's Real GDP growth and CPI-based retail inflation for 2023-2024 are 6.5 percent and 5.4 percent respectively.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) None

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Reservation of a bill for the consideration of the President.
2. Seeking information from the Chief Minister regarding the administrative and legislative matters of the state.
3. Dismissal of the council of ministers when the council fails to prove the confidence of the state legislative assembly.
4. Deciding on the question of disqualification of members of the state legislature in consultation with the Election Commission.

In how many of the above statements(s) does the Governor of a state in India enjoy the discretionary power?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

12. Regarding the power of the Governor of a state in India, consider the following statements:

1. When a bill passed by the state legislature endangers the position of the state high court, in that case, the

reservation of that bill by the governor for the consideration of the President is obligatory.

2. The advocate general of a state is appointed by the governor, but his remuneration is decided by the state legislature.
3. The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act has made the advice tendered by the council of ministers headed by chief minister binding on the governor.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) None

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The 102nd Constitutional Amendment Act provided for Constitutional status on the National Commission for Backward Classes in 2018.
2. The 102nd Constitutional amendment also empowered the National Commission for Backward Classes to recognize, include and exclude the socially and educationally backward classes.

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

14. 'Global Gender Gap Report' is released by which of the following organizations?

- (a) World Economic Forum
(b) World Bank
(c) United Nations Development Programme
(d) United Nations Women

15. Consider the following statements:

1. India has a robust framework to arrest the discharge of untreated industrial effluents into waterbodies under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
2. Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards are legally obligated to disseminate consolidated information on waste water generation, treatment and disposal under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
3. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, empowers both central and state governments to prescribe sewage and effluent discharge standards, investigate and ensure compliance and conduct research.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

16. With reference to ancient India, Jagamohana, Gopuram and Vimana are associated with:
- Temple architecture
 - Cave architecture
 - Buddhist shrines
 - Sculpture
17. Which of the following literary works/newspapers does **not** belong to M. K. Gandhi?
- Indian Opinion
 - Navjivan
 - Young India
 - New India
18. Regarding the Adoption Procedure in India, consider the following statements:
- Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), a statutory body under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, is mandated to regulate and monitor only in-country adoptions.
 - Under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, a District Magistrate or an Additional District Magistrate can issue adoption orders.
 - India is yet to ratify the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, 1993.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- All three
 - Only two
 - Only one
 - None
19. Consider the following statements in the context of interventions being undertaken under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme:
- The scheme targets children aged 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
 - It includes regular health check-ups, treatment of diarrhea, deworming, immunization and distribution of simple medicines.
 - It runs educational campaigns for nutritional and other health issues for female adults.
 - It is a centrally sponsored scheme focusing mainly on districts identified under the Aspirational Districts Programme.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
20. With reference to Hiroshima AI Process, consider the following statements:
- It recognizes the growing prominence of Generative AI across countries and sectors and emphasizes the need to address the opportunities and challenges associated with it.
 - It is an initiative of G20 countries.
 - It will operate in cooperation with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on AI (GPAI).
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
21. Who among the following leaders was **not** involved with the event of Poona Pact?
- Madan Mohan Malaviya
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - B.R. Ambedkar
 - C.R. Das
22. Which one of the following agreements was **not** part of the Gandhi-Irwin Pact?
- Public enquiry into police excesses.
 - Release of all political prisoners who were not convicted of violence.
 - Withdrawal of emergency ordinances.
 - Right to make salt for personal consumption.
23. Consider the following statements:
- Megalithic culture was confined to the southern region of India.
 - Dolmen and Menhir structures are associated with the Neolithic Culture.
 - Domestication of animals and the beginning of agriculture were the characteristic features of the Mesolithic Age.
 - Rock paintings in India go back as earliest as the Neolithic Period.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
24. Which one of the following pillars India has not joined in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)?
- Fair economy
 - Supply chain
 - Clean economy
 - Trade

25. On 21st June, the Sun
- does not set below the horizon at the Arctic Circle.
 - does not set below the horizon at the Antarctic Circle.
 - shines vertically overhead at noon at the Equator.
 - shines vertically overhead at the Tropic of Cancer.
26. 'Miyawaki method' is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?
- Converting crop residues into packing material
 - Afforestation technique
 - Producing bio-degradable plastics
 - Below Sea-Level farming
27. Consider the following practices:
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| 1. Crop rotation | 2. Multi-cropping |
| 3. Reduced tillage | 4. Mulching |
- How many of the practice(s) mentioned above is/are often considered and discussed for water use efficiency?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
28. Consider the following effects of an interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve on the Indian economy:
- Increased import costs for India.
 - Capital outflow from India.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
29. Consider the following statements:
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the only legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.
 - UNCCD is one of the three Rio Conventions founded at the Earth summit, 1992.
 - Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal is an international treaty signed under the aegis of the UNCCD.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
30. Consider the following Articles of the Constitution of India:
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| 1. Article 14 | 2. Article 17 |
| 3. Article 23 | 4. Article 20 |
- How many of the Article(s) mentioned above implicitly guarantees rights and protections for manual scavengers?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
31. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- Statement-II:** Indian Government has launched Jal Jeevan Scheme, which envisages providing a functional tap connection within the premises of each rural household in India.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is the correct explanation for statement-I
 - Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is not the correct explanation for statement-I
 - Statement-I is correct but statement-II is incorrect
 - Statement-I is incorrect but statement-II is correct
32. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** As per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) report, about 5.6 per cent of the total population of India is currently in the age group of 60 years and above.
- Statement-II:** India has undergone unprecedented demographic changes due to increasing longevity, declining fertility, and early detection and management of diseases.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is the correct explanation for statement-I
 - Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is not the correct explanation for statement-I
 - Statement-I is correct but statement-II is incorrect
 - Statement-I is incorrect but statement-II is correct

33. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: United States of America has emerged as India's biggest trading partner in 2022-2023, owing to increasing bilateral ties between the two countries.

Statement-II: India and United States of America have recently launched an Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET), which would include co-development and co-production of critical and emerging technologies.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is the correct explanation for statement-I
- (b) Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is not the correct explanation for statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but statement-II is correct

34. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stated India's inflation projection for 2023-2024 to be at 5.4%.

Statement-II: The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI assumes that it has the ability to counteract the rising consumer prices via monetary policy means.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is the correct explanation for statement-I
- (b) Both statement-I and statement II are correct and statement-II is not the correct explanation for statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but statement-II is correct

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The weightage of food in Consumer Price Index (CPI) is higher than that in Whole Price Index (WPI).
2. The WPI does not capture changes in the prices of services, which CPI does.
3. Reserve Bank of India has now adopted WPI as its key measure of inflation and to decide on changing the key policy rates.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None

36. With respect to Monetary Policy in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), a 6-members body, is constituted every year by the Reserve Bank of India to achieve the inflation target.
2. The primary objective of the monetary policy in India is to promote economic growth.
3. Open Market Operations is one of the tools used in the formulation of the monetary policy in India.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

37. Regarding Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a fellowship programme open only to the Indian diaspora.
2. Applicants may spend up to three months per year for a maximum of three years at an Indian institution.
3. VAIBHAV fellows will receive an annual fellowship grant of INR 4,00,000.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

38. Consider the following pairs:

Disease	Causative Agent
1. Leptospirosis	Parasite
2. Dengue	Virus
3. Zika	Bacteria
4. Tetanus	Bacteria

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) All four pairs

39. Which one of the following is *not* a key dimension of the Global Gender Gap Report?

- (a) Economic Participation and Opportunity
- (b) Financial Attainment
- (c) Political Empowerment
- (d) Health and Survival

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Government of India provides Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 23 mandated crops including 14 kharif and 6 rabi crops.
2. In case of all cereals, pulses and seeds, the procurement at MSP is unlimited in any state/UT of India.
3. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) comprised of total five members including a chairman and a member secretary.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

41. Consider the following statements:

1. World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed on 19th June.
2. United Nations proclaimed 21st June as International Yoga Day in 2000, and the first Yoga Day celebration was held in Delhi.
3. Kari Ishad mango, which has recently received Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is from the state of Karnataka.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

42. Which one of the following is the theme for the World Desertification Day 2023?

- (a) Her Land. Her Rights
(b) Rising up from drought together
(c) Restoration. Land. Recovery. We Build Back with Better Land
(d) Food. Feed. Fiber

43. With respect to World Health Assembly, consider the following statements:

1. World Health Assembly (WHA) currently has the same number of member states as the United Nations.
2. WHA, the world's highest health policy setting body, is held biannually in different member countries.
3. The theme of 76th WHA was 'ending this pandemic, preventing the next, building together a healthier, safer and fairer world'.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

44. 'Pandemic Treaty', sometimes seen in the news, is associated with which one of the following organizations?

- (a) International Monetary Fund
(b) World Health Assembly
(c) World Trade Organization
(d) United Nations International Children's Fund

45. Which one of the following is correct about Kaka Kalelkar Commission?

- (a) First Backward Classes Commission
(b) Capital Account Convertibility
(c) Panchayat Raj Institutions
(d) Center-state Relations

46. Consider the following statements:

1. In the Lok Sabha, if a party does not have a minimum of 75 members, its leader cannot be recognized as the Leader of Opposition.
2. The date of election of the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha is fixed by the President.

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

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

47. With respect to Sedition Law in India, consider the following statements:

1. A non-bailable offence, the section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was drafted by T. B Macaulay and was included in the IPC in 1936.
2. A person charged under section 124A of IPC is barred from the government jobs and must surrender his passport.
3. The punishment under the law varies from imprisonment up to three years to a life imprisonment and fine.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

48. Regarding the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), consider the following statements:

1. As a statutory body, CBI operates under Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
2. CBI's establishment was recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.
3. Once a state withdraws the general consent given to the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau would no longer be allowed to investigate any cases in that state.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, is the consequential legislation envisaged by the 86th Constitutional amendment.
2. The Act makes providing education a legal obligation on the governments.
3. Physical punishment to the children in the school premises is prohibited under the RTE Act, 2009.
4. The Act provides for the formation of a School Management Committee and provided these committees with authority to monitor the school's functioning and prepare developmental plans for it.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

50. Regarding the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act (FRA), 2006, consider the following statements:

1. Community rights and rights over Common Property Resources (CPR) have been recognized for the first time under the Forest Rights Act of 2006.
2. The rights of marginal and tribal communities over developmental activities are also recognized and secured by the act.
3. Under the act, Gram Sabha shall be the authority to initiate the process for determining the nature and extent of individual or community forest rights or both.
4. Under the Forest Rights Act of 2006, bamboo is recognized as a minor forest produce.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

51. Consider the following statements:

1. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established in 1950 in the wake of mass displacement caused due to the second world war in Europe.
2. The parent organization of UNHCR is United Nations Security Council.
3. India is a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and accepts many asylum seekers and refugees under the mandate of the convention.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

52. With reference to UN Peace-keeping force, consider the following statements:

1. Its provisions are not explicitly given in the UN Charter.
2. It works on the sole prerogative of the Secretary General of the UN.
3. It has undergone quantitative and qualitative changes in the post-Cold War period.
4. India and America have jointly sponsored it.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

53. Consider the following countries:

- A. Croatia B. Serbia
C. Slovenia D. Albania

How many of the above-mentioned countries share a border with the Adriatic Sea?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

54. Consider the following statements in the context of Indo-Nepal relations:

1. India is the largest trading partner of Nepal.
2. India and Nepal have jointly opened South Asia's first cross-border petroleum pipeline.
3. Both countries have signed a revised Treaty of Transit, giving Nepal access to India's inland waterways.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

55. Regarding the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), consider the following statements:

1. GEAC is an attached body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. The committee has the power to take punitive action against people and bodies under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

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

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

56. With reference to the use of nanotechnology in the agriculture sector, consider the following statements:

1. Nanotechnology can largely contribute to the prevention of soil pollution.
2. Plant disease diagnosis is made possible by nanotechnology.

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

57. With respect to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan-Gramin (SBA-G), consider the following statements:

1. ODF+ status is given if at any point of the day, not a single person is found defecating or urinating in the open, and all the community and public toilets are functional and well maintained.
2. It covers solid, liquid and plastic waste management in rural areas.
3. GOBAR-DHAN (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources) Scheme is part of SBA-G.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

58. Consider the following statements:

1. Mission LiFE is a global initiative to promote an environmentally conscious lifestyle that focuses on mindful and deliberate utilization instead of mindless and wasteful consumption.
2. The idea of Mission LiFE was introduced by India during the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh.
3. The LiFE Mission emboldens the spirit of the P3 model, that is, Pro-Planet People.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

59. Consider the following statements with reference to the establishment of the Global Center for Traditional Medicine:

1. It has been established by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).
2. It is being built in the Banaras City of Uttar Pradesh, 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

60. Regarding the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), consider the following statements:

1. TKDL is a database of Indian traditional knowledge established jointly by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Ministry of AYUSH.
2. It aims to protect the traditional knowledge from biopiracy by allowing patent examiners to search and examine patents in its database.
3. The opening of TKDL is envisioned to inculcate thought and knowledge leadership through Bhartiya Gnana Parampara under the New Education Policy, 2020.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

61. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) is being implemented under the umbrella of the National Health Mission.
2. The NP-NCD covers establishments of NCD cells at the national, state and district levels for the programme management.
3. The NP-NCD covers 20 non-communicable diseases and multiple health initiatives, including trauma care and emergency medical services.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

62. Which one of the following is **not** covered as one of the grounds for non-discrimination in the context of Article 15 of the Indian Constitution?
- (a) Race (b) Place of birth
(c) Descent (d) Caste
63. With reference to Article 16 (1) of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:
1. It only concerns employment or appointment to any office under the state.
 2. The state Legislature can provide reservations to locals for employment or appointment, prescribing residence as a criterion in the state.
- Which of the following statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
64. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, consider the following statements:
1. The scheme mainly focuses on the coastal states of Southern India.
 2. It has a cluster-based approach.
 3. It is a central sector and independent scheme.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
65. With respect to Limitation Act, 1963, consider the following statements:
1. Under the act, any person in possession of private land for over 12 years or government land for over 30 years can be declared the owner.
 2. The act puts the burden of proof of adverse possession onto the claimant.
- 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
66. With reference to Kavach System, consider the following statements:
1. It is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system by the Research Design and Standards Organizations (RDSO) In collaboration with Indian Industry.
 2. It is a state-of-the-art electronic system with Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4) standards.
 3. It is connected to Radio Frequency Identifications (RFID) tags.
 4. It activates the train's braking system automatically if the driver fails to control the train as per the speed restrictions.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
67. Consider the following Constitutional positions:
1. Prime Minister
 2. Chief Justice of India
 3. Speaker of Lok Sabha
 4. Chairman of Rajya Sabha
- How many of the above are part of the six-member committee on the recommendations of which the Chairman and members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) are appointed?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
68. Paris Principles, sometimes seen in the news, is related to which one of the following global issues?
- (a) Refugee Crisis (b) Human Rights
(c) Climate Change (d) Civil War
69. With reference to National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2023, consider the following statements:
1. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, has secured the top spot in the overall ranking for the fifth consecutive year.
 2. A new subject, namely Agriculture and Allied Sectors, has been added to the ranking framework for the 2023 edition.
 3. Perception is one of the five parameters for NIRF ranking.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

70. Consider the following statements in relation to Gandhi Peace Prize:

1. The award is open only to Indian nationals and institutions.
2. The 2021 Gandhi Peace Prize has been awarded to Gita Press.
3. Previous awardees of Gandhi Peace Prize include Indian Space Research Organization and Nelson Mandela.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

71. Consider the following countries:

1. United Kingdom
2. United States
3. Singapore
4. United Emirates

Arrange the countries given above in terms of the remittances received from them in the highest to lowest order.

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

72. P J Nayak Committee is related to which one of the following?

- (a) Banking Reforms
(b) Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Resolution
(c) Disinvestment
(d) Tax Reform

73. With reference to Bad Banks, consider the following statements:

1. A Bad Bank is an Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), involved in management and recovery of bad loans.
2. Sunil Mehta Panel on NPA's (Non-Performing Assets) proposed to establish Bad Banks in India.
3. The concept has been successfully implemented in European Countries since the 2008 financial crisis.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

74. Consider the following agreements:

1. General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)
2. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)

3. Communication Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)

4. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geospatial Intelligence (BECA)

Select the correct chronological order in which the agreements given above were signed between India and United States of America.

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

75. 'Ocomtun', recently discovered by archaeologists, represents which one of the following?

- (a) An ancient city (b) Cave remains
(c) Pottery (d) Temple

76. Consider the following components:

1. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP)
2. Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP)
3. Watershed Development
4. Per Drop More Crop

How many of the above are the components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

77. Consider the following pairs:

State	Scheme
1. Andhra Pradesh	Neeru-Chettu
2. Maharashtra	Pani Panchayat
3. Odisha	Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan
4. Bihar	Gramin Peyjal Nishchay Yojana

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

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs
(c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs

78. Consider the following statements in relation to the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK):

1. The NCSK is a statutory body created under the National Commission for Safai Karamchari Act, 1993.
2. It monitors the functioning of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

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. With reference to Bonn Challenge, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched jointly by Germany and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
2. It is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Aichi Targets and the Paris Agreement.
3. As part of the Bonn Challenge, India has pledged to bring into restoration 26 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

80. With reference to National Intellectual Property Rights Policy, consider the following statements:

1. It reiterates India's commitment to the Doha Development Agenda and TRIPS Agreement.
2. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is the nodal agency for regulating intellectual property rights in India.

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

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

81. With reference to India's satellite launch vehicles, consider the following statements:

1. GSLV MK III is a four-staged launch vehicle with the first and third stages using solid rocket motors and the second and fourth stages using liquid rocket engines.
2. PSLV is an all-liquid three-staged launch vehicle used to launch satellites useful for earth resources monitoring.
3. Satellites launched by PSLV appear to remain permanently fixed in the same position in the sky, as viewed from a particular location on Earth.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

82. Consider the following statements:

1. All Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are transgenic organisms.

2. In India, only BT Cotton is currently commercially cultivated as a GM crop.

3. GM mustard hybrid DMH-11 is a transgenic crop.
4. BT Cotton and GM Mustard are both genetically modified to target pests.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

83. Consider the following pairs in relation to Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:

Schedule	Provision
1. I	Hunting is allowed only in some special cases
2. IV	Animals protected here are not endangered
3. V	Vermin
4. VI	Plants

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

- (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs
(c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs

84. Consider the following statements:

1. Microplastics are small pieces of plastics, less than 50 mm in length, that occur in the environment because of plastic pollution.
2. Microplastics are present in cosmetics, synthetic clothing, plastic bags and bottles.
3. Normal plastics and Microplastics both are biodegradable.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

85. Consider the following surfaces:

1. Sand Desert
2. Fresh Asphalt
3. Land covered with fresh snow
4. Prairie Land

Arrange the surfaces given above from highest albedo to lowest albedo.

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

86. With respect to Commission of Railway Safety (CRS), consider the following statements:
1. It is under the administrative control of Ministry of Civil Aviation.
 2. It is headquartered in Kolkata.
 3. It monitors the implementation of important provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
87. Consider the following statements:
1. National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) helps in promoting financial inclusion in India.
 2. NPCI has launched RuPay, a card payment scheme.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
88. 'AI Bill of Rights' is released by which of the following countries?
- (a) Germany
(b) European Union
(c) United States of America
(d) China
89. With reference to Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), consider the following statements:
1. It was initially established as the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights.
 2. India is no more a member of GANHRI.
 3. It is a group of 16 human rights agencies.
 4. It grants different levels of accreditation to its members.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
90. With respect to International Energy Agency (IEA), consider the following statements:
1. International Energy Agency is an intergovernmental organization within the framework of the United Nations.
 2. India is a full-time member of International Energy Agency.
 3. A candidate to be a member of IEA must be a member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
91. Which one of the following is the largest sand island?
- (a) Moreton Island (b) Fraser Island
(c) Bribie Island (d) Lombok Island
92. Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which one of the following states?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Assam
(c) Nagaland (d) Manipur
93. With reference to Public Accounts Committee, consider the following statements:
1. Indian Constitution has provided specific provisions regarding composition, tenure and functions of the committee.
 2. The Chairman of the committee is elected from amongst its members in accordance with the principle of proportional representation.
 3. A minister cannot be elected as a member of the committee.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
94. Consider the following statements:
1. The President of India can summon a session of the Parliament at such place as he/she thinks fit.
 2. The Constitution of India provides for three sessions of the Parliament in a year, but it is not mandatory to conduct all three sessions.
 3. There is no minimum number of days that the Parliament is required to meet in a year.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

95. Which of the following can aid in furthering the Government's objective of inclusive growth?

1. Promoting Self-Help Groups.
2. Promoting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
3. Implementing the Right to Education Act.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

96. With reference to the Paris Agreement, consider the following statements:

1. The agreement has been signed by all the member countries of the UN and it went into effect in 2017.
2. It aims to limit greenhouse gas emissions so that the rise in average global temperature by the end of this century does not exceed 2-degree Celsius or even 1.5-degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
3. Developed countries have acknowledged their historical responsibility in global warming and committed to donate \$ 500 billion a year from 2020 to help developing countries deal with climate change.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

97. Consider the following statements with respect to the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC):

1. It is India's engagement with Pacific Island countries as part of its Act East Policy.
2. It was launched in 2014 and the first FIPIC summit was held in Fiji.
3. Third FIPIC summit was held in 2023 in Jaipur, India.

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

98. What could be the main reason(s) for the formation of African and Eurasian desert belt?

1. It is located in the sub-tropical high-pressure cells.
2. It is under the influence of warm ocean currents.

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

99. The 'Code of Practice on Disinformation' to stop the spread of disinformation through deepfakes has been introduced by:

- (a) United States of America
(b) European Union
(c) China
(d) France

100. Consider the following statements:

1. As per the fifth National Family Health Survey (NFHS -5), the Infant Mortality Rate has dropped to 35.2 per thousand live births.
2. The first round of NFHS was conducted in 1992-93.
3. The total sex ratio at birth for kids born within last five years has increased from 919 (2015-16) to 929 (2020-21).

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

- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None