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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. The 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India' was launched at the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority.
2. Cheetahs reintroduced in India experienced neck wounds and *septicaemia*, an infection of the blood by protozoa.

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

2. Hoolock Gibbons barely step on the ground swinging from tree to tree in a mode of locomotion known as:

- (a) Brachiation  
(b) Arboreal Quadrupedalism  
(c) Anguilliform  
(d) Saltatory

3. With reference to Major Festivals in India, consider the following pairs:

| States               | Festivals            |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Goa               | Shigmo Mel           |
| 2. Arunachal Pradesh | Heikru Hidongba      |
| 3. Sikkim            | Tendong Lho Rum Faat |
| 4. Meghalaya         | Mimkut               |

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

4. Consider the following statements in the context of India-Sri Lanka Relations:

1. India is Sri Lanka's second largest export destination after the US.
2. India recognizes Sri Lanka's sovereignty over the Katchatheevu island in 1974.
3. Sri Lanka launched its first communications satellite in partnership with an Indian State-owned space technology firm.

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

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Gomti River and Basuhi River divides Jaunpur into nearly four equal landmasses.
2. Sukheta is a tributary of Ghaghra River.

3. Gandikota canyon of South India was created by Manjira River.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) None

6. Consider the following statements regarding Tuberculosis (TB):

1. TB Mukht Portal provides a platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment.
2. Bedaquiline and Delamanid are the varieties of drugs provided for free by the government for the treatment of TB.
3. Under Revised National TB Control Programme both diagnosis and treatment of TB are free.

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

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

7. With reference to Congress Socialist Party, consider the following statements:

1. It advocated the boycott of British goods and evasion of taxes.
2. It wanted to establish the dictatorship of proletariat.
3. It advocated separate electorate for minorities and oppressed classes.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

8. With respect to Moon Missions, consider the following statements:

1. Chandrayaan-1 in 2008 made discoveries such as the detection of water and hydroxyl on the lunar surface.
2. JAXA's Artemis III, planned for 2025, is a program aimed to put humans on moon.
3. Pioneer 3 of the US and Luna 3 of the USSR can be considered as Flybys Mission.
4. The propulsion module of Chandrayaan-3 marked a new experiment called Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

9. Which of the following is **not** one of the Four Sublime States advocated by Lord Buddha?
- (a) Metta  
(b) Mudita  
(c) Anicca  
(d) Upekkha
10. With reference to diseases, consider the following pairs:
- | Disease    | Type of Pathogen |
|------------|------------------|
| 1. Malaria | Protozoa         |
| 2. E. Coli | Bacteria         |
| 3. AIDS    | Virus            |
| 4. Tetanus | Bacteria         |
- How many of the above pairs are **not** correctly matched?
- (a) Only One pair                      (b) Only two pairs  
(c) Only three pairs                    (d) All four pairs
11. Consider the following statements:
- Lambani art is a form of textile embellishment practised by the Banjara community inhabiting several states especially Karnataka.
  - Sandur Lambani embroidery of Karnataka received a Geographical Indication Tag in 2010.
- 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
12. With reference to Alluri Sitarama Raju, consider the following statements:
- Influenced by the Khilafat Movement, he inspired the tribals to seek justice in the local panchayat courts and boycott the colonial courts.
  - He started Rampa Rebellion or Manyam Rebellion of 1922.
  - He was a member of Calcutta Secret Society.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1,2 and 3
13. Which of the following is **not** a landlocked country?
- (a) Mongolia                              (b) Chad  
(c) Luxembourg                            (d) Malta
14. With reference to Mission Vatsalya Scheme, consider the following statements:
- The fund sharing pattern between Centre and State is in the ratio of 80:20 for the North-Eastern States and two Himalayan States.
  - It promotes family based non-institutional care of children in difficult circumstances.
  - The State Child Protection Society as established under the Juvenile Justice Act,2015 shall ensure the implementation and planning of the scheme.
- 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
15. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer:
- | List-I          | List-II              |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| A. Pata Chitra  | 1. Jammu and Kashmir |
| B. Solapur      | 2. Tamil Nadu        |
| C. Salem Fabric | 3. West Bengal       |
| D. Namda Art    | 4. Maharashtra       |
- |     | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (b) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (c) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (d) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
16. 'Rapid Financing Instrument' and 'Rapid Credit Facility' are related to the provisions of lending by which of the following?
- (a) International Monetary Fund  
(b) Asian Development Bank  
(c) World Bank  
(d) United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative
17. Consider the following statements:
- The amount of water in the rivers and lakes is more than the amount of groundwater.
  - The amount of water in polar ice caps and glaciers is more than the amount of groundwater.
- 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. With references to government initiatives related to MSMEs, consider the following statements:

1. Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance Scheme is a World Bank assisted Central Sector Scheme supporting covid resilience and recovery interventions of the Ministry of MSMEs.
2. Credit Guarantee Trust Fund for Micro & Small Enterprise was launched in 2000 to make collateral-free credit available to the micro and small enterprise sector.
3. A scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship was launched in 2015 to set up a network of technology centers and incubation centers.
4. Zero Defect & Zero Effect was launched in 2016, is an integrated and comprehensive certification system.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following countries:

1. Bahrain
2. United Arab Emirates
3. Yemen
4. Qatar

How many of the above-mentioned countries share a border with Persian Gulf?

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

20. With respect to Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), consider the following statements:

1. The official working language of SCO Secretariat is English, Russian and Chinese.
2. India and Pakistan were initially observer states and were given full membership in 2017.
3. SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure was established in 2001 during the Samarkand summit to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism.
4. Iraq has joined as the new permanent member of SCO.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. With reference to Natural Hazards, consider the following pairs:

| <b>Hazard</b> | <b>Central Agency for Early Warning</b> |
|---------------|---|
| 1. Cyclone    | Indian Meteorological Department        |
| 2. Floods     | Central Water Commission                |
| 3. Landslides | Geological Survey of India              |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

22. With respect to India's Climate Change Mitigation Initiatives, consider the following statements:

1. The National Action Plan on Climate Change pledges to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of GDP by 45% by 2030 from 2005 levels.
2. Updated Nationally Determined Contributions aims to create carbon sink and achieve net zero emission by 2070.
3. National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change was established in 2015, aims to achieve low carbon and climate-resilient development for India.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements:

1. The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is appointed by the Central Government.
2. Certain provisions in the Constitution of India give the Central Government the right to issue directions to the RBI in public interest.
3. The Governor of the RBI draws his power from the RBI Act.

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

- (a) 2 only                              (b) 3 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only                      (d) None

24. With reference to Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), consider the following statements:

1. It is the first legally binding international instrument to incorporate the full range of human rights.
2. The recruitment or use of children under the age of 15 as soldiers is strictly prohibited by CRC.

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

25. Consider the following disasters:

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Hailstorm  | 2. Pest attack |
| 3. Cold waves | 4. Lightning   |
| 5. Frost      |                |

Which of the above-mentioned disaster(s) is/are **not** covered under the State Disaster Response Fund?

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

26. With reference to Local Self Government, consider the following statements:

- Balwant Rai Mehta committee of 1957 came up with the scheme of democratic decentralization.
- Ashok Mehta Committee of 1977-78 suggested Constitutional recognition to the Panchayati Raj Institution.
- Gadgil committee of 1988-89 envisaged how best Panchayati Raj institutions could be made effective.

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

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|------------------|------------------|
| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 3 only       | (d) None         |

27. Consider the following statements:

- Rainfed Farming refers to the practice of crop cultivation without irrigation in areas receiving rainfall in the range of around 1150 mm.
- Dry Farming is practiced in areas where the annual rainfall is less than 750mm and the crop showing season is less than 200 days.
- Dryland Farming areas are characterized by low rainfall within a range of 375mm to 1125mm.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

28. With reference to Silver Cockscomb, consider the following statements:

- It is a short lived 50-60 cm-tall plant that bears simple, spirally arranged leaves around the stem with pinkish or silky white flowers.
- It belongs to the Amaranthaceae family which is believed to have originated in Tropical Africa.
- The leaves are low in nutrient such as alpha-carotene and folic acids, and have high levels of Vitamin E, calcium and iron.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements with respect to the Indian National Movement:

- Focus on self-reliance.
- Establishment of National College of Bengal.
- Emergence of new leaders like Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
- Setting up of voluntary organisation such as Swadesh Bandhab Samiti.

Which movement is best described by the statements given above?

- |                              |
|------------------------------|
| (a) Non-Cooperation Movement |
| (b) Home Rule Movement       |
| (c) Swadeshi Movement        |
| (d) Satyagraha Movement      |

30. With respect to Samudrayan Mission, consider the following statements:

- It is a part of the Deep Ocean Mission to develop a manned submersible vehicle called Matsya 6000 to carry three human beings to a depth of 6000 meters in the ocean.
- The Matsya 6000 will have a chromium alloy personal sphere of 2.1-meter diameter enclosed space with an endurance of 12 hours.

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

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

31. With respect to 42<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976, consider the following statements:

- Added Fundamental Duties for the citizens.
- Increased the tenure of Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies from 5 to 6 years.
- Provided for the creation of the All-India Judicial Service.
- Provided for administrative tribunals and tribunals for other matters.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. The Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919 recommended granting voting rights to all the women above the age of 21.
2. The Government of India Act of 1935 provided separate electorate for the women.

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

33. With reference to India-US Strategic Partnership, consider the following:

1. Joint Clean Energy Research and Development Centre
2. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geospatial Intelligence
3. Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies
4. Global Biofuel Alliance

Select the correct chronological order in which the agreements were signed between the two countries.

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

34. Consider the following Water Bodies:

1. Balearic Sea
2. Alboran Sea
3. Mediterranean Sea
4. Pomeranian Bay

How many of the above-mentioned water bodies border Spain?

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

35. Consider the following statements with reference to the Kaas Plateau:

1. It is in Satara district of Maharashtra, is a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site.
2. It is home to rare species of flying squirrels that can only be found on this plateau.
3. The plateau has various seasonal flowers forming a floral carpet during August and September.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

36. The Ninth Schedule was introduced in the Constitution of India during the prime ministership of:

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru  
(b) Lal Bahadur Shastri  
(c) Indira Gandhi  
(d) Morarji Desai

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Bhoomi Samman is a prestigious award scheme launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. The scheme recognizes and incentivizes the achievements of states and districts in the implementation of Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme (DILRMP).
3. DILRMP was launched in 2016 under the Ministry of Rural development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only  
(d) None

38. Consider the following statements with reference to the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2022:

1. Tamil Nadu has topped in EPI and it has been a consistent leader in sectors such as automotive, leather, textile and electronic goods.
2. 'Growth Orientation' is one of the sub-pillars of EPI.
3. Coastal States have fared the best across all indicators.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. With reference to the Electoral Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. It was introduced in 2017 by a way of Finance Bill.
2. It can be bought individually or jointly with other individuals.
3. It is valid for 30 calendar days from the date of issue.
4. It can be purchased digitally or through cheques.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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



40. Which of the following is not a bird?  
 (a) Golden Mahseer (b) Indian Nightjar  
 (c) Spoonbill (d) White Ibis

41. With reference to the Startups, consider the following pairs:

| Term        | Meaning  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. Decacorn | Current Valuation of over USD 1 Billion.                       |
| 2. Unicorns | Founded after the year 2000 with a valuation of USD 1 Billion. |
| 3. Gazelles | Start-ups likely to go Unicorn in next five years.             |
| 4. Cheetahs | Start-ups likely to go Unicorn in next eight years.            |

How many of the above pairs are **not** correctly matched?

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

42. With reference to India-US Strategic Partnership, consider the following statements:

- US became India's biggest trading partner in 2022-2023 followed by China and UAE.
- Bilateral trade enormously increased by 21.65% in 2022-2023 compared to 2021-2022.
- Recently India joined the US-led Minerals Security Partnership to boost global critical energy and minerals supply chains.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements:

- The 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the bilateral joint military exercise between India and Mongolia named 'NOMADIC ELEPHANT-23' was scheduled in Jodhpur.
- India is an active participant of joint training exercise called the Khaan Quest hosted by Mongolia.
- Mongolia's landscape is dominated by the Gobi Desert in the South and the towering Altai Mountains in the West.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

44. With reference to Thiru Kumaraswami Kamaraj, consider the following statements:

- He participated in the Non-Cooperation movement

in 1921 for which he was sentenced to two years prison.

- He was the President of Indian National Congress for four years.

- He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1976.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements in the context of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC):

- Lex Loci Report of 1840 suggested that personal laws of Hindu and Muslims should be excluded from the codification of Indian Laws related to offense, evidence and contracts.

- B N Rau Committee of 1941 was formed to codify Hindu law leading to the enactment of Hindu Succession Act in 1956.

- The UCC in Goa permits a specific form of polygamy for Hindus and does not extend the Shariat Act to Muslims.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements:

- The idea of nationwide GST in India was first proposed by the Kelkar Task Force on Indirect Taxes in 2000.

- GST Council has fixed the threshold limit for exemption of tax to be 15 Lacs.

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

47. With reference to Universal Postal Union (UPU), consider the following statements:

- It was established in 1874 through the Treaty of Bern.

- UPU is the oldest international organisation followed by the International Telecommunication Union.

- It has announced the plans to assess Unified Payment Interface with cross border remittances using the global postal network.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

48. With reference to Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), consider the following statements:

1. EMRS started in the year 1997-98 to impart quality education to ST children in remote areas.
2. Grants were given for construction of schools and recurring expenses to the State Governments under Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.
3. Every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons will have an EMRS.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

49. With reference to the findings of Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS), consider the following statements:

1. It is a key instrument aboard Terra and Aqua satellites, monitoring ocean color for two decades.
2. It revealed that the waters in the tropics have turned green and the Southern Indian Ocean has seen a significant colour change.
3. Green-coloured water indicates the presence of Phytoplankton which is the base of marine food web.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. The G4 is a grouping of Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan which are aspiring to become permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
2. Uniting for Consensus, also known as the Coffee Club, is a movement that developed in the 1990s in opposition to the possible expansion of permanent seats in the UNSC.
3. Italy through the ambassador Francesco Paolo Fulci along with Pakistan, Mexico and Egypt founded the Coffee Club in 1995.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

51. Regarding the Charter Act of 1813, consider the following statements:

1. It ended the trade monopoly of the East India Company in India except for tea and trade with China.
2. It asserted the sovereignty of the British Crown over the Indian territories held by the Company.
3. The revenues of India were now controlled by the British Parliament.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

52. With reference to the Avian influenza, consider the following statements:

1. It is a disease caused by the influenza A virus affecting birds across many species.
2. It has various subtypes- A (H1N1), A (H1N2) and A (H3N2).
3. It is considered a zoonotic Virus.

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

53. Who among the following is associated with 'Songs from Prison' a translation of ancient Indian religious lyrics in English?

- (a) Sarojini Naidu  
(b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak  
(c) Jai Prakash Narayan  
(d) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

54. With reference to the Eukaryotes, consider the following statements:

1. They are organisms that have cells containing a well-defined nucleus enclosed within a membrane.
2. Eukaryotic cells have a variety of membrane bound organelles such as mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus.
3. They include bacteria and archaea too.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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



55. Which one of the following ancient towns is well known for its elaborate system of water harvesting and management by building a series of dams and channelizing water into connected reservoirs?

- (a) Kalibangan (b) Lothal  
(c) Dholavira (d) Rakhigarhi

56. Consider the following statements:

1. The Contempt of Court Act of 1971 was passed on the recommendations of H.N. Sanyal Committee.
2. The Supreme Court and High Court draw powers from Article 129 and 215 of the Constitution of India respectively to punish people for their respective contempt.
3. The Constitution of India defines Civil Contempt and Criminal Contempt.
4. In India, Parliament is vested with the powers to make laws on Contempt of Court.

How many of the statements given above are *not* correct?

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

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

1. It works under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. It can investigate and make arrests for violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act of 2002 and Foreign Exchange Management Act of 1999 without waiting for registration of a formal FIR by police.
3. Statements recorded by ED officials can be admitted as evidence in the court of law.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

58. Which state government has launched the Athidhi Portal to expedite the registration process for migrant workers?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Delhi  
(c) Haryana (d) Kerala

59. Consider the following statements regarding the Red Sand Boa:

1. It is a non-venomous snake found throughout the dry parts of the Indian subcontinent.

2. The trade and possession of it is an offense under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

3. Its international trade is restricted under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

How many of the statements given above are *not* correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding Special Drawing Rights (SDR):

1. It is a reserve created by the International Monetary Fund to help countries that have balance of payments problems.
2. The value of SDR is determined based on a basket of currencies which includes the U.S. dollar, Euro, Japanese yen, pound sterling and the Chinese renminbi.
3. The SDR basket is reviewed every 5 years.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

61. With reference to Hiroshima and Nagasaki bomb attacks, consider the following statements:

1. On 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1945 a US bomber plane name Enola Gay dropped the uranium fission bomb codenamed Fat Man on Hiroshima.
2. After the war, Hiroshima tried to reinvent itself as a City of Peace and continues to promote nuclear disarmament around the world.
3. The survivors of this attack are known as Hibakusha.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

62. With reference to ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. The concept of Stupa is Buddhist in origin.
2. Stupa was generally a repository of relics.
3. Stupa was a votive and commemorative structure in Buddhist tradition.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

63. By which one of the following Acts was the Governor General of Bengal designated as the Governor General of India?

- (a) Regulating Act
- (b) Pitt's India Act
- (c) Charter Act of 1793
- (d) Charter Act of 1833

64. With reference to the Self-Help Groups, consider the following statements:

1. The SHG Program was originally initiated by the State Bank of India by providing microcredit to the financially deprived.
2. In an SHG, all members of a group take responsibility for a loan that an individual member takes.
3. The Regional Rural Banks and Scheduled Commercial Banks support SHGs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements:

1. In a seismograph, P waves are recorded earlier than S waves.
2. In P waves, the individual particles vibrate to and fro in the direction of waves propagation whereas in S waves, the particles vibrate up and down at right angles to the direction of wave propagation.

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

66. Among the following who are eligible to benefit from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act?

- (a) Adult members of only the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe households.
- (b) Adult members of below poverty line households.
- (c) Adult members of households of all backward communities.
- (d) Adult members of any rural household.

67. With reference to the Scheme for Financial Assistance to States for Capital Investment, consider the following statements:

1. It was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24.

2. It has eight parts where Part III and IV provide incentives to states for reforms in urban planning and urban finance.

3. It also aims to enhance the pace of projects in key sectors such as Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of External Affairs has decided to adopt a Target Range Approach in announcing Export Goals for Financial Year 2023-24.

2. India's new Foreign Trade Policy of 2023 aims to achieve a total export of USD 2 trillion with services and goods exports accounting for a trillion dollars each by 2030.

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

69. In India, which one of the following is responsible for maintaining price stability by controlling inflation?

- (a) Department of Consumer Affairs
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) Expenditure Management Committee
- (d) Financial Stability and Development Council

70. With reference to the Geographical Indication Tags, consider the following statements:

1. At the International level, GI is ruled by the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Property Rights.

2. A registered GI is valid for 8 years.

3. GI tag is issued in India by the Patent Authority of India.

4. Pokkali is a unique saline tolerant rice variety with the GI tag that is cultivated in Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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





88. With reference to the Gandhi-Irwin Pact, consider the following statements:

1. Invitation to Congress to participate in the Round Table Conference.
2. Withdrawal of ordinances promulgated in connection with the Civil Disobedience Movement.
3. Acceptance of Gandhiji's suggestion for enquiry into police excesses.
4. Release of only those prisoners who were not charged with violence.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

89. The Vital-Vidhvansak, the first monthly journal to have the untouchable people as its target audience was published by:

- (a) Gopal Baba Walangkar.  
(b) Jyotiba Phule.  
(c) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.  
(d) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.

90. Which of the following led to the introduction of English Education in India?

1. Charter Act of 1813.
2. General Committee of Public Instruction, 1823.
3. Orientalist and Anglicist Controversy.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

91. With reference to Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), consider the following statements:

1. IOD phenomenon is characterized by a difference in sea surface temperature. between the tropical Western Indian Ocean and the tropical Eastern Pacific Ocean.
2. The IOD phenomenon can influence an El Nino's impact on the monsoon.

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

92. With reference to the World Health Organization (WHO), consider the following statements:

1. WHO signed an agreement with the Government of India to establish WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Ganjam, Odisha.

2. In 2019, the WHO & South-East Asia Region resolved to eliminate Measles and Rubella by 2023.

3. WHO removed India from the list of countries with active endemic wild polio endemic countries in 2012.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

1. Afghanistan became the newest member of SAARC at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual summit in 2005.
2. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the Association are at 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

94. With respect to India-Egypt relations, consider the following statements:

1. The first joint special forces exercise between the Indian Army and the Egyptian Army, 'Exercise Cyclone-I' was completed in January 2023 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
2. India was Egypt's sixth largest trading partner while Egypt was India's 38<sup>th</sup> in 2022-2023.
3. The Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture was established in Cairo in 1992.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

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

95. With respect to River Cauvery, consider the following statements:

1. Shimsa and Kabini are its tributaries.
2. It is the second largest river in Southern India.
3. Cauvery Water Dispute involves Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry.
4. It is often called the Dakshina Ganga or the Ganges of the South.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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



96. Consider the following countries:

1. Georgia
2. Iran
3. Turkey

Which of the countries mentioned above share a border with both Armenia and Azerbaijan?

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

97. Consider the following pairs:

| Wetland/Lake         | Location           |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Hokera Wetland    | – Punjab           |
| 2. Renuka Wetland    | – Himachal Pradesh |
| 3. Rudrasagar Lake   | – Tripura          |
| 4. Sasthamkotta Lake | – Tamil Nadu       |

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

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

98. With reference to Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmer's Right Authority (PPVFRA), consider the following statements:

1. It is an organization responsible for safeguarding the rights of plant breeders and farmers in India.
2. It reviews applications for plant variety registration, conducts examinations, and grants certificates of registration to eligible applicants.

3. The authority does not have the power to revoke or cancel the registration of plant varieties.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

99. Which one of the following has been constituted under the Environment Protection Act of 1986?

- (a) Central Water Commission  
(b) Central Ground Water Board  
(c) Central Ground Water Authority  
(d) National Water Development Agency

100. With respect to Charru Mussel, consider the following statements:

1. It is an invasive species native to the South and Central African Coasts.
2. Mussel is a common name for numerous bivalve mollusks belonging to the marine family *Mytilidae* and to the freshwater family *Unionidae*.
3. Farming of green mussel has become an established commercial practice in India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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