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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. With reference to Microalgae, consider the following statements:

1. Iron can reduce the food production capacity of microalgae.
2. They have higher photosynthetic efficiency than terrestrial plants.
3. They activate a protein called rhodopsin which negatively impacts the marine ecosystems.

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

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

2. Consider the following minerals:

1. Lithium
2. Manganese
3. Nickel
4. Cobalt
5. Zinc
6. Gypsum

How many of the minerals given above are critical as per Critical Mineral Alliance?

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding graphite:

1. USA and Brazil together own half of the world's natural graphite resources.
2. China produces two-third of the world's graphite.
3. India is one of the top ten largest producers of graphite.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

4. Recently, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched India's first Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus. In light of this statement, consider the following:

1. Green Hydrogen is a zero-emission energy source as its only byproduct is water vapour and leaves negligible amount of particulate matter in air.
2. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles take more than an hour to get refuelled whereas traditional vehicles get refuelled in a matter of minutes.

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

5. Consider the following factors:

1. The construction and operation of hydroelectric dam on Madeira River.
2. High water temperature in the northern tropical Atlantic Ocean.

3. El Nino leading to decrease in humidity and reduction in rainfall in the Amazon region.

How many of the factors given above can contribute to severe drought in the Amazon Rainforest?

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

6. Consider the following compounds:

1. Halons
2. Chlorine
3. Bromine
4. Methyl chloroform

How many of the compounds given above are the causes behind Ozone layer depletion?

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

7. Recently, South Lhonak Lake experienced a rupture as a result of continuous rainfall. In light of the statement, consider the following:

1. The lake is located in South Sikkim at an altitude of 5,200 m.

2. It was formed due to the melting of glaciers.

3. It is India's highest and fastest growing glacial lake.

How many of the statements given above are *incorrect* regarding South Lhonak Lake?

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

8. With reference to Ruminant livestock, consider the following statements:

1. It leads to the production of higher reactive nitrogen and methane emissions and utilizes human-inedible biomass.

2. It is one of the major causes behind the anthropogenic climate change.

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

9. Consider the following techniques:

1. Direct Seeded Rice
2. Crop Diversification
3. Application of rice straw to paddy fields
4. Rice Intensification

How many of the techniques given above can be used to mitigate methane emissions from rice cultivation?

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

10. The term 'Wagh Nakh' has been in the news, is related to:
- An efficient army who got paid in cash during Shivaji's rule.
  - A formidable medieval weapon used across Indian subcontinent.
  - Supreme court order to Punjab government to complete Sutlej-Yamuna link canal.
  - Devotional hymns sung in Tamil Nadu's Hindu temples.
11. Consider the following commodities:
- Pulses
  - Fertilizers
  - Petroleum and allied products
  - Cereals
  - Oilseeds
- How many of the commodities given above are included under the Essential Commodities Act?
- Only two
  - Only three
  - Only four
  - All five
12. With reference to Toto Language, consider the following statements:
- It is a critically endangered language as per UNESCO criteria.
  - It is included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
  - It is used by the toto tribes only in Totopara, West Bengal along the border with Bhutan.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
13. Consider the following statements regarding Mission LiFE:
- It was launched by India during UNFCCC's COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh.
  - It was formed to replace the prevalent 'use and dispose' economic model with a sustainable circular economy.
  - It aims to mobilize one billion Indians in other countries to become individuals who practice sustainable lifestyles.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
14. Consider the following statements regarding Gandhiji's image on Indian currency:
- The portrait of Gandhiji visible on Indian banknotes is a cutout of a photograph taken in 1946, where he was standing with British politician Lord Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence.
  - Gandhiji was first featured on Indian currency in 1969 to commemorate his 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.
  - Ashokan Pillar banknote series were fully replaced by a new 'Mahatma Gandhi Series' notes in 1996.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
15. With respect to history of India, consider the following statements:
- Alvars were devotees of Lord Shiva whereas Nayanars were devotees of Lord Vishnu.
  - Alvars emphasised the concept of 'surrender' to attain salvation whereas Nayanars emphasised the path of 'bhakti and love' for the divine.
  - They both composed devotional hymns in Tamil language.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
16. With respect to Medieval India, consider the following pairs:
- | Administrative Terms | Descriptions            |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sar-i-karkun      | A. Head of the province |
| 2. Sar-i-Naubat      | B. Jagir grants         |
| 3. Saranjam          | C. Senapati             |
- How many of the pair(s) given above is/are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
17. With reference to Minimum Support Price (MSP), consider the following factors:
- Inter-crop Price Parity
  - Cost of Production
  - Effect on cost of living
  - International price situation
  - Demand and supply
- How many of the factors given above are considered while determining the MSP?
- Only two
  - Only three
  - Only four
  - All five

18. Consider the following statements regarding Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA):

1. To receive foreign donation in India, applicants need to open a bank account at a specified branch of State Bank of India in New Delhi.
2. The applicant can involve in indirect or direct religious conversion activities to receive foreign donations.
3. The FCRA can prohibits candidates, journalists and media companies from receiving foreign donations but can't prohibit government servants and political organisations.

How many of the statements given above are *incorrect*?

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

19. Consider the following factors:

1. Increase in fuel price
2. Rise in labour cost
3. Weak domestic currency
4. Restriction on imported goods
5. Severe weather events

How many of the factors given above can cause food inflation in India?

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

20. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Bullet Repayment Scheme?

- (a) It is a scheme in which farmers can repay the loan amount at the end of a loan tenure without paying the interest.
- (b) It is a scheme in which the RBI pays bonds' principal amount and interest to the public by end of the financial year.
- (c) It is a scheme in which a borrower repays the total interest and principal amount at the end of a loan tenure.
- (d) It is a scheme in which a borrower pays principal amount monthly and can pay the whole interest at the end of a loan tenure.

21. Consider the following statements:

1. Incremental CRR is an additional requirement imposed by RBI on banks' liabilities to manage excess liquidity.

2. Repo rate is the interest rate set by RBI for short-term loans to commercial and non-commercial banks.

3. The Bank Rate acts as the penal rate charged on banks for shortfalls in meeting their reserve requirements.

How many of the statements given above are correct with respect to the RBI?

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

22. Consider the following statements:

1. The GDP price deflator captures any changes in an economy's consumption or investment patterns whereas CPI can't due to a fixed basket of goods.

2. CPI is used to measure inflation which reflects changes in the consumer's cost of living.

3. GDP Deflator is a better indicator of where the economy stands than CPI.

How many of the statements given above are *incorrect*?

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding GDP:

1. The Output Method eliminates any difference that occurs in GDP measurement due to price fluctuations.

2. GDP calculation based on Income Method is known as Gross Domestic Income.

3. Aggregate demand is equivalent to the GDP expenditure method equation in the long run.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

24. With reference to One District One Product (ODOP), consider the following statements:

1. It was adopted under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme.

2. Sikkim was the first state to launch the concept of ODOP in 2018.

3. There can be more than one cluster of ODOP in one district.

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

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Unity Mall':
1. It was set up to showcase and promote a state's One District One Product, which included GI tag products only.
  2. It draws inspiration from the successful 'Ekta Mall' of Gujarat.
- 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
26. Which one of the following best describes the term 'Ship-to-mouth' situation?
- (a) When a product is imported through a sea route directly to the consumer.  
(b) When a wholesaler directly sells the product to consumers.  
(c) When RBI uses monetary policy instruments to reduce food inflation in a country.  
(d) When government launches a subsidy scheme for the poor people to support their minimum basic requirements.
27. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I:** Today India is one of the largest producers in terms of agricultural commodities in the world.  
**Statement II:** Indian agricultural growth trajectory has been increasing ever since 1950s from being a food deficit to a surplus generating and leading exporting country, particularly in crops like rice and wheat majorly due to Green Revolution.
- 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
28. Consider the following statements regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP):
1. Pulses and Oilseeds are being procured at MSP under the Price Support Scheme.
  2. The government of India fixes MSP for 23 commodities in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, once each year.
3. The same MSP rules are followed for crops across the country.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None
29. Consider the following statements:
1. PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth encourages the balanced use of fertilizers in conjunction with biofertilizers and organic fertilizers.
  2. Due to increase in demand for fertilizer over the past five years, the overall government expenditure on fertilizer has also been increased.
  3. India is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest urea consumer in the world.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are incorrect?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None
30. Consider the following interventions:
1. Awareness generation
  2. Rainwater harvesting
  3. Setting up of Jal Shakti Kendras in some specific districts
  4. Intensive afforestation
  5. Using scientific plan for water conservation
- How many of the above interventions come under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan?
- (a) Only two (b) Only three  
(c) Only four (d) All five
31. Recently, Dhordo in Gujarat has been conferred the prestigious title of Best Tourism Village by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). In light of the above statement, consider the following criteria:
1. Promoting sustainable tourism
  2. Preserving local heritage and culture
  3. Providing affordable tourism services
  4. Providing a safe and welcoming environment
  5. Offering unique experiences
  6. Preventing mining activities for a clean environment
- How many of the above criteria are valid to get the title of Best Tourism Village by UNWTO?
- (a) Only three (b) Only four  
(c) Only five (d) All six



32. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct regarding Spratly Islands?
- The northeastern part of the Spratly Island is known as 'Dangerous Ground' as it is characterized by many sunken reefs.
  - The whole island is made up of coral reefs in the South China Sea.
  - The island is named after the 19<sup>th</sup> Century British whaling captain Richard Spratly.
  - The islands are largely uninhabited but offer rich fishing ground.
33. Consider the following statements regarding Regional Rapid Transit System:
- The corridor will help to reduce the total greenhouse gas emissions.
  - It will result in balanced economic development providing economic benefits to all strata of the society.
  - It is also known as Namoo Bharat, in the National Capital Region, India's first mass rapid system dedicated to regional connectivity.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
34. Recently, global human rights organizations, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have accused the Israeli Defence Forces of using white phosphorous munitions in Gaza and Lebanon. In light of this incident, consider the following statements regarding white phosphorous:
- It is a pyrophoric substance that ignites spontaneously when it comes in contact with air.
  - It is considered as a chemical weapon as per International Humanitarian Law.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
35. Consider the following statements regarding Bathukamma Festival:
- It is a nine day long annual festival of flowers celebrated across Tamil Nadu.
  - The festival coincides with the spring season.
3. The festival begins a week before the Saddula Bathamma which falls two days before Holi.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
36. With reference to Geographical Indications (GI), consider the following statements:
- It is recognized as a part of Intellectual property rights under Paris Convention and TRIPS Agreement.
  - A registered GI is valid for 15 years and can be renewed for a further period.
  - Recently, Goan cashew got GI tag where recognition is hailed as a great opportunity for the cashew industry in the state of Goa.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
37. Consider the following statements regarding Dadasaheb Phalke Award:
- It is the highest honour in Indian Cinema and is presented bi-annually by the Government of India.
  - It was instituted in 1969, and Devika Rani was the first lady of Indian Cinema who received this award.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
38. Recently, Al Ghaidah seen in news, is located in:
- Syria
  - Yemen
  - Oman
  - Saudi Arabia
39. Consider the following conditions:
- Absence of Coriolis Force
  - Small variations in vertical wind speed
  - Upper divergence above the sea level
  - A pre-existing low pressure
- How many of the above conditions are favourable for the formation of tropical cyclone?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - Only three
  - All four

40. With reference to Consumer Food Price Inflation, consider the following statements:

1. It is a sub-component of Consumer Price Index.
2. It focuses on the price changes of food items in a consumer's basket of goods and services exclusively.
3. It does not include dairy products while calculating food inflation.

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

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

41. Consider the following steps:

1. Contractionary monetary policy
2. Increase in Cash Reserve Ratio
3. Decrease in Repo Rate
4. Decrease in the cap of foreign investment

How many of the above steps can be taken by RBI to control inflation in India?

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

42. Which of the following are the limitations of India's GDP calculation methods:

1. It doesn't take into account of goods produced for private consumption.
2. Unequal income distribution doesn't reflect into India's GDP.
3. The standard of living cannot be determined through India's GDP.

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

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

43. Recently, the term 'boto', has been in news, is related to:

- (a) An Amazon River dolphin  
(b) A bio-decomposer found to address stubble burning  
(c) A type of methane emission among livestock  
(d) An endangered species in Himalayas

44. With reference to Pusa-Biodecomposer, consider the following statements:

1. It is a fungi-based solid material that can be mixed with the soil in fields to act as a compost.
2. It takes time to convert crop residues, animal waste and other wastes into organic manure.
3. The fungi thrive at 25-27 degree Celsius.

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

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

45. Consider the following statements regarding Green Credit Program:

1. It is a mandatory program initiated by the government to incentivize certain specific stakeholders in their contribution to environment preservation and sustainable practice.
2. It is a part of LiFE Program for environmentally positive actions.
3. To earn Green Credits, participants need to register their environmental activities through a dedicated website.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

46. With respect to Glacial Lake Outburst Flood, consider the following statements:

1. It is typically caused by the failure of the natural dams that contain lake.
2. It involves gradual release of water, lasting hours to days.
3. The failure of glacier depends on two major factors that are the integrity of dam and the nature of trigger mechanisms.

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

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. Vienna Convention required countries to take concrete actions to control ozone depleting substances.
2. The Kigali Agreement was made in 2016 to phase-down hydro-fluorocarbons.
3. Montreal Protocol is the first treaty to achieve universal ratification by all countries in the world.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

48. Consider the following statements regarding India's future space endeavours:
1. Bharatiya Antariksha Station establishment will be India's indigenous space station.
  2. Gaganyaan Mission, India's first manned spaceflight, will remain in Low Earth Orbit.
- 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
49. Consider the following:
1. Communication
  2. Deep space mission
  3. Cargo mission
  4. Future human spaceflight
- How many of the above will use the Next Generational Launch Vehicle?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                      (d) All four
50. Consider the following indicators:
1. Human Capital and Research
  2. Infrastructure
  3. Knowledge and Technology Output
  4. Market Sophistication
  5. Business Sophistication
- How many of the above indicators are used to measure the Global Innovation Index?
- (a) Only two                      (b) Only three  
(c) Only four                      (d) All five
51. With respect to Asian Games, consider the following statements:
1. India is the founding member of Asian Games and its first game was held in India.
  2. 'Memories of Jiangnan' was the first mascot used for the Asian Games.
  3. Its symbol is the rising sun with interlocking rings.
  4. E-sports and Breakdancing are not part of the Asian Games.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                      (d) All four
52. Recently, the Chhattisgarh Government has granted habitat right to Baiga PVTG. In light of this, consider the following rights:
1. Safeguarding and promoting traditional livelihood.
  2. Passing of ecological knowledge through generations.
  3. Passing of arms and weapons construction knowledge through generations.
  4. Protection and conservation of their natural and cultural heritage.
- How many of the rights given above are provided under the habitat rights?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                      (d) All four
53. Consider the following rivers:
1. Bhima
  2. Ghatprabha
  3. Malprabha
  4. Tungabhadra
  5. Musi
- How many of the rivers given above are the right bank tributaries of Krishna River?
- (a) Only two                      (b) Only three  
(c) Only four                      (d) All five
54. Consider the following paragraph:
- He was honoured as the first World Food Prize Laureate in 1987 and has been conferred with Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. He was also awarded with various international awards including the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Albert Einstein World Science Award, etc.
- Which one of the following personalities is best described in the above paragraph?
- (a) Vinoba Bhave                      (b) Mother Teresa  
(c) MS Swaminathan                      (d) Satyajit Ray
55. Recently, Indian agriculture scientist Dr. Swati Nayak was honoured with the Norman E. Borlaug Award 2023. In light of the above statement, consider the following regarding Sahbhagi Dhan:
1. Dr. Swati Nayak introduced Sahbhagi Dhan, a drought tolerant variety of rice.
  2. The problem with Sahbhagi Dhan is that it cannot be directly transplanted.
  3. It takes around 120-150 days to get matured.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None



56. With reference to India Ageing Report 2023, released by the United Nations Population Fund India and the International Institute for Population Sciences, consider the following statements:

1. India's elderly population is decreasing and will be reaching to 20% of total population by 2050.
2. Women have a higher life expectancy at ages 60 and 80 as compared to men.
3. More than 40% of the elderly population in India are in the poorest wealth quintile.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

57. Consider the following initiatives:

1. Kiran Helpline
2. Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram
3. Yuva Spandana Yojana

How many of the above initiatives are related to Mental Health in India?

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

58. Consider the following statements:

1. Right to marry to one's choice is a constitutional right but not a fundamental right in India.
2. The Special Marriage Act allows people from two different religion to marry each other.

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

59. Match the following terms with their meanings:

Terms	Meanings
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- |                     |                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Child Wasting    | A. Low weight for height           |
| 2. Child Stunting   | B. Child die before 5 years of age |
| 3. Undernourishment | C. Low height for age              |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

60. With respect to POSH Act, consider the following statements:

1. It mandates the Centre to appoint an officer in each state who would play an important role in the implementation of the Act in the state.

2. A district officer is responsible to appoint a nodal officer in rural, tribal and urban areas under the Act.

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

61. With reference to Inter-State Water Disputes Act, consider the following statements:

1. Under the Act, central government can establish ad hoc tribunals to resolve water dispute between states.
2. The decision of central government is final on a water dispute.
3. The government can also set up a Dispute Resolution Committee which has to resolve the issue within six months.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding Environment Impact Assessment (EIA):

1. The origin of EIA as a concept was first brought by Columbia's National Environment Policy Act.
2. It was formulated under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 in India.
3. Under it, both negative and positive impacts of a development project are examined.

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

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

63. Consider the following statements regarding Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal:

1. It aims to facilitate the equitable sharing of Ravi and Beas River water between Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.
2. This canal will solve the flooding problem in Uttarakhand.
3. The canal was formed for Punjab to get its share of water from the Sutlej and its tributary Beas.

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

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

64. Consider the following statements:

1. As per Constitution, Police and Public order come under the State List of Seventh Schedule.
2. The Malimath Committee was established by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2000 to reform India's criminal justice system.
3. Under the Code of Criminal Procedure, police custody cannot be exceeded by 15 days.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

65. Consider the following informations:

1. Can seek answer for a delayed IT refund.
2. Related to funds allotted under the different kinds of relief funds in the country.
3. Enables students to get answer copies from universities.
4. To seek details of an ongoing or completed infrastructure project.

How many of the above information can be sought under Right to Information Act?

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

66. With respect to Central Information Commission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Constitutional body whose members are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee.
2. The commission can order an inquiry into any matter if there are reasonable grounds.
3. The members of the commission are not eligible for reappointment.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

67. India unveiled a global alliance, known as 'International Big Cat Alliance', associated with:

- (a) Developing countries which are economically and socially emerging.  
(b) An alliance to increase the tiger population in their natural habitat.  
(c) Developed countries with more than 100 billion \$ trade every year.  
(d) Protection and conservation of six species of big cats in the world.

68. With respect to invasive alien species, consider the following statements:

1. The International Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services releases an assessment on invasive alien species and their impact on people and biodiversity.
2. Unprecedented increase in biodiversity invasion has contributed to two-thirds of species extinction.
3. The black rat is regarded as one of the world's worst invasive species by the IUCN.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding Sinai Peninsula:

1. It is a triangle shaped peninsula in Egypt.
2. The peninsula is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Red Sea to the south and the Gulf of Aqaba to the west.
3. It includes the Suez Canal which is a man-made waterway.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

70. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding Rafah crossing?

- (a) It is controlled by Palestine and Israel.  
(b) It is the sole crossing point between Israel and Egypt.  
(c) It is also known as Erez crossing because Erez is located in its North.  
(d) It is a sole crossing point between Egypt and Palestine's Gaza Strip.

71. Consider the following statements regarding Biofuel:

1. Fourth generation biofuel is derived from algae in the form of both biodiesel and bio alcohol.
2. First generation biofuel is produced through non-food feedstocks whereas second generation is produced through consumable food items.

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

72. 'Ekuverin', a joint military exercise, is conducted between India and which of the following country?  
 (a) Bhutan (b) Maldives  
 (c) USA (d) Sri Lanka
73. Consider the following:  
 1. Areca nut 2. Barley  
 3. Coffee 4. Finger millet  
 5. Groundnut 6. Sesamum  
 7. Turmeric  
 For how many of the above Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has announced the Minimum Support Price?  
 (a) Only three (b) Only four  
 (c) Only five (d) Only six
74. Which of the following corridors is part of land-based Silk Road Economic Belt under the Belt and Road Initiative?  
 1. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor  
 2. New Eurasia Land Bridge Economic Corridor  
 3. China-Central Asia-Russia Economic Corridor  
 Select the correct option 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
75. Consider the following statements:  
 1. Meridional overturning circulation is a surface water phenomenon where warm water travels from equator to the poles and cold-water travels from poles to equator.  
 2. The ocean ice absorbs more carbon dioxide than the ocean water.  
 3. Increase in water vapour in the stratosphere leads to an enhance in the formation of polar stratospheric clouds due to which chlorofluorocarbons can speed up the ozone depletion.  
 How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?  
 (a) Only one (b) Only two  
 (c) All three (d) None
76. Which one of the following statements is *incorrect* regarding Lagrange Point?  
 (a) It is a position in space where the gravitational forces of two celestial bodies are in equilibrium.  
 (b) At this point, a small body can orbit to the large body with minimum fuel consumption.  
 (c) It is also known as parking spots for spacecrafts.  
 (d) There are five Lagrange points in which three are unstable and two are stable.
77. With respect to Hiroshima AI Process, consider the following statements:  
 1. It will operate in cooperation with international organizations such as Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and Global Partnership on AI.  
 2. It emphasizes on the need to address the challenges and opportunities associated with AI.  
 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
78. Consider the following statements:  
 1. Under Article 239AA, the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi can promulgate an ordinance when the legislative assembly is not in session.  
 2. The Balakrishna Committee was set up to make Delhi a state in 1987.  
 3. The laws made by the Parliament prevail over the laws made by Delhi Legislative Assembly.  
 How many of the statements given above are correct?  
 (a) Only one (b) Only two  
 (c) All three (d) None
79. Consider the following technologies:  
 1. Remote sensing  
 2. Internet of things devices  
 3. Big data analytics  
 4. Artificial intelligence  
 How many of the technologies given above come under Precision Farming?  
 (a) Only one (b) Only two  
 (c) Only three (d) All four
80. Which of the following are the usage of phosphorous?  
 1. Production of fertilizer  
 2. Production of detergent  
 3. Production of steel  
 Select the correct option using the codes given below:  
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

81. With respect to Chabahar port, consider the following statements:
1. It is the only oceanic port of Iran near the Gulf of Oman.
  2. It acts as a counter port to Gwadar port in Pakistan which is being developed with the help of China's investment.
  3. It is about 170 km east of Gwadar port.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None
82. Which one of the following best describes the term 'dehyphenation policy'?
- (a) It means providing funds by developed countries to underdeveloped countries to fight against climate change.
  - (b) It means decreasing money supply by the RBI to tackle inflation.
  - (c) It means to establish a good relationship with neighbouring enemy country.
  - (d) It means to establish a relationship with a country on a standalone basis only.
83. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I:** Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is a composite indicator that tracks the rate of expansion of business and released quarterly by the National Statistical Office.
- Statement II:** Government agencies including Ministry of Finance use the IIP Index for policy making purposes.
- 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
84. With respect to Election Commission of India, consider the following statements:
1. It is a permanent constitutional body established on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1950.
  2. The chief election commissioner is appointed by the President but doesn't hold his office under the pleasure of the president.
  3. The service condition of the chief election commissioner cannot be varied to his disadvantage after his appointment.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) All three                      (d) None
85. Which of the following are the federal features/bodies under the Indian Constitution?
1. Rigidity of constitution
  2. Integrated judiciary
  3. Executive not part of legislature
  4. Inter-state council
  5. NITI Aayog
- Select the correct option using the codes given below:
- (a) 2, 4 and 5 only                      (b) 1, 4 and 5 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 5 only                      (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
86. Recently, the Annual Status of Education Report 2023 was released by NGO, Pratham Education Foundation which draws attention to the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic on primary and middle school education. In light of this, consider the following statements:
1. The enrolment rate for the 6-14 age group has been increased since 2018 with decline in foundational learning.
  2. It confirms that the numerical ability is more hampered than the reading ability due to lack of practice among the primary school children.
  3. It reveals a decrease in private coaching and tuition classes.
  4. For the girls above 15 age, enrolment rates have been increased since 2018.
- How many of the above statements are *incorrect*?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                      (d) All four
87. Consider the following statements regarding mRNA-based vaccines:
1. It is made up of small or inactivated doses of the whole disease-causing organism which is introduced in body to provoke the immune system into mounting a response.
  2. It is fully synthetic and doesn't require a host to grow in human body.
- 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

88. Consider the following health disorders:

1. Kidney disease
2. Heart disease
3. Cancer
4. Fragile bone

How many of the disorders given above are caused by Cadmium in human body?

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

89. With respect to Global Methane Pledge, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched at UNFCCC COP 26 led by USA and European Union.
2. The member countries are committed to work together in order to collectively reduce methane emissions by at least 30% below 2020 levels by 2030.
3. India is a member of this pledge.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

90. Consider the following techniques:

1. Turbo Happy Seeder machine
2. Usage of raw straw as cattle fodder
3. Usage of Bio-decomposer
4. Crop residue management by zero tillage machine

How many of the techniques given above can be used to tackle stubble burning?

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

91. With respect to Anti-defection law, consider the following statements:

1. The law through a Constitutional amendment recognizes 'split' in a legislative party.
2. It allows retail defection, but wholesale defection is not allowed.
3. The members disqualified under the law can stand for elections from any political party for a seat in the same House.
4. The law provides a timeline within which the presiding officer of the House has to decide a defection case.

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

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding the Tribunals:

1. The original Constitution contained provisions related to tribunals.
2. Indian Constitution provides for four types of tribunals.
3. Administrative tribunals are statutory bodies.
4. Administrative tribunals can be established by both Centre and state, while tribunals for other matters are established by Parliament.

How many of the above statements are *incorrect*?

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

93. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** At the commencement of the Constitution, contempt of court was made one of the restrictions on freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 (2).

**Statement II:** Contempt of court seeks to protect judicial institutions from motivated attacks and unwarranted criticism, and act as a legal mechanism to punish those who lower its authority.

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

94. With respect to provisions of Money bill, consider the following statements:

1. Money bill can be introduced only in the lower house and cannot be introduced in the upper house.
2. There is a provision for Joint sitting in case of a deadlock.
3. President can either accept a money bill or return it for reconsideration but cannot reject it.
4. Final decision whether a bill is a money bill or not is decided by the President.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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



95. Consider the following statements with regard to Electoral bonds:
1. Electoral bonds are given to a registered political party which is either a national party or a state party.
  2. Although called bond, the banking instrument resembles promissory notes and don't carry any interest.
- Select the correct option using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
96. With respect to the proposed amendments under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, consider the following statements:
1. The proposed amendment would delist six minerals including Lithium and Niobium from the list of atomic minerals.
  2. It will enable the central government to auction blocks of Lithium, Niobium and REEs for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in India.
  3. It will pave the way for achieving India's commitment towards carbon neutrality by 2070.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are *incorrect*?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 2 and 3 only
97. Consider the following statements:
1. Pursuant to the report of H.N. Sanyal Committee, the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 was passed.
  2. The Constitution of India empowers the Supreme Court and the High Courts to punish for contempt of themselves.
  3. The Constitution of India defines Civil Contempt and Criminal Contempt.
  4. In India, the Parliament is vested with the powers to make laws on Contempt of Court.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                      (d) All four
98. Which one of the following best defines the term 'State'?
- (a) A community of persons permanently occupying a definite territory independent of external control and possessing an organized government.
  - (b) A politically organized people of a definite territory and possessing an authority to govern them, maintain law and order, protect their natural rights and safeguard their means of sustenance.
  - (c) A number of persons who have been living in a definite territory for a very long time with their own culture, tradition and government.
  - (d) A society permanently living in a definite territory with a central authority, an executive responsible to the central authority and an independent judiciary.
99. A Parliamentary System of Government is one in which
- (a) all political parties in the Parliament are represented in the Government
  - (b) the Government is responsible to the Parliament and can be removed by it
  - (c) the Government is elected by the people and can be removed by them
  - (d) the Government is chosen by the Parliament but cannot be removed by it before completion of a fixed term
100. Regarding Money Bill, which of the following statements is *not* correct?
- (a) A bill shall be deemed to be a Money Bill if it contains only provisions relating to imposition, abolition, remission, alteration or regulation of any tax.
  - (b) A Money Bill has provisions for the custody of the Consolidated Fund of India or the Contingency Fund of India.
  - (c) A Money Bill is concerned with the appropriation of money out of the Contingency Fund of India.
  - (d) A Money Bill deals with the regulation of borrowing of money or giving of any guarantee by the Government of India.