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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. Gram Sabha as an institution is explicitly defined by the Constitution.
2. As per the Constitution, gram Sabha in India exists as a legal entity, which can sue as well as be sued.
3. The XIIth Schedule of the Constitution mentions subjects that are to be delegated to the panchayats by the state government.
4. If a Panchayat body gets dissolved before the completion of the term, then elections for the same has to be conducted within 6 months of dissolution.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: India is the first country to provide to its citizens with three foundational Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) of digital identity, account aggregator, real time payments.

Statement II: India STACK, the fundamental DPI of India, consists of Aadhar KYC, Digi locker and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI):

1. It is a 29 membered grouping with India being a founder member.
2. The 2023 summit in Delhi was its fourth summit, the previous three being at Montreal, Paris and Tokyo.
3. Currently, India holds the chair position of the grouping.
4. It aims to facilitate research and practice of AI in cooperation with the private sector.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding Cyclone Freddy:

1. It developed in the Western Indian Ocean.
2. It is considered to be the longest-lived tropical cyclone recorded until now.
3. It followed a Zig-Zag pattern, making landfall thrice during its lifetime.
4. It had seven phases of rapid intensification and generated the highest amount of wind energy by a tropical cyclone up-till now.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements regarding Methane:

1. It has a higher Greenhouse gas potential than carbon dioxide.
2. It is considered as a short-lived chemical pollutant.
3. Methane is the first non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gas that is targeted for reduction.
4. It was regarded as an 'Ignored pollutant' by the sixth Assessment report of IPCC.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

6. When Vasco Da Gama landed at the coast of Calicut in 1498, which of the following dynasties were ruling Delhi at that time:

- (a) Khilji Dynasty (b) Tughlaq dynasty
(c) Lodhi dynasty (d) Sur Dynasty

7. Consider the following pairs of Indian cities selected in the list of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) along with their category of inclusion:

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| 1. Jaipur | – | Crafts and folk arts |
| 2. Hyderabad | – | Gastronomy |
| 3. Mumbai | – | Media arts |
| 4. Varanasi | – | Literature |
| 5. Chennai | – | Film |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding Birsa Munda:

1. Commonly known as 'Dharti Abba', he started a new faith Birsait.
2. He established an independent 'Munda Raj' in 1895.
3. His anniversary is declared as the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' by the state government of Jharkhand.
4. He is the only tribal leader to have his portrait in the Parliament building.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

9. Consider the following pairs of traditional new year celebrations with their associated states:

1. Vaisakhi – Punjab
2. Gudi Padwa – Maharashtra
3. Navreh – Manipur
4. Bestu Varsh – Gujarat
5. Poila Baisakh – Telangana

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

10. With reference to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, consider the following statements:

1. Through his magazine, *Al-hilal*, he critiqued the politics of Muslim league.
2. In 1924, he was elected as the president of INC, he was the youngest congress president at that time.
3. Post independence, he was the first minister to hold the portfolio of social justice and equality.

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

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

11. Recently, Reserve Bank of India has increased the risk weightage on unsecured loans in India. In light of this, consider the following situations:

1. Increased inflation in the market.
2. Increased interest rates for loans against property.
3. Decreased Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR) for banks.
4. Increased interest rate on credit card spending, if defaulted.

Which of the above situations could be the implications of such a move by the Reserve Bank?

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

12. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Banks having a higher incidence of loan defaults are expected to have imposition of a higher Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) by the central bank.

Statement II: Higher the CAR of a bank, it becomes difficult for the bank to dispense unsecured loans.

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

13. In recent times, many economic jurisdictions had emerged as Tax havens. Of the following characteristics given below, which *cannot* be considered necessarily to be a feature of tax haven countries?

- (a) Reduced corporate tax rates
(b) Laxity in environmental regulations
(c) Lack of local presence requirement
(d) Minimal reporting obligations

14. Consider the following statements regarding the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in India:

Statement I: The personal guarantors for a firm undergoing Insolvency proceedings are not included in the Committee of Creditors.

Statement II: IBC deals with secured debt only.

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India:
1. WPI, in India, is calculated by National Statistical Office (NSO) on a weekly basis.
 2. It doesn't include commodities like telecom, transport and logistics.
 3. Base year for calculation of WPI in India is 2011-12.
 4. More than quarter of weightage for WPI calculation is taken into account by food articles.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
16. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Capability Approach':
- Statement I:** The capability approach proposed by Nobel laureate Amartya Sen adjudges economic deprivation as the root of social inequality.
- Statement II:** Command over commodities was taken as central to make one capable of making choices.
- 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
17. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I:** Marginal productivity of labor in cases of disguised employment, as seen in Indian agricultural sector, is negligible, zero or even negative.
- Statement II:** Marginal productivity of labor refers to the quantum of output generated per unit of labor.
- 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
18. In light of Premature deindustrialization and decreasing labour productivity in primary sector, the 'Lewis Model' of growth has been debated in India. Consider the following statements in reference to the said model:
1. It aims at elevating the value addition in India's agricultural sector.
 2. 'Capital and Natural Resources' are considered the only limiting factors in the implementation of this model.
 3. This model was employed in China in the 1970s.
 4. The success of this model critically depends on matching the subsistence wages with the additional output produced.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four
19. Consider the following statements regarding Monsoon Impact Index:
1. It is released by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and evaluates the impact of rainfall distribution on the Indian economy.
 2. It evaluates all the Indian states based on parameters - share in total food grain production, and deviation from normal rainfall.
 3. Higher the index, higher is the impact of monsoon on the economy.
- How many of the statement(s) given above is/are *not* correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
20. Which one of the following statements *cannot* be considered as an activity of Tax evasion?
- (a) Selling commodities without applying the Goods and Service tax on their values.
(b) Claiming deductions on account of paid-up rent, on a property owned by the parents of the spouse.
(c) Underpricing of property on the sale deed.
(d) Non-reporting of bonuses received by the employees in form of cash payment.

21. Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) as a framework for tackling cross border Tax evasion was institutionalized by:
- International Monetary Fund
 - G20 grouping
 - Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
 - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
22. Consider the following statements regarding Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme in India:
- Subsidy for all types of fertilizers is determined based on their nutrient content.
 - Maximum Retail Prices (MRP) of fertilizers is fixed by the central government.
 - The centre pays a flat subsidy on per tonne basis to the Farmers.
- How many of the above statements are **not** correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
23. The Northwestern regions of India received unusual rains due to western disturbances leading to large scale floods in the region. This had further jeopardised India's self-sufficiency in edible oil. In light of this, crop of which one of the following oilseeds is most likely to have taken a hit?
- Groundnut
 - Rapeseed
 - Sesame
 - Coconut
24. The wholesale prices in India had undergone a period of deflation. This signifies:
- Slowing down of the rate of price rise on commodities.
 - Reduction in the price of commodities.
 - Rapid increase in the prices of commodities.
 - Stagnation in the prices of commodities.
25. Consider the following statements regarding Dust Storms:
- Arid regions have a higher propensity for the incidence of sand storms.
 - Of the anthropogenic reasons, agriculture is the most prominent contributing factor to their increased incidence.
 - As of now, there is no policy measures to address the problems of sand storms.
 - Lower the air temperatures, higher the incidence of sand storms.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
26. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I:** Epiphytes or air plants are generally found in the tropical evergreen rainforests.
- Statement II:** The rainforest soils are poor in nutrient supply.
- 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
27. Consider the following regions:
- Brahmaputra valley regions of Meghalaya and Assam.
 - Eastern slopes of the Western Ghats in Kerala.
 - Garhwal region of Uttarakhand.
 - Eastern Ghat region in Andhra Pradesh.
 - Great Nicobar Island in the UT of Andaman and Nicobar.
- In how many of the above regions in India one can find tropical wet evergreen ecosystem?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All five
28. *Protonibea Diacanthus*, the black-spotted croaker, also called Ghol Fish is primarily found in the Indo-Pacific region. This near-threatened fish is coveted for its high market value. It Is recently recognized as state fish of which of the following states?
- Maharashtra
 - Gujarat
 - Tamil Nadu
 - West Bengal

29. Consider the following statements regarding Sea Buckthorn:
1. It is a berry shrub exclusively grown in Himalayan region above the tree line.
 2. The shrub has a broad temperature tolerance range and can withstand both extremes of cold and hot temperatures.
 3. Locally known as 'Raktsey Khubani', it is given the tag of wonder plant for its wide applications.
 4. Rich in antioxidants like Vitamin C and other carotenoids, it is widely used in cosmetic industry.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
30. Which one of the following statements explains the practice of 'Vatakkiruttal' as mentioned in the Sangam poets?
- (a) Kings employing women bodyguards.
 - (b) Learned persons assembling in royal courts to discuss religious and philosophical matters.
 - (c) Young girls keeping watch over agricultural fields and driving away birds and animals.
 - (d) A king defeated in battle committing ritual suicide by starving himself to death.
31. Consider the following statements regarding Ajanta caves:
1. The construction of the cave started during the Satvahana period.
 2. It is located on the banks of Waghora river, which is a tributary of the Narmada.
 3. The site has caves attributed to the Shaivism and Jainism along with Buddhism.
 4. The famous image of Buddha's *Parnirvana*, surrounded by figures in mourning is depicted at this site.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
32. Consider the following anti-TB drugs:
1. Bedaquiline 2. Isoniazid
 3. Rifampicin 4. Delamanid
- Multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB do not respond to which of the above-mentioned anti-TB drugs?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above
33. Arrange the following Sun temples from North to South direction:
1. Surya Narayana temple, Arsavalli
 2. Suryanar Kovil
 3. Konark sun temple
 4. Martand Sun Temple
 5. Modhera Sun temple
- Select the correct option using the codes given below:
- (a) 4 – 3 – 5 – 2 – 1
(b) 4 – 5 – 3 – 2 – 1
(c) 4 – 5 – 3 – 1 – 2
(d) 5 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 1
34. Which of the following dances of India is **not** included in the UNESCO's list of intangible heritage:
- (a) Chhau (b) Kalbelia
 - (c) Sankirtana (d) Dandiya
35. The Palestinian political armed group Hamas has been engaged in an ongoing conflict since 2023 with Israel being dubbed as "Beginning of Third Intifada". Which among the following areas is the major region in which most of the fighting has been taking place?
- (a) Sinai Peninsula (b) Gaza Strip
 - (c) Golan Heights (d) Negev Desert
36. The discord between Jewish and Arab communities and the two-state partition plan has been a reality in the Israel-Palestine region of today. In light of this, consider the following crucial events related to the formation of Israel and the ongoing conflict ever since:
1. Israel's Declaration of Independence.
 2. UN resolution for partition of Palestinian territories under UK mandate.
 3. Yom Kippur War between Israel and Arabs led by Egypt and Syria.
 4. UN resolution 242 calling for Israel to withdraw from occupied territories.
 5. Six-Day War between Israel and Egypt, Syria and Jordan.
- Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the events given above?
- (a) 5-1-2-4-3
(b) 2-1-5-4-3
(c) 1-2-5-4-3
(d) 1-2-3-4-5

37. In the current geopolitical scenario there has been a resurgence in the use of the term 'Brandt line'. What does this signify?
- Imaginary line running through the Urals and the Caspian separating Asia from Europe.
 - Trade line separating regions of heavy maritime traffic below the Mediterranean from the cold waters with low maritime traffic.
 - Imaginary line separating the developed countries from the developing and least developed countries.
 - Line drawn by mutual consent of Spain and Portugal in the medieval times to divide the colonial world.
38. In the wake of military coup in Myanmar, the Northeastern states of India bordering Myanmar have faced an incoming refugee crisis. In light of this, which of the following Indian states does **not** share a boundary with Myanmar?
- Tripura
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Manipur
 - Mizoram
39. With reference to India's handling of refugees, consider the following statements:
- Statement I:** The Foreigners tribunals, to determine whether a person is a foreigner or not, can be constituted by the central government or a competitive authority assigned by the central government for this purpose only.
- Statement II:** The power to deport any illegal foreign migrant from the territory of India constitutionally rests with the central government.
- 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
40. Which one of the following East European countries was earlier a participant to Warsaw Pact and now is a member of US led North Atlantic Treaty Organisation?
- Ukraine
 - Czechoslovakia
 - Austria
 - Poland
41. With reference to North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), consider the following statements:
- It is headquartered at Paris, France.
 - Section 5 of the NATO treaty, which considers an attack on one country as a collective attack on all the members, has been invoked only once.
 - NATO's protection to its members also extends to their civil wars and internal coups.
 - A NATO member country is necessarily part of the joint Military Command structure of NATO.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
42. Consider the following statements regarding Gulf of Aqaba:
- It lies west of the Sinai Peninsula and is a sea-level canal on the southern end of deep-sea transform fault system.
 - It joins the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea and can act as an alternative to the Suez Canal.
 - The coastline of Gulf of Aqaba is shared by four countries namely Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon.
- How many of the above statements are **not** correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
43. Regarding the Ethics Committee of the Parliament, consider the following statements:
- The Ethics committee consist of 22 members and is common to both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
 - The members of ethics committee are elected from amongst the members of the respective Houses.
 - The ethics committee can *de novo* initiate proceedings against any member of the House.
 - Like Committee on Privileges of the Parliament, ethics committee can also act against the non-MPs for acts of misconduct related to parliament.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four

50. Consider the following statements regarding Article 16 of the Constitution:

1. For appointment to the private employment, no citizen can be discriminated on the basis of residence.
2. Prescription for place of residence as a precondition for public employment can only be done through parliamentary legislation.
3. State government is empowered to provide for reservations to backward classes in the legislatures if they are not adequately represented in the state.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

51. With reference to Financial Action Task Force (FATF), consider the following statements:

1. Countries along with institutions can obtain observer status in FATF.
2. India is one of the founding members of FATF.
3. FATF Secretariat is located at the OECD headquarters in New York.
4. FATF works towards countering the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

52. Consider the following positions in a state:

1. Cabinet ministers of a state
2. Chief Information Commissioner of a state
3. High Court Judges of a state
4. Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission
5. Chairman of the State Public Service Commission

How many of the above can be removed from their position by the Governor of a state?

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

53. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: In cases related to mercy petition of death sentences, the Pardoning power of the President is not subjected to judicial review.

Statement II: Pardoning power of the President is one of its executive powers.

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

54. Consider the following statements:

1. Once a bill passes by the State Legislature is presented to the Governor for assent, he has to take action on it within a specified time.
2. If a Governor chooses to return a bill passed by the State Legislature, it is mandated on him to mention reason for the same.
3. Once the legislature re-passes the returned bill, with or without amendments, the Governor has no choice but to grant consent to the bill.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following cases related to state bills:

1. In opposition to Directive Principles of State Policies
2. Ultra-Vires to the Constitution
3. Counters to federal principles of Indian polity
4. Threatens the position of state high court
5. Counters any law made by the Parliament

In how many of the above cases it becomes obligatory on the Governor to reserve bill for consideration of the President?

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

56. With reference to Universal Basic Income (UBI), consider the following situations:

1. Higher money supply
2. Increased savings by the citizens
3. Reduced unemployment
4. Increased demand for the commodities

How many of the above situations can be caused by the roll out of UBI in a developing economy?

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

57. Consider the following statements with respect to a rare metal, Tantalum:

1. India is fully import-dependent country for Tantalum.
2. It is a part of critical mineral list of the Ministry of Mines.
3. Tantalum capacitors have a higher energy density than currently used substitutes.
4. It is a highly corrosive and reactive substance.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Supernova explosion':

1. It can create a black hole.
2. It is the primary source of heavy elements in the universe.
3. Nebula is a state taken by a star before a supernova event.
4. Gamma rays are emitted during supernova explosions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

59. Under Section 3 of the Indian Patent Act, certain subject matter is deemed as non-patentable. In light of this statement, consider the following:

1. A method for genetically modifying a plant to be resistant to pests
2. An invention related to the cloning of humans
3. Grandmaster's strategy of playing chess
4. Novel Surgical methods published by a reputed medical journal

How many of the above are excluded from being patentable under the Indian Patent Act?

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

60. Consider the following diseases:

1. Zika
2. Filariasis
3. Japanese Encephalitis
4. Ebola
5. Kala-azar

How many of the above diseases are included in the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme?

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

61. Consider the following statements regarding Gamma rays:

1. They are a form of electromagnetic radiation with the shortest wavelength and highest energy.
2. They can be used in medical imaging, cancer treatment, and sterilization processes.
3. They are only released by radioactive decay of unstable atomic nuclei and the Sun.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

62. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Solar activity, including flares and sunspot cycles can affect global communication and navigation systems.

Statement II: The ionosphere, found in the Earth's upper atmosphere, impacts radio wave propagation due to ionized particles.

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

70. Consider the following statements with respect to organ transplant in India:
1. There is an upper age limit of 65 years for organ recipients in India.
 2. Commercial dealing of organs is prohibited, but voluntary donations to any person is allowed in India.
 3. Teenagers are not allowed to donate organs in India.
 4. Women are the majority donors of organ in India.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
71. Consider the following statements with respect to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT):
1. It is administered by the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of WTO.
 2. Single application of filing patent has a legal effect in all PCT countries.
- 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. With reference to 'Aralkum' desert, consider the following statements:
1. It is the world's youngest desert and is considered to be entirely man-made.
 2. It traverses the border region of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
 3. Black Bizzard dust storm that is a reason behind dwindling number of Penguins in Antarctica, is generated from this region.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
73. These clouds often form at the boundary of a warm front where warm and moist air is forced up over cold air. This movement produces clouds as the moist air is cooled across the entire front. The presence of these clouds usually means a chilly, overcast day. If precipitation falls from these clouds, it is usually in the form of drizzle or light snow.
- Which among the following clouds is discussed in the above paragraph?
- (a) Cirrus clouds
(b) Cumulous Nimbus clouds
(c) Stratus clouds
(d) Altocumulus clouds
74. Consider the following statements with respect to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) under Battery Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2023:
1. Producers must ensure the introduction of recycling or refurbishing of batteries in the market and the batteries, they use themselves.
 2. The Central Pollution Control Board is regulating EPR.
- 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
75. Consider the following statement regarding PM Vishwakarma Scheme:
1. It is a Central Sector Scheme that is fully funded by the Government of India.
 2. The scheme will provide support for low-paid gig workers to start a small business of their own.
 3. Under the scheme, a loan of up to 3 lakh Rupees will be given to the trainee.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
76. Consider the following statements regarding Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act:
1. It provides the definition for Transgender persons.
 2. It provides for the right of self-determination, explicitly to the transgender person.
 3. It provides for the right to residence to transgender.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
77. Which one of the following best describes the five interlaced rings of equal dimensions called the Olympic rings, used alone, in one or in five different colours as Olympic Symbol?
- (a) The five Greek city states where Olympic originated
(b) The union of five continents of the world
(c) The pantheon of Greek gods of Mount Olympus
(d) The union of five mystical elements of the universe

78. Recently, a footballer Lionel Messi won the prestigious Ballon d'Or for a record of eighth time. Which one of the following presents this prestigious award?
- (a) Federation Internationale de Football Association
(b) Union of European Football Associations
(c) Federation Francaise de Football
(d) France Football
79. The special force exercise Vajra Prahar 2023 that kicked off in Umroi, Meghalaya is a joint exercise of the special force contingent of India and which of the following countries?
- (a) United States (b) Bangladesh
(c) Thailand (d) France
80. Kolkali, a dance form involving performers with small sticks while dancing in a circle, is a folk-art form of which of the following states?
- (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Kerala
81. Which one of the following compounds is known as 'poisoner's poison' for being tasteless and odourless, and effect slowly which can confuse a victim with natural illness?
- (a) Cyanide (b) Thallium
(c) Ketamine (d) Arsenic
82. Consider the following countries:
- Russia
 - Japan
 - United Kingdom
 - France
 - Australia
- With how many of the above countries India share a 2+2 dialogue?
- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(c) Only four (d) All five
83. Consider the following pairs of proxy groups and the base country for their operations:
- | Group | Country of operations |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Houthi Rebels | – Yemen |
| 2. Hezbollah | – Israel |
| 3. Hamas | – Iraq |
| 4. Islamic State Khorasan | – Afghanistan |
- How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
84. With reference to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), consider the following statements:
- Headquartered at Hague, Netherlands is one of the six principal organs of the UN.
 - It was established under the Hague Convention of the Hague Peace Conference.
 - Only states who are UN members, and private parties such as NGOs, corporate bodies, and individuals based in those states can act as parties in ICJ.
 - The decrees of ICJ are binding in nature.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four
85. In the context of modern scientific research, consider the following statements about 'IceCube', a particle detector located at South Pole:
- It is the world's largest neutrino detector, encompassing a cubic kilometre of ice.
 - It is a powerful telescope to search for dark matter.
 - It is buried deep in the ice.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
86. Consider the following statements with respect to Cyprus:
- Cyprus and Türkiye don't share a common land border.
 - The country of Cyprus is divided into a Türkiye controlled part and another part controlled by internationally recognised government of Cyprus.
 - Cyprus is a member of the European Union.
 - Cyprus is designated as Notified Jurisdictional Area by India which affects taxation on payments to entities in Cyprus.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

87. With reference to PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri – Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan), consider the following statements:
1. The Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.
 2. It aims to provide clean energy to farmers through subsidized installation of solar agricultural pumps.
 3. Subsidy of 40% and loan amount of 50% for buying solar pumps will be made available to farmers.
 4. The subsidy amount is to be shared by the Central and state governments.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
88. Consider the following National Missions:
1. National Solar Mission
 2. National Mission for a Green India
 3. National Hydrogen Mission
 4. National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture
 5. National Mission for Clean Ganga
- Which of the above National Missions are included as the core of National Action Plan on Climate Change?
- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(c) Only four (d) All five
89. Arrange the following volcanoes from west to east direction:
1. Mount Fuji
 2. Mount Nisyros
 3. Mount Etna
 4. Mount Krakatoa
- Select the correct option using the codes given below:
- (a) 3 – 1 – 2 – 4 (b) 2 – 4 – 3 – 1
(c) 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 (d) 2 – 3 – 4 – 1
90. During a seismic event, a seismograph located at Station X, recorded the arrival of two types of seismic waves: the first set of waves arrived faster, causing the ground to compress and expand, and the second set arrived slightly later, caused a side-to-side shaking motion. Which one of the following best describes the seismic waves represented by first and second sets in the above event?
- (a) First set: P-wave, Second set: S-wave
(b) First set: S-wave, Second set: P-wave
(c) First set: Love wave, Second set: Rayleigh wave
(d) First set: Rayleigh wave, Second set: Love wave
91. Consider the following statements regarding volcanic eruptions in India:
1. Deccan traps of peninsular India is an example of flood basalt province.
 2. Barren Island is only volcanic Island of India.
 3. Indian ocean is devoid of mid ocean ridge volcanoes.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
92. Arrange the following greenhouse gases from lowest to highest greenhouse gas emission potential:
1. Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
 2. Methane (CH₄)
 3. Nitrous oxide (N₂O)
 4. Sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆)
- Select the correct option using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 (b) 2 – 3 – 1 – 4
(c) 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 (d) 2 – 3 – 4 – 1
93. Which one of the following statements best describes the term ‘Doctrine of Coverture’ on which Section 497n of IPC is based?
- (a) Female gender, being a protectorate of father before marriage and of her husband after her marriage.
(b) Sexual relation between husband and wife is a personal sphere where law cannot interfere.
(c) The relation of male to female is a relation of superior and inferior by nature.
(d) A women legal identity is being merged with that of husband after marriage.
94. Consider the following statements regarding declaration of any organisation or institute as ‘unlawful’:
1. The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) provides an explicit definition for an unlawful organisation.
 2. Only those organisations indulging in violent acts, endangering the sovereignty and integrity of India can be declared unlawful under the UAPA.
 3. Once the organisation is declared ‘unlawful’, it also leads to criminalisation of its membership.
 4. Once declared ‘unlawful’ by the central government, the organisation cannot recourse to the judiciary for revocation for the same.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four

95. Recently in the news, '5T initiative' for good governance is launched by which of the following states?
 (a) West Bengal (b) Odisha
 (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Kerala
96. Which one of the following best describes the term 'Earthquake Swarms'?
 (a) Repeated occurrence of low magnitude earthquakes in quick succession.
 (b) Earthquake effect being observed far away from the focus point rather than on the epicentre.
 (c) A high magnitude sea floor earthquake initiating Tsunami.
 (d) Earthquake beneath the volcano base leading to expulsion of magma.
97. Which one of the following jurisdictions have introduced the 'Deepfake Taskforce Act' to tackle the menace of deepfakes?
 (a) China (b) European Union
 (c) USA (d) Japan
98. Consider the following statements regarding Mian Tansen:
 1. Born in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, he was one of the navratnis in the court of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan.
 2. He was given the title of Tansen by Raja Vikramjit of Gwalior.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
99. Consider the following statements regarding child adoption in India:
 1. Under the Juvenile Justice Act, District Magistrate is the nodal officer for adoption process in a district.
 2. Every child who gets adopted under Indian laws is entitled to the same rights as that would have been for the biological child of the couple.
 3. Adoption is not possible for single parent families under the current legal scheme of things.
 4. Child Adoption and Resource Agency, a statutory body under Ministry of Social Justice is the nodal body for regulating adoption process in India.
- How many of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
 (a) Only one (b) Only two
 (c) Only three (d) All four
100. Consider the following languages:
 1. Bodo 2. Santhali
 3. Tulu 4. Dogri
- How many of the above languages are not included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?
 (a) Only one (b) Only two
 (c) Only three (d) All four



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