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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.
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  - (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:

**Statement I:** The Indian Constitution, as under Article 368, can only be amended via a bill passed through a special majority by both houses of the Parliament.

**Statement II:** The basic structure doctrine is the only limitation to the constitutional amending power of the parliament.

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

2. With reference to 128<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Bill, consider the following statements:

- 1. It seeks to reserve one-third of seats in the Parliament for women.
- 2. In state assemblies only those seats which are directly elected are to be reserved for women.
- 3. For this bill to be implemented, it needs to be ratified by at least 50% of the state assemblies, via a simple majority.
- 4. The reservation via this act will be over and above the existing reservations in legislative assemblies provided to SCs and STs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** In India, minority status of Religious and Linguistic communities is state dependent.

**Statement II:** Both Religious and Linguistic minorities under Article 30 of the Indian Constitution have the right to establish educational institutions of their choice.

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

4. In light of the recent developments regarding the naming of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. In the original draft constitution, as drafted by the drafting committee, under Article 1 only the name 'India' was used.
- 2. Under the current constitutional and legal scheme of things, both 'India' and 'Bharat' can be used interchangeably.
- 3. At the United Nations, India is officially named as 'Democratic Republic of India'.
- 4. For the purpose of Diplomatic and Foreign relations, the name of the country needs to be necessarily mentioned as India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements regarding National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG):

- 1. It is the implementing agency for Namami Gange project and is headed by the Prime Minister.
- 2. Recently Namami Gange Project was recognized by United Nations as one of the 10 flagship programmes of conservation.
- 3. The Clean Ganga fund under NMCG is managed by a trust headed by Minister of Jal Shakti.
- 4. It also works as the implementation arm of statutory body National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

6. Arrange the following tributaries of River Ganga as they join the main stream of the river from East to West:

- 1. Son
- 2. Mahananda
- 3. Gomti
- 4. Ghaghra
- 5. Gandak

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

- (a) 2 – 1 – 5 – 3 – 4
- (b) 1 – 5 – 2 – 4 – 3
- (c) 2 – 5 – 3 – 1 – 4
- (d) 2 – 5 – 1 – 4 – 3

7. Recently, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was granted deemed-to-be-university status. In the light of this development, consider the following statements regarding universities in India:

- 1. While Universities are established and recognized via an independent legislative act, deemed

universities are recognized under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

2. Both deemed-to-be and state universities can give accreditation to colleges outside their own campuses, to conduct courses as per their curriculum.
3. While a university can grant its own degrees, a Deemed-to-be university cannot grant its own degrees.
4. Doctoral and post-doctoral courses can only be conducted via a university, a deemed-to-be university is not authorized to conduct doctoral courses.

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

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

8. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** During the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the evil practice of Sati was more prevalent in Eastern India, that is in areas of Bengal and Assam.

**Statement II:** According to the *Dayabhaga* school of Hindu law, a widow has the right to succeed her husband's share of family property in the case of the latter, dying issueless.

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

9. Mr. X, who was a citizen of India and a practicing Hindu, died without leaving a living will at the age of 55 in 2004. However, recently in November 2023, his son Mr. A received several lawsuits regarding the share of Mr. X's property from various suitors, claiming that Mr. A had unlawfully usurped the whole of Mr. X's property to himself. The persons who had filed lawsuits are:

1. Mr. A's sister, who claims that she was not consulted when the division of property was done three years after Mr. X's death in 2007.
2. A man born in early 2005, who recently turned 18, claiming to be the child of Mr. X, born out of one of the relations of Mr. X outside wedlock.

3. A child born out of an earlier marriage of Mr. X in 1992, where the woman was later found to be of age less than legal age of marriage, and later she chose to get the marriage annulled, once she turned off the marriageable age.
4. A child born in 1986, out of another marriage of Mr. X which he performed while his first wife was alive, healthy and had yet not divorced Mr. X.

Of the above lawsuits, whose claims have to be entertained by Mr. A. Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 4 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All the four claims  
(d) Mr. A doesn't need to entertain any claims.

10. Recently the term '*Laïcité*', seen in news, is related to:

- (a) State of a diplomatic winter between two nations at war  
(b) Principle of secularism as followed by the French republic  
(c) Stalemate at the United Nations in case of simultaneous use of veto at the UNSC  
(d) Meeting of the sherpas of the heads of sovereign States, before the official summit dialogue could begin

11. As against the Western concept of Secularism, India chooses to develop its own school of secularism, which is often called the Positive school. In this the government could strive to take steps for the equitable development and propagation of various religions. Keeping this in mind, consider the following cases:

1. Government spending taxpayers' money on the development of a religious shrine.
2. State government implementing cess, proceeds of which are to be diverted to the propagation of the dominant religion of the country.
3. Banning certain rituals, which are in contravention of public health at large.
4. Aiding educational institutions established by minority communities and where the curriculum is based on religious teachings.

How many of the above cases can be taken as the contravention to the Indian school of Secularism?

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

12. With regard to Preamble of the Indian Constitution, consider the following words:

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Republic   | 2. Socialist  |
| 3. Fraternity | 4. Democratic |
| 5. Integrity  |               |

How many of the above words were **not** part of the original preamble as promulgated in 1950?

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

13. Consider the following qualifications with respect to contesting elections for the membership of legislative assembly:

- Should not be less than 30 years of age.
- Should be an elector from the concerned state, whose legislative assembly's membership he/she ought to be.
- Should be at least literate, having a matriculation or an equivalent certificate from an education board recognized by government of India.
- Should not be a member of any House of the Parliament at the time of acceding to the office.

How many of the above qualifications are minimum as per the Indian Constitution?

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

14. Consider the following statements:

- The Right to Information (Amendment) Act of 2019 fixes the tenure of Information commissioners.
- The salaries and allowances of Information commissioners are equivalent to election commissioners and of Chief Information commissioners to Chief election commissioners.
- An outgoing Information Commissioner is not eligible for reappointment, except for being appointed as Chief Information Commissioner.
- For the removal of Chief Information Commissioner or any other Information Commissioner by the President, he/she necessarily needs to refer the matter to Supreme Court for an enquiry.

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

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

15. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Under the Right to Information Act, no information related to national security, foreign relations etc can be divulged into public domain.

**Statement II:** Restrictions under Right to Information Act are similar to those imposed Constitutionally to Freedom of Speech and Expression under Article 19.

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

16. With reference to the conflict between Right to Privacy and Right to Information, consider the following statements:

- Under the Right to Information Act, personal information of public servants including judges can be divulged in case if it serves the larger public interest.
- To matters relating to divulgence of information in public domain the decision of Chief Information Commissioner is final and binding.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

17. Consider the following statements regarding the provision of reservation of seats in the panchayats:

- Women reservation in Panchayats cannot exceed more than 50% of the total seats.
- The provision of reservation for backward classes in Panchayats is a voluntary provision and is determined by the state government.
- For Panchayats established via the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, half of the seats at all levels are to be reserved for the scheduled tribes.
- Reservation of chairperson seat for both SCs/STs and women is a voluntary provision and is to be determined by the state government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18. Recently the term 'triple test formula', seen in news, is related to:
- Selection and implementation of language for being taught at schools as per the West Bengal government's education policy.
  - Reservation of constituencies for women as per the 128<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment bill.
  - Determining the reservation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
  - Road suitability of four wheelers under Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP)
19. Consider the following statements regarding the disaster management framework in India:
- According to the current framework, local bodies are the primary responders in the event of disaster occurrence for relief purposes.
  - National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) is the primary contingency fund for utilization in disaster relief and rehabilitation.
  - National Disaster Management Authority formed under Disaster Management Act 2005 is headed by the Prime Minister.
  - NDRF provides disaster relief funds through the State Disaster Response Fund.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - Only three
  - All four
20. Consider a scenario in which a disaster-prone state in India has been struck with a natural calamity classified as 'severe' in nature by the Central government. In this regard, which of the following concessions the state would be entitled to get:
- Additional supplementation of State Disaster Relief Fund through the National Disaster Relief Fund.
  - State becomes eligible for additional assistance via National Climate Contingency Fund (NCCF).
  - A Climate relief fund can be set up with corpus entirely contributed by the centre.
  - Additional personnel of National Disaster Response Force can be deployed in the affected region for prolonged period.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - Only three
  - All four
21. The scheme 'PM-WANI', seen in news, is aimed at:
- Rapid translation of government orders in various languages used across the country.
  - Provisioning of digital communication infrastructure in government schools.
  - Aligning high school syllabus across the country to inculcate stories from India's glorious past.
  - Providing affordable and convenient option for internet access via open broadband.
22. Consider the following statements regarding Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI):
- INDIA STACK which includes Aadhar, KYC, Digi locker and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is a part of India's DPI.
  - India is the first country to provide to its citizens three foundational DPIs – digital identity, account aggregator and real time payments.
  - In India, DPIs are not focused at providing complete solutions.
  - Earlier technologies of HTML, SQL and HTTP are also a form of DPIs.
- Which of the statement(s) given above are correct?
- 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 2, 3 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
23. Recently, Indian government launched a Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for battery energy storage system. In light of this, consider the following statements about VGF:
- It is used as a tool to attract private investment in public projects.
  - It is generally applied to projects which have a high social viability, but lower financial viability.
  - It is provided to stipulate the capital subsidy for the private developer.
  - It is designed as a planned scheme to be implemented by Ministry of Finance.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - Only three
  - All four
24. Consider the following statements regarding PM-UJJWALA scheme:
- This scheme is implemented by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

- Both central and state governments provide for the share of subsidy in the 75:25 ratio, while the ratio is 90:10 for special category states.
- For the purpose of allocation of subsidy and enrolment under the scheme, a woman aged above 18 years is considered as the head of household.
- For identification of beneficiaries, SECC 2011 data is used as the baseline.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding LPG pricing in India:

- As of now, while GST is levied on commercial LPG cylinders, the domestic ones are exempted from the same.
- LPG pricing in India is done on the basis of Import Parity Price, which is based on the LPG price in international market and is also dependent on crude oil prices.
- Unlike the petrol and diesel prices which are reviewed and determined on a daily basis, LPG prices are determined on a weekly basis.

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

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding Jal Jeevan Mission:

- It aims to provide every household in India with a functional household tap water connection.
- It was launched in line to achieve the SDG – 6 promulgated by the United Nation.
- It is under the overall implementation and monitoring by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Capacity building of local bodies for owning and managing the water sources is a critical aspect of the mission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

27. Recently, government of India launched the 'PARAKH' (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development). In reference to this, consider the following statements:

- It is envisaged as a standardization body.
- It will be a constituent unit under the NCERT.
- It is expected to conduct assessments at three levels – large-scale assessments, school-based assessment and examination reforms.
- It aims to bring uniformity across the state and central boards.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

28. Consider two countries, Country A and Country B, both of whom had an Incremental Capital Output Ratio (ICOR) of 2.4 in the preceding financial year, have recorded ICOR of 6 and 4 respectively in the current financial year. Keeping the above data in mind, consider the following inferences:

- Both Country A and Country B had become more efficient in their production capacity.
- Country A has a more efficient productive capacity than Country B.
- Country A has mobilised additional resource capital to provide impetus to its GDP.
- Country B had a higher inflation rate in the current financial year than Country A.

How many of the inferences given above are correct?

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

29. Recently, in light of the economic crisis in Sri Lanka, the term 'Bad Money' came in vogue, this particular term bad money is related to:

- Currency with less or equal intrinsic value than its face value.
- Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in the balance sheets of banks.
- Money earned through unlawful and illegal means such as drug trafficking, money laundering etc.
- Commodities with higher liquidity such as bullion – gold and silver.

30. Match the type of unemployment given in List I with its description in List II:

List-I	List-II
A. Disguised Unemployment	1. Mismatch between the required skills of labour and demands of the job market.
B. Cyclical Unemployment	2. Unemployment rising during recession phase, and decreases during boom.
C. Seasonal Unemployment	3. Informal labour, without any legal protection.
D. Structural unemployment	4. Marginal productivity of labour is zero.
E. Vulnerable Unemployment	5. Unemployment occurring during certain seasons of the year.

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

	A	B	C	D	E
(a)	4	3	1	2	5
(b)	4	2	5	1	3
(c)	1	2	5	3	4
(d)	1	3	4	2	5

31. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Periodic Labour Force Survey conducted by Labour Bureau takes into factor Usual Status Employment for rural areas and Current Weekly Status (CWS) for urban areas.

**Statement II:** CWS often results into higher unemployment rates than Usual Status due to shorter reference period.

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

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32. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** If a country chooses to maintain a free flow of capital exchange, whilst keeping its exchange

rate fixed, it may have to give up on its independence over monetary policy.

**Statement II:** Inflow or outflow of hot money cannot be regulated because of free flow while fixed rate may provide favourability or unfavorability for the same.

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
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33. In the recently concluded 15<sup>th</sup> BRICS summit a decision was made to add more members, effectively taking the number of members to 11. This will lead to the membership of BRICS getting derived from different continents. In light of this information, chose the continent from where there would still be no membership in BRICS post 01<sup>st</sup> January 2024:

- (a) South America
- (b) Europe
- (c) Africa
- (d) North America

34. Consider the following statements regarding International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA):

- 1. It is launched by India to boost the conservation efforts of seven big cats across the globe.
- 2. Supported by the Global Environment Facility and backed by UN Environment.
- 3. All the feline species targeted under IBCA have their natural habitat in India.

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

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

35. With regard to New Development Bank (NDB), consider the following statements:

- 1. The membership of the bank can only be extended to BRICS grouping members.
- 2. The voting share of each member is determined on the basis of its GDP calculated at Purchasing Power Parity.
- 3. The initial USD 1 billion investment in the Contingency Reserve Agreement of NDB was subscribed equally between the five founding members.

4. Similar to Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB), NDB can invest in private sector projects in member countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

36. Consider the following rivers:

1. Manas river 2. Kaladan river  
3. Feni river 4. Gomti river  
5. Barak river

How many of the rivers given above are transboundary rivers between India and Bangladesh?

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding India-Bangladesh trade relations:

1. India is the largest trading partner of Bangladesh.  
2. India has a currency swap agreement with Bangladesh.  
3. Bangladesh is under India's constituency at the World Bank.  
4. India and Bangladesh are under a Free Trade Agreement on virtue of being members of South Asian Free Trade Agreement.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

38. With the gradual melting of ice cover from the Arctic, the region's economic and geostrategic significance is coming to the fore. In light of this development, consider the following statements:

1. Only the countries bordering the Arctic can become a member of Arctic Council.  
2. India has an observer status in Arctic council.  
3. Like Antarctica, no country can claim sovereign territorial rights over Arctic region.  
4. Maitri and Dakshin Gangotri are the two Indian observatories in the Arctic region.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. Arrange the following seas present in the Arctic region from west to east direction:

1. Kara Sea 2. Chukchi sea  
3. Berring Sea 4. Barents Sea  
5. Laptev Sea

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

- (a) 4 – 2 – 5 – 3 – 1 (b) 1 – 5 – 3 – 4 – 2  
(c) 1 – 4 – 2 – 5 – 3 (d) 4 – 1 – 5 – 2 – 3

40. Consider the following countries:

1. Turkey 2. Cyprus  
3. Bulgaria 4. Ukraine  
5. Romania

How many of the countries given above share land border with Greece?

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

41. In the current geopolitical scenario there has been a resurgence in the use of the term 'Brandt line'. What does it signify?

- (a) Imaginary line running through the Urals and the Caspian Sea, separating Asia from Europe.  
(b) Trade line separating regions of heavy maritime traffic below the Mediterranean from the cold waters with low maritime traffic.  
(c) Imaginary line separating the developed countries from the developing and least developed countries.  
(d) Line drawn by mutual consent of Spain and Portugal in the medieval times to divide the colonial world.

42. Consider the following statements regarding 'Loss and Damage Fund':

1. The fund was promulgated to institutionalise the 'Polluter pays' principle.  
2. The funds can be devolved to developing and least developed countries who have made negligible contribution to climate change but are more vulnerable to extreme climate events.  
3. It was established during the COP-26 negotiations at Glasgow.  
4. It is hosted by World Bank in association with Global Environment Facility (GEF).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

43. Consider the following countries:

1. China 2. Canada  
3. Israel 4. Mexico  
5. Italy 6. Malaysia

How many of the above countries are **not** part of the G20 grouping?

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



44. In light of the recent impetus given by Government of India towards promoting biofuels, consider the following statements:

1. India is the largest producer of Biofuels in the world after USA.
2. The Indian government under National Policy on Biofuels had fixed a target of achieving 20% Ethanol Blending by 2025-26.
3. In the current biofuel policy, India aimed towards second generation biofuels which are made from food sources such as sugar, starch, vegetable oil, or animal fats using conventional technology.
4. At the recently concluded G20 summit, India as the host country launched the Global Biofuels Alliance to promote the adoption of biofuels.

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

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

45. India had revolved its diplomacy around the principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means 'the world is one family'. It has recently gained further limelight when it was made the theme of recent G20 summit held at New Delhi. From which ancient text this principle is taken from *in verbatim*?

- (a) Mundaka Upanishad      (b) Silappadikaram  
(c) Ashtadhyayi                (d) Maha Upanishad

46. As of now, which of the country given below is **not** included in the current plan of India–Middle East–Europe Economic corridor (IMEC):

- (a) Israel                              (b) Saudi Arabia  
(c) Türkiye                            (d) Italy

47. Which of the following pairs of countries given below have **not** been included in the ASEAN + 6, but are part of the larger East ASEAN summit?

- (a) Russia and USA  
(b) Australia and New Zealand  
(c) North Korea and Mongolia  
(d) India and Japan

48. The term 'Nine Dash Line', seen in news, is related to:

- (a) India-Middle East-Europe Corridor  
(b) South China sea territorial dispute  
(c) Montreux accords  
(d) Territorial distribution of Arctic region

49. Match the ports mentioned in List-I with their corresponding countries mentioned in List-II:

List-I	List-II
A. Piraeus port	1. Israel
B. Fujairah port	2. UAE
C. Messina port	3. Italy
D. Haifa port	4. Greece

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	4	1	3	2
(b)	2	3	4	1
(c)	1	3	4	2
(d)	4	2	3	1

50. Consider the following statements regarding India-Canada ties:

1. Canada is one of the top 5 sources of remittances in India.
2. India and Canada are part of the multilateral strategic Five Eyes Alliance.
3. Canada is hosting the largest number of Indian diasporas in the world.
4. Indian and Canadian militaries conduct an annual joint Exercise Yudh Abhyas.

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

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

51. Consider the following countries:

1. Iran
2. Saudi Arabia
3. Oman
4. UAE
5. Qatar
6. Bahrain

How many of the countries given above encircles/borders the strategically important Strait of Hormuz?

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

52. Consider the following groupings:

1. G20
2. I2U2
3. OPEC
4. BRICS
5. OIC

In how many of the multilateral and plurilateral groupings given above, both India and Saudi Arabia are the members?

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

53. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Methane is the first non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gas which is targeted for reduction.

**Statement II:** The Global Methane Pledge aims to reduce methane emissions by 30% from 2020 levels by 2030.

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. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct regarding Liquid Nano Urea?

- (a) It can solve the problem of caking which has seen with conventional urea.
- (b) It has a higher nitrogen use efficiency when compared to conventional urea.
- (c) It is absorbed into the plant through active root region which ensure better uptake.
- (d) It is indigenously developed as compared to the import dependency of conventional urea.

55. In recent times, marine light pollution has become a serious issue hampering the marine environment and to alleviate it, the use of red light is being advocated over the currently prevalent white lights.

In light of above statement, which one of the following is the benefit of red light?

- (a) It has a lower intensity and can supplement the natural moonlight.
- (b) It can accelerate the growth of planktons thus accentuating the faunal diversity richness.
- (c) It has a longest wavelength as compared to currently prevalent white light.
- (d) The problem of glare in eyes which has a blinding effect on turtles can be solved by the use of red lights.

56. Consider the following statements regarding E-Waste management in India:

1. India is the 3rd largest generator of e-waste in the world after USA and China.
2. Extended Producer Responsibility was first introduced in India under the E-waste management rules, 2011.

3. E-waste management rules were promulgated under Environment Protection Act, 1986.

4. 'Backyard recycling' in one of the major impediments in effective management of e-waste in India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding Invasive Alien Species:

1. Invasive Alien Species is a part of evil quartet of Biodiversity Loss.

2. Kunming-Montreal framework makes specific targets to reduce incidence of invasive alien species by 50%.

3. The Indian Government has made provisions for dealing with invasive alien species with its latest amendment in Wildlife Protection Act 1972, prior to it there were no regulations in India to deal with the menace.

4. One of the reasons for rapid proliferation of invasive alien species is the absence of natural predator in the host habitat.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

58. Which of the following diseases is **not** caused by Fungus?

- (a) Aspergillosis
- (b) Tuberculosis
- (c) Candidiasis
- (d) Mucormycosis

59. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Ozone layer achieve its maximum thickness during the hemispherical summer months.

**Statement II:** Polar Stratospheric clouds concentrate free radicals of chlorine.

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

60. Consider the following statements:

**Statement 1:** Elephants are considered as keystone species for grassland ecosystem.

**Statement 2:** Elephants feed on woody shrubs like *acacia*.

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

61. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Rhinoceros:

1. Greater one-horned rhino found in India is classified as endangered under IUCN Red List.
2. In India, Rhinos are only found in the states of Assam and West Bengal.

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding the term "MARIA", which has recently been in news:

1. These are large volcanic plains present on the far side of the moon.
2. These are rich in rare earth materials and also emit radioactivity.
3. 'Marias' are the reason behind dark spots visualized on surface of the moon.
4. China's Chang'e-4 probe is aimed to study Marias and exploit its rare earth metals.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

63. Consider the following statements regarding Somatic Variations:

1. These variations are specifically transmitted from parents to offspring.
2. These variations are more predilected to be seen in the rapidly dividing cells of the body.
3. Sperm line cells and egg cells are the most common sites for somatic variations.

4. Down's syndrome is one of the most common genetic disorders occurring out of somatic mutations.

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

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

64. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Satellites placed at Langrage have a comparatively higher fuel efficiency.

**Statement II:** Satellites once placed at Langrage requires no further course correction.

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding ISRO's ADITYA-L1 mission:

1. It will be the closest human made object to the sun, once places in the orbit.
2. Along with being the first Solar mission, it is also the first Observatory based mission of ISRO.
3. The L1 langrage point will share its space with the James Webb Telescope of NASA.
4. Unlike earlier space probes, it will look directly at the sun.

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

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

66. Match the navigation satellite systems mentioned in List-I with the country they had been developed by in List-II:

List-I	List-II
A. Global Positioning System	1. European Union
B. BeiDou	2. China
C. GLONASS	3. Japan
D. Galileo	4. USA
E. QZSS	5. Russia



- (c) Currently, there are no provisions for charging a person who intimates a public servant on his duty to commit suicide.  
(d) None of the above
73. During the COVID waves, medicines from the group of ACE inhibitors, which were used for a non-communicable disease, gained popularity as effective products to halt the course of disease in patients. The medicine was originally developed and used for which one of the following non-communicable diseases?  
(a) Diabetes Mellitus Type I (b) Hypertension  
(c) Hyperthyroidism (d) Muscular dystrophy
74. Consider the following statements regarding Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021:
1. Only cis-women in the gestational period of less than 20 weeks can go for abortion as a matter of right if the continuation of pregnancy hampers her Physical or Mental health.
  2. The Leeway granted beyond the period of 20 weeks is not applicable for unmarried women.
  3. Marital rape though not recognised as an offence under the Indian Penal Code, has been considered as a ground for abortion under the 'Special categories' of this Act.
  4. Abortion beyond 24 weeks of gestation is also possible under the act on the grounds of severe foetal abnormalities.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?  
(a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) Only three (d) All four
75. Recently, Dholpur-Karauli forest is recognised as a Tiger Reserve, making it the 5<sup>th</sup> tiger reserve in the State of Rajasthan. In light of this, consider the following possible mandates of the step:
1. For any change in the boundaries of the reserve, prior recommendations from the National Tiger Conservation Authority would be required.
  2. It would be mandated to designate 10 km area around the periphery of reserve as Ecologically Sensitive Zone.
  3. Critical Wildlife Habitat would have to be designated within the reserve where no human activity is to be allowed.
- How many of the above possible mandates are *not* correct?  
(a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None
76. Sanskrit is considered as one of the oldest languages on the planet and a precursor for many Indo-European languages. In light of this, consider the following statements:
1. Sanskrit is recognized as a classical language in India.
  2. It is one of the listed languages in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.
  3. It is not recognized as official language of any state in India under the Official Languages Act.
  4. Apart from English and Hindi, Sanskrit is the only language in which official translation of Indian Constitution is available.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?  
(a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) Only three (d) All four
77. Consider the following statements about E-sports:
1. E-sports are recognized by International Olympic Committee as well as Olympic Council of India.
  2. It was a part of 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games.
  3. Virtual Olympics were also organized before Tokyo Olympics.
  4. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is a nodal agency for E-sports in India.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?  
(a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) Only three (d) All four
78. Consider the following statements:
- Statement 1:** In India, the incidence of Sickle Cell Anaemia is more prevalent amongst the tribal populations.
- Statement 2:** On a general account, diet of tribals in India is deficient in essential vitamins which is needed for the prevention of Sickle cell anaemia.
- 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

79. Consider the following statements regarding Narmada River:

1. It flows through a rift valley south of the Satpura range.
2. Tawa river and Omkareshwar River are left bank tributaries of the river.
3. Before draining into the Arabian Sea, it forms a large fertile delta.
4. It originates from Amarkantak forming a circular pattern with Son River.

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

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

80. Which one of the following Social Reformers gave the teaching of “One Caste, One Religion, One God for all men” in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century?

- (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy    (b) Jyotiba Phule  
(c) Dayanand Saraswati    (d) Shree Narayan Guru

81. Consider the following statements regarding ‘Core Inflation’:

**Statement I:** While calculating core inflation in India, retail prices of petrol and diesel are not taken into consideration.

**Statement II:** The core inflation rate is the change in price of goods and services in headline inflation minus food and energy.

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding Anusandhan National Research Foundation:

1. It will provide financial and strategic insights for promoting research in India.
2. It will consist of a governing board to be headed by the Prime Minister of India.
3. Its accounts will not come under the ambit of audit by Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
4. The Principal Scientific Advisor will act as the Member Secretary of foundation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

83. Consider the following statements regarding Law Commission of India:

1. Law commission derives its mandate from the Constitution of India.
2. It is headed by the Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs.
3. Its recommendations are binding on the government.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

84. Consider the following statements regarding the Public Accounts Committee (PAC):

1. It comprises of members from the Lok Sabha only.
2. Its chairman is appointed by the Speaker.
3. The members of PAC are elected amongst the members of the house for a period of one year.
4. It examines the annual audit report of Comptroller and Auditor General’s reports laid before the parliament.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

85. Consider the following statements regarding the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India:

1. The Constitution authorizes the parliament to prescribe the duties and power of CAG in relation to accounts of the union and the states and any other authority or body.
2. CAG has a fixed tenure of six years.
3. He/she can be removed by the President on the same grounds and in the same manner as a judge of the Supreme Court.
4. CAG is also the principal accounting advisor to Government of India.

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

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

86. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme aims at boosting Indian manufacturing sector at par with the major global players.

**Statement II:** PLI scheme provides a tax holiday for multi-national corporations on setting up their facility in India.

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

87. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Under the Forest (Conservation) Act of 1980, the current definition of forest considers only those patches of land which are recorded as forests in the state revenue records.

**Statement II:** Under the current law, the state government cannot divert the forested land for non-forest purpose without the concurrence of central government.

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

88. As per recent studies, consider the following factors that can act as predisposing step for Urban Heat Island phenomenon:

1. Tin roofed low rise buildings
2. High rise buildings with sparse vegetation
3. Cities developed around water bodies
4. Orientation of paved roads in north-south direction

How many of the above factors are correct?

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

89. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Hybrid seeds can lead to genetic erosion.

**Statement II:** Hybrid seeds provide for a higher yield as compared to conventional seeds.

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

90. Consider the following statements regarding Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. It is located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra River in Assam.
2. It provides habitat to the Western hoolock gibbon which is the only ape species found in India.
3. It is a home to the Malayan Giant squirrels which is the largest among four giant squirrel species found in India.
4. Snow leopards who are endangered in IUCN red list also inhabit the sanctuary.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding Atlas Mountains:

1. They are formed out of convergence of the African and Eurasian plates.
2. They span across three countries Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.
3. They are a result of reverse faulting which is the cause of recent earthquake episodes in the region.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. Recently, 'Nagorno-Karabakh' has been in news, is a disputed region between which of the following pairs of country?

- (a) Russia – Ukraine
- (b) Israel – Lebanon
- (c) Kazakhstan – Turkmenistan
- (d) Armenia – Azerbaijan

93. Consider the following statements regarding the long running Indo-China Land Boundary Dispute:
1. The current International Border between India and China in the northern sector is based on the Johnson line.
  2. The MacCartney-MacDonald line places Aksai Chin within China.
  3. The McMahon line in the eastern sector is based on Shimla Accord between the then Chinese government and British India government.
  4. The Sino-Pakistan boundary agreement over Shaksgam valley is based on MacCartney-MacDonald line.
- How many of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                    (d) All four
94. Consider the following statements regarding Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana:
1. It aims to promote the formal sector employment in India.
  2. Under it, the central government pays for the employer's share of provident fund to all companies registered with Employees provident fund organization.
  3. The Ministry of Finance is a nodal agency for implementation of the scheme.
  4. It is a converging scheme which subsumed previous schemes such as Atal Pension Yojana and PM Shram Yogi Man Dhan Yojana.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one                      (b) Only two  
(c) Only three                    (d) All four
95. Which one of the following international initiatives aimed at sustainable development and management of resources is **not** led by India?
- (a) Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure  
(b) Global Methane Pledge  
(c) Mission LiFE  
(d) Global Biofuel Alliance
96. In the recent G20 summit at Delhi, an initiative named MAHARISHI was announced to encourage sustainable food practices around the world to target which one of the following?
- (a) Ecologically appropriate disposal of agricultural waste  
(b) Ensuring food security to countries with food scarcity through mobilisation from surplus nations  
(c) Promoting cultivation and consumption of indigenous grains  
(d) Promoting cultivation of Agri-products specifically targeted at solving the cause of hidden hunger
97. Which of the following countries is **not** a part of MERCOSUR Trading Bloc?
- (a) Chile                              (b) Paraguay  
(c) Uruguay                        (d) Argentina
98. The term '*Anubhava Mandapam*' was used in medieval times and recently inspired the Bharat Mandapam for 18<sup>th</sup> G20 summit. Which one of the following best describes the term Anubhava Mandapam?
- (a) Temple architecture with a hundred pillars  
(b) Meditation technique of Lingayat sect, for their unison with Shiva  
(c) Specific musical heritage for the royal congregations  
(d) Public assembly and gathering for debates and discussions
99. Consider the following statements regarding Nipah virus:
1. It is a DNA virus causing encephalitis in humans.
  2. Fruit bats are the natural reservoirs of the virus.
  3. As of now, there are no vaccines available for Nipah virus infection.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only                    (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only                    (d) 1, 2 and 3
100. The Nataraja image has a lot of cultural and religious significances across the country and has certain symbolism attached to it.
- In light of above statement, consider the following pairs describing the features of Nataraja with its corresponding symbolism:
1. The Damru : Rhythmic sound of creation
  2. Shiva's unkempt hair : Universe of illusion
  3. Fire : Destructive energy leading to destruction of universe
  4. Hands 'Abhayamudra' : Fearlessness
- How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) Only One pair                    (b) Only two pairs  
(c) Only three pairs                (d) All four pairs