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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. According to the philosophy of the Indian Constitution, which one of the following statements best reflects its fundamental principles?
- The Indian Constitution emphasizes individual rights above other rights.
 - The Indian Constitution seeks to establish a religious state.
 - The Indian Constitution aims to ensure justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for all citizens.
 - All of the above.
2. With reference to the amendability of fundamental rights, consider the following statements:
- Parliament can amend the fundamental rights.
 - The amendments made in the fundamental rights cannot be judicially reviewed.
 - The principle of basic characteristics has been applied with prospective effect.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
3. Consider the following statements:
- The gig economy refers to traditional full-time employment with fixed working hours.
 - It involves temporary, freelance, or short-term jobs, often facilitated by online platforms.
 - It includes only jobs in the entertainment industry, such as musicians and comedians.
- How many of the above statements are incorrect regarding the gig economy?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
4. Consider the following places that have been in the news:
- | (Place) | (Country) |
|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Kerman | – Iran |
| 2. Abuja | – Nigeria |
| 3. Dili | – Cape Verde |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
5. In which one of the following places the Exercise Desert Cyclone-2024 was conducted?
- Rajasthan
 - Uttarakhand
 - Abu Dhabi
 - Dubai
6. With reference to Ordinance, consider the following statements:
- The validity of an ordinance promulgated by the President is six weeks and a maximum of six months from the date of its promulgation.
 - According to the Court, an ordinance is subject to the same constitutional limitations as an Act of Parliament and cannot violate any fundamental right or other provisions of the Constitution.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
7. Consider the following countries:
- Senegal
 - Mauritius
 - Algeria
 - Cape Verde
- How many of the above countries in the African region are certified malaria free?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
8. Consider the following constitutional provisions related to subordinate courts:
- Appointment to the post of district judge is done by the governor on the advice of the High Court.
 - The Public Service Commission has the right to transfer, confirm, promote, punish, and suspend the judges of all subordinate courts.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
9. Consider the following statements regarding the status of various bills on the dissolution of the Lok Sabha:
- Bills that have originated and are pending in the Rajya Sabha and have not been passed by the Lok Sabha, do not lapse on dissolution.
 - A Bill on which the President has given notice of intention to call a joint meeting, then that Bill lapses on dissolution.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements regarding the Finance Commission:

1. Its main work is the distribution of financial resources between the Union and the states.
2. Vertical Devolution is the share of states in the divisible pool of state taxes.
3. The recommendations of the finance commission are advisory in nature and not binding on the Union government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

11. Consider the following features:

1. No close substitutes available to consumers.
2. Only one seller or producer is available to provide a specific service or product.
3. It can reduce the output in the market.
4. It can result in a reduction in incentives for innovation.

How many of the above features are incorrect regarding the Monopoly Market?

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

12. Consider the following statements:

1. It connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea.
2. The strait is shallow and relatively causes more maritime hazards.
3. Its depth is greatest near the Musandam Peninsula.

How many of the above statements are correct regarding the Strait of Hormuz?

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):

1. It is India's first effort to frame a national framework for air quality management with a time-bound reduction target.
2. PRANA has been launched to monitor the implementation of NCAP.
3. Its goal is to reduce average particulate matter concentrations by 40% by 2026 in 131 cities.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

14. Consider the following causes:

1. Decline trend in Western Disturbance
2. Increase in the rate of temperature
3. La-Nina event in the eastern Pacific Ocean

How many of the above are the reasons behind the absence of snowfall in Kashmir during the winter season?

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Peregrine Mission One:

1. It aims to stimulate a broader lunar economy.
2. NASA facilitates this mission with the collaboration of the European Space Agency.
3. The mission is expected to touch down on a mid-latitude region of the Moon.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

16. With reference to Rare Diseases, consider the following statements:

1. According to WHO, these are those diseases that are prevalent in 1 or less in every 1000 or less people.
2. India accounts for one-third of the global rare disease incidence.
3. These diseases are treated as orphan diseases and the drugs are treated as orphan drugs by the pharma giants.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following features:

1. Magnetic fields are much stronger than terrestrial magnetic fields
2. Low energy electromagnetic radiation
3. Strong temporal variability

How many of the above features are correct regarding the Magnetars?

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Liquid Nano Urea should only be used once leaves arrive on the crops.
2. It can curtail the requirement of conventional urea by at least 50% in India.
3. It is developed indigenously in India to reduce the dependence on imported urea.

How many of the above statements are correct regarding the Liquid Nano Urea?

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

19. With reference to Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), consider the following statements:

1. It is acquired by bacteria, viruses, and fungi only against antimicrobial drugs.
2. It makes the treatment process less effective in nature.
3. WHO has identified AMR as one of the top ten threats to global health.
4. The main driver for the development of AMR is the excessive use of antibiotics.

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

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

20. Which one of the following statements best describes the term “Mpemba Effect”?

- (a) Naturally occurring events that are caused by the vacuum of space.
- (b) During El Nino, the warm water remains in the west in some conditions.
- (c) In certain conditions, hot water can freeze faster than cold water.
- (d) In certain circumstances, accelerating objects generate changes in the curvature which propagate outwards at the speed of light in a wave-like manner.

21. Consider the following initiatives:

1. Production Linked Scheme
2. Certification Scheme
3. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization
4. Scheme for Women Self-Help Groups

How many of the above initiatives promote the Drone Culture in India?

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

22. Consider the following statements:

1. According to the Indian Constitution, Hindi written in Devanagari script is the official language of the union.
2. It is observed that Hindi is the third most spoken language in the world.
3. Hindi was first spoken at the United Nations General Assembly in 1949.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23. Consider the following institutions:

1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
2. International Development Association
3. International Finance Corporation
4. Multilateral Guarantee Agency

India is a member of how many of the above World Bank Institutions?

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

24. With reference to Social Audit, consider the following statements:

1. It is an assessment of organization’s social impact and ethical performance.
2. Social Audit Advisory Body in India guides the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the institutionalization of social audit across its diverse schemes.
3. In India, Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited was the first company to perform a social audit in 1979 to measure its social performance.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

25. Consider the following indicators:

1. Voice and Accountability
2. Political Stability and Absence of Violence
3. Government Effectiveness
4. Rule of Law
5. Regulatory Quality
6. Control of Corruption

How many of the above are the World Bank's Governance Indicators?

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

26. Consider the following statements:

1. The capital expenditure doesn't include the spending by the government in creating capital assets through grants-in-aid to states and other agencies.
2. Effective capital expenditure grants are classified as revenue expenditure in the budget, but they also contribute to the creation of fixed assets such as roads, schools, etc.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

27. The military exercise INDRA is a joint exercise between India and which one of the following countries?

- (a) Russia (b) Maldives
(c) USA (d) Japan

28. Consider the following statements regarding saltwater crocodiles:

1. They are the largest reptile in the world.
2. Male saltwater crocodiles are smaller in size than their female counterparts.
3. They can't tolerate salinity and are found near rivers and swamps.
4. They have the Least Concern Status under the IUCN Red List.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

29. With reference to Bhitarkanika National Park, consider the following statements:

1. The National Park is essentially a network of creeks and canals that are inundated with waters from rivers Brahmani, Baitarani, Dhamra and Patasala only.
2. It is the largest Mangrove ecosystem in India.
3. The Gahirmatha Beach forms the boundary in the east is the largest colony of the Olive Ridley Sea Turtles.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

30. Which one of the following statements is most related to the term "Global South"?

- (a) The term is often used for Antarctica as it is the most southern continent in the world.
(b) The term is used for the self-identification of developing nations that aspire to gain power and recognition for their issues and concerns.
(c) The term is often associated with the Indian subcontinent and islands in the Indian Ocean.
(d) The term is commonly used for the half of the earth that is south of the equator.

31. With reference to the SKAO project, consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's largest radio telescope project known as Square Kilometre Array Observatory.
2. It is an intergovernmental organization, and its headquarters is located in Vienna.
3. The project will not consist of a single telescope, but an array of thousands of antennas which will be installed in remote radio-quiet locations in South Africa and Australia.
4. India has been a full member since its inception.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

32. Consider the following countries:

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. China
4. Australia
5. Bolivia

Which of the above countries make up the Lithium triangle which roughly contains half of the world's known lithium?

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

33. Consider the following pairs:

(Tiger Reserve)	–	(State)
1. Simlipal	–	Odisha
2. Namdapha	–	Meghalaya
3. Valmiki	–	Bihar

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding the Antarctic Circumpolar Current:

- This is the only current that covers the entire world's ocean.
- It is primarily driven by the strong westerly winds that circle Antarctica in the Southern Hemisphere.

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

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding food inflation and its drivers:

- Rising vegetable prices have no impact on overall CPI inflation.
- Cereals are the second largest driver of CPI inflation.

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

36. Consider the following statements in the context of global child poverty:

- According to a report presented by the World Bank and UNICEF in 2023, every second person suffering from extreme poverty is a child.
- According to this report, about 69 million children in the upper middle-income group countries of the European Union are living in extreme poverty.

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

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

37. Consider the following statements:

- In the Western and Eastern Ghats, foreign invasive plant species have reached the verge of extinction by becoming food for wild animals.
- Invasive species disrupt the natural balance of the ecosystem in dry tropical forests.

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

38. Consider the following statements regarding the Steel Scrap Recycling Policy:

- This policy deals with the scientific processing and recycling of ferrous scrap generated from various public sources including old government vehicles only.
- Under this policy, the steel sector was also made a stakeholder for green hydrogen production by the Energy Ministry.

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

39. Which one of the following border lines is located between Pakistan and Iran?

- (a) 34-degree parallel line
(b) Siegfried line
(c) Marginal/ Mannerheim line
(d) Goldsmith line

40. Consider the following statements regarding the relationship between India and Bangladesh:

- India and Bangladesh have strong economic relations, with significant trade and investment between the two countries.
- Bangladesh has closely aligned itself with China due to which this policy raises concerns for India.
- India and Bangladesh have cooperated closely on issues such as counter-terrorism, climate change, and regional stability.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding Thermokarst:

- It is a type of land subsidence caused by the melting of ice-rich permafrost.
- It is not affected by climate change and is caused only by geological processes.
- It occurs only in areas with hot climates and high levels of rainfall.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

42. Which one of the following statements is related to the Kodi Pandalu?
- It is a dance performance that is done during Pongal.
 - It is fair organises on the occasion of Mahashivratri in Karnataka.
 - It is a local name of the world's smallest cow found in Kerala.
 - It is a local name for cockfighting in Andhra Pradesh.
43. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding Jaish al-Adl?
- It is a terrorist group based in Afghanistan.
 - It is mainly known for its operations in Somalia.
 - It is a Sunni terrorist organization that is active in Pakistan and Iran.
 - It is a political party advocating peace and diplomacy in the Middle East.
44. Consider the following statements related to the rules of procedure and conduct of business of the Lok Sabha:
- The Speaker of the Lok Sabha is responsible for maintaining order in the House under Rule 373 and can punish any member for his misconduct.
 - In case of serious violation or serious allegations under Rule 374A, a member nominated by the Speaker is suspended from the service of the House for five consecutive sittings or the remaining part of the session, whichever is less.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
45. Consider the following statements regarding the constitutional provisions of Remission:
- Both the President and the Governor have been given the sovereign power to pardon by the Constitution.
 - The scope of pardoning power of the President is less than the pardon power of the Governor.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
46. Consider the following provisions related to the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023:
- According to this Act, a person convicted of terrorism or against state security cannot publish any magazine.
 - There will be no longer a need for prior approval from the Central Government for printing foreign magazines within India.
 - This Act empowers the District Magistrate to impose fine on publication of unregistered newspapers and magazines.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
47. With reference to the Vernacular Press Act of 1878, consider the following statements:
- According to this act, the decision taken by the magistrate was final.
 - The objective of the act was to regulate and control the content published in Indian-language newspapers by imposing restrictions and penalties.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
48. Consider the following statements with regard to Hit and Run Law:
- This law is a part of the Indian Judicial Code.
 - This law reflects the legislative intention to impose moral responsibility towards the victim on the offender.
 - According to this law, there is a provision of 10 years imprisonment and a fine for running away from the accident site and not informing the police.
- How many of the above statements are incorrect?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

49. Consider the following statements regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI):
1. It is a statutory body responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2009.
 2. It aims to promote and maintain competition in the market and protect the interests of consumers.
 3. It has the power to impose penalties on entities found engaged in anti-competitive practices, including cartels and abuse of dominant position.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
50. Consider the following results:
1. Regulation costs will be less
 2. The economy can be strengthened against foreign exchange pressure
 3. Geopolitical influence may increase
- How many of the above are the result of internationalization of the rupee?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
51. Consider the following statements in the context of sustainable agriculture:
1. Sustainable agricultural practice aims to adapt to changing climate conditions, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, etc.
 2. It supports diverse ecosystems and genetic diversity in crops and animals.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
52. Consider the following pollutants:
1. Oxides of sulphur
 2. Oxides of nitrogen
 3. Carbon monoxide
 4. Carbon dioxide
- How many of the above are the important pollutants released by the steel industry in India?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four
53. Consider the following statements regarding minor ports in India:
1. All minor ports are governed under the Indian Ports Act, 1908.
 2. The ownership and management of these ports come under the state governments.
- 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
54. Consider the following statements regarding the contribution of maritime transport to Global Trade:
1. Maritime transport contributes 80% to global trade in terms of volume and more than 70% in terms of value.
 2. It is relatively more fuel-efficient and produces more emissions per tonne of cargo than air freight.
 3. 98.8% of the global fleet uses conventional fuels like heavy fuel oil, light fuel oil, and diesel/gas oil.
- How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
55. Consider the following statements regarding the situation of Indians imprisoned in jails in different countries of the world:
1. The largest number of Indians are imprisoned in USA jails.
 2. In Asia, the largest number of Indians are imprisoned in Chinese jails.
 3. The highest number of Indian prisoners in Europe are imprisoned in Spanish jails.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
56. Consider the following statements regarding the recently organised Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit:
1. Azerbaijan has handed over its chairmanship to Uganda till 2027.
 2. NAM does not have a permanent secretariat.
 3. The summit adopted the Kampala Declaration.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None

57. Consider the following Indian states:

1. Meghalaya
2. Manipur
3. Mizoram
4. Tripura

How many of the above Indian states do not share border with Bangladesh?

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

58. Consider the following statements regarding Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube:

1. It is designed indigenously under Project BHISHM.
2. It contains medical equipment and supplies such as a mini-ICU, an operation theatre, a cooking station, food, water, a power generator, blood test equipment, an X-ray machine, and more.
3. The cubes are capable of handling patients with severe injuries up to 25 major burns.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

59. Consider the following statements regarding the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR):

1. It has been designed for remote sensing.
2. It provides insight into various Earth systems including ecosystems, ice mass, vegetation biomass, and natural layers.

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

60. Consider the following pairs:

(Space Mission) **(Space Agency)**

1. Europa Clipper – NASA
2. Artemis-II – Roscosmos
3. HERA Mission – JAXA

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

61. Consider the following statements:

1. Quantum technology depends on classical computing principles for its operation.
2. Quantum computers use conventional bits as their basic unit of information storage.
3. It describes the behaviour of matter and energy at the atomic and sub-atomic levels.

How many of the above statements are incorrect regarding the quantum technology?

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

62. With reference to dark energy, consider the following statements:

1. It is a mysterious form of energy, which constitutes a significant part of the total energy content of the universe.
2. It is believed to be responsible for the observed rapid expansion of the universe.
3. About 98% of the universe is made of dark energy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

63. Consider the following statements:

1. LEDs are semiconductors that emit light when electric current passes through them.
2. LEDs consume more energy than traditional incandescent bulbs.
3. LEDs are usually made of materials such as silicon and germanium.

How many of the above statements is/are correct regarding Light Emitting Diode (LED)?

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

64. Consider the following statements regarding the Biodiversity Credit:

1. It is designed to raise funds for the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of biodiversity-rich areas.
2. It works similar to carbon credits.

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

65. With reference to the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, consider the following statements:

1. It provides a legal framework for the conservation of various species of wild animals and plants, management of their habitats, regulation and control of trade in wild animals, plants, and their products.
2. This Act does not apply to Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

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

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

66. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Hydroponic systems allow precise control over nutrient levels, thereby promoting the healthy growth of plants.

Statement-II: Hydroponic farming increases the risk of water-borne diseases, which reduces crop yield.

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

67. With reference to the Distress Alert Terminal- Second Generation (DAT-SG), consider the following statements:

1. DAT-SG has the facility to send confirmation of information back to fishermen who have activated the distress alert from sea.
2. It has been developed by ISRO.

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

68. With reference to the Status of Wildlife Trafficking in India, consider the following statements:

1. India is one of the top 20 countries for wildlife trafficking.
2. A large part of wildlife trade in India is for international trade and there is no direct demand for it in India.

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

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

69. Consider the following statements:

1. According to the WHO, pesticide poisoning is one of the leading causes of death among agricultural workers worldwide.
2. Acute poisoning occurs when a person comes into contact with a large amount of pesticide in a short period of time.

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

70. Consider the following statements:

1. Rock glaciers are made of a mixture of rock debris and ice.
2. They are generally found in high altitude areas.
3. Very little amount of water is stored in these frozen cores.

How many of the above statements are correct regarding rock glaciers?

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

71. Consider the following:

1. Cirque
2. Esker
3. Drumlin

How many of the above are examples of landforms deposited by glaciers?

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

72. Consider the following statements regarding PRITHVI VIGyan (PRITHVI) Scheme:

1. The scheme is included under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. This scheme includes exploration of the polar and high sea areas of the Earth in the direction of discovering new phenomena and resources.

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

73. With reference to hypothermia, consider the following statements:

1. It represents a situation when the rate of heating of the body is greater than the rate of cooling.
2. Shivering may stop as hypothermia progresses.
3. It includes the symptoms of slow and shallow breathing, confusion and amnesia, and drowsiness or fatigue.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

74. Which one of the following statements is true regarding the polar vortex?

- (a) Polar Vortices are large-scale weather systems that form over the polar regions.
- (b) Polar Vortices rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere.
- (c) These cyclones weaken in winter.
- (d) These are mainly associated with warm and stable air masses.

75. With reference to caste-based discrimination in Indian prisons, consider the following statements:

1. In Rajasthan, Mehtar has been entrusted with the responsibility of toilets and Brahmins as cooks.
2. According to the West Bengal Jail Code, prisoners belonging to the Hari, Chandals and other castes are assigned minor tasks like sweeping.

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

76. Consider the following statements regarding the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2023:

1. The report with focus on adolescents provides new ideas on how to improve learning outcomes for the young population in India.
2. ASER is a nationwide citizen-led household survey conducted by the NGO 'Pratham Education Foundation'.

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

77. Consider the following statements in the context of the recent judgment given by the Kerala High Court regarding the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956:

1. The Kerala High Court has considered the customer to be included under the word 'procure' in Section 5 of the Act.
2. According to this decision, customers can also be sued.

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

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

78. Which one of the following statements is related to the "Advika Platform" used by the Odisha government?

- (a) Safety of elephants.
- (b) Tackling child marriage of school going girls aged 10-19 years.
- (c) Ensuring access to tap water to every household.
- (d) Education of tribal girls.

79. Consider the following statements regarding child marriage in India:

1. The cases of child marriage in India were 49% in the year 1993, which has come down to 22% in the year 2021.
2. There has been an increase in girl child marriage between 2016 and 2021 in Manipur, Punjab, Tripura and West Bengal.
3. There has been an increase in child marriage of boys in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana between 2016 and 2021.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

80. Which one of the following personalities is related to the term "Statue of Oneness"?

- (a) Madhvacharya
- (b) Ramanuja
- (c) Nimbarkacharya
- (d) Adi Shankaracharya

81. Consider the following statements:

1. The Nagara style of temple architecture originated in Northern India.
2. These temples are characterised by a high spire with many layers.
3. The plan of the temple usually includes a central sanctum surrounded by the Pradakshina path.
4. Nagara style temples have a symmetrical architectural layout and often include several pavilions for various rituals and ceremonies.

How many of the above statements are correct regarding the Nagara style of temple architecture?

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

82. Consider the following pairs:

Major Fair State

1. Gangasagar Fair – West Bengal
2. Pushkar Fair – Maharashtra
3. Hemis Gompa Fair – Ladakh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

83. Consider the following languages:

1. Tamil 2. Sanskrit
3. Oriya 4. Kannada

How many of the above Indian languages have been given the status of classical language?

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

84. Consider the following statements regarding indentured labour in India:

1. Indentured labourers were brought to India from Myanmar mainly to work in tea gardens.
2. Indentured labourers were recruited under indentured agreements to work in various sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing and railway construction.

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

85. Consider the following statements:

1. Adi Shankaracharya was a prominent Indian philosopher and theologian who consolidated the doctrine of Advaita Vedanta.
2. He was born in present-day Kerala in the 8th century AD.
3. Adi Shankaracharya wrote extensive commentaries on the Upanishads, Brahma Sutras and Bhagavad Gita.
4. He established four institutions called 'Maths' in different parts of India to propagate his teachings.

How many of the above statements are incorrect regarding Adi Shankaracharya?

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

86. Consider the following statements with regards to Advaita Vedanta:

1. It emphasises on the non-dual nature of reality, claiming that the individual soul (Atman) is identical with the ultimate reality (Brahman).
2. According to this philosophy, both the difference and indifference of the world from Brahman are of equal importance.

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI):

1. It was established in 1861 by the British Government to investigate and preserve the archaeological heritage of India.
2. It works independently without government monitoring.
3. Recently, a joint study by ASI and IIT Kharagpur presented evidence of cultural continuity even after the fall of Harappa in Vadnagar, Gujarat.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

88. Which one of the following statements accurately reflects the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960?
- The Act applies only to domesticated animals and does not protect wild animals.
 - The Act prohibits the killing or maiming of animals for the purpose of entertainment.
 - The Act was enacted primarily to regulate the transportation of animals for slaughter.
 - All of the above.
89. Consider the following statements with regard to the contributions of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya in the freedom struggle:
- He founded Banaras Hindu University in 1916, which became a centre of nationalist activities and promoted Indian culture and education.
 - He actively participated in the non-cooperation movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920, advocating the boycott of British goods and educational institutions.
 - He played an important role in the establishment of Hindu Mahasabha.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
90. Consider the following statements regarding INS Imphal:
- It has been built under Project 15 Bravo Visakhapatnam Class.
 - It has been designed to secure sea routes.
 - It reinforces the principle of “Jalmev Yasya, Balmev Tasya”.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
91. Consider the following statements regarding CERT-In:
- It is a nodal agency to tackle cyber security threats like hacking and phishing in India.
 - It has been in operation since January 2004.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are incorrect?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
92. Consider the following statements regarding ‘Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)’ (MLJK-MA):
- This organisation is a separatist political organisation in Jammu and Kashmir led by former terrorist Masrat Alam Bhat.
 - This organisation has been declared an unlawful organisation under Section 3(1) of UAPA, 1967.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
93. Consider the following statements regarding the Committee of Privileges:
- It is a standing committee.
 - The Privilege Committee of the Lok Sabha has more members than the Privilege Committee of the Rajya Sabha.
 - In the Lok Sabha, the Speaker nominates a committee of privileges consisting of 22 members.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
94. Consider the following statements with regards to the Gelephu Smart City Project:
- It will be an economic corridor connecting South Asia to South-East Asia through the North-Eastern states of India.
 - The project is expected to include “zero emission” industries, a “mindfulness city” that plays to Bhutan’s strength in tourism and wellness, as well as infrastructure companies.
 - The Government of India has agreed to construct the first India-Bhutan railway line up to Gelephu.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

95. Consider the following statements regarding Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme:

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development as a part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign.
2. This scheme has been started to meet the expenses of education and marriage of a girl child.
3. For this scheme, a family can open a maximum of two accounts for girl children.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding Palana Scheme:

1. The National Creche Scheme has been converted into Palana Scheme under Mission Shakti.
2. The scheme comes under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
3. Under this scheme, crèches will be established at Anganwadi centres across India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

97. Consider the following statements with respect to India-Russia strategic relations:

1. India is actively engaged in importing hydrocarbons from Russia.
2. Russia is an important partner of India in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
3. A nuclear power plant is being constructed in Andhra Pradesh, India with the cooperation of Russia.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

98. Consider the following statements with regard to the present situation of Indian banks:

1. Gross NPAs of Indian banks are at their lowest level since 2015.
2. Indian banks are currently displaying strong liquidity levels.
3. According to the RBI's Financial Stability Report, the capital-to-risk-weighted assets ratio is at a healthy level of 16-8%.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

99. Consider the following statements regarding the constitutional provisions related to the Governor:

1. The governor is bound to follow the advice of the state government.
2. The power of the governor to pardon a prisoner is actually exercised with the consent of the state government.
3. He can reserve the bill for the consideration of the President.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

100. Consider the following pairs:

Constitutional Reform Commission	Suggestions
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|------------------------|--|
| 1. Sarkaria Commission | – Except in rare and compelling circumstances, the Governor should not be removed before the completion of his tenure. |
| 2. S. R. Bommai | – Majority test based on the opinion of the Governor |
| 3. Punchhi Commission | – Recommended to remove the phrase 'subject to the pleasure of the President' from the Constitution |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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



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