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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Immediately after the commencement of the examination, you should check that this test booklet does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items, etc. if so, get it replaced by a complete test booklet.
2. This test contains 100 questions. Each question comprises four responses and you have to mark only one as the correct response. In case you feel there is more than one response, mark the one that you consider the best or the most appropriate.
3. Each question carries equal marks, i.e., **2 marks**. However, there will be penalty for wrong answers. For each wrong response to a question, **one-third** of the total marks assigned to the question, will be deducted as penalty.
  - (a) If a student gives more than one answer to a question, it will be treated as wrong answer.
  - (b) If there is no response to a question, there will be no penalty for that question.
4. You have to mark all your responses on the separate Answer Sheet (OMR Sheet).
5. After filling the responses, submit only the answer sheet. You can take away the question booklet.

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1. With reference to the Delimitation of constituencies, consider the following statements:

1. The order of the Delimitation Commission cannot be questioned before any court.
2. The first ever delimitation exercise was conducted in the year 1956.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. With reference to the Patents, consider the following statements:

1. Patents given in a country can be revoked by the authorities in case of intervention by another country.
2. Patents generally need to be filed in different countries to protect an invention in more than one country

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to India's informal labour market, consider the following statements:

1. India's informal labour market accounts for more than 80% of India's workforce.
2. The informal sector generates more than half of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. With reference to the 7<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:

1. Bankruptcy and insolvency comes under the purview of Union List.
2. Taxes on lands and buildings comes under the purview of State list.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Currently, which of the following types of assets can be monetised under the National Monetization Pipeline?

- (a) Selling core assets of the central government
- (b) Leasing out core assets of central government
- (c) Selling core assets of state government
- (d) Disinvestment of non-core assets of governments

6. With reference to Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2022-23, consider the following statements:

1. The survey was released by the Ministry of Statistic and Programme Implementation. (MoSPI).
2. The HCES is conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) every 5 years.
3. Sikkim has the highest Monthly Per-capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE) in both rural and urban areas.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

7. Consider the following countries:

1. Thailand
2. Nepal
3. Sri Lanka
4. Myanmar

How many of the above are a part of The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)?

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

8. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) grouping was formed after the adoption of which of the following?

- (a) Bali Declaration
- (b) Bangkok Declaration
- (c) Manila Accord
- (d) Jakarta Pact

9. With reference to Colombo Process, consider the following statements:

1. India, China and Pakistan are among the founding members of this forum.
2. The decisions under this forum are based on consensus and are binding upon the members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to the International Criminal Court (ICC), consider the following statements:
1. It is governed by the United Nations charter.
  2. India is a party to the International Criminal Court.
  3. It has jurisdiction over individuals and not countries.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only                      (b) 3 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
11. With reference to the Great Green Wall Initiative, consider the following statements:
1. It is a project to combat desertification in the Northern Part of South American continent.
  2. On lines of this initiative, India is working on its own initiative in the Aravallis.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. With reference to the G7 grouping, consider the following statements:
1. It originated from the 2007-2008 Global Financial Crisis.
  2. It is an informal grouping that operates outside of formal treaties and lacks permanent bureaucracy.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. Consider the following countries:
1. Kuwait
  2. Yemen
  3. Israel
  4. Lebanon
- How many of the above countries share a border with the Persian Gulf?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) only three  
(d) All four
14. 'Dag Hammarskjöld medal' seen in the international parlance is related to which of the following?
- (a) Award for outstanding contributions to environmental conservation.
  - (b) Recognition for exceptional achievements in the field of literature.
  - (c) Honor given to world leaders for promoting global economic cooperation.
  - (d) Posthumous award to members of peacekeeping operations.
15. With reference to Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, consider the following statements:
1. This sanctuary is a part of the Bhitarkanika National Park.
  2. It is the world's largest nesting beach of Olive Ridley Sea Turtles.
  3. It is the only turtle sanctuary in the state of Odisha.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2 only                                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
16. Where are you likely to find the three species of Crocodiles in their natural habitat?
- (a) Odisha                                      (b) Madhya Pradesh  
(c) Maharashtra                      (d) Chattisgarh
17. Consider the following statements :
- Statement-I:** Global Plastic Overshoot Day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> of September every year.
- Statement-II:** Global Plastic Overshoot Day marks the point when plastic waste generation exceeds the world's capacity to manage it in that year.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
  - (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
  - (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
  - (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

18. Often seen in the news, Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai Volcano roughly corresponds to which of the following regions?
- South Pacific Ocean
  - Indian Ocean
  - Northern Caribbean Sea
  - Mediterranean Sea
19. With reference to Nitrous Oxide ( $N_2O$ ), consider the following statements:
- Nitrous Oxide is a potent greenhouse gas and a climate super-pollutant.
  - It is commonly used in medical, food and automotive industries.
  - $N_2O$  is hundreds of times more effective than  $CO_2$  at trapping heat over 100 years.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
20. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Pastoral Community</i> | <i>Region</i>    |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Kuruma and Lambadani   | : West Bengal    |
| 2. Gaderia                | : Telangana      |
| 3. Banjara and Dhangar    | : Madhya Pradesh |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
21. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I** – Malaria and Dengue are only caused by female mosquitoes.
- Statement II** – Generally male mosquito diet does not require blood meals, so it is not responsible for diseases spread by mosquitoes.
- 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
22. The state of 'Superposition' in quantum physics implies
- a quantum state where particles remain stationary and do not interact.
  - a state where quantum particles follow classical Newtonian mechanics.
  - a quantum state where a particle can exist in multiple states at the same time.
  - a condition where the energy of a particle is always constant and unchanging.
23. With reference to Genetically Modified (GM) crops, consider the following statements:
- BT Cotton is the only approved GM crop in India.
  - 90% of cotton acreage in India consists of BT cotton.
  - Recombinant DNA advisory committee approves commercial cultivation of GM crops in India.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - 2 only
  - 1 and 2 only
24. Which of the following Emperors founded Nalanda University in 427 CE in Bihar ?
- Shakraditya
  - Ashoka
  - Chandragupta Maurya
  - Samudragupta
25. With reference to Swami Vivekanand, consider the following statements:
- India's celebrates National Youth Day every year to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand.
  - Mahatma Gandhi called him the "Maker of Modern India".
  - He believed in combining spirituality with material progress.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
26. Which one of the following is the context in which the term "qubit" is generally mentioned?
- Quantum technology
  - Biological engineering
  - Classical computing
  - Environmental science

27. With reference to Mammals, consider the following statements:
1. Marsupials are the only type of mammals that lay eggs.
  2. Marsupials have a gestation period which is lengthier than placental mammals.
  3. Whales and dolphins belong to the mammalian kingdom.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- (a) 2 and 3 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 3 only                                (d) 1, 2 and 3
28. Consider the following statements:
1. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) was formed under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
  2. Genetically Modified foods are subjected to regulations of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
  3. GEAC is chaired by the minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- (a) 2 and 3 only                      (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 2 only                                (d) 1 and 2 only
29. With reference to Advaita (Monism) philosophy, consider the following statements:
1. As per this philosophy, 'brahman' is separate from the 'soul' and the latter is the reality of all things.
  2. This philosophy was propounded by Sri Madhavarchaya in the 8<sup>th</sup> century.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
30. The United Nations has designated the year 2025 as the
- (a) 'International Year of Marine Biodiversity'  
(b) 'International Year of Digital Literacy'  
(c) 'International Year of Renewable Energy'  
(d) 'International Year of Quantum Science and Technology'
31. With reference to Hampi, consider the following statements:
1. Virupaksha temple of Hampi was built during the reign of king Krishnadevraya of the Vijayanagar empire.
  2. Hampi was once the capital of the Vijayanagar Empire.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                                (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
32. With reference to the River Tungabhadra, consider the following statements:
1. It is a tributary of Krishna River.
  2. It originates in the western slopes of Eastern Ghats.
  3. It flows through the states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only                      (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 2 only                                (d) 1 and 2 only
33. Which of the following kings issued round and square gold coins called 'ilahi'?
- (a) Akbar  
(b) Muhammad bin Tughlaq  
(c) Aurangzeb  
(d) Akbar II
34. With reference to Global Gender Gap Report 2024, consider the following statements:
1. This report is released every year by the World Bank.
  2. New Zealand came out to be world's most gender equal country this year.
  3. India's rank fell by two places in the latest rankings.
- Which of the above given statements are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3                          (b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only                                (d) 1 and 2 only
35. Malimath committee and Krishnan Iyer committee are associated with which of the following?
- (a) Taxation reforms  
(b) Reforming criminal justice system  
(c) Education policy  
(d) Environmental protection

36. The Maitri Setu, also known as the India Bangladesh friendship bridge, is situated in which of the following rivers?

- (a) Feni river (b) Teesta river  
(c) Ichamati river (d) Brahmaputra River

37. With reference to Ramsar Sites in India, consider the following statements:

1. Currently, India has three wetland sites in the Montreux Record.
2. Vembannur wetland complex situated in Karnataka is currently the smallest Ramsar site in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. 'Nagleria fowleri' recently seen in the news is a

- (a) Amoeba (b) Marine Algae  
(c) Desert Plant (d) Type of Fungus

39. Which of the following is the primary objective of PREFIRE mission of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?

- (a) To explore the possibility of life on Mars.  
(b) To monitor the effects of deforestation on global climate.  
(c) To study heat loss to space in Earth's polar regions.  
(d) To develop advanced satellite communication systems.

40. With reference to ancient India, Chaul, Thana and Sanjan were well-known as

- (a) Ports (b) Weapons  
(c) Forts (d) Type of lands

41. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Tribal Festival</b>	<b>Region</b>
1. Bhagoria Haat	: Himachal Pradesh
2. Harela	: Madhya Pradesh
3. Hareli	: Chhatisgarh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

42. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Protected Area</b>	<b>Region</b>
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|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary | : Uttarakhand |
| 2. Nagi Nakti Bird Sanctuary | : Bihar       |
| 3. Nameri National Park      | : Assam       |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

43. With reference to International Solar Alliance (ISA), consider the following statements:

1. ISA was conceptualized in 2015 by India and France.
2. Membership of ISA is open to all members of the United Nations.
3. 'Towards 1000' strategy of ISA aims to mobilize USD 1,000 billions in investments in solar energy solutions.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

44. Consider the following:

1. Delimitation of constituencies
2. Allocation of seats in Lok Sabha and legislative assemblies
3. Registration of Political parties
4. Regulations of the actual conduct of elections

Which of the above provisions are dealt with under the Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1950?

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

45. Consider the following statements :

**Statement I** – The minimum age for becoming a Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha is 25 years.

**Statement II** – The minimum age for becoming the Prime Minister of India is 30 years.



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

46. With reference to Reservation policy in India, consider the following statements:

1. As per the Supreme court of India, promotion is considered a fundamental right for government servants in India.
2. As per the constitution of India, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota has a ceiling of 10%.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota was introduced in India through which of the Constitutional Amendment Acts?

- (a) 101<sup>st</sup>
- (b) 102<sup>nd</sup>
- (c) 103<sup>rd</sup>
- (d) 104<sup>th</sup>

48. Right to marry a person of one's choice is a fundamental right under which of the following articles?

- (a) Article 21
- (b) Article 14
- (c) Article 19
- (d) It is not a fundamental right.

49. With reference to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, consider the following statements:

1. Both individuals and associations are covered under this law.
2. Both Indian and foreign nationals can be charged under this law.
3. Only the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is exclusively authorized to deal with cases under this law.

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

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

50. With reference to Mercy Petitions, consider the following statements:

1. In cases where punishment for a sentence is by a court martial, only President of India has the power to pardon it.
2. Granting mercy under article 72 of the constitution is discretionary power of the President.
3. The Governor can only suspend, remit, or commute a death sentence and he/she cannot pardon it.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

51. With reference to 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, consider the following statements:

1. India has elected 74 women MPs in this election which is the highest ever in a Lok Sabha election.
2. The women elected make up more than 20% of the elected strength of the lower house.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. With reference to Special Category Status, consider the following statements:

1. This classification was recommended by the 10<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.
2. The 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has done away with the Special Category Status for all states and UTs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. Recommendations of which of the following commissions led to formation of several states based on the linguistic lines?

- (a) Fazal Ali Commission
- (b) JVP Committee
- (c) Dhar Commission
- (d) Punchhi Commission

54. With reference to the MPLADS scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Funds under the MPLADS scheme are non-lapsable in nature.
2. Lok Sabha MPs must spend the funds received in the MPLADS in their own constituencies.
3. Nominated members of Parliament can spend the MPLADS fund by recommending works anywhere in the country.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

55. With reference to the Central Information Commission (CIC), consider the following statements:

1. Central government has the authority to determine the remuneration and the term of information commissioners in CIC.
2. CIC comprises of 11 Information Commissioners including the chief information commissioner.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. In context of economy, the term 'Carry trade' refers to a situation where

- (a) Traders carry physical commodities across borders to exploit price differences.
- (b) Investors borrow in low-interest rate countries and invest elsewhere for higher returns.
- (c) Central banks carry out currency swaps to stabilize foreign exchange rates.
- (d) Investors carry forward losses to offset future gains for tax benefits.

57. Consider the following:

1. Increase in prices of Wheat and Rice
2. Increase in geopolitical tensions in the Gulf region
3. Increase in the prices of the raw material of apparels

How many of the above have the potential to have an impact on the Headline Inflation in India?

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

58. With reference to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), consider the following statements:

1. IPPC is the intergovernmental treaty that aims to protect the world's plants, agricultural products and natural resources from plant pests.
2. The IPPC is one of the "Three Sisters" recognized by the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Agreement.
3. India has signed IPPC but has not yet ratified it.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

59. PM SVANidhi scheme is being run by which of the government ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Rural Development
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

60. With reference to the Geneva Conventions on War Crimes, consider the following statements:

1. A majority of Geneva conventions deal with civilians and only the fourth convention applies to prisoners of war.
2. India is a party to all the Geneva Conventions.
3. The Geneva Conventions have attained universal ratification.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

<b>International Corridors</b>	<b>Location</b>
1. Lobito	: Central America
2. Luzon	: South China Sea
3. Middle	: Central Asia

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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



62. Often seen in the news the term 'Kafala system' refers to which of the following?

- (a) A policy framework for the conservation of marine biodiversity in the Persian Gulf.
- (b) A program that regulates the employment of foreign workers in many Middle Eastern countries.
- (c) A healthcare initiative aimed at providing free medical services to expatriates in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.
- (d) A financial aid program for farmers affected by droughts in the Arabian Peninsula.

63. With reference to Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), consider the following statements:

- 1. All the countries that share a border with the Persian Gulf have membership in the OPEC.
- 2. OPEC is headquartered in Vienna, Austria.
- 3. OPEC nations produce about 60% of the world's crude oil.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

64. Which of the following is not one of the basic principles of the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions?

- (a) Consent of the parties
- (b) Impartiality
- (c) Military intervention without approval
- (d) Non-use of force except in self-defence

65. With reference to 'United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification', consider the following statements:

- 1. It is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.
- 2. Established in 2002, it is one of the three Rio conventions.
- 3. It is committed to a bottom-up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating desertification.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

66. Consider the following pairs:

Type of Speciation	Description
1. Sympatric	: New species evolve from a single ancestral species while inhabiting the same region.
2. Allopatric	: New species evolve when a species separates into two isolated groups due to geographical barriers.
3. Peripatric	: New species evolve due to mating with individuals living in the same region.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

67. 'Bacillus thuringiensis' bacteria is often seen in the news in context of which of the following?

- (a) Genetic engineering
- (b) Human genome project
- (c) Stem cell research
- (d) None

68. With reference to Nalanda University, consider the following statements:

- 1. The first attack on the university happened during the reign of Samudragupta.
- 2. Huna rulers helped rebuild the university after the first attack.
- 3. The university was once restored by king Harshvardhana.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

69. Which of the following kings composed a work on statecraft in Telugu known as the Amuktamalyada?

- (a) Krishnadevaraya
- (b) Deva Raya II
- (c) Harihara I
- (d) Bukka Raya I

70. Arrange the following Vijayanagar Dynasties in chronological order:

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Tuluva | 2. Arvidu |
| 3. Sangam | 4. Suluva |

**Codes:**

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

71. Consider the following states:

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|------------|----------------|
| 1. Haryana | 2. Rajasthan   |
| 3. Assam   | 4. Chattisgarh |

How many of the above states are devoid of UNESCO World Heritage Sites?

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

72. In which of the following landmark cases, the Supreme Court gave 7 directives with the objective of bringing police reforms?

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| (a) Prakash Singh Vs. Union of India        |
| (a) Vishaka Vs. State of Rajasthan          |
| (b) Kesavananda Bharati Vs. State of Kerala |
| (c) Maneka Gandhi Vs. Union of India        |

73. With reference to Moon Missions, consider the following statements:

- India's Chandrayan 3 was the first successful mission to soft land on the south pole of the Moon.
- Recently, China successfully collected rock and soil samples from the moon's far side under Tiangong mission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Which of the following startups launched the world's first 3D printed rocket named SOrTeD?

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| (a) Skyroot Aerospace |
| (b) Space X           |
| (c) Dhruva Space      |
| (d) Agnikul Cosmos    |

75. With reference to Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2023, consider the following statements:

- It is a global index developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- Visakhapatnam Port became the first Indian port to reach the Global Top 20.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. With reference to Mughal History, consider the following statements:

- Aurangzeb constructed the city of Dinpanah in order to create a safe haven for religious scholars.
- Red fort was commissioned by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.
- Sher Shah Suri demolished the city of Dinpanah and built Sher Garh on the same site.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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| (a) 1 and 3 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) 2 and 3 only | (d) 1 only |

77. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Dance form</i>		<i>Region</i>
1. Theyyam	:	Kerala
2. Chhau	:	West Bengal
3. Garba	:	Gujrat

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

78. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Location	Region	Reasons for being in news
1	Rhodes	Italy	Wildfires
2	Namaqualand	Panama and Columbia	Discovery of oldest termite mounds
3	Mykonos	Greece	Rising sea levels

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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| (a) One pair only     |
| (b) Two pairs only    |
| (c) All three pairs   |
| (d) None of the pairs |

79. With reference to the Writ of Prohibition, consider the following statements:

1. This writ can be issued only against the judicial and quasi-judicial authorities.
2. Unlike Certiorari, this writ is available against administrative authorities.
3. It is also known as a 'stay order'.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

80. Consider the following big cat species:

1. Lion
2. Tiger
3. Cheetah
4. Leopard

How many of the above big cat species have the ability to roar?

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

81. Consider the following statements:

1. The Portuguese introduced cashew to India for the first time in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.
2. Red Sanders is native to India and can only be found in the western ghats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements:

1. Insurance companies and pension funds can invest in both G-secs and corporate bonds.
2. InviTs and REITS are both regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

83. With reference to Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligation (CBLO), consider the following statements:

1. CBLO is a money market instrument developed by Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL)
2. CBLO represents an obligation between a borrower and a lender to the terms and conditions of a loan.
3. CBLO entails the physical transfer of respective securities from borrower to lender or vice versa.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

84. With reference to the Mauryan Empire, consider the following statements:

1. The Mauryan Empire had a highly centralized administration with the king as the supreme leader.
2. Special officers, known as Samharta and Sannidhata were employed to monitor the activities of officials and the general public.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

85. Which of the following group of individuals are eligible to avail provisions of Home Voting in India?

- (a) Citizens aged 75 and above or with 30% benchmarked disability.  
(b) Citizens aged 90 and above or with 50% benchmarked disability.  
(c) Citizens aged 80 and above or with 25% benchmarked disability.  
(d) Citizens aged 85 and above or with 40% benchmarked disability.

86. With reference to the laws related to Marriage in India, consider the following statements:

1. The applicability of the Special Marriage Act 1954 extends to all faiths.
2. Personal laws require either spouse to convert to the religion of the other before marriage.
3. The minimum age to get married under the Special Marriage Act 1954 is 18 years for males and females.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

87. Consider the following pairs:

**Type of Pardonning**

**Example**

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| 1. Remission   | : | Changing death sentence to a life imprisonment             |
| 2. Commutation | : | Changing 2-year rigorous imprisonment to 1 year            |
| 3. Respite     | : | Allowing an ill prisoner to spend their final days at home |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

88. With reference to Skewflation, consider the following statements:

- It is a type of episodic price rise affecting one or a limited number of goods.
- Food commodities are often affected by skewflation because they are regularly impacted by market forces.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

89. With reference to Atal Pension Yojana (APY), consider the following statements:

- Citizens who are or have been income taxpayers are not eligible to join APY.
- The age of the subscriber should be between 18-60 years.
- The contribution levels would vary and would be higher if a subscriber joins early compared to joining at a later age.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

90. With reference to 'Operation Olivia,' consider the following statements:

- It is an initiative by the Indian Coast Guard to protect the endangered Sea Urchins.
- The operation is carried out along the Kerala coast.

- The initiative includes measures such as monitoring turtle nesting sites and preventing illegal fishing activities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 1 and 2 only |
| (c) 3 only | (d) 2 and 3 only |

91. With reference to 'Global Nitrous Oxide Budget 2024' report, consider the following statements:

- As per the report, India is among the top five emitters of Nitrous oxide.
- The study highlights that currently no technology exists that can remove Nitrous oxide from the atmosphere.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92. Satyameva Jayate (Truth alone triumphs) is a part of a mantra from which of the following Hindu scripture?

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| (a) Chandogya Upanishad      |
| (b) Brihadaranyaka Upanishad |
| (c) Taittiriya Upanishad     |
| (d) Mundaka Upanishad        |

93. With reference to Earth's Heat budget, consider the following statements:

- The atmosphere of Earth is transparent to long wave radiation and opaque to short wave radiation.
- Terrestrial radiation is the primary reason for the heating of Earth's atmosphere.
- About two-thirds of the solar energy that reaches Earth is reflected back into space.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 1 and 2 only |
| (c) 3 only | (d) 2 only       |

94. Consider the following rivers:

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| 1. Kosi   | 2. Gandak |
| 3. Ghagra | 4. Gomati |

How many of the above are International transboundary rivers?

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

95. Fig trees have a special relationship with which of the following kind of insects?

- (a) Bees (b) Wasps  
(c) Butterflies (d) Ants

96. Consider the following countries:

1. Cameroon 2. Tanzania  
3. Gabon 4. Malawi

The Congo basin spreads across how many of the above countries?

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

97. With reference to Syndicated Lending, consider the following statements:

1. A syndicated loan is financing offered by a syndicate made up of a group of lenders that work together to provide funds for a borrower.
2. The borrower can be a corporation, a large project, or a sovereign government.
3. Syndicated loans typically involve small amounts of money to minimize risk.

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

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

98. Consider the following:

1. Formation of a new State
2. Increasing the area of any State
3. Diminishing the area of any State
4. Altering the boundaries of any State
5. Altering the name of any State

Article 3 of the Constitution of India provides for how many of the provisions mentioned above?

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

99. Consider the following possible consequence:

1. Creation of a large Ozone hole
2. Very dry summer in Australia
3. Regional weather disruptions

Which of the above can be potential consequences of a large volcanic eruption in the western South Pacific Ocean?

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

100. Recently seen in the news, 'Preston curve' refers to the empirical relationship between which of the following?

- (a) life expectancy and per capita income in a country.  
(b) inflation rate and unemployment rate.  
(c) educational attainment and economic growth.  
(d) biodiversity and ecosystem services.



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