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All India Mock Test Prelims 2024

Allotted Time: Two hours

Maximum Marks: 200

Instructions

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- 2. ENCODE CLEARLY THE TEST BOOKLET SERIES A, B, C, & D AS THE CASE MAY BE IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE ANSWER SHEET.**
3. You have to enter your Roll Number in the test booklet. Do not write anything else in the booklet.
4. The Test Booklet contains 100 items (Questions). Each Item is printed in English. Each item has four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the answer sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
5. You have to mark all your responses **ONLY** on the separate answer sheet provided.
6. All items carry equal marks. Attempt all items. Your total marks will depend only on the number of correct responses marked by you in the answer sheet. For every incorrect response $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the allotted marks will be deducted.
7. After you have completed filling in all the responses on the answer sheet and the examination has concluded, you should hand over to the invigilator only the answer sheet. You are permitted to take away with you the test booklet.
- 8. Penalty. for wrong answers:**

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- (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

1. Which among the following subsidies is/are considered to be part of Amber Box Subsidies under the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)?

1. Minimum Support Price (MSP)
2. Income support through PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sammann Nidhi)
3. Financial Support for Agricultural Universities to enhance R&D.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

2. Consider the following statements related to Indian Agriculture:

1. The Gross Capital Formation (GCF) in Indian Agriculture is much higher than the agricultural subsidies.
2. More than 90% of the GCF is done by the Government.

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. Which among the following agencies has recently published the "Digital Payments Index"?

- (a) National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI)
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Indian Banks Association

4. Which among the following can be the benefits of setting up of Bank Investment Company (BIC) in India?

1. Enhance Government's control over the Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
2. Ensure professional Management of PSBs.
3. Reduce the NPAs of PSBs.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

5. Which among the following factors can possibly lead to increase in the rate of Inflation in the long run?

1. Expansionary Monetary Policy
2. Rupee Devaluation

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Which among the following is associated with the increase in the RBI's "Banking Stability Index"?

- (a) More number of Banks could become distressed if at least one Bank becomes distressed.
- (b) Less number of Banks could become distressed if at least one Bank becomes distressed.
- (c) Increase in the Gross NPAs of Banks
- (d) Decrease in the Gross NPAs of Banks.

7. Which among the following best describes the concept of "Special Mention Account (SMA)" in the Banking sector?

- (a) NPAs which are presently under the resolution through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- (b) Accounts which have been categorized as lost assets by banks
- (c) Accounts which are likely to become Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in future
- (d) NPAs which have been bought by Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)

8. Consider the following statements about the Western disturbance (WD):

1. It is low pressure areas originate in the Mediterranean region, other parts of Europe and the Atlantic Ocean.
2. They travel towards Afghanistan, Pakistan and India along high altitude.

- 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
9. With respect to Provisioning Coverage Ratio (PCR), consider the following statements:
1. Under PCR norms, the banks are required to set aside certain percentage of their profits to cover the risk arising from NPAs.
 2. The PCR norms are applicable only for NPAs and not for standard assets.
- 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. In which among the following states Lithium Deposits have been recently found?
- (a) Karnataka
(b) Gujarat
(c) Arunachal Pradesh
(d) Manipur
11. Consider the following statements:
1. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has capped the amount of trans fatty acids (TFA) in oils and fats to 3% for 2021 and 2% by 2022.
 2. Trans fats can only be artificial created in an industrial process that adds hydrogen to liquid vegetable oils to make them more solid.
- 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. The World Health Organization's REPLACE programme is related to which of the following?
- (a) Eliminating industrially-produced trans fats.
(b) Reducing all trans-fats in all foods to less than 2%.
(c) Reducing the intake of junk food.
(d) Replacing the ground water with potable tap water for drinking purpose.
13. Consider the following statements:
1. Quantum Random Number Generator has essential roles in Quantum Communication, cryptography and fundamental physics experiments.
 2. The generation of genuine randomness is generally considered impossible with classical means.
- 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
14. Consider the following statements regarding the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council:
1. It is an autonomous organization set up under the Department of Science and Technology.
 2. The Secretary, the Department of Science and Technology, is its Chairman.
- 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
15. Action Agenda for an AtmaNirbhar Bharat (AAAN) has been released by which of the following organizations?
- (a) NITI Aayog
(b) NASSCOM
(c) The Ministry of Finance
(d) None of the above.

16. Which of the following are the advantages of 5G over 4G?

1. Higher speed
2. Reduced latency
3. Higher number of users can connect simultaneously
4. Higher data security

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. 'Proxima Centauri', recently in the news, is a/an

- (a) Asteroid
- (b) Crater
- (c) Star
- (d) Exoplanet

18. 3D-printing can be used for which of the following?

1. Preparation of cakes and biscuits.
2. Making robotic prosthetic limbs.
3. Manufacturing automotive parts.
4. Reconstructive surgeries.
5. Data processing technologies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

19. The scientists at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali (Punjab), an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Government of India, have produced an ultra-high mobility 2d-electron gas (2DEG) at the interface of 2 insulating oxide layers. This will help advance the study and application of which of the following?

- (a) Piezoelectricity
- (b) Spin-electronics

(c) Atomic spectra study

(d) Nuclear fission

20. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Migrant Integration Policy Index?

1. It is published by the World Bank.
2. It ranked India the lowest in the Index in terms of inclusivity for the migrants.
3. It measures the policy measures that the countries take to integrate the migrants from 5 continents.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

21. Consider the following statements about the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971:

1. A pregnancy maybe be terminated up to 20 weeks, based on the opinion of one doctor.
2. Termination is permitted only when continuance of the pregnancy would involve a risk to the life of the pregnant woman, cause grave injury to her mental or physical health.

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

22. Recently, the 'Mulla Committee' was in the news. It is related to which of the following?

- (a) Minorities
- (b) Jail reforms
- (c) Forest cover
- (d) Disaster management

23. With reference to the "Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011", consider the following statements:

1. It was conducted under the overall coordination of the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. The caste portion of the SECC has not been disclosed so far.
- 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
24. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Kudumbashree Mission':
1. It is Karnataka's flagship poverty alleviation and women empowerment scheme.
 2. It has three components, i.e., micro-credit, entrepreneurship and empowerment.
 3. Kudumbashree is a government agency, that has a budget and staff paid by the government.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 1,2 and 3
25. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Global Risks Report?
1. It is released by the World Bank.
 2. The risk posed by infectious diseases has been ranked as no. 1 on the list of risks.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
26. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the "Home Work Convention, 1996"?
1. The Home Work Convention, 1996, is an International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention.
 2. It aims to promote and protect the rights of those who work at home, creating products for an employer.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
27. With respect to the "Open Skies Treaty", consider the following statements:
1. A member state can "spy" on any part of the host nation, with the latter's consent.
 2. All UN member states are the signatories of the Open Skies Treaty.
 3. The USA and Russia have withdrawn from this Treaty.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1,2 and 3
28. Which of the following countries have joined the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START)?
1. Russia
 2. China
 3. The United States of America
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) 1,2 and 3
29. With respect to the "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)", consider the following statements:
1. It is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative.
 2. It aims at linking the city of Gwadar in Pakistan to China's North-Western Region Xinjiang.
 3. It passes through the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

30. With respect to the "Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)", consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a regional political and economic alliance of all middle eastern states.
- 2. Its headquarter is located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

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

31. With respect to the "South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)", consider the following statements:

- 1. It has a permanent secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2. It includes the 7 South Asian countries only.

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. Which of the following countries are part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)?

- 1. China
- 2. Bangladesh
- 3. India
- 4. Japan
- 5. Myanmar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 4 and 5 only

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

33. Which of the following are the gene editing technologies?

- 1. Prime Editing
- 2. CRISPR-Cas9
- 3. Meganucleases

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

34. The Tsari Chu river is in which of the following states of India?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Uttarakhand

35. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect about Qatar?

- 1. It is situated on the western coast of the Persian Gulf.
- 2. It shares a border with eastern Saudi Arabia.
- 3. The Tropic of Cancer passes through Qatar.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

36. Which of the following countries have signed the Abraham Accord?

- 1. Israel
- 2. The United Arab Emirates
- 3. Bahrain
- 4. Saudi Arabia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only

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

37. The International Law identifies which of the following as the global commons?

1. The High Seas
2. The Antarctica
3. The Atmosphere
4. The Outer Space

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

38. Consider the following statements:

1. The facility of postal ballot is available to all eligible voters of India.
2. The Ministry of Law and Justice has approved the postal ballot facility for the Non-Resident Indians.

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) is developed by the Election Commission of India, with the help of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), for the use of the service voters.
2. This System enables the entitled voters to cast their vote using an electronically received postal ballot from anywhere outside their constituency.

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

40. The Tenth Schedule under the Indian Constitution provides for which of the following?

1. Provisions for disqualification on the ground of defection.
2. Allows mergers of the political parties on fulfilling certain conditions.
3. Decision on the questions of disqualification on the ground of defection to be decided by the Supreme Court.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

41. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Constitutional Amendment	Subject Matter
1.	The Constitution (Fifty-second Amendment) Act, 1985	Added Tenth Schedule to the Indian Constitution.
2.	The Constitution (Ninety-first Amendment) Act, 2003	Added Article 75(1A) to the Indian Constitution and Omitted Paragraph 3 of the Tenth Schedule.
3.	The Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act, 1976	Added the term "SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC" in the Preamble.

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

42. Which of the following statements about "Freedom" can be said to be correct?

1. Freedom is said to exist when external constraints on the individual are absent.

2. Freedom is multi-dimensional and the absence of constraints is only one dimension of freedom.
3. Freedom is about expanding the ability of the people to freely express themselves and develop their potential.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

43. Preamble to the Constitution of India provides for which of the following kinds of Liberty?

1. Thought
2. Expression
3. Belief
4. Faith
5. Worship
6. Status and Opportunity

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (b) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

44. The Criminal Justice and Police Accountability Project of Bhopal can be associated with which of the following?

- (a) Decarceration of the Denotified Tribes and other communities, which are persecuted and stigmatized by the criminal justice system.
- (b) Improving the Lok Adalat System and helping the old age population in settling their petty cases.
- (c) Providing crash course on legal awareness to the police constables across the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- (d) None of the above.

45. Consider the following statements regarding mercy petitions:

1. The President of India and the Governors of the States enjoy the same powers under the Constitution of India.

2. Judicial Review is barred on the decisions of the President of India taken under Article 72 of the Constitution of India.

3. The decision of the President under Article 72 is taken independently without the aid and advice of any Union Minister.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None of the above.

46. Consider the following statements about 'SPICe+':

1. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has notified a new Web Form - 'SPICe+' as a part of the Government of India's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) initiatives.
2. SPICe+ is an integrated web form offering 10 services by 3 Central Government Ministries and Departments.

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. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Range/Hill	Location
1.	Harischandra Range	Madhya Pradesh
2.	Shevaroy Hills	Andhra Pradesh

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

48. Consider the following statements about the India Innovation Index, 2020:

1. It scrutinizes the innovation capacities and performance of the Indian states and the Union Territories.
2. It provides an extensive framework for the constant evaluation of the innovation ecosystem of the states and the Union Territories.
3. The states and the Union Territories are ranked in 3 categories, viz., Major States; NE and Hill States; and UT and City States.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities are conducted by the Election Commission, as prescribed under Article 324 of the Constitution of India.
2. The Constitution of India mandates the Governors of the States to constitute a Finance Commission every fifth year to review the financial position of the Panchayats and the Municipalities.

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. Every Judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed and removed by an order of the President of India.
2. The Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, lays down the procedure for the investigation and proof of misbehaviour or incapacity for the removal of the Judge of the Supreme Court or of the High Court.

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

51. The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992, and the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992, have introduced which of the following?

1. Composition and duration of the Panchayats, but not for the Municipalities.
2. Constitution of the Finance Commission for the Panchayats and the Municipalities.
3. Eleventh and Twelfth Schedules to the Constitution of India.
4. Reservation of seats for the elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities.
5. Election to the Panchayats and the Municipalities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

52. Consider the following statements about the Jal Jeevan Mission:

1. The scheme seeks to ensure that every rural household of the country gets assured drinking water supply by 2024.
2. The fund sharing pattern between the centre and the states is 90:10 across the 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

53. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Deepor Beel?

1. It is a permanent freshwater lake in a former channel of the Brahmaputra river.
2. Pollution from pesticides and fertilizers is one of the main threats to it.

3. It is designated as a Wetland of International Importance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

54. Consider the following statements with regards to "Geobacter":

1. They are a group of gram-negative bacteria and they live in low-oxygen environments.
2. The Geobacter bacteria were the first organisms found to oxidise organic compounds to carbon dioxide.

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

55. Which of the following factors is/are required for an effective Microbial remediation?

1. Oxygen
2. Nutrients
3. Acidic conditions of pH less than 4

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

56. Consider the following statements:

1. The Harike Wetland lies in the state of Punjab.
2. It lies at the confluence of the Beas and the Sutlej rivers.

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

57. Which of the following is/are included under the Bio-Medical Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2018?

1. Eventual phasing out of chlorinated plastic bags.
2. Mandatory publication of annual reports by all healthcare facilities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

58. Consider the following statements regarding Project Elephant:

1. It is a Central Government sponsored scheme running since 1992.
2. Under this, the government helps in the protection and management of the elephants to all the states.
3. The Government of India, in the year 2010, declared elephant as the National Heritage Animal of the country.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

59. With reference to the Rajaji National Park, consider the following statements:

1. It is situated in Himachal Pradesh.
2. It is spread along the hills and foothills of the Shiwalik ranges in the Himalayan foothills and represents the Shiwalik eco-system.
3. The area is covered with diverse forest types, ranging from semi-evergreen to deciduous, and from mixed broad-leaved to Terai grassland.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements:

1. Kalaripayattu is a martial art.
2. Kalaripayattu was originated in Tamil Nadu.

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Martial Art form	State it belongs to
1.	Silambam	Kerala
2.	Musti Yudha	Rajasthan
3.	Thang-Ta	Manipur

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

62. Consider the following pairs:

S. No.	Martial Art form	Description
1.	Gatka	It is a style of sword fighting.
2.	Thoda	It needs excellence in archery.
3.	Kathi Samu	It is a style of stick-fighting, with wooden sticks.

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

63. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. Subhas Chandra Bose joined the Non-Cooperation Movement and he was inspired by the principle of non-violence of Gandhiji.

2. He was the President of the Indian Independence League.
3. He was the first man to call Mahatma Gandhi the "Father of the Nation".

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

64. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar united and inflamed the Indian students in England against the British rule in India through the Free India Society.
2. Abhinav Bharat Society was a secret society founded by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in 1904.
3. Savarkar wrote a book titled 'The History of the War of Indian Independence'.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

65. With respect to the "Aligarh Muslim University", consider the following statements:

1. The University was established as the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College in 1918.
2. The University grew out of the work of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
3. Sir Syed argued that religious beliefs, scientific knowledge and morality were mutually consistent.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

66. With respect to the “United Nations Security Council”, consider the following statements:

1. Under the Charter of the United Nations, all member states are obligated to comply with the Council’s decisions.
2. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.
3. The decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of 10 members.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

67. Which of the following statements is correct about “Yemen”?

- (a) It is located in Southeast Asia.
- (b) The Tropic of Cancer passes through Yemen.
- (c) It is situated at the entrance to the “Bab-el-Mandeb” Strait.
- (d) It borders the UAE to the north and Oman to the northwest.

68. With respect to the “Chenab”, consider the following statements:

1. It originates from near the Bara Lacha Pass in the Zaskar Range.
2. It is the second largest tributary of the Indus.
3. The river is formed by the confluence of two rivers, the Chandra and the Bhaga.

Which of the statements given above is/are ‘incorrect’?

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

69. With respect to the “Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)”, consider the following statements:

1. It is an influential interest rate that the banks use to price the US dollar-denominated derivatives and loans.

2. It is based on the transactions in the Treasury Repurchase Market.

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

70. With respect to the “Minimum Support Price (MSP)” for crops, consider the following statements:

1. It is a “minimum price” for any crop that the government considers as remunerative for the farmers.
2. It is based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
3. The government is legally bound to pay the MSPs for 23 crops.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

71. With respect to the “Bird Flu/ Avian Influenza”, consider the following statements:

1. It is a highly contagious viral disease caused by Influenza Type A viruses.
2. It is deadly as it spreads from person to person easily.
3. India has been declared free from Avian Influenza (H5N1).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

72. Which of the following is correct about ‘Vetiver’ often mentioned in the news?

- (a) It is used for cosmetics, aromatherapy and ayurvedic soaps.
- (b) It tends to reduce the biodiversity in the area in which it grows.

- (c) Its extract is used in the production of bio-plastics.
- (d) None of the above.

73. Consider the following statements about the Bharati Station in Antarctica:

1. Bharati's research mandate focuses on oceanographic studies and the phenomenon of continental breakup.
2. It also facilitates research to refine the current understanding of the Indian sub-continent's geological history.

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

74. What is Section 32A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016, often mentioned in the news?

- (a) It provides the defaulting company itself, the right to approach the adjudicating authority, i.e., the National Company Law Tribunal.
- (b) The bidders for a corporate debtor under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) would be immune from any investigations being conducted by any investigating agencies.
- (c) It mandates that an insolvent asset must be resolved in 270 days.
- (d) Any business of the corporate debtor has been carried on with an intent to defraud its creditors or for any fraudulent purpose, the Adjudicating Authority is empowered to pass appropriate order.

75. Consider the following statements:

1. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals) Rules, 2017, prevent the owners and the transporters from causing the animals unnecessary pain and suffering.
2. Article 62 of the Indian Constitution enjoins upon every citizen to have compassion for the living animals.

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

76. Consider the following statements:

1. The ornithologists Salim Ali and S. Dillon Ripley have been associated with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).

2. The BNHS logo is the Great Hornbill.

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

77. Which of the following places lie around the Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary?

1. Surajkund
2. Anangpur Dam
3. Tughlaqabad Fort
4. Chhatarpur Temple

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

78. Which of the following states share their borders with Nepal?

1. Jharkhand
2. West Bengal
3. Sikkim
4. Himachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

79. Consider the following statements:

1. The West Bank is located on the Marun river.
2. The Gaza Strip is located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

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

80. Consider the following statements about the Betwa river:

1. The Betwa is a tributary of the Yamuna river.
2. It rises in the Satpura Range.

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

81. Consider the following statements about the Ken river:

1. It flows through Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
2. The river originates in the Barner Range.
3. The river passes through the Panna National Park.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements:

1. The Galwan river has its source in Himachal Pradesh.
2. The river meets the Shyok river.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Pangolin is a harmless nocturnal animal with no teeth.
2. Pangolins are listed in Schedule I of India's Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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

84. Consider the following statements about the Governor:

1. The Punchhi Commission suggested that the phrase "during the pleasure of the President" should be deleted from the Constitution.
2. The Venkatachaliah Commission recommended that ordinarily the Governors should be allowed to complete their five-year term.

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 among the following South American countries are part of Lithium triangle?

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. Bolivia
4. Peru
5. Brazil

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

86. Which among the following can be considered as Strategic and Critical minerals in India?

1. Lithium

2. Rhenium
3. Tantalum
4. Chromium
5. Strontium

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

87. Which among the following best describes the concept of "Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)"?

- (a) Banks with the highest loan portfolios
- (b) Banks that are considered to be "Too big to fail"
- (c) Banks with the highest deposits
- (d) Banks owned by the Government.

88. With respect to Commodity Transaction Tax (CTT), consider the following statements:

1. It is a tax imposed on the exchange traded commodity derivatives, including the agricultural commodities.
2. The Union Budget 2021-22 has decided to do away with the Commodity Transaction Tax (CTT).

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

89. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), consider the following statements:

1. There is no limit on the payment of premium by the Centre and States.
2. The enrolment of loanee farmers under this scheme is mandatory.

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

90. With reference to Geographical Indications (GI) tag, consider the following statements:

1. The GI Tag is valid for a period of 10 years and can be renewed from time to time.
2. The GI Tag is issued by Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.

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

91. Which among the following countries is the largest producer of Crude Steel in the World?

- (a) China
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA

92. With reference to Minimum Support price (MSP) for the Minor Forest produce (MFP), consider the following statements:

1. The MSP for the Minor Forest produce (MFP) is declared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
2. The scheme is implemented only in Fifth Schedule areas.

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

93. Which among the following is/are benefits of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs)?

1. Flexibility to the Investors to redeem the Bond either in cash or in Gold upon maturity.
2. Reduce the import of Gold into India
3. Option to the Investors to sell the SGBs in the stock exchanges.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

94. The Swiss Challenge Method (SCM), which was recently in news deals with?

- (a) Auction of 5G spectrum
- (b) Awarding Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Projects
- (c) Auction of Coal Blocks
- (d) Choosing Strategic Private sector partner for undertaking Strategic Disinvestment

95. With reference to Banks Board Bureau (BBB), consider the following statements:

1. The Banks Board Bureau (BBB) is headed by the Finance Minister.
2. The BBB has been set up based upon the recommendations of Raja Chelliah Committee.

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

96. The "Peace Clause", often seen in news, deals with which among the following agreements under WTO?

- (a) TRIPS Agreement
- (b) Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)
- (c) Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- (d) TRIMS Agreement

97. Consider the following statements:

1. Global Economic Prospects is a World Bank Group flagship report.
2. It examines global economic developments and prospects, with a special focus on emerging market and developing economies.

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

98. Consider the following pairs:

S. no.	Region (producer of coriander)	State
1.	Hadoti region	Gujarat
2.	Guna district	Madhya Pradesh

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

99. Consider the following statements about the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI):

1. The National Programme for Health Care of Elderly has undertaken the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India.
2. LASI is a full-scale national survey of scientific investigation of the health, economic and social determinants and consequences of population ageing 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

100. Consider the following statements:

1. PM CARES Fund is a public charitable trust.
2. Minister of Defence, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Finance, Government of India are ex-officio Trustees of the Fund.
3. PM CARES Fund accepts voluntary contributions by individuals /organizations as well as contributions as part of CSR from Companies/Public Sector Undertakings.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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