

1. Recently, the USA decided to rejoin the Paris Agreement. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Only Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) can join the Paris Agreement.
2. A party can join the Paris agreement after approval by the majority of UN General Assembly.

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. Which of the following is/are the advantages of a smart grid over a conventional grid?

1. It can reduce the overall peak demand.
2. It leads to quicker restoration of electricity after power disturbances.
3. It can prevent major blackouts by detecting and isolating small outages.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding 'Earth Overshoot Day':

1. It is observed every year on World Environment Day.
2. It is an initiative of the European Union and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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. Consider the following in the context of Bharatnatyam, one of the classical dance forms of India:

1. It is also known as 'Dashiattam' due to its roots in the Devdasi system of Tamil Nadu.
2. It encompasses 'Lasya' (feminine) element in its postures.
3. The dance form is characterized by a style where one dancer plays many different roles in a single performance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the Committee of Privileges?

1. It is semi-judicial in nature which examines the cases of breach of privileges of the House as well as its members.
2. A common committee of privileges looks into the matters associated with members of both the houses of the Parliament.

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. Consider the following statements:
1. An exchange-traded fund (ETF) is a basket of securities that trade on an exchange.
  2. Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund is India's first bond exchange-traded fund.
- 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

7. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Alloy</i>	<i>Elements included</i>
1. Brass	: Copper and Zinc
2. Bronze	: Copper and Tin
3. Solder	: Lead and Tin
4. German Silver	: Silver and Nickel

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

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

8. During the British period, the Praja Mandal movements were organized to
- (a) overthrow British rule in India through military revolt
  - (b) unite peasants across India for all India peasant struggle
  - (c) fight feudal princes of Princely States
  - (d) demand funds for modern education in Provinces

9. With reference to the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, to combat organized wildlife crime in the country.
2. It is responsible for the establishment of a centralized Wildlife crime data bank.

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. Neptune Declaration, recently seen in the news in the context of

- (a) exploration of giant planets in the outer region of the solar system.
- (b) freeflow of COVID Vaccine across international borders.
- (c) well-being of seafarers.
- (d) combating crossborder flow of counterfeit currency.

11. SUMAN initiative, sometimes seen in the news seeks to:

- (a) end all preventable maternal and neonatal deaths.
- (b) promote the use of solar pumps in agriculture.
- (c) provide short-term credit facility for street vendors.
- (d) promote new market access to small and medium enterprises.

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- 12.** Consider the following statements with reference to Housing Finance Companies (HFCs):

1. HFC is a Non-Banking Financial Company that provides at least 90% of its total assets for housing finance.
2. HFCs are regulated by the National Housing Bank.

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 statements regarding the concept of Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT), sometimes seen in the news:

1. It is an initiative of ASEAN to eliminate restrictions on cross-border transfer of information.
2. India has refused to accept the concept of DFFT.

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.** Barak River was recently in the news. Consider the following statements regarding the Barak river:

1. It originates from Manipur hills.
2. It is a left-bank tributary of the Brahmaputra river.
3. It passes through Keibul Lamjao National park.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 15.** Consider the following statements, with respect to the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005:

1. The Official Secrets Act, 1923 has complete overriding powers over the RTI Act, 2005.
2. The RTI Act allows exemption to information that is forbidden to be published by any court of law.

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

- 16.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Polar Vortex:

1. It is a cold air current that occurs in the upper level of the atmosphere in the Northern Hemisphere only.
2. It is formed mainly in winter and gets weaker in summer.

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

- 17.** 'Nuakhai Juhar' is one of the most ancient festivals celebrated in Odisha, is associated with which of the following?

- (a) Jaganath Rath yatra
- (b) Buddhist new year
- (c) New cropping season
- (d) Paying tribute to the martyrs of Kalinga war

18. Areas of which of the following wildlife sanctuaries was recently upgraded to tiger reserve?
- Megamalai wildlife sanctuary
  - Kishanpur wildlife sanctuary
  - Sri Penusila Narasimha wildlife sanctuary
  - Mahananda wildlife sanctuary
19. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the provisions of Article 323A and Article 323B dealing with Tribunals?
- While Article 323A provides for the establishment of administrative tribunals, Article 323B provides for the establishment of tribunals for adjudication of inter-state river water disputes.
  - Tribunals under Article 323A and Art 323B can be established both by the Parliament and the state legislatures.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
20. In the context of regulations and laws passed by the Britishers in India, the Act V of 1843 provided for
- abolition of economic activities associated with slavery in India.
  - an intervention by the British Court in the event of a trade dispute.
  - regulation of working conditions of women in factories.
  - to increase the salaries of officers of East India Company.

21. Consider the following events in the history of modern India:
- Guruvayur satyagraha
  - Vaikom satyagraha
  - Flag satyagraha
- Which of the following is the correct chronology of the above events?
- 1-3-2
  - 2-1-3
  - 3-2-1
  - 2-3-1
22. Consider the following statements, with reference to fog and mist:
- The western continental margins are characterised by more fogs than eastern continental margins.
  - Fog contains more moisture than mist.
  - Mists are frequent over mountains.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1, 2 and 3
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
23. Consider the following statements with reference to the Oil and Gas industry in India during the last five years:
- Indigenous crude oil production has steadily increased during the period.
  - Import of crude oil has declined during the period.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2

24. "This is a unicellular organism. The cell has a definite shape and food is taken in at a specific spot. Food is moved to this spot by the movement of cilia which cover the entire surface of the cell".

Which of the following organisms has been described in the above passage?

- (a) Amoeba
- (b) Paramecium
- (c) Yeast
- (d) Escherichia coli

25. Which of the following bank assets are categorized under High-Quality Liquid Assets (HQLAs)?

- 1. Cash reserves in excess of required CRR.
- 2. Marketable securities guaranteed by Public Sector Entities.
- 3. Government securities in excess of the minimum SLR requirement.
- 4. Government securities within the SLR requirement, to the extent allowed by RBI under the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF).

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

26. With reference to positive radiative climate forcing, consider the following statements:

- 1. Positive radiative climate forcing is associated with the earth receiving more incoming energy from sunlight and radiating back less energy.
- 2. Aerosols are a major contributor to positive radiative climate forcing.

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

27. With reference to scholars/literature of ancient India consider the following pairs:

#### Scholars

#### Patron

- 1. Velabhatt : Chandragupta  
Vikramaditya
- 2. Bharavi : King Durvinita
- 3. Vararuchi : Samudragupta

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

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

28. Consider the following pairs:

#### Telescope

#### Operating

#### Organization

- 1. Devasthal Telescope : Aryabhata  
Research Institute  
of Observational  
Sciences
- 2. Himalayan Chandra Telescope : Indian Institute of  
Plasma Research
- 3. Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope : National Centre for  
Radio Astrophysics

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

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

- 29.** Consider the following statements regarding Jim Corbett National Park:
1. It lies in the Indian states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.
  2. It is the largest tiger reserve in India.
  3. River Yamuna forms the chief hydrological resources for the national park.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 3 only
  - (d) None
- 30.** The term "Shadow pad" sometimes seen in the news recently, is related to:
- (a) Eco-friendly and compostable sanitary napkin made by CSIR.
  - (b) A new launching pad of ISRO off the coast of Tamil Nadu.
  - (c) A new malware attack on India's critical infrastructure.
  - (d) A combat tactic used by Indian army at the Line of Actual Control.
- 31.** Consider the following statements in the context of the Congress Sessions during British rule in India:
1. The Karachi Session, 1931 of the Congress passed a resolution of the National Economic Programme.
  2. The Calcutta session, 1901 of the congress was the first contact of Gandhiji with the congress.
  3. Mohammad Ali Jinnah decried the communal electorates in Allahabad Session, 1910.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 1, 2 and 3
  - (d) 1 only

- 32.** Which of the above architectural sites belongs to the Gupta period?
1. Vishnu as varaha at udayagiri caves.
  2. Dhauli Elephant sculpture
  3. Brick temple of Bhitargaon.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 3 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 33.** Consider the following statements in respect of the Maritime India Summit (MIS):
1. MIS seeks to promote cooperation among the neighbouring countries with an aim to boost security arrangements in the region.
  2. It is organized under the chairmanship of the Indian Navy.
- 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
- 34.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Pricing policy for Sugarcane:
1. The State Advisory Price (SAP) of sugarcane is uniformly applicable all over the country.
  2. SAP is announced by the Central Government based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
- 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



35. Consider the following statements regarding drug pricing in India:
1. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority regulates the prices of all the drugs marketed in India.
  2. Revision in existing ceiling prices of scheduled formulations is based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI),
- 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
36. Consider the following statements with reference to India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA):
1. CECPA is the first trade agreement to be signed by India with a country in Africa
  2. CECPA is a limited agreement, which does not cover trade in Services.
- 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
37. It is an artificial embankment Dam constructed across the Beas river in the wetland zone of Shivalik Hills. The Reservoir created by the dam is one of the International wetland sites of the Ramsar Convention. The wetland is known for hosting the largest congregation of Bar-headed Geese which suffered heavy casualties due to the recent outbreak of bird flu among other factors.
- Which of the following is being described in the above passage?
- (a) Pong Dam
  - (b) Chandertal
  - (c) Renuka lake
  - (d) Asan Barrage
38. Which of the following best describes Pigovian Tax?
- (a) It is a tax levied on purchase and sale of securities.
  - (b) It is a tax placed on any good which creates negative externalities.
  - (c) It is a tax on all spot conversions of one currency into another.
  - (d) None of the above.
39. Consider the following statements with respect to Al Biruni's Kitab ul Hind description of the Social and cultural life of India:
1. Siddhimatrika was a script popular in Varanasi, Kannauj, and Kashmir.
  2. Chaturvarna system was deeply entrenched in Indian society.
  3. Polytheism was practiced by common people.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
40. Global Warming Potential (GWP) of greenhouse gas is defined as its ability to trap extra heat in the atmosphere over time relative to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). In this context arrange the Global Warming Potential of the following gases in decreasing order.
1. Methane
  2. Sulfur hexafluoride
  3. Perfluoromethane
  4. Nitrous oxide
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1-4-3-2
  - (b) 1-4-2-3
  - (c) 1-2-3-4
  - (d) 2-3-4-1

**41.** With respect to Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), consider the following statements:

1. It is a central sector scheme that is fully funded by the Government of India.
2. Under the scheme, Lok Sabha Members can recommend works within their constituencies only.
3. It mandates 100% compulsory auditing of all works completed by trusts which receive funds under the scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**42.** The 'Living Planet Report' and 'Living Planet Index' are often seen in the news. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Living Planet Report is released every year by the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF).
2. The 'Living Planet Index' has been adopted by the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) as an indicator of progress towards its 2011-2020 target to conserve biodiversity.

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

**43.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS):

1. It is conducted to strengthen the roots of democracy among all the school students.
2. The participants may speak in any of the Scheduled languages.
3. It is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**44.** Consider the following statements with respect to the reservation in promotion in government jobs in India:

1. The Indian constitution provides for reservation in promotions in the government jobs to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).
2. Reserved promotion posts for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes that remain unfilled can be carried forward to the subsequent year.
3. Promotion in government jobs for SCs and STs is guaranteed by the State as a fundamental right under the Indian Constitution.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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



45. He was a strong proponent of 'internal yoga' and started a new publication "Karmayogini". He advocated that "Political freedom is the life birth of a nation". He served as a civil servant in the Princely state of Baroda in the service of Maharaja as well as the principal of Bengal National College. Identify the personality from the above passage.
- Aurobindo Ghosh
  - Mahadev Govind Ranade
  - Subhash Chandra Bose
  - Rash Behari Ghosh
46. It is a traditional, cloth-based scroll painting based on Hindu mythology. This art form is practiced mostly in the state of Odisha. Thia Badhia, Krishna Lila and Dasabatara Patti are some of the popular themes represented through this art form. Which of the following artform is being described in the above passage?
- Kalamkari
  - Chitrapothi
  - Thangka
  - Pattachitra
47. 'Sessa Orchid Sanctuary', the orchid paradise of India is located in
- Arunachal Pradesh
  - Assam
  - Himachal Pradesh
  - Manipur
48. Which of the following factor(s) influence the savings rate in an economy?
- Inflation
  - Interest rates
  - Income distribution
  - Demographic distribution
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
  - 3 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2, 3 and 4
49. 'TraceBioMe' a project for mapping the genetic diversity of organisms and the impact of micronutrients and rare metals on them in the Indian Ocean is an initiative of
- Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology
  - National Institute of Oceanography
  - Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
  - National Institute of Animal Biotechnology
50. With reference to the Amara-Nayak system of Vijayanagar Kingdom consider the following statements:
- Amara-Nayak were military commanders who were allotted territories.
  - They maintain a stipulated contingent of horses and elephants.
  - They could not be transferred from one place to another.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
51. Which of the following correctly describes the term Bradykinin Storm, recently seen in the news?
- It refers to a temperate cyclone developing off the east coast of the USA.
  - It is a response generated in the human body by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
  - It refers to a sudden discovery of gold mines in the ancient town of Brad in Romania.
  - It is a disorder of the central nervous system leading to slowness in movements.

52. Consider the following statements with respect to Central Asian contacts during the ancient period and their results:

1. The King Milinda depicted in Milinda Panho belongs to the Saka dynasty.
2. The first-ever inscription in chaste Sanskrit was issued by Kanishka.
3. Influenced by Buddhism, Kushanas discontinued the practice of belief in divine origin in Kingship.

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

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

53. Consider the following statements with respect to Dara Shikoh's:

1. His work Sirr-i-Akbar is a Persian translation of Upanishads works.
2. He tried to establish an interlinkage between the Qur'an and the Upanishads.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

54. With reference to Martian blueberries, consider the following statements:

1. They are small spherical hematites rocks found on the surface of Mars.
2. They are an indication of the presence of water on Mars.
3. They indicate that Mars had an atmosphere with oxygen.

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

55. As per the provisions of the Constitution of India, the Union government has the duty to:

1. Protect states against external aggression and internal disturbance.
2. Ensure that the government of the states is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
3. Ensure that elections to the local governments in the states are held regularly in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. Consider the following statements regarding the Biological Diversity Act, 2002:

1. The act realizes the objectives enshrined in the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992.
2. The Act provides for licenses for the sale, transfer, and possession of some wildlife species.
3. The Act mandates the Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to chair the National Biodiversity Authority.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

57. Consider the following statements with reference to total solar eclipse:

1. It occurs when the sun and the moon are exactly in line with the earth and the moon completely obscures the sun.
2. It occurs about every year and a half somewhere on earth.

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

58. The term Bali was used in ancient Indian history is related to.

- (a) Voluntary offering received by the princes.
- (b) Male deity worshipped by the vedic people
- (c) Head of a village
- (d) Drink consumed by local people during vedic period

59. With reference to Sounding Rockets, consider the following statements:

1. They are one or two stage solid propellant rockets.
2. They are mainly used for probing the upper atmospheric regions.

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

60. The remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme was recently announced to be implemented replacing Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). What is/are the features of the RoDTEP scheme?

1. Export subsidies will be compliant with WTO norms.
2. It will provide a rebate of taxes levied at all three central, state, and local levels.
3. All exported goods will be eligible to reap the tax benefits.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Object/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. Goldilocks zone	: Habitable zone around a star where the temperature is neither too hot nor too cold.
2. Kuiper Belt	: Region of icy bodies between Mars and Jupiter.
3. Oort Cloud	: A giant spherical shell surrounding the solar system.
4. Lagrange point	: Point where gravitational forces of two large bodies, equal the centrifugal force of the smaller third body.

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

62. *It is a protected area and home to animals like Golden Jackal, Barking deer, Water buffalo. It is home to many migratory birds and also an Important Bird Area. It hosts the highest density of Rhinoceros population in the world. It is located on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra river and often called 'Mini Kaziranga'.*

Which of the following protected areas is best described in the passage given above?

- (a) Orang National Park
- (b) Manas National Park
- (c) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary

63. Which of the following statements is *not* correct regarding the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN)?

- (a) It is a single non-lapsable reserve fund for health in the Public Account.
- (b) It will be credited by proceeds of share of Health in the Health and Education Cess.
- (c) It will be administered and maintained by the Department of Financial Services.
- (d) Accruals into the fund will be utilized for National Health Mission.

64. With respect to the Prorogation of the House during the parliamentary proceedings in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. It results in the termination of sitting as well as a session of the houses.
- 2. The Constitution authorises the President to prorogue the houses.
- 3. On prorogation of the house, all pending bills and notices lapse.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements with respect to Indian National Liberal Federation:

- 1. It was established immediately after the Surat split of Indian National Congress in 1907.
- 2. Surendranath Banerjea and Tej Bahadur Sapru were associated with the association.

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM):

- 1. It works under the overall supervision and guidance of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- 2. It can advise on policy, and scientific matters related to Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM).

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

67. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Freedom Activist</i>	<i>Events associated</i>
1. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur	: Member of the Indian delegation to UNESCO in 1945
2. Sarojini Naidu	: Participated in the 1st Round Table Conference
3. Aruna Asaf Ali	: Underground Radio during Quit India Movement

Which of the pairs given above is/are *not* correctly matched?

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

**68.** Sandalwood is a prized plant species sought after for its medicinal values and unique fragrance. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. It is an evergreen tree that mostly grows in the forests of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
2. They are highly sensitive trees and intolerant of wind and heat.
3. They are semi-parasitic in nature.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**69.** Consider the following statements regarding the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO):

1. It covers both physical sexual crimes as well as child pornography on the internet.
2. It has raised the age of consent for consensual sex from 16 years to 18 years.
3. A victim under the POCSO Act can be any child irrespective of gender.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**70.** Consider the following statements with respect to the election expenditure during the election process in India:

1. It is mandatory for all contesting candidates to keep a separate account in a bank for managing their election expenses.
2. Any change in the total election expenditure rules requires prior approval of the Parliament.
3. The ceiling of poll expenditure is the same for all the states of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**71.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO):

1. SFIO is a multi-disciplinary organization set up to investigate corporate frauds.
2. SFIO is an attached office under the Ministry of Finance.

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

**72.** In the context of economy, Arbitrage refers to a

- (a) contract between two or more parties whose value is based on an underlying financial asset.
- (b) process of simultaneous buying and selling of an asset from different platforms.
- (c) risk management strategy employed to offset losses in investments by taking an opposite position in a related asset.
- (d) trading strategy in which traders profit off small price changes for a stock.

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**73.** Which of the following unique factors contributed to the “ozone hole” appearance over Antarctica compared to the Arctic region?

1. Higher emission of halogens in Southern Hemisphere
2. Larger and more stable Polar stratospheric clouds
3. Higher degree of dehydration

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**74.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF):

1. RBI extend long terms loans to banks through MSF.
2. Under the MSF, banks were allowed to avail funds by dipping into the Statutory Liquidity Ratio.

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

**75.** Consider the following statements with reference to the tea cultivation in India:

1. It is both a sub-tropical as well as a tropical crop
2. It is a water-loving plant, tends to be grown on the windward sides of mountain ranges
3. India is the second-largest producer and exporter of tea in the world

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**76.** Oxidation is a process in which a chemical substance changes because of the addition of oxygen. Which of the following everyday process is/are result of oxidation?

1. Corrosion of iron
2. Rancidification of food
3. Combustion of hydrocarbons

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**77.** Consider the following statements regarding 'High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People':

1. It is a non-profit coalition of private entities that aim to conserve biodiversity and halt damage to ecosystems.
2. The central goal of this coalition is to conserve at least 30 per cent of the world's land and ocean by 2030.

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

**78.** Consider the following statements with reference to Voting rights for NRIs:

1. Voting rights for NRIs were introduced in 1950 through the Representation of People Act, 1950.
2. Currently, NRIs can only vote in person by producing a passport in original.

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



- 79.** Which of the following is correct regarding the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)?
1. The objective of the LCR is to promote the long-term resilience of the liquidity risk profile of banks.
  2. LCR is a requirement under the Basel III Framework.
- 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
- 80.** Which of the following were part of the Home Charges, an important component of the Drain of Wealth during the British period?
1. Interest on Public Debt raised abroad
  2. Pensions to British Military Officers
  3. Store purchases in England
  4. Dividends to shareholders of East India Company
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (b) 2 and 4 only
  - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
  - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 81.** Consider the following statements regarding 'Whale Shark' :
1. It is included in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972
  2. It is the biggest fish in the world.
  3. It is endemic to the Indian ocean.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1 and 3 only

- 82.** Consider the following statements regarding the writ jurisdiction of the High Courts under Article 226 of the Indian Constitution:
1. Administrative decisions of government are not subject to judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution.
  2. A foreign company cannot invoke the writ jurisdiction of the High Court under Article 226.

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 pairs of Decorative Arts and States:

<i>Decorative Art</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Alpana	: West Bengal
2. Kolam	: Karnataka
3. Mandna	: Goa

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

- 84.** Which among the following Conservation efforts have been taken for the Tiger Conservation?

1. CA/Ts framework
2. Tx2 programme
3. St. Petersburg Declaration
4. M – STRIPES

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

85. Which of the following are subject to an audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India?

1. Union and state government departments.
  2. Foreign States receiving grants from the union government.
  3. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

86. Consider the following statements regarding the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution:

1. The Constitution mentions the qualifying criteria for a language to be included in the eighth schedule.
2. The official language of the Indian Union is not mentioned in the eighth schedule.
3. Tulu Language is the latest language included in the eighth schedule.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements with reference to Core Investment Companies (CICs):

1. CICs are specialised companies which carry business in the acquisition of shares and securities.
2. CICs are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of 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

88. It said that the 'One Health' approach is rooted in understanding the interdependence of human and natural systems. In this context, consider statements about the One Health approach:

1. One Health approach is particularly helpful in ensuring a safe food supply.
2. It believes that Human-animal interactions can beneficially impact the health of both people and 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

89. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Special Provision</i>	<i>Concerned state</i>
<i>Articles</i>	
1. 371A	: Nagaland
2. 371C	: Manipur
3. 371G	: Arunachal
4. 371H	: Mizoram

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

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

90. With reference to the Montford Reforms in British India, consider the following statements:

1. The ministers in the Provincial legislature were subject to a no-confidence motion.
2. The central council of the state had only male members.
3. The allocation of seats to the provinces in the Central legislature was based on the size of the province.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 91.** With reference to the process of hydrogenation, consider the following statements:

1. It converts the liquid oils into semisolid or plastic fats.
2. It is done at an ordinary room temperature in the absence of catalysts.
3. Hydrogenation of an oil prohibits the production of Trans Fat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 92.** In the context of geomorphology, which of the following volcanic landforms is/are extrusive in nature?

1. Lacolith
2. Lava Mesa
3. Dykes

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 93.** Consider the following statements regarding the Eco-Development Forces (EDF) Scheme:

1. It is implemented through the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. Ecological restoration of severely degraded terrains is carried out under this scheme.

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

- 94.** With reference to the comparison between Mosses and Lichens, consider the following statements:

1. While mosses do not have a plant-like structure with roots, leaves and stem, lichens have well-defined stem and chloroplasts throughout their entire bodies.
2. Both mosses and lichen can act as bio-indicators and absorb pollutants present in the atmosphere.

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

- 95.** What is the purpose of New Umbrella Entities (NUEs) recently proposed by the Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) to create a consortium of banks in resolution of stressed assets.
- (b) to create alternate payment systems.
- (c) to integrate ombudsman scheme to improve grievance redressal mechanism.
- (d) None of the above

- 96.** With reference to UN Peacekeeping Operations, consider the following statements:

1. UN peacekeepers can use force only for their self-defence.
2. Peacekeeping operations can only be withdrawn by a resolution by UN Security Council.
3. USA is the largest budget contributor to UN Peacekeeping operations.

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

**97.** After the controversy in the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha regarding the Age of Consent Bill, Deccan Sabha was founded by who among the following?

- (a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (b) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- (c) Pherozshah Mehta
- (d) Gopal Hari Deshmukh

**98.** Consider the following statements with reference to Karst topography:

1. It is a region with a large stretch of limestone.
2. In this region, in general, surface drainage is absent.
3. Dolines are a very common surface landform seen in the region.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**99.** 'Turant Customs' initiative has been launched by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to

- (a) eliminate the backlog of customs related tax disputes in time bound manner.
- (b) bring Indian customs duty at par with the OECD countries in a time bound manner.
- (c) make Indian customs procedures faceless, paperless and contactless.
- (d) to provide credit to the MSMEs predominantly engaged in exports.

**100.** Salinity is the term used to define the total content of dissolved salts in seawater or water bodies for that matter. In this context, arrange the following water bodies in decreasing order of salinity.

1. Baltic Sea
2. Red Sea
3. Great Salt Lake

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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