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1. Consider the following statements with reference to the cost-push inflation:

1. It is inflation caused by an increase in prices of inputs like labor and raw material.
2. This inflation is always a strong indicator of an expanding economy.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to the Horticulture Sector in India:

1. It contributes nearly one-third of the value of agriculture output.
2. India is the second-largest producer of fruits, vegetables, and spices in the world.

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. A government cuts taxes and runs a budget deficit in order to stimulate consumer spending. However, consumer responds to it by increasing savings instead of spending more. The forward looking approach of consumers is based on the fact that increased borrowings by the government will be repaid by taxes in future. This will lead to a similar impact on the economy as borrowing by the government today.

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

- (a) Ricardian equivalence
- (b) Goodhart's law
- (c) Okun's Law
- (d) Grandfather clause

4. Rakesh lives in a village where the only source of employment is agriculture. He works productively for five months in the agricultural fields and gets no work in the remaining part of the year.

Which of the following types of unemployment is best described in the passage given above?

- (a) Seasonal unemployment
- (b) Disguised unemployment
- (c) Structural unemployment
- (d) Cyclic unemployment

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Capital Gains Tax is aimed at those companies which show zero or negligible income to avoid tax.
2. Minimum Alternate Tax applies on the sale of all assets if a profit has been made by the owner of the asset.

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

6. Arrange the following renewable sources of energy in increasing order of their contribution to total installed capacity in India.

1. Solar Power
2. Wind Power
3. Bio Power

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

7. Recently Kingdom of Eswatini has been in news for the sudden eruption of protests and subsequent violence. It is located in
- Africa
 - Europe
 - Asia
 - South America
8. Which of the following is the components of high-powered money?
- Currency held by public
 - Currency held by commercial banks
 - Foreign Exchange reserves held by RBI
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
9. Consider the following statements:
- Autonomous transactions are independent of the deficit or surplus in the Balance of Payments.
 - Accommodating transactions refer to transactions that take place to cover deficit or surplus arising from autonomous transactions.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
10. With reference to Small Finance Banks (SFB), consider the following statements:
- They are subject to the norms of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR).
 - At least 25 percent of its branches shall be in unbanked rural centers.
 - Priority sector must comprise 75% of their net credit.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
11. With reference to Ways and Means Advances (WMA), consider the following statements:
- It is a facility for both the Centre and states to borrow from the RBI, to balance temporary mismatches in cash flows.
 - Normal Ways and Means Advances are provided at lower interest rate than the repo rate.
 - The interest levied for Special Drawing Facilities/Special WMA is equal to the repo rate.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3

- 12.** Which of the following are excluded from the National Income to calculate Personal Income?
1. Corporate Tax
 2. Personal Tax payments
 3. Transfer payments to the households from the Government
 4. Undistributed profits
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 4 only
(b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 2, 3 and 4 only
- 13.** In the context of the types of Inflation, consider the following statements:
1. Headline Inflation refers to the change in the value of all goods in the basket including food and fuel.
 2. Core Inflation is more volatile than headline inflation.
- 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 about the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs):
1. This sector is the largest employer of human resources in India.
 2. It generates more employment opportunities per unit of capital invested compared to large industries.
- 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.** Aedes aegypti mosquito is an important vector that spreads many diseases. In this context which of the following diseases are spread by the Aedes aegypti mosquito?
1. Zika Virus
 2. Chikungunya
 3. Dengue
 4. Yellow fever
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 4 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 16.** In the context of Indian economy, which of the following measures is regarded as the National Income?
- (a) Gross Domestic Product at market prices
(b) Net National Product at factor cost
(c) Gross National Product at factor cost
(d) Net National Product at market prices
- 17.** Consider the following statements:
1. The Nominal effective exchange rate (NEER) is a multilateral rate representing the basket of foreign currencies, each weighted by its importance to the domestic country in international trade.
 2. The Real Effective exchange rate (REER) is interpreted as the quantity of domestic goods required to purchase one unit of a given basket of foreign goods.
 3. The nominal exchange rate is the true measure of a country's international competitiveness.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 18.** Consider the following statements regarding Pre-paid Payment Instruments (PPIs) in India:
1. These are payment instruments that facilitate the purchase of goods and services.
 2. Only those companies incorporated in India can issue PPIs in India.
 3. These instruments do not permit cash withdrawal or redemption.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 19.** With reference to India's foreign trade on the eve of Independence, consider the following statements:
1. More than half of India's foreign trade was restricted to Britain.
 2. During the colonial period, India often recorded a huge trade deficit.
- 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
- 20.** Consider the following statements with reference to the voting shares in International Monetary Fund (IMF):
1. United States has the maximum voting share followed by United Kingdom.
 2. India occupies the fourth position with a voting share of above 5%.
- 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
- 21.** With reference to Outright Open Market Operations (OMO), consider the following statements:
1. Outright OMO are conducted without any promise to buy/sell the securities at a later stage.
 2. Outright OMO are conducted for managing overnight liquidity mismatches.
- 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.** Which of the following characterize a situation of a 'liquidity trap' in an economy?
1. Decline in bond prices
 2. Lower interest rates
 3. High savings rates
- 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
- 23.** Which of the following taxes are subsumed within the Goods and Service Tax (GST)?
1. Central Excise Duty
 2. Stamp Duty
 3. Octroi Tax
 4. Luxury Tax
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

- 24.** Recently, India has exported various Geographical Indication (GI) certified products. In this context which of the following is/are GI-tagged products?
- Bhalia Wheat
 - Madurai Malli
 - Malda Fazli Mango
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 25.** Consider the following statements with respect to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):
- ASEAN was established in 1967 with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration by the ten ASEAN member states.
 - The ASEAN Charter is a legally binding agreement on its member states.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 26.** Which the following are a part of the World Bank Group?
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 - Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
 - International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 2 and 3 only
- 27.** Consider the following statements regarding Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):
- SDR is a currency or claim on International Monetary Fund (IMF).
 - Any currency to be included in the SDR basket has to meet the export criterion and the freely usable criterion.
 - SDRs cannot be held by private individuals and entities.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
- 28.** Consider the following statements regarding the Market Stabilisation Scheme (MSS):
- It aids in liquidity absorption in case of significant capital inflows in the economy.
 - MSS securities are included under the country's 'internal Central Government debt'.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 29.** Consider the following statements regarding International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL):
- It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
 - The Red Notice often issued by INTERPOL is only against the persons accused of terrorism.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

- 30.** Consider the following statements about Shell companies:
1. They are corporate entities that do not have any active business operations.
 2. They are defined as illegal entities under the Company Act 2013.
- 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.** In the context of macroeconomics, consider the following statements:
1. Flows are measured over a period of time and stocks are measured at a particular point in time.
 2. Machines used for production are examples of capital goods.
 3. Part of the final output that comprises capital goods constitutes the gross investment of an economy.
- 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
- 32.** With reference to Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:
1. It is a value added tax imposed at every stage of the production process.
 2. It is a destination based tax.
 3. Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) is levied and collected by the state of consumption.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
- 33.** Recently, Indian scientists discovered a new species called *Bryum bharatiensis* in Antarctica. It is a type of
- (a) Moss
 - (b) Lichen
 - (c) Bird
 - (d) Mammal
- 34.** With reference to Participatory Notes (PNs), consider the following statements:
1. It is a derivative instrument issued by a SEBI registered Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) in foreign jurisdictions.
 2. The investor in PN does not own the underlying Indian security.
 3. PNs are freely tradeable and can be easily transferred from one investor to another.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1 only
- 35.** Consider the following statements about core industries included in all India Index of Industrial Production (IIP):
1. Its output data is published by the National Statistical Office.
 2. It comprises more than 50% of the total weight of items included in IIP.
 3. Fertilizers have the lowest weight among core industries in the index.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

36. Consider the following statements regarding the Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) in India:

1. ARCs are regulated by the RBI as non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).
2. The ARC can take over only secured debts which have been classified as a non-performing asset (NPA).

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. Consider the following statements with reference to Agriculture sector during 1950- 1990:

1. Indian agricultural productivity had increased during this period
2. The proportion of GDP contributed by agriculture increased significantly.
3. The proportion of the population working/ depending on agriculture declined significantly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Which of the following provide official sources of data on unemployment in India?

1. Data of National Statistical Organisation(NSO)

2. Data by Director General of Employment and Training

3. Census of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

39. Payments Banks can provide which of the following services?

1. Current account for firms
2. Retail lending
3. Issue prepaid cards

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

40. With reference to Reserve Ratio in the banking sector, consider the following statements:

1. It is the percentage of deposits that a bank is mandated to keep with the RBI.
2. Higher reserve ratio tends to lower the credit supply in an economy.

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

41. As per the Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan, recently India has decided to utilize excess water by diverting the waters of river Ujh. Ujh is a tributary of the river

- (a) Sutlej
- (b) Beas
- (c) Ravi
- (d) Jhelum

42. The balance sheet is a record of the assets and liabilities of any firm. Which of the following items are classified as assets of a Bank?
- Loans extended to farmers
 - Fixed Deposits of customers
 - Cash deposited with RBI
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
43. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of a country is not an index of the well-being of the people of that country because it does not take into account
- Domestic services performed by women at home
 - Negative externalities caused by companies
 - Inequalities among the citizens
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
44. Consider the following statements about Agricultural Census in India:
- It is carried out every five years as a Central Sector Scheme.
 - It was first conducted in India in the years 1920-21.
 - It is being conducted as a part of the World Census of Agriculture.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 2 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
45. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is an intergovernmental organization that is often seen in news in the context of rising crude oil prices. Which of the following countries is *not* a member of OPEC?
- Nigeria
 - Mexico
 - Iran
 - Libya
46. Consider the following statements about Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC):
- It is a statutory market committee constituted by the Central Government.
 - It is constituted for trade in certain notified agricultural or horticultural or livestock products.
 - The whole geographical area in the State is divided and each one is declared as a market area which is managed by the APMC.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 3 only
47. Consider the following statements regarding the newly proposed Freight Smart Cities initiative:
- Only 4-star ranked smart cities are eligible to be selected under this initiative.
 - It will have participation of both public and private sectors.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

- 48.** Primary Deficit is defined as the difference between:
- Fiscal deficit and grants for creation of capital assets.
 - Fiscal deficit and net interest liabilities.
 - Total expenditure and revenue receipts including non-debt creating capital receipts.
 - Fiscal deficit and external grants received.
- 49.** Gene based vaccines are said to be superior to conventional vaccines in many aspects. In this context, which of the following is/are possible benefits of gene based vaccines?
- They are made with live or inactivated pathogens which can cause infection when the virus is not inactivated properly.
 - They can generate both cellular and humoral immunity.
 - They can be produced rapidly.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 50.** Consider the following statements regarding Public Debt Management in India:
- Public Debt in India includes both Internal and External Debt incurred by the Central Government.
 - In India, Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) is the sole agency responsible for managing public debt.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 51.** Which of the following statements about Open Acreage License Policy (OALP) is /are correct?
- it provides uniform licenses for the exploration and production of all forms of hydrocarbons.
 - Private players are allowed to carve out areas they want to explore oil and gas in.
 - It is a part of the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP).
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 52.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Minimum Support Prices (MSP):
- It is the price fixed by State Government to protect the producer-farmers against excessive falls in price during the bumper production years.
 - It is announced just after the sowing season for certain crops.
 - It is announced on the basis of the recommendations of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - None

- 53.** With reference to the sectoral pattern of consumption of commercial energy in India, consider the following statements:
1. At present, the transport sector is the largest consumer of commercial energy in India.
 2. Over the decades, there has been a continuous fall in energy consumption of the agriculture sector.
- 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
- 54.** Recently an orbiter named HOPE has captured images of auroras on Mars. It was launched by which of the following countries?
- (a) Europe
(b) United States of America
(c) United Arab Emirates
(d) France
- 55.** Consider the following statements with reference to India's first Five Year Plan (FYP):
1. The plan made huge allocations for large-scale irrigation projects.
 2. It focused on land reforms as the key to the country's development.
- 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.** What do you understand by the term 'Green GDP'?
- (a) It refers to the monetary value of goods and services produced in renewable sectors in a country.
(b) It refers to total monetary value of finished goods and services produced in a country after adjusting for environmental damage.
(c) It refers to the potential GDP that can be achieved when a country's resources are fully exploited.
(d) It refers to the expected monetary value of the biodiversity in a country.
- 57.** Consider the following statements regarding the Current Account of Balance of Payment:
1. It represents the trade in goods, services and assets between residents of a country with the rest of the world for a specified time.
 2. The Net Invisibles component of the current account includes services and transfer of income.
 3. The Balance of Trade (BOT) component includes the difference in value of exports and imports of goods only.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1 and 3 only

- 58.** Consider the following statements about Micro-insurance:
1. It is to promote insurance coverage among economically vulnerable sections of society.
 2. NGOs, Self Help Groups, or Micro Finance Institutions can be appointed by an insurer to act as a micro-insurance agent.
 3. It is regulated by the Ministry of Finance.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 3 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
- 59.** Under the New Economic Policy of 1991, which of the following reform policies were initiated by the government to promote liberalization of trade and investment?
1. Abolition of import quotas
 2. Removal of export duties
 3. Abolition of import licensing for all industries
- 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
- 60.** Which of the following statements regarding the International Development Association (IDA) of World Bank is/are correct?
1. It aims to reduce poverty by providing loans only to the very poor developing nations.
 2. IDA loans have a zero or very low-interest charge and repayments.
- 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
- 61.** Consider the following statements with reference to inflation:
1. Inflation is the decline of purchasing power of a given currency over time.
 2. Generally a decrease in money supply triggers inflation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 62.** Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at Market price is obtained from GDP at Factor cost by
- (a) adjusting for depreciation
 - (b) accounting for inflation
 - (c) adjusting for net indirect taxes
 - (d) adjusting for current transfers from abroad
- 63.** Securities Transaction Tax (STT), a type of financial transaction tax in India, is levied on transactions of which of the following?
1. Commodity trading
 2. Gold exchange-traded funds
 3. Equity derivatives
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 64.** With reference to the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), consider the following statements:
1. The Reserve Bank of India uses the WPI as a key measure of inflation to set monetary and credit policy.
 2. WPI is published by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry quarterly.
- 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
- 65.** Consider the following statements regarding the World Trade Organization (WTO):
1. WTO is a UN specialized agency.
 2. Decision-making at WTO is consensus-based rather than majority voting.
- 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.** With reference to the Second Five Year Plan, consider the following statements:
1. It is based on the Mahalanobis model of economic development.
 2. Industry and mining sectors received the highest percentage of resource allocation during the plan period.
- 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.** Which of the following statements with regard to National Skill Development Council (NSDC) is **not** correct?
- (a) It is a not-for-profit public limited company
 - (b) It provides funds to companies that provide skill training.
 - (c) It was set up as part of a national skill development mission.
 - (d) It is chaired by the Prime Minister of India
- 68.** Consider the following statements about Aviation Sector in India:
1. It is the third-largest air passenger market in the world.
 2. In this sector, FDI over 49% will require government approval.
 3. The Director-General of Civil Aviation regulates tariffs for aeronautical services.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
- 69.** Consider the following statements about the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture:
1. It is one of the core missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change.
 2. It is implemented by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
- 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.** Consider the following statements regarding the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC):
1. India has observer status at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.
 2. The headquarters of OIC is located at Dubai.
- 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
- 71.** The term MCA21 recently in news is related to which of the following?
- (a) It is a platform for trading in spot market
 - (b) It is an initiative of 21 countries to prevent climate change
 - (c) It is an e-Governance initiative for the corporate entities
 - (d) It is an indices used in blockchain technology
- 72.** Consider the following pairs:
- | Business Enterprises (Manufacturing & Services) | Criteria |
|--|---|
| 1. Micro | : Investment value less than 1 crore and turnover up to 10 crore |
| 2. Small | : Investment value less than 10 crores and turnover up to 50 crore |
| 3. Medium | : Investment value less than 50 crores and turnover up to 250 crore |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 73.** Which of the following committees was constituted to review the implementation of the FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act and give its recommendations on the way forward?
- (a) Vijay Kelkar Committee
 - (b) Rangachary Committee
 - (c) N. K. Singh Committee
 - (d) P. J. Nayak Committee
- 74.** Consider the following statements about the Fair Price Shop:
1. It is defined in National Food Security Act, 2013.
 2. It is a licensed shop for distributing essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to the ration cardholder.
- 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.** Which of the following Central government liabilities constitute the Public Debt in India?
1. Internal Debt
 2. External Debt
 3. Public Account Liabilities
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3
 - (d) 1 and 3 only

- 76.** The term 'Last Ice Area' is often seen in the news. It is located in
- Arctic
 - Antarctica
 - Himalayas
 - Alps
- 77.** With reference to Industrial Policy Resolution 1956, consider the following statements:
- The resolution formed the basis of the Third Five Year Plan.
 - The policy completely rejected the private ownership of industries.
 - The policy was used for promoting industry in backward regions.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 3 only
 - None
- 78.** Consider the following statements regarding the spinner dolphins which were in the news recently:
- It is found only in the Indian Ocean.
 - It is critically endangered as per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red list.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 79.** Consider the following statements:
- The measurements of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Product (GNP) differ by net factor income from abroad.
 - Net National Product is calculated by deducting depreciation from the Gross National Product.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 80.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003:
- The Act binds the present and future governments to adhere to fiscal consolidation.
 - There is no escape clause available to the government within the Act.
 - The Act mandates the government to table fiscal policy statements in each financial year before the Parliament.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 81.** Consider the following statements with reference to tax expenditure:
- It is the expenditure incurred by the Government in the collection of taxes.
 - A statement of tax expenditure is presented to the Parliament at the time of Union Budget as a separate budget document.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

- 82.** Which of the following economic conditions triggered the 1991 economic crisis in India?
- Rising prices of essential goods
 - High fiscal deficit due to continued government spending on development programmes
 - High growth rate of imports without matching the growth of exports
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 83.** Which of the following institutions is/are permitted to participate in the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) of RBI?
- Scheduled commercial banks
 - Regional Rural Banks
 - Scheduled Urban Cooperative Banks
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 84.** With reference to the inflationary gap, consider the following statements:
- An inflationary gap occurs when the current real GDP is less than the potential GDP of an economy.
 - Elevated government expenditure is one of the causes of the inflationary gap.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 85.** In the context of economics, Phillips Curve shows the relationship between
- Inflation and GDP growth
 - Inflation and unemployment
 - Unemployment and GDP growth
 - Tax rates and tax revenue
- 86.** Consider the following statements about the Livestock Census:
- It has been conducted in the country once every 5 years, since 1919-20.
 - It covers all domesticated animals and their head counts.
 - It is conducted by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 87.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement:
- It is a multilateral agreement negotiated at the WTO that guarantees minimum standards of IP protection.
 - TRIPS agreement does not allow governments to waive intellectual property rights in the interest of public health.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

- 88.** With reference to the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF), consider the following statements:
1. Its aim is to reduce volatility in the overnight lending rates in the inter-bank market.
 2. Borrowing rate under this facility is always higher than the repo rate.
- 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.** Which of the following reform policies was/were initiated by the Government under the New Economic Policy of 1991?
1. Abolition of Industrial licensing for all product categories.
 2. Establishment of private sector banks.
 3. Allowing Foreign Institutional Investors to invest in Indian financial markets.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 90.** With reference to changing patterns of the composition of India's International trade over the past seven decades, consider the following statements:
1. The share of agriculture and allied products in India's total exports is increasing continuously.
 2. Import of capital goods maintained a steady decline.
- 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.** In the context of the national economy, consider the following statements:
1. Total value of annual transactions in an economy is greater than the nominal GDP.
 2. An increase in nominal GDP implies an increase in the total value of transactions.
- 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
- 92.** With reference to direct and indirect taxes in India, consider the following statements:
1. The burden of direct taxes can be shifted to another individual or entity.
 2. The redistribution function of the government budget is achieved through progressive income taxation.
 3. Corporate Tax is a type of indirect tax.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) None
- 93.** With reference to structural unemployment, consider the following statements:
1. Unemployment caused by technological disruptions is known as structural unemployment.
 2. Fourth Industrial Revolution can cause structural unemployment if the current skillsets are rendered obsolete.
- 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.** Consider the following statements about the Indian Pharmaceuticals industry:
1. It is the largest Pharmaceuticals industry in the world in terms of volume.
 2. It is the largest provider of Generic Drugs globally.
 3. 100% FDI is allowed in both greenfield and brownfield projects.
- 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
- 95.** Consider the following statements regarding the G20-OECD Tax Framework Agreement:
1. This agreement does not cover digital companies like Google.
 2. This framework proposes a maximum corporate tax of 15 percent.
- 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.** Which of the following are the components of Revenue expenditure of the Government Budget?
1. Interest payments
 2. Defence services
 3. Subsidies
 4. Investment in shares
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 2, 3 and 4 only
- 97.** Consider the following statements regarding NIPUN Bharat Mission:
1. It covers children in the age group of 6-14 years.
 2. NITI Aayog is the nodal agency for implementing 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
- 98.** Infrastructure status given to various sectors in the economy is granted by which of the following?
- (a) Department of Financial Services (DFA), Ministry of Finance
 - (b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - (c) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance
 - (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 99.** Which of the following is/are the main objectives of setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs)?
1. Promotion of exports of goods and services
 2. Promotion of investment from foreign sources
 3. Generation of additional economic activity
- 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

100. Consider the following statements with reference to Monetized deficit of the Government of India:

1. It is that part of the government deficit which is financed solely by borrowing from the Reserve Bank of India.
2. It involves only printing of high value currency notes by the RBI.

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