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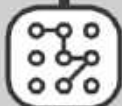
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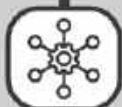
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1. With reference to the imposition of President's Rule under Article 356 of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The proclamation of President's Rule can be revoked by the President at any time without the approval of Parliament.
2. Under the operation of Article 356, the State Legislative Assembly can be either suspended or dissolved.
3. During President's Rule, the Parliament can make laws on any subject in the State List for that state.

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

2. Consider the following state honours awarded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi:

Honour	Country	Status
Order of Honour	Egypt	Second-highest civilian honour
Order of Logohu	Papua New Guinea	Highest civilian honour
Order of St. Andrew	USA	Highest civilian honour

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding chess Grandmasters:

1. The Grandmaster (GM) title is the highest title a chess player can achieve, apart from the World Champion title.
2. The Grandmaster (GM) title is open to both men and women.
3. There is a separate title of Woman Grandmaster (WGM) with lower requirements, awarded only to women.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding interior structure of earth:

1. Temperature, pressure, gravitational anomalies, meteorite, magnetic field, and seismic waves are considered indirect sources which seismic waves are most important.
2. P and S waves do not travel beyond the Gutenberg discontinuity.
3. P & S waves false rapidly in asthenosphere due to low velocity zones.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following rows matching socio-religious reform movements, their core objectives, and the personalities associated with them:

Reform Movement	Objective	Personality
1. Brahmo Samaj	Promoted monotheism and opposed idolatry	Raja Ram Mohan Roy
2. Arya Samaj	Advocated complete rejection of Vedas and promotion of Scientific Reasoning	Swami Dayananda Saraswati
3. Prarthana Samaj	Focused on social reform through rationalism and supported widow remarriage	M.G. Ranade

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

6. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

An ecological niche refers to the specific functional role a species plays in its environment including its interaction with other species and its use of resources

Statement-II:

The concept of an ecological niche only describe the physical habitat where a species lives without considering its interaction with other organism.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

7. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

The money multiplier indicates how much the money supply increases for every unit increase in the currency circulated.

Statement-II:

A higher Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) leads to an increase in the money multiplier, resulting in greater credit expansion

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

8. Consider the following pairs regarding poverty committees and their recommendations:

	<i>Committees</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
1.	Lakdawala Committee	Introduced multi-dimensional poverty measurement.
2.	Tendulkar Committee	Based poverty estimation on calorie intake.
3.	Rangarajan Committee	Increased the poverty line threshold
4.	Alagh Committee	First official poverty line

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

9. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Scheme/ Initiative</i>	<i>Reason for being in the news</i>
1. PM-SURAJ Portal	Launched to provide credit support to weaker sections through channelizing institutional finance
2. Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)	An autonomous body formed to replace NYKS and NSS under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
3. PM Vishwakarma Yojana	Aims to provide free health insurance to unorganized artisans and craft workers

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding viruses:

Statement-I:

Viruses are metabolically inactive outside a host cell.

Statement-II:

The viruses lack the cellular machinery for protein synthesis and metabolism.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

11. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?

- (a) It was established by the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act.
- (b) It has the power to include or exclude communities from the Central OBC list by itself.
- (c) It has the powers of a civil court while investigating matters under its jurisdiction.
- (d) It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

12. Which one of the following statements is correct about the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)?

- (a) It is a Constitutional body.
- (b) It provides free legal services only to citizens living below the poverty line.
- (c) It was constituted to implement the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- (d) It functions under the Ministry of Law and Justice as an advisory body only.

13. Consider the following statements:

1. Operation Kaveri was conducted to evacuate Indians from Sudan.
2. Operation Karuna involved providing relief materials to Myanmar.
3. Brahmapuram Firefighting Assistance was a domestic disaster relief operation.
4. Operation Ganga was India's humanitarian assistance mission to Afghanistan.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

14. Consider the following rows matching Indian rivers with their origins and the states in which they originate:

<i>River</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Origin State</i>
1. Godavari	Trimbak Plateau near Nashik	Maharashtra
2. Mahanadi	Amarkantak Hills	Odisha
3. Kaveri	Talakaveri in Brahmagiri Hills	Karnataka

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

15. Which one of the following statements regarding the Indigo Revolt of 1859–60 is not correct?

- (a) The revolt was triggered by the oppressive practices of European planters who forced peasants to cultivate indigo under the tinkathia system.
- (b) The movement received significant support from the Bengali intelligentsia, including missionaries and journalists who exposed planter atrocities.
- (c) The revolt spread across multiple provinces in India and soon became a pan-Indian peasant uprising against all forms of cash crop cultivation.
- (d) The government eventually appointed the Indigo Commission, which acknowledged the grievances of the ryots and condemned the coercive practices of the planters.

16. Consider the following pairs of important officials and their roles during the Vijayanagara Empire:

Important Officials	Role
1. Rayasam	Persons seeking audience with the king or entrance into the palace had to obtain his permission.
2. Karanikkam	Profession of writing who despatch the king's orders to governors and other state officers.
3. Sarvanayaka	He was accountant.
4. Vasalkariyam	Look at the needs king's household

How many of the above pairs are **incorrectly** matched?

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

17. Consider the following description:

- This language was recently added to the list of Classical Languages in India.
- It has a rich literary tradition spanning over 1,500 years.
- It was historically used in Buddhist texts and inscriptions.
- It played a significant role in spreading Buddhism across Asia.

Which of the following languages matches the above description?

- (a) Pali
- (b) Sanskrit
- (c) Assamese
- (d) Prakrit

18. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Sulphur is essential for the synthesis of amino acids (cysteine and methionine) and vitamins and it's vital for living organism

Statement II:

Sulphur is released into atmosphere through both natural (volcanic eruption) and human-induced activities

Statement-III:

Sulphur dioxide converted into Sulphate by soil bacteria which is an essential part of the sulphur cycle

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct and both of them explain Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement-I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement-I
- (d) Neither Statement-II nor Statement-III is correct

19. Consider the following description:

- It is a cropping system that does not involve tillage, weeding, or irrigation.
- It utilizes residual soil moisture after the primary crop's harvest.
- It is commonly practiced in rice-growing regions of Bihar, UP, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and West Bengal.
- It involves broadcasting pulses in standing rice crops before harvest.

Which of the following cropping systems does the description best refer to?

- (a) Mixed Cropping
- (b) Paira Cropping
- (c) Zero Tillage Farming
- (d) Intercropping

20. Consider the following pairs:

Big Cat	Range Countries
1. Tiger	Vietnam
2. Jaguar	Mexico
3. Puma	Chile
4. Cheetah	Namibia

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

- 21.** Consider the following information regarding unemployment:

	<i>Type of Unemployment</i>	<i>Cause</i>
1.	Disguised Unemployment	More workers than required
2.	Cyclical Unemployment	Economic downturn
3.	Seasonal Unemployment	Lack of year-round demand
4.	Structural Unemployment	Temporary unemployment due to job switching

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four
- 22.** Consider the following statements regarding the Jan Dhanya Krishi Yojana:

1. It aims to improve agricultural productivity and crop diversification in selected regions.
2. The scheme focuses on enhancing access to credit and irrigation facilities for farmers.
3. It primarily targets high-productivity agricultural zones to further increase their yield.

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

- 23.** Consider the following features regarding Citizen's Charters:

1. They aim to ensure time-bound delivery of public services to citizens.
2. They are legally enforceable documents with penalties for non-compliance.
3. Citizen's Charters should ideally be formulated through stakeholder consultation.
4. They include details of grievance redress mechanisms.

How many of the above are essential and correct features of Citizen's Charters?

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

- 24.** With reference to digital twin technology, consider the following statements:

1. A digital twin functions only as a monitoring system and does not provide predictive analytics.
2. Digital twins can simulate real-time scenarios for improving industrial operations.

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

- 25.** With reference to Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), consider the following statements:

1. It was established to develop vaccines for epidemic prevention.
2. It is jointly managed by WHO and the United Nations.
3. India is one of its founding members.

How many of the following statements is/are correct?

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

- 26.** Consider the following countries:

1. China
2. Russia
3. United States of America
4. India
5. Japan

How many of the above countries have their independent space station?

- (a) Only two
(b) Only three

- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

27. Consider the following statements regarding the Retreating Monsoon in India:

1. The retreating monsoon is characterized by the reversal of wind direction due to the shifting of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) southwards.
2. The retreating monsoon season contributes very little to the total annual rainfall in Tamil Nadu and adjoining southern 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

28. With reference to the Ghadar Party, consider the following statements:

1. It was founded by Indian expatriates in North America with the aim of overthrowing British rule in India through armed revolution.
2. It was closely aligned with the Indian National Congress and coordinated its revolutionary activities with the INC leadership during World War I.

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding decomposers in an ecosystem:

Statement-I:

Decomposers contribute significantly to nutrient cycling by breaking down organic matter and releasing nutrients into the soil, which can be used by producers.

Statement-II:

The activity of decomposers can be affected by abiotic factors such as temperature, moisture, and pH of the environment, which determine the rate at which organic matter is decomposed.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

30. Consider the following:

1. Snow owls
2. Arctic foxes
3. Lemmings
4. Reindeers

How many of the above species are known to adapt to survive in the TUNDRA'S extreme cold?

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

31. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

When the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) adopts an accommodative stance, it focuses on reducing interest rates and increasing liquidity to support economic growth.

Statement-II:

A hawkish monetary policy stance by the RBI leads to higher money supply and lower borrowing costs in the economy.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

32. Consider the following statements regarding of transgenic animals:

1. Transgenic animals can be used to study gene regulation and normal physiological processes.
2. They can be developed as models for human diseases such as Alzheimer's and cancer.
3. Transgenic animals can be used for testing of vaccines before human use.
4. They can be used for increasing the lifespan of animals for longevity research.

How many of the following statements is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding of genome editing:

1. Improving crop resistance to pests and diseases
2. Enhancing human genetic traits like intelligence
3. Developing new treatments for genetic disorders
4. Increasing the nutritional value of crops

How many of the above applications is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. To create a new All-India Service under Article 312
2. To determine the number of judges in the Supreme Court
3. To legislate on any subject in the State List under Article 249
4. To alter the boundaries of a state under Article 3

How many of the above powers require the prior recommendation or resolution before its utilization?

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

35. Consider the following information:

<i>Part of the Constitution</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Articles Covered</i>
1. Part IV	Directive Principles of State Policy	Articles 36 to 51
2. Part IX	Municipalities	Articles 243 to 243O
3. Part XII	Official Language	Articles 264 to 300A

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

36. Which following statement does not describe the Equatorial Plasma Bubble?

- (a) Depletion in ionospheric plasma density being formed during post sunset hours
- (b) These ionospheric irregularities can lead to disruption in trans-ionospheric radio systems
- (c) It is very crucial form space weather community
- (d) It is more common during high lunar activity periods.

37. Match the following countries in news (2024–25) with the major water bodies they share borders with:

<i>Country</i>	<i>Water Body</i>
1. Yemen	Mediterranean Sea
2. Finland	Gulf of Aden
3. Tunisia	Baltic Sea
4. Iran	Caspian Sea

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) Only three
(d) All four

38. Which one of the following statements regarding the economic conditions during the Mauryan Empire is **not** correct?

- (a) The state exercised control over key industries like mining, forestry, and trade, reflecting a centrally planned economic system.
(b) Land revenue was the primary source of state income, and the Mauryas had an efficient mechanism for land measurement and taxation.
(c) The Mauryan state promoted free market trade by completely withdrawing from commercial activities and relying solely on private merchants.
(d) The Arthashastra provides detailed information on state control of economic activities, including regulation of weights, measures, and trade routes.

39. Consider the following statements regarding the Grasshopper Effect:

1. It refers to the process of pollutants traveling long distances through the atmosphere and accumulating in colder regions.
2. The phenomenon primarily affects persistent organic pollutants (POPs) like DDT and PCBs.
3. It leads to the direct destruction of ozone in the upper atmosphere.
4. Indigenous Arctic communities are among the most affected due to bioaccumulation.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

40. With reference to Duty Drawback, consider the following statements:

1. It is a refund of customs duties paid on imported raw materials used in exported goods.
2. In India, the Duty Drawback Scheme is administered by the Directorate of

Revenue Intelligence (DRI) 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

41. If the Government increases MSP for pulses and oilseeds by 20% but procurement mechanisms remain weak, what is the most likely outcome?

- (a) Domestic production of pulses and oilseeds will increase significantly.
(b) Farmers will shift from rice and wheat to pulses and oilseeds.
(c) Import dependency on edible oils and pulses may continue.
(d) MSP will automatically lead to higher farmer incomes across all regions.

42. Consider the following information:

<i>Commission/ Body</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Constitutional/ Statutory/ Executive</i>
1. Central Information Commission	Transparency Body	Statutory
2. National Human Rights Commission	Quasi-Judicial Body	Constitutional
3. NITI Aayog	Policy Think Tank	Executive

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding Magnetars:

1. Magnetars are neutron stars with extremely strong magnetic fields, much stronger than Earth's magnetic field.
2. The high-energy radiation emitted by magnetars is primarily due to nuclear fusion occurring on their surface.

3. Magnetars exhibit strong temporal variability, including slow rotation and rapid spin-down.

Which of the following statement is/are correct?

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

- 44.** Consider the following statements regarding Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE):

- 1. It was introduced at COP26 in Glasgow.
- 2. It promotes sustainable lifestyles by encouraging behavioural changes.
- 3. It is a government-only initiative without public participation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 45.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. Call money
- 2. Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
- 3. Merchant Bank
- 4. REIT'S - Real Estate Investment Trusts

How many of the above is/are related to capital market?

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

- 46.** With reference to Perpetual Bonds, consider the following statements:

- 1. These bonds have no maturity date and pay interest indefinitely.
- 2. In India, banks issue perpetual bonds as part of their Tier-1 capital to meet regulatory requirements.

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 statements regarding the Central Vigilance Commission:

- 1. It was initially established through an executive resolution and later given statutory status.
- 2. It is responsible for conducting criminal investigations through its own investigation agency.
- 3. It is not under the administrative control of any ministry or department.
- 4. It can recommend disciplinary action against public servants in corruption cases.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 48.** With reference to microplastics, consider the following statements:

- 1. Microplastics are formed due to uncontrolled polymer degradation.
- 2. Biodegradable polymers cannot form microplastics.
- 3. Environmental factors like UV radiation accelerate microplastic formation.

How many of the following statements is/are correct?

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

- 49.** With reference to the District Planning Committee (DPC), consider the following statements:

- 1. The DPC is constitutionally mandated to consolidate the plans prepared by Panchayats and Municipalities.
- 2. The Chairperson of a DPC shall be elected by and from amongst the members of the State Legislative Assembly.

3. The Constitution requires every DPC to include representation from both urban and rural local bodies.

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

50. Which one of the following statements is correct as per the Constitution of India?

- (a) Citizenship by naturalisation is granted by the President of India under Article 11.
(b) Parliament has the exclusive power to regulate the acquisition and termination of citizenship.
(c) Overseas Citizens of India are granted all fundamental rights under the Constitution.
(d) The term 'Citizen' is defined in Part IV of Indian constitution.

51. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Feature</i>
1. Mission Vatsalya	Focuses on holistic child protection and welfare through institutional care services.
2. PM-SHRI Yojana	Aims to establish world-class public sector universities under the NEP 2020.
3. SAMRIDH Initiative	Supports health-tech start-ups to scale innovations for public health impact.
4. NAMASTE Initiative	Aims at safety, dignity, and livelihood of sanitation workers including mechanisation.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

52. Consider the following three-column matching of soils in India:

<i>Soil Type</i>	<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Major Location in India</i>
1. Black Soil	High moisture retention and rich in calcium carbonate	Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
2. Red Soil	Rich in humus and highly fertile	Western Rajasthan
3. Laterite Soil	Porous, acidic, and poor in nitrogen	Kerala and Karnataka

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

53. Consider the following statements regarding the impact of El Niño and La Niña on the Indian Monsoon:

1. El Niño conditions are generally associated with stronger-than-normal Indian monsoons, leading to above-average rainfall.
2. La Niña events are linked with suppressed monsoon activity and drought-like conditions over 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

54. Consider the following statements regarding the difference between Permanent Settlement and Ryotwari Settlement:

1. Under the Permanent Settlement, the government collected land revenue from zamindars, whereas in the Ryotwari Settlement, revenue was collected directly from the cultivators.
2. Permanent Settlement led to significant investment in agriculture by zamindars, while Ryotwari encouraged peasants to take greater care of land as they were its owners.
3. While the Permanent Settlement fixed the land revenue permanently, the Ryotwari Settlement involved periodic revision of the assessment.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

55. Consider the following list of journals and identify which of them were popular during the first phase of revolutionary activities in Bengal (1907-1917):

1. Yugantar
2. Sandhya
3. Anand Bazar Patrika
4. Bande Mataram
5. Indian Sociologist
6. Karmayogi

How many of the above journals were popular during the first phase of revolutionary activities in Bengal?

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

56. With reference to Keystone Species, consider the following statements:

1. All keystone species are at the top of the food chain and act as apex predators.
2. Keystone species influence ecosystem structure even if their population is low.

Which of the above statements is/are *incorrect*?

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding coal in India:

1. Lignite is a low-grade brown coal with high moisture content and is predominantly found in Tamil Nadu.
2. Anthracite is the highest grade of coal and forms the largest share in India's total coal reserves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements regarding monetary policy tools:

Statement-I:

Open market operations (OMO) involve the buying and selling of government securities by the RBI.

Statement-II:

A reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) increases the lending capacity of commercial banks.

Statement-III:

Bank Rate and Repo Rate refer to the same monetary tool.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, and both explain Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, but only one explains Statement-I
- (c) Only one of the Statements-II and III is correct, and that explains Statement-I
- (d) Neither Statement-II nor Statement-III is correct

59. Consider the following statements about the SPICED Scheme:

1. It is implemented by the Spices Board under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. The scheme focuses on improving the productivity of both small and large cardamom varieties.
3. SPICED includes initiatives for the promotion of Geographical Indication (GI) tagged spices.

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

60. Consider the following effects of fiscal drag:

1. It increases government tax revenue without changing tax rates.
2. It leads to an automatic fiscal tightening in the economy.
3. It results in higher disposable income for taxpayers.
4. It can be mitigated through tax indexation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

61. Consider the following crops:

1. Groundnut
2. Sunflower
3. Soybean
4. Sesame
5. Nigerseed
6. Rapeseed
7. Mustard

How many of the crops are covered under Minimum Support Price?

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

62. Consider the following information:

Type of Emergency	Basis	Parliamentary Approval and Duration
1. National Emergency	Threat from war, external aggression, or armed rebellion	Initial proclamation needs parliamentary approval within one month; extendable indefinitely with six-month intervals
2. State Emergency (President's Rule)	Failure of constitutional machinery in a state	Proclamation must be approved by both Houses of Parliament within two months; extendable up to three years with six-month intervals

3. Financial Emergency	Threat to financial stability or credit of India	Proclamation by the President; must be approved by Parliament within two months but can continue indefinitely unless revoked
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In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

63. With reference to Gram Nyayalayas in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 mandates the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the intermediate Panchayat level across all States.
2. Gram Nyayalayas function as mobile courts and are deemed equivalent to Courts of Judicial Magistrate of First Class.

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

64. Consider the following pairs:

Discontinuity	Definition
1. Mohorovičić Discontinuity	Boundary between the crust and the mantle
2. Gutenberg Discontinuity	Boundary between the upper and lower mantle
3. Lehmann Discontinuity	Boundary between the outer core and inner core
4. Conrad Discontinuity	Interface between the continental crust and oceanic crust

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

65. Consider the following pairs of major Indian ports and what they are well-known as:

<i>Port</i>	<i>Well Known As</i>
1. Kandla Port	Gateway of South India
2. Mumbai Port	Largest natural port in India
3. Vishakhapatnam	Deepest landlocked and protected port
4. Kochi Port	Queen of the Arabian Sea

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

66. Consider the following pairs regarding supercomputers with their respective countries:

	<i>Supercomputer</i>	<i>Country</i>
1.	Piz Daint	Switzerland.
2.	Sierra	USA
3.	Fugaku	China
4.	Sunway TaihuLight	Japan

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

67. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Administrative Official</i>	<i>Designation</i>
1. Mahabaladhikarana	Military General but enjoyed the status of a minister.
2. Sarvadyaksha	General Superintendent of the central administration
3. Dandapasikas	He was in charge of the royal kitchen.
4. Khadyatapakika	He was the superintendent of the police department.

5. Yaktapurushas

Appointed to restore to the vanquished the properties seized by the king.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

68. Consider the following regions and their major ecosystem services:

- Western Ghats – Biodiversity & Water Regulation
- Sundarbans – Carbon Sequestration & Storm Protection
- Thar Desert – Air Purification & Groundwater Recharge
- Coral Reefs – Marine Biodiversity & Coastal Protection

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

69. With reference to IRDAI's role in the insurance sector, consider the following statements:

- IRDAI determines the maximum premium that insurance companies can charge.
- IRDAI regulates Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector.
- IRDAI supervises and audits insurance companies to ensure compliance.

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

70. Consider the following pairs regarding Fiscal Indicators:

<i>Fiscal Indicator</i>	<i>Definition</i>
1. Fiscal Deficit	Total borrowings required by the government
2. Primary Deficit	Excess of revenue expenditure over revenue receipts
3. Effective Revenue Deficit	Revenue Deficit excluding capital-forming grants

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

71. Consider the following information:

<i>Place</i>	<i>Location</i>
1. Paktika province	Pakistan
2. Yankti Kuti Valley	Myanmar
3. Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki	Indonesia

How many of the above pairs given is/are correctly matched?

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

72. Consider the following pairs regarding INTERPOL notices with their purpose:

<i>INTERPOL Notice</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
1. Orange Notice	To identify and trace criminal assets
2. Silver Notice	To warn of an event, a person, an object or a process representing a serious and imminent threat to public safety
3. Black Notice	To seek information on unidentified bodies.
4. Purple Notice	To seek or provide information on modus operandi, objects, devices and concealment methods used by criminals.

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

73. Consider the following information:

<i>Parliamentary Term</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Authority</i>
1. Summoning	Process of calling memberstomeet; Parliament must meet at least twice/year	President
2. Adjournment	Temporary suspension of a sitting for a specified time	Presiding Officer
3. Adjournment Sine Die	Termination of a sitting without fixing a date for reassembly	Secretary General of the House

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

74. Which one of the following statements is correct with respect to the practice of recusal by judges in India?

- (a) Recusal of judges is governed by a statutory law passed by Parliament.
- (b) A party to a case can compel the judge to recuse on grounds of bias.
- (c) Recusal is based on the principles of judicial independence and fairness.
- (d) Once a plea for recusal is made, the judge must withdraw from the case.

75. Consider the following statements regarding Temperature Inversion:

1. Temperature inversion occurs when the normal lapse rate is reversed, and the air near the surface becomes warmer than the air above.
2. Inversion of temperature often leads to smog formation in urban areas due to the trapping of pollutants close to the ground.

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 pairs:

<i>Women's Organization</i>	<i>Women Associated</i>
1. All India Women's Conference (AIWC)	Margaret Cousins
2. Bharat Stree Mahamandal	Sarala Devi Chaudhurani
3. Arya Mahila Samaj	Pandita Ramabai
4. Women's Indian Association (WIA)	Annie Besant

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding the political structures of Cholas, Pandyas, and Pallavas:

- The Chola political system was marked by a highly organized central bureaucracy with an emphasis on local self-government in rural areas.
- The Pandya rulers followed a more feudal and clan-based system, relying heavily on hereditary chieftains and feudatories for regional administration.
- The Pallavas developed a centralized monarchy that discouraged temple-based patronage in political affairs.
- Both the Pallavas and Cholas promoted the role of brahmanas and temples in legitimizing royal authority and administration.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

78. Which one of the following best defines Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)?

- (a) The amount of oxygen required by aerobic microorganisms to break down organic matter present in a given volume of water over a specific time period.
- (b) The total concentration of dissolved oxygen available in a water body at any given time.
- (c) The total concentration of heavy metals like lead and mercury found in a contaminated water sample.
- (d) The level of pesticide and toxic chemical residues present in a water body that can harm aquatic organisms.

79. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Sacred Grove</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Sarpa Kavu	Karnataka
2. Orans	Rajasthan
3. Law Kyntang	Meghalaya
4. Devrais	Maharashtra

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

80. Consider the following Offshore Mineral with Location and Regulatory Body

<i>Offshore Mineral</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Regulatory Body</i>
1. Polymetallic Nodules	Central Indian Ocean Basin	Ministry of Mines
2. Lime Mud	Arabian Sea (Gujarat, Maharashtra)	Geological Survey of India
3. Gas Hydrates	Krishna-Godavari Basin	Ministry of Petroleum

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

- 81.** Consider the following statements regarding India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) and BoP trends:

Statement-I:

India's CAD moderated due to strong net services receipts and private remittances.

Statement-II:

The merchandise trade deficit increased, putting pressure on the CAD.

Statement-III:

India's CAD is significantly higher than most other G20 economies.

Which of the following is correct?

- (a) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, and both explain Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, but only one explains Statement-I
- (c) Only one of the Statements-II and III is correct, and that explains Statement-I
- (d) Neither Statement-II nor Statement-III is correct

- 82.** Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

The Law Commission may also take up legal reform matters suo motu, even without a reference from the government.

Statement-II:

The Law Commission is a statutory body established under Article 280 of the Constitution.

Statement-III:

The Law Commission of India is tasked with reviewing and recommending reforms in the country's legal system.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct and both of them explain Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement-I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement-I
- (d) Neither Statement-II nor Statement-III is correct

- 83.** Arrange the following rivers, which were in news recently, in the correct north to south order based on the location of their origin:

1. Zaskar River
2. Mahadayi River
3. Yankti Kuti River
4. Thamirabarani River
5. Kadalundi River

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 – 3 – 2 – 5 – 4
- (b) 3 – 1 – 2 – 5 – 4
- (c) 3 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 5
- (d) 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 4

- 84.** Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

RNA editing is considered safer and more flexible than DNA editing.

Statement-II:

Unlike DNA editing, RNA editing does not cause permanent genetic changes and relies on ADAR enzymes, which are naturally present in the human body.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

- 85.** Consider the following pairs of tree species and their scientific names:

1. Sandalwood (*Santalum album*)
2. Sal (*Shorea robusta*)
3. Teak (*Tectona grandis*)
4. Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*)

How many of the above trees are classified as evergreen trees?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) Only three
(d) All four

86. Which of the following best describes the 'plunging region' of a black hole?

- (a) The region where matter remains in a stable orbit indefinitely.
(b) The region where matter transitions from orbiting to directly falling into the black hole.
(c) The area beyond the event horizon where no information can escape.
(d) A hypothetical region that exists only in modified gravity theories.

87. Consider the following statements regarding the Civil Disobedience Movement:

1. The participation of peasants in the Civil Disobedience Movement was driven more by their desire to end landlord oppression than abstract nationalist ideas.
2. Unlike the Non-Cooperation Movement, the Civil Disobedience Movement witnessed wider participation of women, especially in picketing liquor shops and foreign cloth stores.
3. The Gandhi-Irwin Pact that followed the Civil Disobedience Movement led to immediate acceptance of dominion status for India and the release of all political prisoners.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

88. Consider the following information:

<i>Painting</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Feature</i>
1. Sohrai Painting	Bihar	Art form on mud house walls.
2. Mata ni Pachedi	Gujarat	Painted in maroon, black, and white using bamboo-stick pens or kalam.
3. Kumittipathi Rock Art	Kerala	Drawn using inorganic white pigment with natural gum.

In how many of the above rows is given information correctly matched?

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

89. Consider the following statements regarding Jyotirmath:

1. Jyotirmath is one of the four cardinal mathas established by Adi Shankaracharya to promote Advaita Vedanta philosophy.
2. Jyotirmath is the summer residence of Lord Badrinath.
3. Jyotirmath is a base camp for mountaineers attempting to climb Nanda Devi peak.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

90. With reference to decomposition, consider the following terms:

1. Humification
2. Mineralization
3. Putrefaction
4. Leaching

How many of the above terms are correctly associated with decomposition?

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

91. Consider the following bioplastics and their sources:

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|------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. PLA | — | Corn starch |
| 2. PHA | — | Microorganisms |
| 3. Bio-PET | — | Algae |
| 4. PBAT | — | Petroleum-based |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding different types of goods:

Statement-I:

An increase in consumer income leads to a higher demand for normal goods but a lower demand for inferior goods.

Statement-II:

Giffen goods violate the law of demand because their demand increases as their price rises.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II explains Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

93. Consider the following statements regarding the World Spice Organisation (WSO):

1. It is a for-profit organization established by the Spices Board of India.
2. It primarily focuses on food safety and sustainability in the spice industry.
3. WSO collaborates with international organizations like the American Spice Trade Association (ASTA) and Rainforest Alliance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. Consider the following statements regarding Cabinet Committees in India:

1. All Cabinet Committees are headed by the Prime Minister.
2. Cabinet Committees are mentioned in the Constitution of India.
3. They help in reducing the workload of the Cabinet and aid in coordination.
4. The decisions of Cabinet Committees are final and cannot be reviewed by the Cabinet.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding the Peninsular Plateau of India:

1. It is composed predominantly of igneous and metamorphic rocks formed during the ancient geological periods.
2. The plateau has a uniform flat terrain with no significant elevation or regional variation.
3. The Western Ghats form the eastern edge of the Peninsular Plateau and descend gradually into the Bay of Bengal.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding folding and faulting:

1. Folding occurs when brittle rocks are subjected to compressional forces, resulting in fractures and displacement.
2. Faulting leads to the displacement of rock strata along a fracture and is often associated with seismic activity.
3. Anticlines and synclines are structural features formed due to compressional forces during folding.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

97. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Deepfakes pose a significant cyber security risk in today's digital world.

Statement-II:

They are created using deep learning and can produce highly realistic fake images and videos that are difficult to detect.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

98. Consider the following statements regarding the development of education in British India:

1. Lord Macaulay's Minute on Education (1835) emphasized the promotion of vernacular education and indigenous knowledge systems.
2. Wood's Despatch of 1854 recommended the creation of a Department of Public Instruction in each province and laid the foundation for modern educational administration.
3. The Hunter Commission (1882) primarily focused on improving primary and secondary education and recommended a policy of encouraging private enterprise in education.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

99. Consider the following statements regarding the political and administrative structure of the Maratha Empire:

1. The Chauth and Sardeshmukhi taxes were imposed by the Marathas in territories outside their direct control as a form of tribute.
2. The Peshwa initially served as a Prime Minister but later emerged as the de facto head of the Maratha Confederacy.
3. The Maratha polity maintained a centralized bureaucratic structure with strong provincial governors known as Subedars.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

100. With reference to the significance of Fundamental Duties under the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. They help the Supreme Court in issuing writs against their non-compliance by citizens.
2. They serve as a constant reminder that Fundamental Rights are to be enjoyed with a sense of responsibility.
3. They can serve as a basis for justifying reasonable restrictions on Fundamental Rights in certain cases.
4. They are primarily addressed to the State and act as guidelines for policy formulation, similar to Directive Principles of State Policy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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