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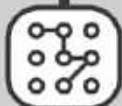
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1. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

In ancient Tamil literature, Sangam literature there is the earliest mention of the Mridangam.

Statement-II:

There is a detailed reference of the instrument in the Natyasastra as it was the most used and primary percussion instrument in the Sangam period.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

2. Consider the following statements regarding Polar Vortex:

Statement-I:

The term “vortex” refers to the clockwise flow of air that helps keep the colder air near the Poles.

Statement-II:

It always exists near the poles.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- (d) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

3. Consider the following pairs:

List I (Classification of Financial Instruments)	List II (Examples)
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| 1. Cash Instruments | - Treasury Bills |
| 2. Debt Instruments | - Corporate Debentures |
| 3. Equity Instruments | - Common Stocks |
| 4. Derivative Instruments | - Future Contracts |
| 5. Money Market Instruments | - Repurchase Agreements |

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

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

4. How many of the following statements regarding Rule of Law are correct?

- 1. The three basic principles covered by Rule of Law are Supremacy of Law, Equality before Law and Predominance of Legal Spirit.
- 2. In India, Rule of Law is guaranteed by Article 14 of the Constitution.
- 3. Supreme Court has recognised Rule of Law to be one of the Basic Features of Indian Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

5. Consider the following statements regarding Money Bill:

- 1. Introduction of Money Bill in Lok Sabha require recommendation of President of India.
- 2. Certification of Money Bill by Speaker is final.

3. Provisions of Money Bill shall apply to any tax imposed by any local authority for local purpose.
4. Rajya Sabha may recommend amendments to Money Bill within the period of 14 days from its tabling in the House.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) Only three
 - (d) All four
6. Which among the following is most likely reason for using the Silvopasture technique?
- (a) To deliberately integrate trees and grazing livestock operations on the same land.
 - (b) To control weeds by increasing the number of grazing livestock on a single land.
 - (c) To promote rotational grazing with a single animal at a time.
 - (d) To reduce heat stress in livestock and manage their population.

7. Consider the following statements:

1. For a pyramid of biomass, each trophic level has a certain mass of living material at a particular time.
2. The pyramid of numbers represents the total number of individuals of different species at each trophic level.
3. For aquatic ecosystems, the pyramid of biomass always remains inverted.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
8. In which one of the following groups are all four countries member of Paris Club?
- (a) Australia, Norway, Singapore, Russia
 - (b) Austria, Belgium, South Korea, Singapore

- (c) Spain, Netherlands, Germany, France
- (d) Israel, Germany, UAE, France

9. Consider the following pairs:

<i>List I</i> <i>(Schools of</i> <i>Philosophy)</i>	<i>List II (Objective)</i>
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| 1. Samkhya | – It Is dualistic because it has two entities, Purusa (Spirit) and Prakrti (Nature) in it. |
| 2. Yoga | – It presents a practical path for the realization of the self. |
| 3. Nyaya | – It is a realistic philosophy based mainly on logical grounds. |
| 4. Vaisheshika | – It accepted perception and inference as only two reliable means to knowledge. |

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

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

10. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Tropical cyclones rotate in a counter-clockwise direction in the Northern Hemisphere and in a clockwise direction in the Southern Hemisphere.

Statement-II:

The winds are driven by this low-pressure core and by the rotation of Earth, which deflects the path of the wind through a phenomenon known as the Coriolis force.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- (c) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- (d) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

11. It is an ecological concept that describes how there is a greater diversity of life in the region where the edges of two adjacent ecosystems overlap, such as land/water, or forest/grassland. At the interface of two overlapping ecosystems, we can find species from both ecosystems, as well as unique species that aren't found in either ecosystem but are specially adapted to the conditions of the transition zone.

Which one of the following ecological concepts is described in the above-given paragraph?

- (a) Ecological resilience
- (b) Ecotone
- (c) Edge Effect
- (d) Keystone species

12. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Column I (Disease)</i>	<i>Column II (Pathogen)</i>
1. Bubonic plague	- Yersinia pestis
2. Oropouche Fever	- Pixelated Bacterium
3. Western Equine Encephalitis	- Zika virus

How many of the given pairs are correctly matched?

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding India's Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI):

- It is indicative of actual production.
- A PMI number greater than 50 indicates expansion in business activity.

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

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

14. Consider the following pairs:

<i>List I (Military Bases)</i>	<i>List II (Country it belongs to)</i>
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| 1. Diego Garcia | – France |
| 2. Guam | – USA |
| 3. Agalega islands | – Great Britain |

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

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

15. Consider the following statements:

- The Chola army reached the Pala kingdom of Bengal where they defeated Mahipala.
- Brahmadeya or agrahara villages were granted to Brahmanas and were inhabited entirely by them.
- The earliest Chola kings are mentioned in the Sangam literature.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements:

- Firozshah Tughlaq established an observatory where a special type of astrolabe and a water-clock were setup.
- Abu'l Fazl gave three proportions of zinc and copper for obtaining brass of different varieties.
- Saltpetre (Potassium nitrate) was used for cooling water.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements regarding Constituent Assembly of India:

1. The Assembly was elected indirectly by the members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly.
2. The scheme of election to Constituent Assembly was laid down by Mountbatten Plan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Starburst Galaxies:

1. Starburst galaxies are characterized by an exceptionally high rate of star formation, often tens to hundreds of times greater than that observed in typical galaxies.
2. The intense star formation activity in starburst galaxies is primarily triggered by gravitational interactions or mergers with other galaxies, which can drive gas into the central regions of the galaxy, fueling rapid star formation.
3. Starburst galaxies necessarily look brighter than other galaxies especially in visible spectrum

How many of the given statements are correct?

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

19. Consider the following pairs with respect to different kinds of economic recovery:

<i>Shape of Economic Recovery</i>	<i>Implication</i>
1. K-shape	Certain sectors of the economy may witness robust expansion, while others persist in their downward trajectory
2. V-shape	A pattern of economic rebound characterised by a sharp decline followed by a swift and robust recovery

3. W-shape

The economy quickly rises after an economic crash and it makes up more than for lost ground before settling back to the normal trend-line.

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

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

20. Consider the following statements regarding Capital expenditure:

1. It leads to the creation of assets are Short-term in nature.
2. Capital expenditure allow economy to generate revenue for many years by adding or improving production facilities and boosting operational efficiency.
3. Unlike capital expenditure, which creates assets for the future, revenue expenditure is one that neither creates assets nor reduces any liability of the government.

How many of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements regarding Temple Architecture:

1. The Nagara-style of Temples are built on a raised plinth, with the garbha griha being the most sacred part of the temple.
2. All Nagara-style temples feature a mandapa which serves as a communal space for rituals, gatherings, and celebrations.
3. In the Latina variation of Nagara style, there is a simple shikhara with square bases and inwardly curved walls with pointed apexes.
4. Ram Temple in Ayodhya has been designed in the Nagara-style of temple architecture with no steel or iron use in the construction of the temple.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): The destruction of traditional Indian industries was one of the earliest consequences of British colonialism.

Reason (R): Industrial Revolution first of all wiped out the market for India's artisans in Europe.

- (a) Both A and R are the correct and the R is the correct explanation of the A.
- (b) Both A and R are correct but the R is not the correct explanation of the A.
- (c) A is correct but the R is incorrect.
- (d) Both A and R are incorrect.

23. Which of the following factors cause variations in insolation?

1. The rotation of earth on its axis
2. The angle of inclination of the sun's rays
3. Transparency of the atmosphere
4. The configuration of land in terms of its aspect

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

24. Consider the following statements regarding:

Statement-I:

Non-fungible Tokens (NFT) is a digital asset that signifies ownership or serves as proof of authenticity for a particular item.

Statement-II:

Each NFT is assigned a unique and unchangeable code stored on the blockchain, providing a clear record of ownership and verifying the authenticity of the associated digital asset.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
- (d) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

25. Which of the following statement *incorrect* regarding Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha?

- (a) Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha consist of 15 members.
- (b) Members of Ethics Committee are nominated by Speaker for the period of one year.
- (c) Ethics Committee plays a pivotal role in overseeing the conduct of members and addressing cases of misconduct.
- (d) Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha is ex-officio Chairperson of Ethics Committee.

26. With respect to Mangrove in India, consider the following statements:

1. Mangrove root systems filter nitrates and phosphates in ocean water.
2. Mangrove soils are carbon-rich due to the extraction of atmospheric carbon dioxide.
3. The MISHTI scheme is associated with the restoration and afforestation of Mangrove Forest along the coastal districts of India.

How many of the above statements is/are *incorrect*?

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding sunspots and their influence on Earth:

1. Sunspots are areas on the Sun where the magnetic field is significantly stronger than Earth's, leading to lower temperatures relative to the surrounding areas due to inhibited gas flow.

2. Sunspots typically occur in pairs with magnetic fields pointing in opposite directions, consisting of a darker region called the umbra and a lighter region called the penumbra.
3. Solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs) are large explosions on the Sun's photosphere that release massive amounts of energy, occurring near sunspots and leading to geomagnetic storms on Earth.
4. The solar cycle, with an average duration of 11 years, is characterized by fluctuations in sunspot activity, with periods of maximum and minimum activity affecting Earth's climate.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. In what way, the INA had the impact on the process of nation-making as well as decolonization of India?

1. Hindu-Muslim unity at a time of deep communal division in India
2. Achieving gender equality by incorporating women not only in administrative roles but also in the army
3. Arousing a tremendous feeling of nationalism among the Indians abroad as well as at home

How many of the above are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding Minerals:

1. Australia produces about a quarter of the world's aluminium.
2. China accounts for 95% of all rare earth production.

3. South Africa controls 90% of the world's platinum.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding Panchayats (Extension to Schedule Areas) Act, 1996:

1. This Act can be enforced only Schedule Areas listed in Fifth Schedule of Indian Constitution.
2. PESA was enacted on the recommendation of Bhuria Committee.
3. The provisions of PESA require a joint committee of Zilla Parishad and District Collectorate to manage village market in Schedule Areas.

How many of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Water with high levels of nitrate raises the risk of developing blue baby syndrome in children.
2. The presence of high levels of nitrogen in a water body can lead to the formation of dead zones in that water body.
3. Nitrous oxide is a greenhouse gas that has more global warming potential than Carbon dioxide.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

32. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Types of Tropical Forests</i>	<i>Type of vegetation</i>
1. Tropical semi-evergreen	- Annual rainfall up to 250 cm with high humidity
2. Tropical deciduous forest	- Annual rainfall of 100 cm with less dense forest cover
3. Tropical Evergreen forest	- Fewer shrubs and taller trees up to the height of 100 meters.

How many of the pair(s) given above is/are correct?

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

33. Chand Bardai in his Prithviraj Raso refers that the four clans of Rajput have their origin the fire pit of Vashistha. Which of the following was **not** one of them?

- (a) Chalukyas
- (b) Paramaras
- (c) Chahamanas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Balban started his policy of blood and iron due to both internal and external threats.
2. He made his daughter, Razia, to sit on the throne of Delhi.
3. He put forward the concept of Divine Right of Kings.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

35. Consider the following pairs:

<i>List I (Landforms)</i>	<i>List II (Features)</i>
1. Phacoliths	– Wavy intrusive rocks
2. Sills	– Perpendicular to the earth's crust
3. Dykes	– Horizontal body of intrusive igneous rock

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

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

36. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct with respect to Article 32 of the Constitution of India?

- (a) It provides remedies to citizens for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
- (b) It was termed as “Heart and Soul of the Indian Constitution” by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
- (c) The Supreme Court cannot refuse a writ petition under Article 32 on the ground of delay.
- (d) Along with Articles 14 and 21, the Supreme Court has termed Article 32 to be part of the Golden Triangle.

37. “It is an economic factor reflects the amplified change in the money supply that ultimately results from the injection into the banking system of additional reserves. It decreases when banks are required to keep more reserves. When we increase monetary base then money supply increases by the same proportion and this factor remains constant. Its value depends on the currency-deposit ratio and the reserves-deposit ratio. RBI open market operations however do not impact this factor. It also serves as the link between the “broad money” and “reserve money”.

Which economic factor is being described in the above paragraph?

- (a) Deposit Multiplier
- (b) Money Multiplier
- (c) Interest Coverage ratio
- (d) Fiscal Multiplier

38. Consider the following statements regarding the Government of India Act 1919:

1. The reserved topics under the provincial lists were to be administered through the governor and his government council without being accountable to the Legislative Council.
2. It separated, for the first time, provincial budgets from the Central price range and authorized the provincial legislatures to enact their budgets.
3. It expanded the involvement of Indians in Viceroy's government council.

How many of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The northern margin of the Himalaya is marked by a lineament known as Indus-Tsangpo Suture Zone.
2. Tethys Himalaya is the northernmost region extending partly into the Tibetan plateau.
3. Greater Himalaya is made up mainly of deformed metamorphic rocks.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding Balance of Payment (BOP):

1. It serves as a thorough documentation of all financial dealings occurring between a country's residents and the rest of the world within a designated timeframe.
2. Current Account documents the exchange of financial assets and liabilities between a country's residents and individuals or entities outside its borders.
3. The Capital and Financial Account reflects the net amount a country earns from trade in goods and services, interest and dividends, and secondary transfers.

4. Lower merchandise trade deficit and growth of services exports has contributed recently towards narrowing down of India's current account deficit.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding Procedure Established by Law:

1. Law duly enacted by the legislature or the concerned body is valid only when correct procedure has been followed.
2. It allows judiciary to check if any law in question is not arbitrary and unjust.
3. India has borrowed the principle of Procedure Established by Law from the British Constitution.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements:

1. Giving a fixed term of five years to the governors and their removal by the process of impeachment like that of President of India.
2. Union should be extremely restrained in asserting Parliamentary supremacy in matters assigned to the states.
3. In case the Governor suspects that the Chief Minister has lost majority in Legislative Assembly, he/she shall recommend declaration of President's Rule in the concerned state.
4. Establishment of Inter-State Council.

How many of the above measures were advised by the Punchhi Commission?

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

43. Consider the following pairs:

List I (Species) List II (Found in)

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| 1. Golden langur | – Bhutan |
| 2. Iberian Wolf | – Spain |
| 3. Sloth Bear | – Sri Lanka |

How many of the above pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

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

44. Consider the following statements about LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory):

1. LIGO sees electromagnetic radiation like an optical telescope.
2. LIGO's structure allows it to point to specific locations in space.
3. A single LIGO detector can reliably locate the source of a gravitational wave signal.

How many of the given statements is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements about Femicide:

- (a) It is the killing of women by another woman.
- (b) It is killing of women or a girl in self-defence.
- (c) It is killing of women or a girl by stranger men.
- (d) It is killing of women and girls by their intimate partners or family members.

46. With reference to Basohli Paintings, consider the following statements:

1. It is a reputed school of miniature paintings characterized by absence of primary colours.
2. It is considered as the first school of Pahari paintings founded by Raja Bhupat Pal.

3. The first mention of Basohli painting is in the annual report of the Archaeological Survey of India for the year 1918-19.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Mantle?

1. Mantle makes up more than 80 percent of Earth's total volume.
2. The division in the lithosphere between the crust and the mantle is called the Mohorovicic discontinuity.
3. Mantle convection describes the movement of the mantle as it transfers heat from the white-hot core to the brittle lithosphere.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

48. Which one of the following is **not** correct with respect to protection of individuals being tried for offence?

- (a) A confession can never be used as evidence against the accused.
- (b) The accused must have violated an existing law.
- (c) An accused cannot be tried and punished for the same offence again.
- (d) The quantum of punishment must be provided in law as it existed on the date of commission of an offence.

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Raja Rammohan Roy founded the Vedanta College which offered both Indian and Western learning.
2. Derozio took steps for inter-caste marriages and female education.
3. Derozio stood for liberty and free-thinking.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

50. With reference to the agents of indoor air pollution and their sources, consider the following pairs:

<i>Indoor air pollutants</i>	<i>Major source</i>
1. Formaldehyde	- Soil and rocks beneath buildings
2. Radon	- Furniture
3. Volatile organic Compounds	- Paints
4. Carbon Monoxide	- Burning of Charcoal

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

51. Which of the following statements is *incorrect* regarding Revenue Deficit?

- (a) It refers to the excess of government's revenue expenditure over total receipts.
- (b) It includes only such transactions that affect the current income and expenditure of the government.
- (c) It means that the government will have to borrow not only to finance its investment but also its consumption requirements.
- (d) None of the above

52. Consider the following:

1. Building hospitals
2. Increasing MSP
3. Improving road connectivity
4. Increasing PDS availability
5. Expenditure on airways network

How many of the above can be considered as capital expenditure of the government of India?

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

53. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Lok Adalats?

1. It is presided over by a sitting or retired judicial officer as the Chairman.
2. Its decision is binding on parties to the dispute and its order is capable of execution through legal process.
3. It deals in matters related to civil cases only.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

54. Which of the following statements describe the importance of Aravalis Mountains?

1. These mountains have acted as a barrier and checked the expansion of the desert across Delhi and Western Uttar Pradesh.
2. These mountains act as a barrier and results in orographic rainfall after the Arabian Sea branch of the monsoon strike with them.

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

55. Consider the following statements regarding ocean deposits:

1. Ocean deposits can be classified into neritic and pelagic deposits based on their source.
2. Red clay is inorganic in origin and the most abundant of the pelagic deposits.

3. Biogenous deposits are referred to as oozes.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

56. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Rivers</i>	<i>originated from</i>
1. Gandak	Dhaulagiri mountain
2. Ramganga	Mapchachungo glaciers
3. Brahmaputra	Chemayungdung glacier

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

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

57. Which of the following statements regarding Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) is/are correct?

- It is the energy in the visible range of electromagnetic spectrum available for photosynthesis.
- Higher the PAR more is the plant growth.
- Air Pollution is responsible for limiting the amount of PAR available to plants.

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

58. With reference to the literary developments during the Mughal era, consider the following pairs:

<i>Literary work</i>	<i>Author</i>
1. Muntkhab-ul-Twarikh	Badayuni
2. Padshahnama	Abdul Hamid
3. Razmnama	Inayat Khan

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

59. Consider the following statements regarding Voice over Wi-Fi (VoWiFi):

- Calls made over VoWiFi provides users with superior call quality compared to calls made over VoLTE but with a delayed call connection time.
- VoWiFi service does not need any separate app or a new number or any log-in to work.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

60. Match the following radio telescopes with their countries:

<i>Radio Telescope</i>	<i>Country</i>
1. MeerKAT	A. India
2. FAST	B. China
3. GMRT	C. South Africa

Select the correct match:

- (a) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B
(b) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A
(c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C
(d) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B

61. Consider the following statements:

- The Bosphorus strait connects Black sea to the small Sea of Marmara.
- Pontic Mountains surround the coast of Black sea in its south.
- The Gulf of Odessa is a part of the Black Sea.

How many of the following statements are correct regarding Black Sea?

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

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

62. Which of the following situations may **not** lead to depreciation of rupee?

1. More foreign investment coming into India
2. Indian government taking loans from World Bank
3. Indian government repaying loan interest to foreign country.
4. Oil India Limited investing in foreign coastal region.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

63. Which of the following is the primary objective of the “*Heal in India*” initiative?

- (a) To provide free healthcare to rural populations
- (b) To promote medical tourism in India
- (c) To enhance mental healthcare services in urban areas
- (d) To encourage the manufacturing of life-saving drugs in India

64. Consider the following statements regarding Demand for Grants:

1. It includes provisions with respect to grants to State and Union Territory governments together with loans and advances.
2. The Rajya Sabha votes on the demand for grants subsequent to voting in Lok Sabha.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

65. Consider the following rivers:

1. Koyna
2. Purna

3. Musi
4. Bhima

How many of the following are tributaries of River Krishna?

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

66. Which of the following statements regarding the Speaker of the House of the People is correct?

- (a) On the dissolution of the Lok Sabha, the Speaker does not vacate his/her Office.
- (b) He/she can allow a secret sitting of the House at the request of the Cabinet secretary.
- (c) He/she derives his powers and duties from the constitution only.
- (d) While a resolution for his/her removal is under consideration, the Speaker shall preside but shall have no right to speak, and shall have no right of vote.

67. Which of the following is **incorrect** regarding the El Nino phenomenon?

- (a) The distortion in the equatorial atmospheric circulation causes low intensity rainfall in India.
- (b) Chances of cyclonic conditions prevail in the Bay of Bengal due to higher temperature of sea water and less moisture in the air.
- (c) The sea-surface temperatures must rise over a threshold of 5 degree Celsius to be declared El Nino events.
- (d) The onset of southwest monsoon in India can be delayed ranging from five to twelve days.

68. With reference to the Gandhi-Irwin Pact of 1931, consider the following statements:

1. Mahatma Gandhi agreed to attend the Second Round Table Conference in London.
2. The British government abolished the Salt Tax as part of the agreement.
3. The Civil Disobedience Movement was suspended following the pact.

4. The British agreed to fully restore all properties confiscated during the movement.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

69. Which one of the following best describes the purpose of conducting analog space missions?

- (a) To simulate atmospheric re-entry conditions
- (b) To test space hardware in orbit
- (c) To study Earth environments similar to extra-terrestrial conditions
- (d) To launch manned missions directly from Earth

70. With reference to the Pantsir-S1 system, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a short-range air defense system.
- 2. It combines both radar-guided guns and surface-to-air missiles.
- 3. It is jointly developed by India and Russia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding Gandhara and Mathura Art:

- 1. Gandhara style is based on naturalistic body form of Gautama Buddha.
- 2. Mathura Art is developed both on Indian traditions and foreign influence.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Rupee depreciation helps improve India's export competitiveness.

Statement-II:

Depreciation makes Indian goods cheaper in international markets.

Which one of the following statement is correct?

- (a) Both Statement-I and II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and 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

73. Consider the following description:

- 1. It is second largest port by cargo volume.
- 2. It serves as a gateway port for states in North, West, and Central India..
- 3. It is renamed as Deendayal Port in 2017.

Which of the following best fits this description?

- (a) Cochin Port
- (b) Kandla Port
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- (d) Tuticorin Port

74. What does the "*Midgets making widgets*" phenomenon refer to in the context of Indian manufacturing?

- (a) Growing preference for artisanal manufacturing in rural India
- (b) Industrial firms operating under MSME classification
- (c) Automation-led productivity growth in micro-units
- (d) Setting up multiple smaller plants instead of expanding one large plant

75. With reference to the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The original copies of Indian Constitution were handwritten in both English and Hindi.
2. Nandalal Bose oversaw the decoration of its pages.
3. Constitution Day has been celebrated since 1950.

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

76. Consider the following statements regarding Entity Locker:

1. Entity Locker is a cloud-based solution for storing and verifying official documents of organizations.
2. It operates under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology as part of India's Digital Public Infrastructure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

77. Which of the two water bodies are connected with Strait of Gibraltar?

- (a) Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea
- (b) English Channel and Bay of Biscay
- (c) North Sea and Atlantic Ocean
- (d) Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea

78. Consider the following statements:

1. Subordinate legislation is part of the original Constitution.
2. Parliament can delegate law-making powers to the executive.
3. All subordinate legislation is placed before Parliament.

Which of the following statements are correct?

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

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

79. The 'escape clause' under FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act can be invoked on which of the following grounds?

1. National security
2. Severe collapse of agricultural activity
3. Sharp decline in real output growth since last two quarters
4. Structural reforms in the economy

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

80. Consider the following features:

1. Division of powers
2. Supremacy of the Constitution
3. Independent judiciary
4. Bicameralism
5. Strong Centre

How many of the following are the features of Federal Constitution?

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

81. With reference to spring and neap tides, consider the following statements:

1. The height of spring tide is higher than neap tide.
2. Neap tide occurs twice a month during full moon and new moon.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding treatment and disposal of solid waste:

1. Pyrolysis is a process of combustion in absence of oxygen or the material burnt under controlled atmosphere of oxygen.
2. Composting is a biological process in which micro-organisms decompose degradable organic waste into humus like substance in the absence of oxygen.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

83. Arrange the following dynasties in chronological order.

1. Khilji dynasty
2. Lodhi dynasty
3. Sayyid dynasty
4. Tughlaq dynasty

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

84. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the types of hydrogen fuels?

1. Hydrogen extracted from fossil hydrocarbons is called 'grey hydrogen'.
2. 'Blue hydrogen' is produced by electrolysis of water molecules using the electricity from renewable sources (solar and wind power, etc.).

Select the correct answer using the following code:

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

85. With reference to the Khajuraho style of temples, which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

- (a) The first mention of Khajuraho and its temples is in the accounts of Abu Rahyan al Biruni and Ibn Batuta.
- (b) The temples here are exclusively dedicated to Shiva because the rulers that gave patronage to these temples were followers of Shaivism.
- (c) They are believed to have been built of light-coloured sandstone imported from the quarries of Panna, from the east bank of the Kane River.
- (d) The interior arrangement of the Kandariya Mahadeva, the largest of all the temples in Khajuraho, differs from the usual construction of a usual Hindu temple.

86. Consider the following statements regarding Solomon islands:

1. It consists of a double chain of volcanic islands and coral atolls in Micronesia.
2. It is a member of the Commonwealth and is an absolute monarchy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

87. With reference to Nomadic Tribes, consider the following statements:

1. Bushmen are the native people of the African continent.
2. Pygmies are the hunting nomads found in the Congo basin.
3. In India nomadic tribes belong mainly to Banjara community.
4. Chakmas are native to Nepal and have taken refuge in India.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements:

1. CBI was established on the recommendation of the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.

2. Enforcement Directorate (ED) is administered by Department of Economic Affairs 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

89. Consider the following pairs:

	<i>Currents</i>	<i>Oceans</i>
1.	Agulhas Current	Atlantic Ocean
2.	Humbolt Current	Indian Ocean
3.	Gulf Stream	Pacific Ocean

How many the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

90. Which layer of atmosphere helps in the formation of "Auroras"?

- (a) Mesosphere
- (b) Ionosphere
- (c) Stratosphere
- (d) Troposphere

91. With reference to the SVASTIK initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It promotes scientific validation of traditional Indian practices.
2. It is disseminated via social media in 17 languages.
3. It is coordinated by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding the development of railways during British rule in India:

1. Indian Railways were started on a Guarantee System under which any company that constructed railways in India was given 5% annual guaranteed return.
2. First train in India ran between Bombay and Thane during the tenure of Lord Canning.
3. The origin of the railway budget goes back to a report by British politician William Ackworth in 1924.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

93. Consider the following description:

1. It is an autonomous life-supporting module
2. It operates in space's microgravity environment
3. It is designed to grow and sustain plant life during space missions

Which one of the following best describes the description above?

- (a) Gaganyaan Life Capsule
- (b) Analog Habitat Pod
- (c) ISRO CROPS Experiment
- (d) ISRO's BioShield Program

94. Which of the following statements is correct with reference to Nano-transporters?

- (a) They are macroscopic gel systems for agricultural use.
- (b) They are engineered to deliver drugs to specific cells in a controlled manner
- (c) They randomly release drugs throughout the bloodstream.
- (d) They are used only in vaccine production.

95. Consider the following statements regarding Microbots:

1. Microbots are tiny automated machines with sizes of order less than a millimeter.

2. Microbots are seen as the technology of the future for drug delivery replacing the current invasive techniques.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements about "Selective Silencing":

- 1. It refers to the activation of both parental copies of a gene.
- 2. It may explain why some individuals carrying disease-linked genes do not exhibit symptoms.
- 3. It involves the blocking of a specific gene's message in some cells.

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

97. Losar, Songkran and Hemis Gompa festival are associated with which of the following religious group?

- (a) Jainism
- (b) Brahmanism
- (c) Ajivikas
- (d) Buddhism

98. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. A starred question requires an oral answer and hence supplementary questions can follow.
- 2. A short notice question requires a written answer.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

99. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Moderates were inspired by European history while the extremists were inspired by Indian history and Hindu traditional symbols.
- 2. Both the moderates and extremists believed that political connections with Britain to be in India's social, political and cultural interests.
- 3. Both the moderates and extremists rejected England's providential mission in India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

100. Consider the following statements regarding External Benchmark Rates:

- 1. RBI has made it mandatory for all banks to link all new floating rate loans to an external benchmark in order to improve transmission of monetary policy rates.
- 2. Financial Benchmarks India Private Ltd. is recognised by the RBI as an independent Benchmark administrator.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



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