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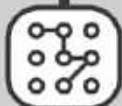
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1. With reference to the classification of consumer goods in economics, which category of goods is best described by the following characteristics?

1. They are purchased frequently with minimal time and shopping effort
2. Generally low in price
3. Includes items such as candy, magazines, and over-the-counter medicines

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Consumer Durables
- (b) Specialty Goods
- (c) Shopping Goods
- (d) Convenience Goods

2. Consider the following statements regarding Purchasing Power Parity (PPP):

1. GDP at Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) adjusts for exchange rates.
2. It enables international comparison of living standards.
3. It is influenced primarily by inflation within the country.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to the classification of digital currencies, which of the following is best characterized by the features listed below?

1. A form of currency that exists exclusively in digital format
2. It is issued and regulated by a sovereign monetary authority
3. It is designed for use in both retail and wholesale financial transactions
4. It functions as a legal tender alongside physical currency

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Virtual Currency
- (b) Cryptocurrency
- (c) Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)
- (d) Tokenized Commodity

4. Consider the following statements regarding Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs):

1. NBFCs can accept demand deposits from the public.
2. NBFCs are regulated by both the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
3. NBFCs are allowed to provide savings and current account facilities.
4. Deposit insurance is available to the depositors of NBFCs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. Consider the following:

1. Taxation
2. Cash Reserve Ratio
3. Public Borrowing
4. Public Expenditure

How many of the above is/are fiscal policy tools?

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

6. With reference to devaluation of a currency, consider the following statements:

1. Devaluation can assist in addressing a country's Balance of Payments (BoP) disequilibrium.
2. Devaluation results in the country's exports becoming cheaper in the international market.
3. Devaluation leads to an increase in the domestic demand for imported goods.

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

7. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Article 226 empowers High Courts to issue writs for fundamental rights and other purposes.

**Statement-II:**

The writ jurisdiction of High Courts is broader than that of the Supreme Court.

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding the justifiability of fundamental duties under the Indian Constitution:

**Statement-I:**

Fundamental duties are not legally enforceable by the courts.

**Statement-II:**

Imposing penalties for the non-fulfilment of fundamental duties may infringe upon the personal liberties of citizens.

**Statement-III:**

Fundamental duties are intended to serve as moral and civic obligations rather than legal mandates.

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding the impeachment of the President of India:

- 1. The process of impeachment can be initiated in either House of Parliament.
- 2. The resolution for impeachment must be passed by a two-thirds majority in both Houses of Parliament.
- 3. Nominated members of Parliament are disqualified from taking part in the impeachment process.
- 4. The impeachment of the President can be initiated for reasons other than violation of the Constitution.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. Which of the following best describes the primary mandate of the Estimates Committee of the Indian Parliament?

- (a) To conduct a post-facto examination of government expenditure
- (b) To assess whether public funds have been utilized appropriately
- (c) To recommend alternative policies for ensuring efficiency and economy in public expenditure
- (d) To audit the financial accounts of public sector undertakings

11. Identify the provision based on the following features:

- 1. It is initiated through a motion in either House of Parliament
- 2. It requires investigation by a committee.
- 3. It requires a special majority in both Houses for approval
- 4. The final order is issued by the President of India

Which of the following processes is described above?

- (a) Removal of the Vice President
- (b) Removal of a Judge of the High Court
- (c) Amendment of the Constitution
- (d) Dissolution of the Lok Sabha

**12.** In the context of volcanic eruptions and environmental hazards, consider the following phenomena:

1. Lahar
2. Pyroclastic flow
3. Acid rain
4. Earthquake swarms

Which of the above can occur *before* a volcanic eruption?

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

**13.** In the context of earthquake-prone regions of India, arrange the following in descending order of seismic vulnerability:

1. Gujarat (Kutch region)
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Maharashtra (Latur region)
4. Assam

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

**14.** Consider the following statements regarding Earth's energy balance:

1. Shortwave radiation refers to the energy coming from the Sun, mostly in the form of ultraviolet, visible, and some infrared radiation.
2. Longwave radiation is the heat emitted by the Earth's surface and atmosphere after it absorbs solar radiation, and it primarily consists of infrared radiation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**15.** Which of the following are characteristics of the Savanna grassland?

1. It is located in tropical and subtropical regions.

2. The vegetation consists mostly of tall grasses, scattered trees, and shrubs.
3. It has uniform rainfall throughout the year.
4. Fire plays a significant role in the ecosystem.

Select the Correct Option using the code given below:

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

**16.** Consider the following processes:

1. Sea ice formation
2. High atmospheric pressure systems
3. Upwelling of deep water
4. Volcanic activity at mid-ocean ridges

How many of the above processes contribute to an increase in salinity of ocean water?

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

**17.** Consider the following pairs regarding Wild Life Sanctuaries:

<i>Wild Life Sanctuary</i>	<i>Location</i>
1. Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary	Uttarakhand
2. Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary	Kerala
3. Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary	Karnataka
4. Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh

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

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

**18.** Which of the following best describes the concept of 'Agrivoltaic farming'?

- (a) Cultivation of genetically modified crops under elevated solar panels



- (b) Installation of solar panels on barren land to maximize energy generation
- (c) Concurrent use of the same land parcel for crop cultivation and solar energy production
- (d) Application of biogas technology to improve agricultural productivity

19. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Acclimatisation is a long-term evolutionary adaptation in organisms.

**Statement-II:**

Acclimatisation enables individuals to adjust physiologically to environmental changes.

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

20. Consider the following animals:

1. Wild Boar
2. Nilgai (Blue Bull)
3. Indian Peafowl
4. Rhesus Macaque

How many of the above are placed under the 'vermin' category in certain regions under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972?

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

21. Consider the following characteristics:

1. It involves insoluble mineral forms.
2. It lacks a significant atmospheric component.
3. Its primary reservoir is located in the lithosphere.

4. It is often associated with eutrophication in aquatic ecosystems.

Which one of the following nutrient cycles is best described by the above statements?

- (a) Sulphur cycle
- (b) Phosphorus cycle
- (c) Nitrogen cycle
- (d) Carbon cycle

22. Arrange the following forest types in decreasing order of their average annual rainfall requirement:

1. Montane wet temperate forests
2. Moist deciduous forests
3. Tropical thorn forests
4. Tropical evergreen forests

Choose the correct option below:

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

23. With reference to Biodiversity Hotspots, consider the following statements:

1. All biodiversity hotspots are located in tropical regions.
2. Each biodiversity hotspot is characterized by the presence of endemic species that are not found anywhere else on Earth.
3. Biodiversity hotspots are characterized by a high degree of ecological stability.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

24. Consider the following features of ancient Indian coinage:

1. Gold coins bearing inscriptions in Brahmi script
2. Depiction of kings engaged in activities such as archery and lion slaying
3. Primarily used for high-value transactions, such as land purchases

Which one of the following dynasties is most accurately associated with the above features?

- (a) Mauryan Empire
- (b) Gupta Empire
- (c) Kushana Empire
- (d) Satavahana Empire

**25.** Arrange the following IVC sites from west to east:

- 1. Sutkagen-Dor
- 2. Mohenjo-Daro
- 3. Harappa
- 4. Alamgirpur

Choose the correct option below:

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

**26.** With reference to the Mughal administrative system, consider the following statements:

- 1. The pargana was the basic unit of rural administration.
- 2. Each subah was managed by a Subahdar who reported to the provincial sadr-as-sudr.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**27.** Who among the following described Alauddin Khalji as someone who proclaimed "Kingship knows no kinship"?

- (a) Ibn Battuta
- (b) Amir Khusrau
- (c) Ziauddin Barani
- (d) Al-Biruni

**28.** Arrange the following electromagnetic radiations in increasing order of frequency:

- 1. Visible
- 2. Radio waves
- 3. Gamma rays
- 4. Infrared

Select the correct sequence below:

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

**29.** Which of the following best describes a “*living drug*”?

- (a) A biologically inactive chemical that binds to DNA
- (b) A gene-editing tool used in agriculture
- (c) A patient's cells modified and reintroduced to treat disease
- (d) A virus-based vaccine with genetic components

**30.** Consider the following characteristics:

- 1. It contains ribose sugar
- 2. It has uracil instead of thymine
- 3. It functions in protein synthesis and gene regulation
- 4. It can fold into secondary structures

Which of the following molecules is described above?

- (a) DNA
- (b) RNA
- (c) Ribosome
- (d) Amino acid

**31.** Consider the following information:

Type of Biofuel	Feedstock	Generation
1. Ethanol	Sugarcane	First
2. Biobutanol	Algae	Second
3. Biodiesel	Genetic crops	Third

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

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

**32.** With reference to genome sequencing, consider the following statements:

1. Genome sequencing determines the precise order of nucleotide bases.
2. It helps in precision medicine.
3. It is used in biodiversity and species conservation.
4. Genome sequencing removes the need for epidemiological surveillance.

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

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

**33.** Which of the following is a natural multispecies biofilm commonly found in humans?

- (a) Dental plaque
- (b) Earwax
- (c) Sweat
- (d) Hair follicle

**34.** Which one of the following temples is renowned for symbolizing the chariot of Surya, with 24 elaborately carved wheels and 7 horses, and was constructed by King Narasimha Deva I of the Eastern Ganga dynasty during the 13th century?

- (a) Sri Suryanarayana Swamy Temple (Andhra Pradesh)
- (b) Dakshinaarka temple (Bihar)
- (c) Modhera Sun temple (Gujarat)
- (d) Konark Sun Temple, (Odisha)

**35.** With reference to Buddhist literature consider the following statements:

1. Sutta Pitaka contains the sermons of Buddha.
2. Abhidhamma Pitaka deals with Buddhist metaphysics.
3. Dipavamsa was compiled at the First Buddhist Council.

How many of the above statements is/ are correct?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None

**36.** Consider the following information:

<i>School</i>	<i>Founder</i>	<i>Core Concept</i>
1. Nyaya	Gautama	Logical reasoning and salvation
2. Vedanta	Badrayana	Focus on karma and rituals only
3. Samkhya	Kapila	Dualism of Purusha and Prakriti

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

**37.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Khajuraho temples feature curvilinear shikharas and erotic sculptures.
2. Khajuraho temples are built mainly of white marble.
3. Dilwara Jain temples are examples of conservative temple architecture.

How many of the above statements is/ are correct?

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

**38.** Consider the following pairs:

<i>Water Body</i>	<i>Country it Flows Through</i>
1. Logone River	Chad and Cameroon
2. Bani River	Niger and Burkina Faso
3. Koumoue River	Mali
4. Senegal River	Senegal and Mauritania

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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



**39.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

World Meditation Day was declared to raise awareness about meditation's health benefits.

**Statement-II:**

Meditation has been globally recognized as an alternative to modern medicine.

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
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**40.** Which type of solar cell uses metal-halide materials, has low-cost thin-film construction, but faces toxicity issues due to lead content?

- (a) Cadmium telluride solar cells
- (b) Silicon solar cells
- (c) Organic solar cells
- (d) Perovskite solar cells

**41.** Consider the following:

1. Balance of Trade
2. Net Primary Income
3. Capital Transfers
4. Net Transfers

How many of the above are components of the Current Account of BoP?

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

**42.** What is the primary objective of the "*Principal Purpose Test (PPT)*" in international taxation?

- (a) To reduce double taxation between two countries
- (b) To ensure tax neutrality for multinationals

- (c) To prevent treaty abuse by denying benefits if the main purpose is tax avoidance
- (d) To increase tax rates for cross-border investments

**43.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

The Mayor is the chief executive authority in Indian Municipal Corporations.

**Statement-II:**

Most Indian cities follow the Commissioner as Chief Executive (CACE) model.

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

**44.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Anti-Defection Law:

1. The Anti-Defection Law is incorporated under the ninth Schedule of the Constitution.
2. The Speaker of the concerned House is empowered to decide on disqualification matters arising under the Anti-Defection Law.
3. The decision of the Speaker in matters of disqualification is subject to judicial review.
4. A member disqualified under the Anti-Defection Law is barred from contesting elections again for the remaining term of the House.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

The Rajya Sabha cannot amend a Money Bill.

**Statement-II:**

A Money Bill can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha.

**Statement-III:**

The Speaker of Lok Sabha decides whether a bill is a Money Bill.

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

46. Consider the following:

- 1. It manages natural resources in public interest
- 2. The state acts as a trustee
- 3. The citizens are beneficiaries

Which constitutional doctrine does it describe?

- (a) Doctrine of Proportionality
- (b) Public Trust Doctrine
- (c) Eminent Domain Doctrine
- (d) Doctrine of Eclipse

47. With reference to the onset of the Indian monsoon, consider the following statements:

- 1. The southwest monsoon usually arrives in Kerala around the first week of June.
- 2. The onset of the monsoon is influenced by the northward shift of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).
- 3. The Tropical Easterly Jet (TEJ) weakens the monsoon onset over the Indian subcontinent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

48. Consider the following information:

<i>River</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Major City / Wildlife Sanctuary</i>
1. Godavari	Western Ghats (Maharashtra)	Rajahmundry
2. Krishna	Amarkantak Plateau	Nagarjuna Sagar
3. Cauvery	Brahmagiri Hills (Karnataka)	Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary
4. Narmada	Amarkantak Plateau (Madhya Pradesh)	Omkareshwar

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

49. With reference to Indian hill ranges, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Aravalli Range acts as a climatic divide, influencing the distribution of the southwest monsoon in Rajasthan.
- 2. The Eastern Ghats are geologically older than the Western Ghats and are continuous from Odisha to Tamil Nadu.
- 3. The Satpura and Vindhya ranges form a watershed between the Ganga and Godavari river basins.

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

50. With reference to rice cultivation in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Rice is grown in both kharif and rabi seasons across different parts of India.
- 2. High-yielding varieties of rice are more water-efficient than traditional varieties.

3. The eastern coastal plains have higher productivity of rice due to alluvial soil and better irrigation.

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

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

51. Consider the following description:

1. It is a thermo-chemical process.
2. It is irreversible.
3. It occurs without oxygen.
4. It converts waste into stable chemical forms and energy.

Which method of solid waste management is being described?

- (a) Incineration  
(b) Composting  
(c) Pyrolysis  
(d) Vermicomposting

52. Which one of the following best describes '*Noctiluca scintillans*'?

- (a) A deep-sea fish known for its bioluminescent lure  
(b) A unicellular protist displays bioluminescence  
(c) A bacteria used in nitrogen fixation in marine ecosystems  
(d) A type of algae used as a bio indicator of freshwater pollution

53. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

eDNA is an efficient tool for biodiversity monitoring.

**Statement-II:**

eDNA allows researchers to estimate the population size and reproductive stage of species.

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

54. Consider the following description: "An arboreal ape species, known for swinging between trees at high speeds, exhibiting monogamous behaviour, vocal communication, and only ape species native to India." Which of the following species fits this description?

- (a) Macaque  
(b) Hoolock Gibbon  
(c) Slow Loris  
(d) Langur

55. Consider the following information:

Crop	Type	Purpose
1. Dhaincha	Leguminous	Soil nitrogen enrichment
2. Moong	Cereal crop	Organic manure
3. Sunhemp	Leguminous	Green manure

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

56. Consider the following statements about a prominent 18th-century Indian ruler:

1. He was born in the year 1750.
2. He is credited with pioneering the use of rocket technology in warfare in India.
3. He supported the ideals of the French Revolution and became a member of the Jacobin Club.
4. He introduced sericulture in his kingdom.

Which one of the following rulers is most accurately described by the above statements?

- (a) Haider Ali
- (b) Mahadaji Shinde
- (c) Tipu Sultan
- (d) Shahu I

57. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Events</i>	<i>Governors-General/ Viceroys</i>
1. First Afghan War	Lord Auckland
2. Vernacular Press Act	Lord Lytton
3. Poona Pact	Lord Linlithgow
4. Abolition of Sati	Lord William Bentinck

How many of the above events are correctly matched with their Governors-General/Viceroys?

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

58. With reference to constitutional developments in British India, which of the following legislations is associated with the following features?

- 1. Introduction of a bicameral legislature at the central level
- 2. Implementation of the system of dyarchy in provincial administrations
- 3. Greater involvement of Indians in legislative processes
- 4. Division of provincial subjects into 'reserved' and 'transferred' categories

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Government of India Act, 1935
- (b) Indian Councils Act, 1909
- (c) Government of India Act, 1919
- (d) Morley-Minto Reforms

59. Consider the following leaders:

- 1. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- 2. Ajmal Khan

- 3. C.R. Das
- 4. Hasrat Mohani

How many of the leaders given above were associated with the Khilafat or Non-Cooperation Movement?

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

60. Which of the following technologies uses spiking neurons to mimic brain function for real-time learning?

- (a) Blockchain
- (b) Quantum Computing
- (c) Neuromorphic Computing
- (d) Classical Supercomputing

61. With reference to the CE20 cryogenic engine, consider the following statements:

- 1. It uses a staged combustion cycle for improved efficiency.
- 2. It burns liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.
- 3. It is heavier than traditional solid rocket engines used in ISRO's PSLV.

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

62. With reference to dark comets, consider the following statements:

- 1. They may spin rapidly, dispersing gas in all directions.
- 2. They are always larger than traditional comets.
- 3. Their lack of a tail makes them appear asteroid-like.

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

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

**63.** Which of the following best describes “GPS spoofing”?

- (a) Blocking all incoming GPS signals to disrupt navigation
- (b) Using encrypted signals to strengthen GPS security
- (c) Sending fake GPS signals to manipulate a receiver’s location
- (d) A method of enhancing satellite precision in GPS receivers

**64.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

ISRO has launched an analog space mission in Ladakh to prepare for lunar surface operations.

**Statement-II:**

Ladakh's unique geology and climate closely resemble lunar and Martian surface conditions.

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

**65.** "This art style emerged along the Silk Road, blended Greco-Roman realism with Buddhist themes, featured Buddha in a youthful Apollo-like face, and used schist and stucco." Which school of art does this describe?

- (a) Mathura School
- (b) Gandhara School
- (c) Amaravati School
- (d) Gupta School

**66.** Consider the following sites:

1. Brahmagiri
2. Adichanallur
3. Junapani
4. Lothal

Which of the above are megalithic sites?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) All of the above

**67.** Vikramshila University, a prominent centre of Buddhist learning in medieval India, was established by:

- (a) Harshavardhana
- (b) Gopala
- (c) Dharmapala
- (d) Kumaragupta I

**68.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Milkweed fiber is useful in oil spill clean-up.

**Statement-II:**

Milkweed fiber is oleophilic and hydrophobic.

**Statement-III:**

It contains natural surface waxes.

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

**69.** Consider the following statements regarding Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs):

**Statement-I:**

Restricted InvITs ensure a fixed minimum return to investors.

**Statement-II:**

The sponsor compensates the shortfall if returns fall below the expected threshold.

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

**70.** Consider the following statements

**Statement-I:**

Borrowings and other liabilities form the largest component of Union Government receipts.

**Statement-II:**

They form part of non-debt capital receipts of the government.

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

**71.** With reference to the government initiatives for gig workers, consider the following statements:

1. Insurance coverage will be provided to gig workers through registration on the e-Shram portal.
2. Gig workers will be able to access the newly revamped PM Swanidhi Scheme with UPI-linked credit cards.
3. The number of gig workers in India is expected to reach 10 million by 2030.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**72.** Who coined the term "*coalition dharma*" in the context of Indian politics?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (b) Indira Gandhi
- (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (d) Manmohan Singh

**73.** Which of the following best defines a "*surrogate advertisement*"?

- (a) An advertisement that promotes generic goods not associated with any brand.
- (b) An advertisement that directly promotes banned products like alcohol or tobacco.
- (c) An advertisement that promotes a product legally, but actually acts as a substitute for a banned product.
- (d) An advertisement that promotes products through government subsidies.

**74.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Section 18 of the SC/ST Act bars anticipatory bail in all cases under the Act.

**Statement-II:**

The Supreme Court recently ruled that the bar on anticipatory bail applies only if a prima facie case is made under the Act.

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

**75.** Consider the following description:

1. It promotes knowledge sharing among Asian public audit institutions.
2. It serves as a platform for training and professional exchange.
3. It is one of the regional groups under a global audit body.

What organization does the above refer to?

- (a) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- (b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (c) Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)
- (d) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**76.** Consider the following statements:

1. Plea bargaining leads to quicker disposal of criminal cases.
2. It is available only if initiated by the accused.
3. The prosecutor must compulsorily accept any plea bargain initiated by the accused.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**77.** Consider the following pairs:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Type</i>
1. Giant Panda	Umbrella species
2. African Gorilla	Flagship species
3. Woodpecker	Keystone species
4. River Otter	Indicator species

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

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

**78.** With reference to In Situ bioremediation techniques, consider the following statements:

1. Bio-sparging increases oxygen concentration below the water table.
2. Bio-venting is used to treat volatile contaminants in groundwater.
3. Bio-augmentation involves adding microbes to contaminated soil or water.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**79.** Match the following substances with their use:

<i>Substances</i>	<i>Use</i>
A. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)	1. Coolants and propellants
B. Methyl bromide	2. Pesticide
C. Carbon tetrachloride	3. Solvent
D. Halons	4. Fire extinguishers

Select the correct match using the code:

- (a) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
- (b) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- (c) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
- (d) A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2

**80.** The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) operates under the aegis of which UN body?

- (a) UNEP
- (b) UNDP
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) FAO

**81.** Consider the following provisions:

1. Office of the Governor
2. Emergency provisions
3. Fundamental Rights
4. Public Service Commissions

How many of the above features was/were borrowed from the Government of India Act, 1935?

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

**82.** Consider the following statements regarding Rule of Law in India:

1. It is explicitly mentioned in the Constitution under Article 14.
2. Judicial review acts as a guardian of Rule of Law in India.
3. The Rule of Law permits arbitrary powers to government officials.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**83.** With reference to Article 23, consider the following statements:

1. It is enforceable against private individuals.
2. It permits compulsory unpaid military service.
3. It prohibits employment of children under 14 in dangerous work.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

**84.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

During the operation of a National Emergency the Parliament is empowered to legislate on matters enumerated in the State List.

**Statement-II:**

The constitutional framework undergoes a temporary shift from a federal to a unitary structure during the period of a National Emergency.

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 of Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II is not the correct explanation of 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 statements:

**Statement-I:**

In hyperinflation, the value of domestic currency may become practically worthless.

**Statement-II:**

Hyperinflation is often caused by an excessive increase in money supply.

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

**86.** With reference to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), consider the following statements:

1. RRBs are regulated by NABARD.
2. RRBs were conceptualized by the Narasimham Committee.
3. RRBs must allocate 75% of their advances to priority sectors.

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

**87.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Expansionary monetary policy aims to increase money supply in the economy.

**Statement-II:**

Expansionary policy involves raising interest rates and increasing CRR.

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

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

**88.** Which of the following statements is correct regarding Public Financial Management System (PFMS)?

- (a) It is an offline system that facilitates fund disbursement through state treasuries.
- (b) It only tracks expenditures under centrally sponsored schemes.
- (c) It was originally launched by NITI Aayog.
- (d) It provides a payment-cum-accounting network for public finance.

**89.** Consider the following sites:

1. Raja Nal Ka Tila
2. Naikund
3. Harappa
4. Paiyampalli
5. Mahurjhari

How many of the above site(s) has/have yielded evidence of iron metallurgy in early India?

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

**90.** With reference to the Varna and Caste systems in Indian society, consider the following statements:

1. The Varna system was based purely on birth.
2. The Caste system evolved over time with regional and socio-economic influences.
3. The Varna system allowed intermarriage among Varnas in the early Vedic period.
4. The caste system included outcastes such as Panchamas.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**91.** Consider the following statements regarding the administration of the Western Chalukyas:

1. The Western Chalukyas followed a centralised administrative model.
2. The smallest administrative unit was called "Bada".
3. The title "Sandhivigrahika" was held by the chief military officer.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**92.** Consider the following:

1. Ashtapradhan system
2. Use of Persian in court
3. Collection of Chauth and Sardeshmukhi
4. Creation of hereditary military aristocracy

How many of the above feature(s) was/were associated with Shivaji's administration?

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

**93.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**

Graphite is used as a lubricant in machinery.

**Statement-II:**

The layers of graphite can slide over each other due to weak interlayer forces.

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

94. Which one of the following statements is correct about “*Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)*”?

- (a) It uses radioactive tracers to produce images
- (b) It is ideal for imaging calcified tissues
- (c) It works by measuring electrical impulses in muscles
- (d) It is non-invasive and uses magnetic fields to scan soft tissues

95. Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (Since 1991-92) is awarded for outstanding performances in sports spanning over a period of 4 years. Consider the following pairs regarding 2024 Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award awardees:

<i>Person</i>	<i>Area of field</i>
1. Gukesh D	Chess
2. Harmanpreet Singh	Cricket
3. Praveen Kumar	Hockey
4. Manu Bhaker	Shooting

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

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

96. Consider the following statements about Sangam Literature:

- 1. Aham deals with internal emotions like love and personal experiences.
- 2. Puram relates to external topics like warfare, heroism, and kingship.
- 3. Aham and Puram styles were codified in Agattiyam.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

97. Which one of the following cave complexes contains inscriptions attributed to Kharavela of the Kalinga dynasty?

- (a) Nasik caves
- (b) Ellora caves
- (c) Udayagiri and Khandagiri caves
- (d) Karle caves

98. Consider the following description:

- 1. It is situated at 2,700 feet elevation
- 2. It is known for royal structures like Rajsadar and Ranivasa
- 3. It is also referred as the “Gibraltar of the East”
- 4. It hosted Shivaji’s coronation in 1674

Which of the following fort is described in the above description?

- (a) Pratapgad fort
- (b) Rajgad fort
- (c) Raigad fort
- (d) Sinhagad fort

99. The celestial bodies *Pluto*, *Eris* and *Haumea* are associated with which of the following?

- (a) Asteroid Belt
- (b) Oort Cloud
- (c) Scattered Disk
- (d) Kuiper Belt

100. With reference to volcanic rocks, consider the following statements:

- 1. Pumice is formed from gas-rich lava that cools rapidly.
- 2. Rhyolite is more explosive due to its high silica content.

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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