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GENERAL STUDIES (P) 2024 – Test – 4129

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1. World's richest monazite (from which Thorium is mainly obtained) deposits in India are located in

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Assam
- (d) Karnataka

2. Which of the following is/are the characteristics of Zaid Season?

- 1. It is a short-duration summer cropping season beginning after the harvesting of Rabi crops.
- 2. Some of the crops produced during this season are watermelon, muskmelon, cucumber, vegetables and fodder crops.
- 3. This type of distinction in the cropping season does not exist in southern parts of the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

3. With reference to phases of population growth in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The decades 1901–1921 are referred to as the period of stagnant growth.
- 2. The decades 1921–1951 are referred to as the period of population explosion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. With reference to the ancient site 'Keeladi' recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an urban civilization site of the Sangam Era in Tamil Nadu.
- 2. It is located along the Vaigai River.

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

5. Consider the following statements with reference to Dryland farming in India:

- 1. It is largely confined to regions having an annual rainfall of less than 100 cm.
- 2. These regions grow hardy and drought-resistant crops such as ragi, bajra, moong, gram and guar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements in regard to the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2023:

- 1. It is a community science project conducted once every four years.
- 2. "The Bird Count India" organizes the GBBC in the country.
- 3. India has recorded the world's third-highest number of bird species.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

7. Consider the following:
1. Religious beliefs in Japan
  2. The indented coastline of Japan
  3. Presence of a Laurentian type of climate
  4. Meeting of warm Kuroshio and cold Oyashio currents near the coast
- How many of the factors given above have positively contributed to the development of fishing activity in Japan?
- (a) Only one factor  
(b) Only two factors  
(c) Only three factors  
(d) All four factors
8. Consider the following statements regarding the Hoysaleswara Temple of Halebidu:
1. It contains images with themes drawn from Jainism and Shaivism.
  2. It is a twin temple dedicated to Hoysaleswara and Santaleswara Shiva lingams, named after the masculine and feminine aspects respectively.
  3. Recently, India nominated the temple for the UNESCO World Heritage Sites recognition.
- 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
9. Consider the following statements with respect to the adolescent population of India, according to the 2011 Census:
1. Adolescents constitute approximately one fifth of the total population of the country.
  2. The number of male adolescents is higher than that of female adolescents.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

10. Consider the following statements:
1. Mixed farming is found in highly developed parts of the world.
  2. The system in which the farmers specialize in vegetables is known as truck farming.
  3. In the Kolkhoz model of farming, the individual farmers held small plots to meet their daily requirements.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
11. With reference to the distribution of vegetation in the world, consider the following statements:
1. Mediterranean regions are dominated by the presence of short trees with scanty leaves.
  2. The Savanna vegetation is termed as 'selvas' due to its presence of trees along with grasses.
  3. The transition of steppe vegetation is characterized by the presence of trees towards the poles and shorter grass towards the equator.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

12. With reference to the distribution of petroleum in the world, consider the following statements:

1. Crude petroleum occurs in metamorphic rocks of the tertiary period.
2. More than 90% of the world's proven oil reserves are located in the Middle East.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Which of the following statements is *not* correct with reference to market gardening?

- (a) They specialized in the cultivation of high-value crops like vegetables, fruits, and flowers.
- (b) It is done solely for the urban markets.
- (c) In such agriculture farms are large and are poorly connected with the urban centers.
- (d) It is both labor and capital-intensive.

14. With reference to Mediterranean type of climate the term 'haciendas' refer to:

- (a) large farm holdings.
- (b) nutritious grasses.
- (c) labour specialised in viticulture.
- (d) export quality oranges.

15. Arrange the following ports in India in a North-South direction:

1. Kandla (Deendayal Port Authority)
2. Vishakhapatnam
3. Marmagao
4. Tuticorin
5. Mangaluru

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

16. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Place</i>	<i>Coal Field</i>
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|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1. China     | : North Antelope Rochelle |
| 2. Germany   | : Ruhr Valley             |
| 3. Australia | : Bowen Basin             |
| 4. Japan     | : Fushun                  |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

17. In the context of human geography, which of the following best defines environmental determinism?

- (a) It is the belief that the physical environment or the earth in general did not have a divine but an anthropogenic origin.
- (b) It is the ability or role of nature or physical environment in guiding or shaping human development.
- (c) It is the ability of man to decide what kind of surrounding or physical environment it needs.
- (d) It is a theory that nature or the environment is going to become extinct very soon.

18. With reference to footloose industries, which one of the following statements is *not* correct?

- (a) These industries are dependent on the availability of component parts.
- (b) These employ a large labour force.
- (c) Accessibility by road network is an important factor in their location.
- (d) These are generally not polluting industries.

**19.** With reference to Tsetse flies recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. The bite of an infected Tsetse fly can be fatal to humans.
2. Tsetse flies are found only in Africa.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**20.** Consider the following statements:

1. Asia's first cross-country pipeline for oil transport was constructed by Oil India Limited in India.
2. Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur cross-country gas pipeline connects Mumbai High with various industrial complexes in western and northern 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

**21.** Consider the following pairs with reference to pillars of human development:

<i>Pillar</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. Equity	: Equal access to opportunities available to everybody
2. Empowerment	: To have the power to make choices
3. Sustainability	: continuity in the availability of opportunities
4. Productivity	: a measure of output per unit of input.

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

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

**22.** Consider the following pairs:

<i>Cities</i>	<i>Countries</i>
1. Mariupol	: Ukraine
2. Adana	: Syria
3. Riyadh	: Iran

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

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

**23.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Border Road Organization (BRO):

1. It was established after the India-China War in 1962.
2. The Atal Tunnel which connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year was built by the BRO.

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

24. The Intensive subsistence agriculture dominated by wet paddy cultivation is generally characterized by:

1. Use of manure to maintain fertility
2. High labor productivity
3. Large scale use of machinery
4. High yield per unit area

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

25. Bharat SHRI deals with which of the following?

- (a) Digitization of inscriptions
- (b) Preservation of Wetlands
- (c) Revision of prize money for Bharat Ratna awardees
- (d) Setting up of Textile Parks

26. Pastoral nomadism is practiced in which of the following regions?

1. Himalayas
2. Tundra region
3. Atlantic shores of North Africa
4. Island of Madagascar

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

27. Consider the following:

1. Natural disaster
2. High wage
3. Pleasant climate
4. Political turmoil

Which of the above is/are pull factors for migration?

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

28. Consider the following pairs:

**Waterways**

**Drains into**

- |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Rhine                     | : North Sea      |
| 2. Volga Waterway            | : Black sea      |
| 3. Mississippi-Ohio waterway | : Gulf of Mexico |

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

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

29. Consider the following statements about Yakshagana:

1. It is a traditional folk dance popular in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu.
2. It is a temple art form that depicts mythological stories from the puranas.
3. Large-sized headgear, colored faces, and elaborate costumes are common features of this dance.

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding Lignite:

1. It is high-grade coal with less moisture content.
2. Around 90 % of its deposits are found in Tamil Nadu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements with reference to the Maasai tribe of Kenya:

1. The Maasai tribe is a nomadic tribe who once wandered with their herds of cattle in the central highlands of East Africa.
2. The cattle reared by them are Zebu cattle with humps and long horns.
3. They build circular huts with sticks, bushes and mud.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

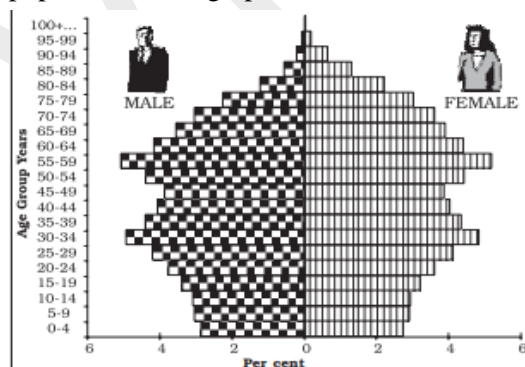
32. Consider the following statements regarding palm oil:

1. Andhra Pradesh is the largest palm oil-producing state in India.
2. India is the largest importer of palm oil in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

33. In the context of the age-sex population pyramid, consider the following graph. It represents which of the following country's population demographic?



- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Australia
- (c) Mexico
- (d) Bangladesh

34. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Mineral</i>	<i>Generally occurs in the form</i>
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- |            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| 1. Copper  | : Veins and Lodes      |
| 2. Coal    | : Sedimentary Material |
| 3. Bauxite | : Weathered Material   |

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

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

35. Consider the following statements with reference to general demography:

1. In India, the sex ratio can be defined as the number of females per thousand males.
2. In India, the literacy rate denotes the percentage of the population above 5 years of age, who can read, and write with understanding.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Region in the news</i>	<i>Country</i>
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- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Odesa     | : Ukraine     |
| 2. Mount Aso | : Philippines |
| 3. Nicosia   | : Cyprus      |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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



37. "SIGHT fund" often seen in the news is associated with which of the following?
- Group of 20 (G-20)
  - National Green Hydrogen Mission
  - National Solar Mission
  - Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
38. Which of the following tribes undertake transhumance?
- Bakarwals
  - Gaddis
  - Toda
  - Bhotiyas
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1, 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 3 and 4 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 2, 3 and 4 only
39. Chennai is often called the 'Detroit of India'. In this context, Detroit is famous for and has in common with Chennai which of the following industries?
- Silk production
  - Automobile
  - Shipbuilding
  - Diamond processing
40. Arrange the following dams/reservoirs from North to South:
- Nagarjuna Sagar
  - Mettur
  - Tehri
  - Gandhi Sagar
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 3-4-2-1
  - 4-3-2-1
  - 3-4-1-2
  - 4-2-3-1

41. Consider the following pairs:

*Shifting*

*Practised in the region*

*cultivation*

- Milpa : Indonesia
- Ladang : Central America
- Jhuming : North Eastern India
- Taungya : Sri Lanka

How many pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- Only one pair
- Only two pairs
- Only three pairs
- All four pairs

42. These ports are exclusively concerned with the transportation of passengers and mail across water bodies covering short distances. They occur in pairs located in such a way that they face each other across the water body.

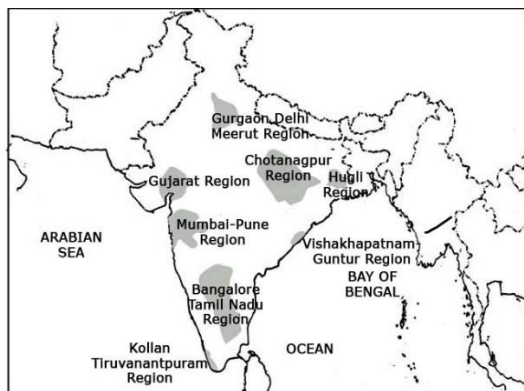
Which of the following types of ports is best described by the passage given above?

- Entrepot Ports
- Ports of Call
- Out Ports
- Packet Station

43. Recently seen in the news Agasthyarkoodam Observatory is situated in:
- Telangana
  - Kerala
  - Andhra Pradesh
  - Karnataka



44. Which of the following is referred to in the below-given map?



- (a) Major industrial regions  
(b) Minor industrial regions  
(c) IT hubs of India  
(d) Major mining areas

45. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Region</i>		<i>Tribes</i>
1. Malaysia	:	Orang Asli
2. Amazon basin	:	Indian tribes
3. Congo basin	:	Pygmies

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

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

46. Which of the following industries are affected by weight-losing raw materials?

1. Cotton Textile Industry
2. Iron and Steel Industry
3. Sugar Industry
4. Computer Chip industry

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

47. Which of the following factors causes an increase in the population density of a particular place?

1. Economic opportunities
2. Fertile soil
3. Emigration

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

48. In the context of Indian economy, which one of the following migration streams represents maximum share of migrants in the intra state migration as per census 2011?

- (a) Rural to Rural male migration  
(b) Rural to Urban male migration  
(c) Rural to Rural female migration  
(d) Rural to Urban female migration

49. Arrange the following continents in decreasing order of their population density.

1. Asia
2. Europe
3. North America

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

50. In the context of urban settlements, which of the following statements best describes 'conurbation'?

- (a) It is the urban development that results in the increase in pollution level and degradation in the quality of life.
- (b) It is the gradual deurbanization associated with the disappearance of modern infrastructure.
- (c) It is a large area of urban development that resulted from the merging of originally separate towns or cities.
- (d) It is the urban development associated with the development of green infrastructure.

51. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Iron ore Mine</i>		<i>State</i>
1. Gurumahisani	:	West Bengal
2. Noamundi	:	Jharkhand
3. Badampahar	:	Odisha

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

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

52. Which one of the following statements about the Sino-Tibetan family of languages spoken in India is **not** correct?

- (a) The Sino-Tibetan family of languages are mostly spoken by the tribal groups in India.
- (b) The Sino-Tibetan family of languages has Tibeto-Myanmari and Siamese-Chinese as its two main subfamilies.
- (c) The Tibeto-Himalayan group of languages is spoken only by the tribes living in Ladakh and Sikkim.
- (d) The North Assam language speakers are found in the hilly areas of Arunachal Pradesh.

53. With reference to coal, consider the following statements:

- 1. The USA has largest share of recoverable coal reserves in the world.
- 2. China is the top coal producing country in the world.
- 3. South Africa is the top coal exporting country in the world.

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

54. Consider the following international commercial centers/cities:

- 1. San Francisco
- 2. Vladivostok
- 3. Wuhan
- 4. Melbourne

How many of the cities given above are located on the sea coasts?

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

55. Consider the following pairs:

<i>River</i>		<i>Origin Country</i>
1. Rhine	:	Poland
2. Danube	:	Germany
3. Volga	:	Russia

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

56. Recently, the term “MISHTI” was in news with regard to:
- (a) It is an initiative of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to curb the use of processed sugar.
  - (b) It is a scheme by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to raise awareness about type-2 diabetes.
  - (c) It is a mission launched for mangrove preservation and conservation.
  - (d) It is a project to identify and track marsupials in India.
57. With reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India’s recent notification on green debt securities, consider the following statements:
1. YES Bank issued the first green bond for financing renewable and clean energy projects.
  2. Yellow bonds and blue bonds will be raised for thermal energy generation and sustainable maritime sector respectively.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
58. It is a food as well as a fodder crop grown under semi-arid climatic conditions and over inferior soils. It requires 50-100 cm of rainfall and a temperature ranging from 21°C to 27°C. It is sown all over India except in eastern and northeastern regions. The leading producers are the states of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. Identify the crop mentioned in the above description.
- (a) Wheat
  - (b) Maize
  - (c) Bajra
  - (d) Sorghum

59. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) has recently introduced changes to the National Organ Transplantation Guidelines. In this context, consider the following statements regarding the new guidelines for organ transplantation in India:
1. A citizen can now register for organ donation in any state without any domicile requirement.
  2. The new guidelines allow even those above 65 years of age to register to receive an organ for transplantation from deceased donors.
  3. There is now, no registration fees required to register for organ transplantation.
- 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. Recently, NSE Indices Ltd., an arm of National Stock Exchange has introduced the country's first ever municipal bond index. In this context, consider the following statements regarding the new Nifty India Municipal Bond index:
1. It will track the performance of municipal bonds issued by municipal corporations in India.
  2. The index will be reviewed quarterly.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

61. Which of the following variable(s) is/are displayed in population pyramids?

1. Birth rate
2. Sex indicators (male and female)
3. Death rate
4. Age-groups

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

62. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Iron and steel</i>		<i>Located in</i>
<i>centre</i>		

- |                |   |                |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| 1. Ruhr region | : | Germany        |
| 2. Duluth      | : | France         |
| 3. Port Talbot | : | United Kingdom |
| 4. Krivoi Rog  | : | Ukraine        |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

63. Consider the following statements with respect to the Footloose industries:

1. They are not dependent on any specific raw material.
2. They are produced on large scale and employ a large labor force.

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. Arrange the following categories of land use in descending order as per their reporting area in India:

1. Barren and Waste Land
2. Net Sown Area
3. Forest

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

65. Consider the following statements:

1. Geographical area is the total area reported by the Land Revenue department.
2. Reporting area is the total area as measured by the Survey of India.

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

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

66. With reference to the concept of growth and development, consider the following statements:

1. Development is a qualitative change that is always value positive.
2. Growth is value-neutral; the change may be either positive or negative.
3. Population growth does not always lead to development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

67. Which of the following factors influence population distribution?

1. Landforms
2. Climate
3. Availability of water
4. Minerals distribution
5. Urbanization

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

68. Consider the following statements with regard to the shapes of the settlements:

1. Rectangular patterns of rural settlements are found in plain areas or wide inter montane valleys.
2. T -shaped settlements develop at tri-junctions of the roads.
3. Cruciform settlements develop on the cross-roads and houses extend in all the four direction.

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

69. Consider the following statements with regard to Coffee production in India:

1. It is cultivated in the highlands of Western Ghats in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
2. India mostly grows superior quality Robusta coffee.
3. India is the second-largest coffee-producing country in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

70. Consider the following statements with regard to the sub-urbanization:

1. It is a new trend of people moving away from congested urban areas to cleaner areas outside the city.
2. It generally develops around smaller cities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements with reference to inland waterways:

1. The Rhine waterway connects the industrial areas of Switzerland and Germany with the North Atlantic Sea Route.
2. The Mississippi-Ohio waterway connects the interior part of the U.S.A. with the Gulf of Mexico.

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

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

72. With reference to the steel sector, consider the following statements:

1. India is the world's second-largest producer of crude steel.
2. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is the largest steel-making company in India.
3. India does not have a dedicated National Steel Policy yet.

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

73. In these settlements, houses are spaced far apart and often interspersed with fields. A cultural feature such as a place of worship or a market, binds the settlement together.

The above-mentioned passage refers to which one of the following settlements?

- (a) Dispersed Settlement
- (b) Nucleated settlement
- (c) T-shaped settlement
- (d) Rectangular settlement

74. Which of the following states do **not** have a nuclear power plant?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Tamil Nadu

75. With reference to land use criteria in India, consider the following statements:

1. Current Fallow lands are those areas that are left without cultivation for more than one year but less than five years.
2. If the land is left uncultivated for more than five years, it is categorized as Barren and Wastelands.
3. Culturable wastelands can be brought under cultivation with available technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. Which of the following are components of a population change?

- 1. Birth
- 2. Death
- 3. Morbidity
- 4. Migration

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

77. The quaternary sector mainly involves which of the following activities/ occupations?

1. Personnel working in elementary schools
2. Gold collar professions
3. Home shoring
4. Accounting and brokerage firms

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

78. Among the following states, which one of the following has the lowest percentage of urban population (Census 2011)?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Goa

**79.** Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Human Development Report and the Human Development Index (HDI)?

1. The Human Development Report is annually published by the United Nations Development Programme.
2. The HDI was created in 1990 by the economist John Nash.
3. Countries with very high HDI are all those which have a score of over 0.600.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**80.** Broadly both fertility and mortality are high in which one of the following stages of demographic transition theory?

- (a) Early expanding stage
- (b) Low fluctuating stage
- (c) Late expanding stage
- (d) High fluctuating stage

**81.** Consider the following pairs:

<i>Steel centers</i>		<i>Country</i>
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| 1. Donetsk   | : | Ukraine |
| 2. Pittsburg | : | Russia  |
| 3. Tienstin  | : | China   |

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

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

**82.** Arrange the following capital cities in Europe from West to East.

1. Madrid
2. Lisbon
3. Vienna
4. Brussels

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**83.** Consider the following statements with respect to Indian ports:

1. West coast has more seaports than the east coast.
2. Kochchi Port is situated at the head of Vembanad Kayal.
3. Haldia Port is situated in the Mahanadi delta.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**84.** Which of the following countries are involved in the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise 'Dosti'?

- (a) India, Thailand and Myanmar
- (b) India, Bangladesh and Indonesia
- (c) India, Somalia and Iran
- (d) India, Sri Lanka and Maldives



- 85.** With reference to Tundra vegetation, consider the following statements:
1. The deficiency of heat has resulted in the permanent absence of mammals in the Tundra region.
  2. In terms of vegetation, it is characterized by the presence of mosses, lichens and sedges.
- 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
- 86.** Consider the following statements regarding the railway network in India:
1. India has more meter gauge tracks than Broad gauge tracks.
  2. Narrow gauge lines are generally confined to hilly areas.
- 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
- 87.** Consider the following statements regarding the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite, recently seen in the news:
1. It is a low earth orbit (LEO) observatory that will map the entire globe.
  2. It is a dual-frequency (L-band and S-band synthetic aperture radar) imaging radar satellite.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 88.** Consider the following statements with regard to the rural settlements in India:
1. Clustered Settlements are generally found in fertile alluvial plains and in the northeastern states.
  2. Semi-Clustered Settlements are widespread in the Gujarat plains and some parts of Rajasthan.
- 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.** What is the aim of the Bhashini Mission?
- (a) To promote the recruitment of regional language teachers in the primary schools  
(b) To aid in local language translation  
(c) To improve optical fibre connectivity  
(d) To use satellite information for disaster management
- 90.** Consider the following statements about 'short selling', a term often seen in the news:
1. It is the selling of stock and buying it later at a discounted price.
  2. Such stocks need to be owned by the seller before the selling takes place.
  3. Hindenburg Research LLC is an investment research firm with a focus on activist short-selling.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 1 and 3 only

91. Which of the following countries are bordered by Russia?

1. Lithuania
2. Latvia
3. Estonia
4. Kyrgyzstan
5. Finland

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- (c) 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

92. Arrange the following states/ UTs of India in the decreasing order of population density (Census 2011):

1. Bihar
2. West Bengal
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

93. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Inland Waterways</b>	<b>Rivers system</b>
1. National Waterway 1	: Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River system
2. National Waterway 2	: Brahmaputra River
3. National Waterway 3	: Krishna River

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

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

94. Consider the following pairs with respect to 'slash-and-burn agriculture':

<b>Agriculture Practice</b>	<b>State</b>
1. Bewar	: Madhya Pradesh
2. Podu	: Andhra Pradesh
3. Bringa	: Odisha
4. Kuruwa	: Jharkhand

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

95. Consider the following statements:

1. It is under the permanent influence of the Westerlies all around the year.
2. The natural vegetation of this climate type is a deciduous forest.
3. Market gardening is one of the highly developed activities of the people of this region.

Which of the following types of climate is described in the statements given above?

- (a) Mediterranean Climate
- (b) Steppe Climate
- (c) British Type
- (d) Siberian Climate

96. Consider the following statements with reference to the population of the world:

1. As per the United Nations, the world population reached the 1 billion mark in 1500 AD.
2. It took less than 60 years for the world population to double from 1 billion to 2 billion.

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

97. Bharmaur is inhabited by 'Gaddi', a tribal community who have maintained a distinct identity as they practice transhumance and converse through the Gaddiali dialect. In which of the following states is the Gaddi tribe found?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

98. Consider the following statements regarding water resources in India:

1. India accounts for about 4 percent of the world's water resources.
2. The total water available in a year from precipitation in India is relatively more than water available from surface water.

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

99. Consider the following pairs:

<b><i>Famous Mining towns/regions</i></b>	<b><i>Located in Desert</i></b>
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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Chuquicamata | : Kalahari Desert         |
| 2. Kalgoorlie   | : Great Australian Desert |
| 3. Utah         | : Nevada Desert           |

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

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

100. The Suez canal connects:

- (a) Red Sea and the Persian gulf
- (b) Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea
- (c) Caspian sea and the Mediterranean Sea
- (d) Black sea and the Red sea