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GENERAL STUDIES (P) 2024 – Test – 4135

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1. Consider the following states:
1. Madhya Pradesh
 2. Bihar
 3. Chhattisgarh
 4. Odisha
- The Constitution of India provides the appointment of a tribal welfare minister for how many of the above states?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) Only three
 - (d) All four
2. In the context of legal jurisprudence in India, the Doctrine of Promissory Estoppel is a:
- (a) legal principle that gives conditional immunity to non-cognizable crimes.
 - (b) legal concept associated with the contract laws.
 - (c) principle in environmental law that encourages companies to adopt sustainable practices voluntarily.
 - (d) principle in federalism that grants exclusive powers to the federal government.
3. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I: The Speaker can not vote in the first instance but he can exercise a casting vote in the case of equality of votes.
- Statement II: The absence of a vote in the first instance will make the position of the Speaker impartial.
- 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.

4. With reference to the Indian Parliament, which of the following statements best describes the term 'recess'?
- (a) It is the period between the prorogation of Parliament and its reassembly in a new session.
 - (b) It is the period between the adjournment of Parliament and its reassembly on a new day.
 - (c) It is the period between the winter session and the budget session of the Parliament.
 - (d) It is the gap of six months between two sessions of the Parliament.
5. Consider the following statements regarding Depleted Uranium:
1. It is a by-product of the process of creating enriched uranium.
 2. It is highly radioactive and is capable of generating a sustained nuclear reaction.
- 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 pairs:
- | <i>Volcano in News</i> | <i>Country</i> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Mount Merapi | : Kenya |
| 2. Tanaga | : Indonesia |
| 3. Shiveluch | : Colombia |
- How many of the above given pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one pair
 - (b) Only two pairs
 - (c) All three pairs
 - (d) None of the pairs

7. Consider the following:
1. Framing draft legislation, and rules and regulations
 2. Assisting the ministers in policy-making
 3. Budgeting and control of expenditure
 4. Maintaining contact with the Government of India and other state governments

How many of the above functions are performed by the State Secretariat?

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

8. Consider the following statements in respect of the discretionary power of the President of India:

1. He can appoint a Prime Minister when no party has a clear majority in the Lok Sabha.
2. He can dismiss the council of ministers when it cannot prove the confidence in the Lok Sabha.
3. He can dissolve the Lok Sabha if the council of ministers has lost its majority in the Lok Sabha.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements with respect to the joint sitting of the Parliament:

1. Those amendments that have caused final disagreement between the Houses will not be proposed during the joint sitting.
2. Its provision is applicable to ordinary bills or financial bills only and not to money bills or Constitutional amendment bills.
3. It is borrowed from the Constitution of Australia.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding trade of biofuels in India:

1. Export of biofuels is banned from Special Economic Zones (SEZs).
2. Both import and export of biofuels requires a license.

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

11. The Parliament enjoys territorial jurisdiction to make laws for the whole or any part of the territory of India but the President is empowered to direct that an act of Parliament does not apply to a tribal area (autonomous district) in certain states.

The President has such power in respect of which of the following states?

1. Assam
2. Meghalaya
3. Tripura
4. Mizoram

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

12. In the context of defence sector in India, the PALM 400 recently seen in news is a/an:

- (a) attack drone
- (b) military exercise between India and Five Central Asian countries
- (c) border security system to prevent illegal migration
- (d) prototype humanoid soldier

13. Consider the following statements regarding the removal of the Vice-President:

1. He can be removed by a resolution passed by a majority of all the then members of the Rajya Sabha and agreed to by the Lok Sabha.
2. This resolution can be introduced only in the Rajya Sabha and not in the Lok Sabha by giving at least 14 days advance notice.
3. No ground has been mentioned in the Constitution for his removal.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

14. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Product with GI Tag</i>	<i>Associated State</i>
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- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Sundarja mango | : Madhya Pradesh |
| 2. Basohli painting | : Uttarakhand |
| 3. Nagri Dubraj rice | : Assam |

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

15. Operation Interflex recently seen in the news aims to:

- (a) provide military aid and support to Ukraine.
- (b) prevent illegal trade of endangered turtles.
- (c) prevent volatility in the supply of semiconductor chips.
- (d) prevent illegal migration across the Mediterranean sea.

16. Consider the following statements regarding the election of the Vice-President:

1. The original Constitution provided that the vice president would be elected by the two Houses of Parliament assembled at a joint meeting.
2. The Election Commission, in consultation with the Central Government, appoints the Secretary-General of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, by rotation, as the Returning Officer.

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

17. With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor-General (CAG) of India, consider the following statements:

1. CAG is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal and provided with tenure of 6 years or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
2. He is eligible to hold any office after retirement, either under the Government of India or of any state, with prior permission from the President.

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

18. Consider the following statements:

1. The property of the central government is exempted from all taxes levied by the state or any authority within the state.
2. The property and income of state governments and local governments situated within a state are exempted from union taxation.

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

19. With reference to Department-Related Standing Committees (DRSCs) in the Parliament of India, consider the following statements:

1. DRSCs under the purview of the Rajya Sabha have members only from the Rajya Sabha.
2. They can propose cut motions related to the 'demand for grants' of the respective ministry or department.

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 regarding the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP):

1. USA is not a member of this trade agreement.
2. Its combined GDP is more than that of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).
3. It entered into force in 2023.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

21. Article 252 of the Indian Constitution deals with Parliament's power to legislate on the subject of state list when states make a request. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. A law so enacted applies only to those states which have passed the resolutions.
2. Such a law made by parliament can only be amended in parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding National Generic Document Registration System:

1. It was initiated by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. It enables the citizens to buy land online.

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

23. LIQUID Tree or LIQUID 3, recently seen in the news, is used to:

- (a) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality
- (b) trap solar energy more efficiently than the conventional photovoltaic technology
- (c) prevent forest fires
- (d) purify metallic pollutants from drinking water

24. Consider the following statements regarding the powers of the Indian President:

1. He has the right to address either House or their joint sitting, at any time, and to require the attendance of members for this purpose.
2. He has the right to send messages to either House of Parliament regarding any pending Bill and the House must consider the message with all convenient despatch.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following:

1. Bengaluru
2. Delhi
3. Hyderabad

How many of the places given above experience Zero Shadow Day every year?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

26. With reference to the office of Chief Secretary of a state, consider the following statements:

1. The Chief Secretary is the head of the General Administration department whose political head is the Chief Minister herself/himself.
2. The scope of his duties and powers in the state administration is narrower than the Cabinet Secretary in the Central Government.

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.** Consider the following statements regarding Central Vigilance Commission (CVC):
1. It is an independent body which is only responsible to the Parliament.
 2. It annually presents its report to the Union Government.
 3. The commission was given statutory status in the year 1964.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
- 28.** Consider the following statements:
1. Article 53 confers all executive powers in President and empowers him to exercise these powers directly by himself or through officers subordinate to him.
 2. Article 77 holds that all executive powers of the Union government shall be exercised in the name of the President.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 29.** Consider the following statements about Solicitor General of India (SGI):
1. Solicitor General is the second most senior law officer in India after Attorney General.
 2. The office of the Solicitor General is not mentioned in the Constitution of India.
 3. SGI is appointed by the Prime Minister on the advice of the Attorney General of India.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None

- 30.** With regards to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, consider the following statements:
1. Under the Information Technology Rules 2021, the ministry has extended its regulatory powers over internet content as well.
 2. Prasar Bharati is the statutory and autonomous body under this ministry.
- 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 executive offices:
1. President
 2. Attorney General of India
 3. Council of Ministers
- How many of the above offices enjoy Parliamentary privileges?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) None
- 32.** Consider the following statements regarding the International Criminal Court:
1. It has no power to arrest sitting heads of state or bring them to trial.
 2. It is established under the United Nations Charter.
 3. Its headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None

33. In the context of space, which of the following statements best describes the "Overview Effect"?

- (a) It is the physical strain experienced by astronauts during spacewalks.
- (b) It is the cognitive shift experienced by astronauts when viewing Earth from space
- (c) It is the rapid increase in technological advancements in space exploration
- (d) It is the apparent disappearance of moon as observed the astronauts from space

34. With reference to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is mainly responsible for functions involving the Prime Minister in his capacity as the head of the cabinet.
- 2. The PMO is administratively headed by the Principal Secretary.
- 3. The PMO enjoys neither a Constitutional nor a Departmental status under the Government of India.
- 4. The National Authority Chemical Weapons Conventions Functions under the PMO.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

35. With reference to the state council of ministers, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Governor can dismiss a Council of Ministers at his/her pleasure on his/her subjective estimate of the strength of the Chief Minister in the State Assembly.
- 2. A minister who is a member of one House of the state legislature has the right to take part in the proceedings and vote in the other House.

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 states in India:

- 1. Mizoram
- 2. Sikkim
- 3. Arunachal Pradesh
- 4. Nagaland

How many of the above are outside the purview of the 73rd amendment act, 1992?

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding online gaming regulations in India:

- 1. The term "Online games" has not been defined in any rules.
- 2. Online games that involve any kind of gambling are prohibited.

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

38. With reference to the office of the whip in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. It is mentioned in the Rules of the House.
2. Every political party, whether ruling or opposition has its own whip in the Parliament.
3. The violation of the directives of the whip could lead to suspension of the membership of the house.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. With reference to the office of the Prime Minister of India, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India does not require that a person must prove his majority in the Lok Sabha before he is appointed as the Prime Minister.
2. The serving Prime Minister is immune from any inquiry by the Lokpal for allegations of corruption.
3. The Prime Minister creates different ministries for the transaction of business of the Government.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

40. Consider the following statements:

1. The 24th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1971 made it obligatory for the President to give his assent to a constitutional amendment bill.
2. The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976 made the President bound by the advice of the council of ministers headed by the prime minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding Cabinet Committees:

1. They were originally mentioned in the Constitution.
2. They are of two types- standing and ad hoc.
3. The non-Cabinet Ministers are not debarred from their membership.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements:

1. Goods & Services Tax Council (GST Council) is a constitutional body for making recommendations to the Union and State Governments on issues related to Goods and Service Tax.
2. The recommendations of the council are not binding on the union and state governments.

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

43. Consider the following statements with reference to Committee on Public Undertakings:

1. It was created in 1964 on the recommendation of the John Mathai Committee.
2. The chairman of the committee is appointed from the members who are drawn from the Lok Sabha only.

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

44. Consider the following statements regarding the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA) often seen in the news:

1. It is an alternative system for resolving WTO disputes.
2. India is a member of this arrangement.

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

45. With reference to the “Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha”, consider the following statements:

1. The 'head' of the Lok Sabha is the chairman of its recommending committee.
2. The Rules recommended requiring the approval of the house.

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

46. Consider the following statements regarding the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD):

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
2. India is not a member of IFAD.
3. IFAD was an outcome of the first World Food Conference in 1974.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

47. Which of the following best describes "Competitive Federalism"?

- (a) It profess a vertical relationship between the States and the Central government while states compete among themselves.
- (b) It profess equality of all states and central government should handhold backward states.
- (c) It profess a horizontal relationship between the states and Central Government where each compete for limited resources.
- (d) It profess a vertical relationship between all the states competing among themselves.

48. With reference to the double membership in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. If a person is chosen for membership in both Houses of Parliament, his seat in the Lok Sabha becomes vacant by default.
2. If a member is elected to the Union Parliament and a State Legislature, his seat in Parliament becomes vacant if he does not resign his seat in the state legislature within six months.

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

49. Consider the following statements regarding the duties of the Prime Minister for furnishing information to the President:

1. All decisions of the Council of Ministers relating to the administration of the affairs of the Union and proposals for legislation.
2. To furnish such information relating to the administration of the affairs of the Union and proposals for legislation as the President may call for.
3. To submit for the consideration of the Council of Ministers any matter on which a decision has been taken by a Minister but which has not been considered by the Council.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

50. In the context of climate change, the "Esbjerg Declaration" is related to

- (a) Renewable energy projects in North Sea
- (b) preventing access to Russian merchant vessels through Kiel canal.
- (c) European Union's energy self sufficiency by 2030
- (d) tax evasion by Multi National Companies

51. Which of the following organizations has recently launched Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO)?

- (a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- (b) European Space Agency
- (c) World Meteorological Organization
- (d) International Civil Aviation Organization

52. Consider the following statements regarding gravity batteries often seen in the news:

1. They can harness and store energy from gravitational waves.
2. Abandoned and decommissioned mines could be turned into gravity batteries.

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

53. Consider the following statements regarding the Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices:

1. It was established as an advisory body under the Ministry of Finance.
2. It is an expert body that recommends the Minimum Support Price of the notified Kharif and Rabi crops to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements:
1. For the enlargement of the jurisdiction of the state public service commission, the state legislative assembly and council share equal powers.
 2. When an ordinary bill, which has originated in the state legislative council and was sent to the assembly, is rejected by the assembly, the bill is sent to the council for reconsideration.
 3. The state legislative council has no effective say in the ratification of a constitutional amendment bill.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. The public bill is introduced by a minister whereas a private bill can be introduced by any member of the parliament other than the minister.
2. Introduction of public bills require seven days' notice, unlike private bill which needs at least a fifteen days notice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. In the context of medical science, which of the following statements about Proton Beam Therapy is correct?

- (a) It uses X-Rays to target cancer cells.
- (b) It is a type of chemotherapy.
- (c) It has a higher risk of side effects compared to traditional radiation therapy.
- (d) It delivers a more precise dose of radiation compared to conventional radiation therapy.

57. In the context of genetics, chimera is a/an:
- (a) genetic disorder resulting in the abnormal development of limbs in an organism.
 - (b) organism whose cells are derived from two or more zygotes.
 - (c) type of genetic engineering technique used to create hybrid organisms.
 - (d) genetic mutation that causes an organism to have an unusually long lifespan.

58. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Six Fundamental Rights under Article 19 can be suspended only when the National Emergency is declared on the ground of war or external aggression and not on the ground of armed rebellion.

Statement-II: Article 359 of the Indian Constitution deals with the suspension of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by Article 19.

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

- (a) Both Statements-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

59. With reference to the Union Executive, consider the following statements:

1. The Cabinet Secretary is the head of Civil Services in India.
2. The Cabinet Secretariat functions directly under the Prime Minister.

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding Commission for Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources:

1. Global Environment Facility acts as the principal financial arm of the commission.
2. India is not a member of this commission.

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. In the context of Space voyages, consider the following statements regarding JUICE mission:

1. It aims to study Mars and its two moons Phobos and Deimos.
2. It has been launched by NASA.

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding the Consolidated Fund of India:

1. It is a fund to which all receipts of the government are credited, and all payments are debited.
2. It is at the disposal of the President, to meet unforeseen expenditures pending its authorisation by the Parliament.

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

63. Mahajan Commission, which is recently seen in the news is related to

- (a) Resolve the border dispute in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.
- (b) Resolve bifurcation issues between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Recommend Krishna and Godavari water sharing agreement between Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) Recommend and resolve issues arising from the Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP).

64. With reference to the composition of Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. Each state is allotted a number of seats in such a manner that the ratio between that number and its population is the same for all states.
2. Each state is divided into territorial constituencies in such a manner that the ratio between the population of each constituency and the number of seats allotted to it is the same throughout the state.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. Which of the following statements accurately describes the Arm's Length Principle (ALP) in international taxation?

- (a) It ensures that transactions between related parties are priced based on their actual costs.
- (b) It aims to maximize tax revenue for the host country.
- (c) It requires transactions between related parties to be priced as if they were conducted by independent and unrelated entities
- (d) It allows taxpayers to deduct a portion of their income for various business expenses

66. Consider the following statements:
Statement-I: With respect to Indians residing in any part of the world, Parliament has exclusive power to make laws regarding any matter in the Union list and shared right in respect of both the State list and the Concurrent list.

Statement-II: With respect to the concurrent list, laws made earlier or later by parliament prevail over laws made by state legislatures. 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

67. With reference to the oath and affirmation of members in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements:

- 1. Third schedule of the constitution contains the oath of members along with the President of the country.
- 2. A person is liable to a penalty of ₹500 for each day he sits or votes as a member in a house before taking and subscribing to the prescribed oath or affirmation.

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

68. In the context of climate change, the Global Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Infrastructure (GGMI) was launched by:

- (a) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- (b) World Meteorological Organization
- (c) United Nations Environment Programme
- (d) Climate Action Network

69. With reference to India, consider the following statements:

- 1. A person must have attained the age of 25 years to be eligible for being a member of a Municipality.
- 2. The State Election Commission has the power of superintendence, direction, and control over the conduct of all elections in the Municipalities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

70. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Department</i>	<i>Function</i>
1. Department of Economic Affairs	: Preparation of the Union Budget
2. Department of Expenditure	: Implementation of the recommendations of the Finance Commission
3. Department of Revenue	: Control production and disposal of opium
4. Department of Financial Services	: Promotion of Financial inclusion

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

- 71.** The Minister of State in the Central Government is
1. Also a cabinet minister
 2. A part of the Central Council of Ministers
 3. Appointed by the Prime Minister
- How many statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
- 72.** With reference to the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT), consider the following statements:
1. Article 239AA conferred special status on Delhi following the recommendations of the S Balakrishnan Committee.
 2. The parliament cannot make laws with respect to subjects in state list for National Capital territory of Delhi.
- 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
- 73.** Which of the following countries are the members of Colombo Security Conclave?
1. Sri Lanka
 2. India
 3. Seychelles
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 74.** Consider the following statements regarding Enemy Property in India:
1. The Ministry of Home Affairs is responsible for the overall management and preservation of enemy property.
 2. It has been monetised by the government as part of National Monetisation Pipeline.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 75.** Doha Programme of Action recently seen in the news aims to:
- (a) help Least Developed Countries in achieving UN mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
 - (b) reverse the desertification in West Asia by 30 percent by 2030.
 - (c) increase mangrove cover by 50 percent by 2030 in Tropical countries.
 - (d) balance the use of fossil fuels and renewable energy to achieve a just energy transition in West Asia.

76. With reference to a financial emergency under Article 360 of the Indian constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The proclamation of financial emergency must be approved by both Houses of Parliament within one month of its issue.
2. The Financial Emergency, once approved by both the Houses of Parliament continues indefinitely till it is revoked.
3. President can issue directions for the reduction of salaries and allowances of any class of persons serving in connection with affairs of the Union except the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

77. Which of the following articles states that the ministers shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister?

- (a) Article 72
- (b) Article 74
- (c) Article 75
- (d) Article 78

78. Consider the following statements regarding the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister:

1. It is chaired by Cabinet Secretary.
2. It can suo motu analyze any economic issue and advise the Prime Minister.
3. It is attached to the Prime Minister's Office.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding duties levied by the union but collected and appropriated by the states:

1. Such duties are collected by the Government of India and are leviable in any union territory.
2. The proceeds from such duties levied within any state shall not form part of the Consolidated Fund of 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

80. In India, which of the following Constitutional Amendments inserted the phrase 'armed rebellion', replacing the original phrase 'internal disturbance' as one of the grounds for the proclamation of emergency under Article 352?

- (a) 24th Amendment
- (b) 38th Amendment
- (c) 42nd Amendment
- (d) 44th Amendment

81. With reference to the office of the Chief Minister, consider the following statements:

1. The term of the Chief Minister is not fixed by the Constitution.
2. The salary and allowances of the Chief Minister are determined by Governor.
3. Before the Chief Minister enters his office he/she swears an oath to uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India.
4. He advises the governor with regard to the removal of members of the State Public Service Commission.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements:
Statement-I: Reservation of seats in panchayats (both members and chairpersons) for the scheduled caste is not applicable to the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Statement-II: 83rd Constitutional Amendment Act of 2000 amended Article 243-M as Arunachal Pradesh is inhabited fully by indigenous tribal people and there are no scheduled castes.

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

83. With reference to Question Hour, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an Indian innovation mentioned in the rules of procedure.
- 2. It starts immediately after the zero hour and lasts until the agenda for the day.
- 3. The list of starred, unstarred, short-notice questions and questions to private members are printed in white, green, yellow colour and light pink respectively.

How many of the above statements are **not** correct?

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

84. With reference to Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, consider the following statements:

- 1. It extends the Part IX of the Indian Constitution to the Sixth Schedule.
- 2. All-State Legislation on Panchayats shall be in conformity with the customary law, social and religious practices, and traditional management practices of community resources.
- 3. It is the duty of the Governor of the State to safeguard and preserve the traditions and customs of people and their cultural identity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

85. With reference to the Advocate general for the State, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Constitution does not contain the procedure and grounds for the removal Advocate General for the State.
- 2. An Indian Citizen who has held a judicial office for ten years is eligible for the appointment of Advocate General for the State.
- 3. The remuneration of the advocate general is determined by the governor.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

86. With reference to the post of Deputy Chief Minister (CM) in a state, consider the following statements:

1. It is not mentioned in the Constitution of India.
2. It is equivalent to the rank of a cabinet minister in the state and the perks that a cabinet minister is entitled to.
3. The Deputy CM has to take approval from the Chief Minister for any expenditure over and above the allocated budget.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements with respect to the Money bill:

1. It contains provisions only dealing with the declaration of any expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of India or increasing the amount of any such expenditure.
2. The bill is not to be deemed to be a money bill by reason only that it provides for the imposition of fines or other pecuniary penalties.
3. The president cannot return the bill for reconsideration by the Houses.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements about the Conduct of Business of the Government of India:

1. All the executive orders of the Union are executed in the name of the President.
2. The business of the Government of India allocated to the Cabinet Secretariat shall be deemed to have been, allotted to the Prime Minister.

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. The term "Candida auris" was recently seen in the news. It is a:

- (a) Frog
- (b) Fungus
- (c) Bird
- (d) Virus

90. Consider the following statements:

1. A municipality reconstituted after premature dissolution does not enjoy the full period of five years but remains in office only for the remainder of the period.
2. A municipality must be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before its dissolution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

91. With reference to the defection in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. A nominated member of a House becomes disqualified for being a member of the House if he joins any political party after the expiry of six months from the date on which he takes his seat in the House.
2. Supreme Court in the I R Coelho case declared that the decision of the presiding officer concerning the defection is subject to judicial review.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92. Consider the following subjects in the seventh schedule:

1. Education
2. Weights and Measures
3. Forest Rights
4. Marriage
5. Succession

How many of the above are covered under Concurrent List?

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

93. With reference to the President's rule under Article 356 of the Indian constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The presidential proclamation imposing President's Rule is subject to judicial review.
2. President's proclamation to revoke President's rule does not require parliamentary approval.
3. President's rule was imposed for the first time in Kerala in 1959.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

94. With respect to the District Planning Committee, consider the following statements:

1. All members are elected members of the district-level panchayat and the municipalities in the district.
2. The rural and urban populations are represented in equal proportion.

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

95. Consider the following:

1. NITI Aayog
2. National Development Council
3. National Integration Council
4. Inter-State Council
5. National Water Resources Council.

In which of the above bodies/ institutions Prime Minister act as a Chairman?

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

96. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Special provisions with respect to state</i>	<i>Article</i>
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|-------------|--------|
| 1. Manipur | : 371A |
| 2. Assam | : 371B |
| 3. Nagaland | : 371C |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

97. Consider the following statements regarding the Stand Up India scheme:

1. It seeks to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Schedule Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
2. Loans under the scheme are available for only green field projects.
3. It has an overdraft facility for working capital up to 1 lakh.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

98. In the context of Indian federalism, "Doctrine of Territorial Nexus" is primarily concerned with which of the following?

- (a) Determining the scope of the President's rule in a State.
- (b) Defining the relationship between the Union and the Union Territories.
- (c) Determining the scope of state legislatures extra-territorial power to enact laws.
- (d) Defining the relationship between the Union and the states.

99. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Doctrine of Colourable Legislation has been used in the cases to decide questions of capacity/ competency to enact a law.

Statement-II: When there is a question of determining whether a particular law relates to a particular subject the court looks to the substance and true nature of the matter.

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

100. Consider the following statements regarding the delegation of functions between central and state governments:

1. With the consent of the state government, parliament can delegate both executive and legislative functions to the states.
2. The governor of a state may, with the consent of the Central government, entrust to that government any of the executive functions of the state.

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

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