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1. In the context of the Indian economy, marketable debt includes which of the following?

1. T-bills issued through auctions
2. Intermediate T-bills issued to state government
3. Securities issued to national small savings fund

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

2. With reference to the Deepfakes, consider the following statements:

1. Deepfakes are synthetic media that have been digitally manipulated .
2. At present, all forms of deepfakes are illegal and banned in 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

3. With reference to the Table of Precedence, arrange the following ranks in decreasing order of precedence:

1. Speaker of Lok Sabha
2. Vice-President
3. Judges of Supreme Court
4. Prime Minister

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

4. Consider the following statements about the tiger reserves in India:

1. The Bor tiger reserve is the smallest tiger reserve in India.
2. The Nagarjunsagar Srisaïlam is the largest tiger reserve in India.
3. Veerangana Durgavati tiger reserve is situated in Uttarakhand.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

5. In the context of agitations for Civil liberties in the pre-Indian National Congress (INC) era, arrange the following events in chronological order of their occurrence.

1. Agitation against the failure of passing of Ilbert Bill
2. Agitation against the Lex loci Act
3. Agitation against Lord Lytton's Afghan Adventure

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding the “Ad Dharm Movement” of the 20th century:

1. This movement fought for a separate identity for untouchables in Maharashtra.
2. The Ad Dharm movement was founded by Babu Mangu Ram who was also a member of the Ghadar party.
3. The Ad Dharm was based on the teachings of the saint poets of the Bhakti movement.
4. They secured the status of a separate religion in the 1931 census.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Foreign lawyers can register with the Bar Council of India to practice in India.
2. Foreign lawyers cannot appear before any courts, tribunals, or any other regulatory authorities.

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

8. Consider the following statements with reference to the state governors in India:

1. The state governor is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.
2. The election of the governor in India is based on the Canadian model and not on the US model.

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

9. With reference to agriculture in the Harappan culture, consider the following statements:

1. A terracotta model of plough was found in Banawali.
2. Evidence of ploughed fields was found from Kalibangan.

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 with reference to the Green Climate Fund (GCF):

1. The GCF was established during the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.
2. It primarily focuses on financing concrete adaptation projects in developing countries.
3. It is mandated to support developing countries in achieving their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ambitions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 11.** Arrange the following Foreign travellers in the chronological order of their visit to India:
1. Marco Polo
 2. Domingo Paes
 3. Francois Bernier
 4. Ibn Battuta
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 2-1-3-4
 - (b) 3-4-1-2
 - (c) 4-1-3-2
 - (d) 1-4-2-3
- 12.** Consider the following statements about ecological succession:
1. Allogenic succession is driven by the biotic components of an ecosystem whereas autogenic succession is driven by the abiotic components of the ecosystem.
 2. Primary succession is the succession that starts on a previously destructed habitat, whereas secondary succession is the succession that starts in lifeless 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
- 13.** This pillar is known as the Minar-i-Zarin or the Golden Column. It has all the seven major Pillar Edicts of Ashoka inscribed on it and the 14th-century writer Shams Siraj Afif gives an account of the transportation of this pillar to its present-day location. Identify the pillar in the description given above.
- (a) Delhi-Topra
 - (b) Delhi-Meerut
 - (c) Allahabad-Kaushambi
 - (d) Lauriya-Araraj

- 14.** Consider the following statements regarding the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector:
1. Under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan Scheme, MSME are defined based on the investment criteria in plant and machinery and turnover.
 2. Generally, MSMEs have a higher capital-output ratio.
- 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.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Rajah-Moonje Pact:
1. It was signed between the representatives of the All India Depressed Class Association and the Indian National Congress.
 2. The pact favoured joint electorates over the separate electorates for the Scheduled castes.
 3. It was signed as a response to the Communal Award proposed by the British.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

16. Consider the following statements concerning the jurisdiction of the high courts:

1. High courts are the highest court of appeal in the state.
2. The Constitution does not contain detailed provisions about the jurisdiction and powers of a high court.

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 herbal plant known for its medicinal properties, referred to as fish mint, consider the following statements:

1. The plant is primarily found in the Himalayan region and is known as Masunduri in Assam.
2. The fish mint plant is non-invasive, and its distinctive fish-like taste and smell make it less appealing for culinary use.
3. The medicinal properties of the plant include treating digestive issues, insect bites, fevers, and coughs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) under Insolvency and Bankruptcy (IBC) Act, 2016:

1. CIRP is a debtor-in-possession model to resolve the corporate insolvency of a corporate debtor.
2. CIRP can be initiated by a financial creditor, an operational creditor and corporate applicant of corporate debtor.
3. The minimum amount of default for initiating CIRP is one lakh rupees.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

19. In the context of public distribution system in India, which of the following best describes the term 'Central Issue Price'?

- (a) It is the minimum price set by the government for certain agricultural products.
- (b) It is the minimum price that sugar mills must pay to farmers for purchase of sugarcane.
- (c) It is the price at which Food Corporation of India sells food grains in the open market.
- (d) It is the price at which the government allocates food grains to states.

20. Consider the following Lakes across the world:
1. Lake Poopó
 2. Lake Mead
 3. Lake Urmia
 4. Lake Chad
- How many of the above lakes face the threat of drying up in the immediate future?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) Only three
 - (d) All four
21. Consider the following statements:
1. GDP include non-market transactions.
 2. GDP does not take into account goods produced for private consumption.
 3. GDP does not account for externalities like impact of industries on the environment.
- How many of the above statements are correct regarding Gross Domestic Product (GDP) calculation?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
22. Consider the following statements regarding special provisions provided to the state of Manipur in the constitution:
1. The Governor is empowered to establish a committee of elected members from the hill areas in the Assembly.
 2. The Governor should submit an annual report to the President regarding the administration of the Hill Areas.
 3. The Central Government can give directions to the State Government as to the administration of the Hill Areas.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1,2 and 3

23. Consider the following statements with respect to India and Interpol:
1. In India, CBI is the National Central Bureau for Interpol.
 2. I-CORE is a 10-year programme to reinforce Interpol's function as a global police information hub.
 3. India recently hosted the Interpol General Assembly in Delhi in October 2022.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
24. Consider the following pairs:
- | Report | Released by |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Global Financial Stability Report | Bank International Settlements |
| 2. World Development Report | : UNCTAD |
| 3. Global Hunger Index Report | Food and Agriculture Organization |
| 4. Global Innovation Index | : World Economic Forum |
- How many of the above pair/s are correctly matched?
- (a) Only two
 - (b) Only three
 - (c) All four
 - (d) None

25. Consider the following statements:
1. There are more than 80 seats reserved for Scheduled Castes in Lok Sabha.
 2. The states of Mizoram and Sikkim have only one seat each in the Lok Sabha.
 3. The Constitution provides for the state-wise break up of a number of ST reserved seats.

How many statements given above are **not** correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF):

1. The AHIDF has been set up with an outlay of ₹15,000 crore.
2. The fund has been approved for incentivizing investments in the dairy processing and value-addition infrastructure.
3. National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development is the implementing agency of AHIDF.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following passage :

It is widely known as the “Grand Canyon of Bengal”. It is situated by the town of Garhbeta of Paschim Medinipur district in West Bengal. It comprises of natural hills around the River Shilabati, locally known as “Shilai River”. The rains and seasonal variations, over time, have resulted in the formation of spectacular geological structures here.

Which of the following canyons is being described in the passage given above?

- (a) Gandikota canyon
- (b) Gangani Canyon
- (c) Laitlum Canyon
- (d) Ranoh Falls Canyon

28. She made representations before the committee headed by Montague and Lord Chelmsford on behalf of Bharat Stree Mahamandal. She started a gymnasium in 1902, where women were trained in the use of swords and ‘lathi’.

Who among the following leaders is mentioned in the paragraph given above?

- (a) Kumudini Mitra
- (b) Sarla Devi Chaudhurani
- (c) Hardevi Roshalal
- (d) Kashibai Kanitkar

29. Consider the following statements regarding the Companies Act 2013:

1. It mandates that every listed public company must have at least ten independent directors.
2. It made mandatory for listed companies to have at least one woman director on their boards.
3. It was amended in 2019 to criminalize technical and procedural breaches such as failure to file annual returns.

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

30. Consider the following pairs :

Trenches

Ocean

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1. Tonga | : | Pacific Ocean |
| 2. Diamantina Trench | : | Atlantic Ocean |
| 3. South Sandwich Trench | : | Indian Ocean |

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

31. With reference to the Treaty of Yandabo signed between the British and Burma, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was signed after the Third Anglo-Burmese War.
- 2. The treaty recognised Manipur as an independent State.
- 3. Under the treaty, Lord Dalhousie annexed Lower Burma with its capital at Pegu.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose:

- 1. He considered C.R. Das as his political Guru.
- 2. He was a "British Indian" civil servant.
- 3. He gave the slogan "Do or Die" from the Free-India Centre in Singapore.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

33. Due to which of the following reasons the species of Mauritian Dodo was in the news?

- (a) It was a migratory bird which was recently categorised as extinct by IUCN due to widespread habitat loss.
- (b) Geneticists and conservationists are planning to bring it back to its native habitat on the island of Mauritius.
- (c) It used to breed exclusively on the Mauritian islands and roams the nutrient-rich waters of the Pacific and Indian Ocean.
- (d) It features a unique salt gland that extracts salt from seawater, preventing its accumulation to toxic levels.

34. Consider the following:

Statement I: The pyramid of energy is always upright.

Statement II: Energy is constantly lost as heat when it travels from one trophic level to the next.

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

- 35.** With reference to Artificial Reef, consider the following statements:
1. Artificial reefs contribute to an increase in wave damage on coasts.
 2. They are effective in reducing fuel and energy costs for fishing vessels, leading to increased income.
 3. Artificial reefs discourage recreational activities such as snorkeling and eco-tourism.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
- 36.** Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I: The consultative committees, which consist of members of Parliament, are not parliamentary committees.
- Statement-II: The consultative committees are not appointed or elected by the House or nominated by the Speaker / Chairman.
- 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

- 37.** Consider the following statements about the Hyperloop technology:
1. It is a technique in which a passenger pod travels through a vacuum tube.
 2. Hyperloop pods can achieve a speed of over 1000 km/h.
 3. The technology involves a system of magnetically levitating capsules.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
- 38.** Which of the following statements best describes greenwashing?
- (a) When companies sell products or services based on legitimate environmental positives.
- (b) Painting of buildings and structures in green hues to signify environmental consciousness.
- (c) Deceptive marketing tactics used to portray a company as environmentally friendly when it may not be.
- (d) Channeling funds into environmentally responsible projects.
- 39.** Consider the following statements with reference to the World Metrological Organisation (WMO):
1. The WMO was established in 1992 to address global climate issues.
 2. WMO's primary focus is on providing financial assistance to developing countries for climate change adaptation projects.
- 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

40. In the context of Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO), consider the following statements:

1. It is an optical telescope based astronomical observatory.
2. India is one of the key countries that has joined the SKAO project.
3. SKAO will explore the formation of the early stars and galaxies in the universe.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements with reference to the Lingaraj temple:

1. It was built by a king of Somavanshi dynasty
2. It was built in the typical dravidian style.

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding thorium reserves across the globe:

1. Thorium is a less commonly available reserve in the earth's crust than Uranium.
2. Australia has the largest thorium reserves in the world.
3. Currently, thorium is mainly produced as a by-product of rare earth mines.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding Jungle Mahal Revolt or the Chuar Uprising:

1. The first Chuar rebellion broke out between Chuars and jungle zamindars as a reaction to the increase of the revenue by the jungle zamindars.
2. Jungle zamindars used to hire paiks (guards who policed the village) from among the Chuars.
3. Madhab Singh, Raja Mohan Singh and Lachman Singh of Dulma were prominent leaders of Chuars.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements regarding Patent Rights in India:

1. A patent is a statutory right for an invention granted to the patentee by the Government.
2. An Indian patent gives worldwide protection to the invention.
3. Under Indian patent laws, a method of agriculture or horticulture is not considered a patentable subject matter.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. In context of medieval Indian history, consider the following statements regarding a dynasty:

1. The dynasty was a feudatory of the Western Chalukyas.
2. It was famous for the construction of large tanks.
3. The Kohinoor diamond in India was found during this dynastic era.

Which of the following dynasty has been described in the statements given above?

- (a) Hoysalas
- (b) Kadambas
- (c) Kakatiyas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

46. Consider the following statements with respect to Financial Stability Board (FSB):

1. It was established in 2009 as a successor to the Financial Stability Forum (FSF).
2. The membership in the FSB is limited to the central banks and supervisory and regulatory authorities.
3. Its decisions are legally binding on its members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The cult figures of Yakshas and Yakshis underwent a significant transformation, from being subsidiary figures (dvarapalas) between 300 CE and 600 CE to becoming the central focus of exclusive worship in the subsequent ages.

Statement-II: Dominant religious traditions attempt to establish links with the popular cults as well as to appropriate and subordinate them.

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.

48. With reference to the approaches to human development, consider the following statements:

1. According to the income approach, a higher level of income reflects a higher level of freedom one enjoys.
2. The capabilities approach says that people are passive participants in the development.
3. The welfare approach focuses on building human capabilities in the areas of health and education.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

49. Which one of the following best describes the term “Terror Beasts” sometimes seen in the news?

- (a) It is a 500-million-year-old 'giant' predator worms unearthed in Greenland.
- (b) It is India's satellite to provide services to the countries of the Indian Ocean Rim to fight terrorism.
- (c) It is an herbicidal substance synthesized in generally modified crops.
- (d) It is a venomous species of snake found in the deserts of Rajasthan.

50. Consider the following statements with reference to the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act:

- 1. The states will receive 90% of the funds allocated under the CAF scheme, while the Centre will retain the remaining 10%.
- 2. The Act also provides for the audit of the accounts of both National and State/UTs CAMPA Authorities by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (C&AG).

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

51. Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission for Women:

- 1. The Commission was established as a non-constitutional and non-statutory body.
- 2. The Chairperson of the commission has to be a woman.
- 3. In certain cases, the commission has the power to take suo motu notice.

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

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

52. Consider the following statements with respect to United Nations Security Council (UNSC):

- 1. All members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the security council.
- 2. Only the Security Council has the power to make decisions that member states are then obligated to implement.
- 3. Admission of new members to the United Nations is solely done by a decision of the security council.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

53. With reference to the Official Languages Act 1963, consider the following statements:
1. It has provisions to conduct proceedings of the Supreme Court other than in English.
 2. It has provisions regarding High Court to conduct proceedings in the official language 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
54. Consider the following statements regarding the World Bank:
1. To become a member of the Bank, a country must first join the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
 2. International Finance Corporation (IFC) focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries.
- 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
55. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Articles</i> | <i>Provisions</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. Article 44 | : Free legal aid to poor |
| 2. Article 46 | : Promotion of early childhood care and education of all children. |
| 3. Article 50 | : Separation of judiciary from executive |
- How many pairs given above are **not** correctly matched?
- (a) Only one pair
 - (b) Only two pairs
 - (c) All three pairs
 - (d) None

56. With reference to Peregrine Mission 1, consider the following statements:
1. This is the first-ever lunar space mission which is completely privately funded.
 2. The primary objective of the mission is to establish a human settlement on the Moon.
- 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
57. With reference to the newly discovered Noa-Dihing Music Frog in Arunachal Pradesh, consider the following statements:
1. The Noa-Dihing Music Frog was discovered in the Namdapha-Kamlang landscape.
 2. The Noa-Dihing River, after which the frog is named, is a tributary of the Brahmaputra 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
58. With reference to ancient India, Sutudri, Vipasa and Askini were well known as?
- (a) Measure of distance
 - (b) Kinship unit
 - (c) Cultivated field
 - (d) Rivers

59. In the context of Indian polity, which of the following best defines 'Asymmetrical Federalism'?

- (a) The Indian judiciary is integrated in nature.
- (b) The President of India has more discretionary powers than the state governors.
- (c) There are special provisions in the Indian Constitution for certain states as compared to others.
- (d) The Union List has more subjects as compared to the State List.

60. Which of the following statements provides the correct definition of Ecocide?

- (a) It refers to the intentional destruction of ecosystems for economic gain.
- (b) It is an ecological principle behind the biological control method of managing with pest insects.
- (c) It refers to the natural process of ecological degradation caused by climate change.
- (d) It is an ecological concept that states that populations and species of larger size are found in colder environments, and species of smaller size are found in warmer regions.

61. Which of the following agricultural commodities is India's top imported item in terms of value during 2022-23?

- (a) Fresh fruits
- (b) Vegetable oils
- (c) Marine products
- (d) Pulses

62. Consider the following statements with reference to Indo-Islamic architecture:

- 1. The Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque was constructed by Alauddin Khalji.
- 2. Dakhil Darwaja which is a ceremonial gateway in front of the citadel in Bengal was built by Sher Shah Suri.
- 3. The Gol Gumbad of Bijapur which is the largest dome cubicle in the world is the mausoleum of Muhammad Adil Shah.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

63. Consider the following statements regarding the "Rivet popper hypothesis":

- 1. It explains the correlation between species richness and ecosystem stability.
- 2. It was proposed by biologist Paul Ehrlich.

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. With reference to the All India Kisan Sabha, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was founded in Lucknow with Indulal Yagnik as the president.
- 2. The Kisan Manifesto demanded a living wage for agricultural laborers and recognition of peasant unions.
- 3. The Civil Disobedience Movement contributed in the emergence of the All India Kisan Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding Zero FIR :

1. A Zero FIR can be filed in any Police Station by the victim, irrespective of their residence or the place of occurrence of the crime.
2. A new FIR cannot be made for investigation after a Zero FIR has been filed.
3. Provision of Zero FIR came up after the recommendation in the report of the Malimath committee.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

66. 'Clethodim', recently seen in the news is related to

- (a) Herbicides
- (b) E-cigarettes
- (c) Fruit ripening substances
- (d) Deodorants

67. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Dynasty</i>	<i>Capital</i>
1. Maithrakas	: Valabhi
2. Maukharis	: Kannauj
3. Pushyabhutis	: Thaneswar

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

68. With reference to Commission for Railway Safety, consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways.
2. It performs statutory functions of inspectorial, investigatory and advisory nature according to the Railways Act, 1989.

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

69. What is the main difference between a presidential system and a parliamentary system of government?

- (a) Bicameralism of the central or federal legislature
- (b) The separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches
- (c) The level of citizen participation in decision-making
- (d) The extent of regional autonomy within the political system

70. In the context of the straits, consider the following statements:

1. The Bosphorus Strait connects the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.
2. The Sunda Strait is the strait between Singapore and Indonesia.
3. The Strait of Magellan is a natural passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.
4. The Kerch Strait connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

71. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Committee/Commission</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
1. Muddiman Committee	: To examine the working of Diarchy of the Montague-Chelmsford reforms
2. Butler Commission	: Indian States relation with British Crown
3. Floud Commission	: To suggest measures on Bengal Famine 1943
4. Lee Commission	: The methods of recruitment for Europeans and Indians in the civil services

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

72. Consider the following statements regarding the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023:

1. The act excludes from its purview land which changed from forest to non-forest use before 12 December 1996.
2. The act exempts national security projects within 10 kilometers of India's border from its purview.
3. The act permits the dereservation of forests for the creation of ecotourism facilities.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

73. Consider the following Pairs:

Committees of the Union Government

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| 1. National Crisis Management Committee | : Cabinet Secretary |
| 2. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs | : Prime Minister |
| 3. National Executive Committee on Disaster Management | : Home Minister |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

74. Consider the following pairs:

Sanskrit Literature ***Author***

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| 1. Meghaduta | : Kalidasa |
| 2. Mrichchhakatika | : Shudraka |
| 3. Kiratarjuniya | : Bhasa |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

75. Consider the following statements about the Saint Gomateshwara or Bahubali:

1. According to Jain Tradition, he is considered as the first Tirthankara.
2. There is a 57-foot-tall monolithic statue of Gomateshwara in Dilwara, Rajasthan.
3. Adipurana of Pampa, a Kannada epic composed in the tenth century, depicts the life of Gomateshwara.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 76.** Consider the following statements with respect to the Global River Cities Alliance:
1. It is an alliance covering 275+ global river cities in more than 50 countries across the globe.
 2. It covers the river cities of Hague from the Netherlands, Adelaide from Australia, and Szolnok of Hungary.
- 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
- 77.** The Indian government is actively promoting e-vehicles. In this regard, consider the following pollutants:
1. Sulphuric Acid
 2. Lead
 3. Plutonium
 4. Chromium
 5. Aluminium
- Which of the above pollutants are associated with the industry?
- (a) 1, 2, 4, and 5 only
(b) 3, 4, and 5 only
(c) 1, 2, and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- 78.** Consider the following statement regarding India's fisheries sector:
1. Inland fisheries in India contributes more than 60 percentage of the total fish production in India.
 2. 100% FDI is allowed under the automatic route in pisciculture and aquaculture sector in India.
 3. India is the third largest fish producer.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 only
(d) 2 and 3 only

- 79.** With reference to the Attorney General of India, consider the following statements:
1. He/She cannot be removed from his office except in the same manner and on the same grounds as a judge of the High Court.
 2. The Constitution of India has not fixed any set of criteria for a person to be appointed as Attorney General 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.** With reference to the "Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) technology", consider the following statements:
1. BCI is a technology that enables direct communication between the brain and an external device.
 2. Currently, BCI technology has not been thoroughly tested on humans or animals.
 3. BCIs are unidirectional only.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 3 only

81. Consider the following animals:

1. Sarus Crane
2. Great Indian Bustard
3. Golden Masheer
4. Indian Pangolin

How many of the above animals are listed as "threatened species" under the IUCN red list?

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

82. With reference to the Code on Wages 2019, consider the following statements:

1. The wages under the code includes salary including the bonus payable to employees or any travelling allowance, among others.
2. It provides for equal remuneration to male and female workers in the work of similar nature.
3. It provides for the revision and review of minimum wages by the central or state governments at an interval of not more than five years.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

83. Consider the following statements with reference to WI-FI 7 technology:

1. It uniquely supports the combination of multiple frequency bands for data transmission.
2. It is mainly designed for indoor use and has no applicability in outdoor environments.
3. It offers backward compatibility with older devices that support previous Wi-Fi standards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

84. With reference to the Jogimara Cave, consider the following statements:

1. It is an artificial cave located in the state of Jharkhand.
2. In addition to mural paintings this cave contains a religious inscription written in Devanagiri script. .

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

85. Consider the following statements regarding the coal reserves in India:

1. Coal reserves are available in both Gondwana and Tertiary formations in India.
2. Tertiary coal contributes the majority of the total coal production of the country.
3. Jharkhand has the highest reserves among states in India.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

86. Bovanenko, North Dome, Galkynysh are:

- (a) Areas of some of the largest gas fields
- (b) Areas of ethnic conflicts
- (c) Habitations of nomadic tribes
- (d) UNESCO World Heritage sites

87. Consider the following statements with reference to the use of pet coke and coal:

1. Pet coke is more environment-friendly than coal due to its lower carbon content and lower ash residue.
2. Unlike coal, pet coke is hydrophobic and less volatile.

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. With reference to India's biodiversity, bladderworts, pipeworts, wild yam and Indian squill are:

- (a) migratory wetland species of birds.
- (b) ectothermic animals, found in a warm environment.
- (c) ephemeral plants that wait for monsoon to bloom.
- (d) species of gecko, known for their ability to fly.

89. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):

1. It is currently the largest crop insurance scheme in the world in terms of farmer enrolments.
2. The scheme covers all food crops and oilseed crops.
3. The scheme is mandatory for all farmers.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

90. Consider the following statements with respect to surety bond:

1. It is a two-party contract by which one party (surety) is liable for debt, default, or failure of another party.
2. Under this instrument, only the Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) can act as 'Surety'.

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. Consider the following statements regarding oilseed production in India:

1. India is one of the major oilseed growers as well as importers of edible oils in the world.
2. The majority of oilseed production in India happens in the rainfed region.

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 pairs:

<i>Dam/Hydroelectric Plant/Reservoir</i>	<i>River</i>
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| 1. Gandikota Reservoir | : Penna River |
| 2. Srisaillam Dam | : Krishna River |
| 3. Hathni Kund Barrage | : Yamuna |
| 4. Ratle Hydroelectric Plant | : Chenab |

Plant

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

93. Consider the following circumstances:

1. Death of incumbent Prime Minister
2. Resignation of the Prime Minister
3. Election of a new president

Under how many of the above circumstances it can be said that the Central Council of Ministers has ceased to hold office?

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

94. In context to the Scrub typhus disease, consider the following statements:

1. Scrub typhus fever is a disease caused by a virus.
2. No vaccine is available to prevent scrub typhus.
3. Scrub Typhus is primarily transmitted to humans through contaminated food and water.
4. The disease is mostly prevalent in temperate regions.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

95. Yemen is bounded in the:

1. West by the Red Sea
2. South by the Gulf of Aden
3. North by Saudi Arabia
4. East by Oman

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 96.** Consider the following statements regarding Five Year Plans (FYPs) in India:
1. Fiscal and economic reforms including liberalisation were introduced during the Ninth Five-Year Plan.
 2. The Blue Revolution in India was launched during the Seventh Five-Year Plan.
 3. The system of setting "monitorable targets" for key indicators of development was introduced during the Tenth Five-Year Plan.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
- 97.** The "Living Planet Report" is published by which of the following organizations?
- (a) World Wildlife Fund for Nature
(b) International Union for Conservation of Nature
(c) Global Environment Facility
(d) World Economic Forum
- 98.** Consider the following motions of the Parliament:
1. Censure Motion
 2. Adjournment Motion
 3. No Confidence Motion
 4. Motion of Thanks
- In how many of the motions given above there is a risk of defeat of the government?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

- 99.** Consider the following statements about the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary:
1. It is situated South of the Brahmaputra.
 2. It has the highest density of Rhinos in India.
 3. The Sanctuary consists of the Rajamayong Reserve Forest and Pobitora Reserve Forest.
 4. It is often known as Mini Kaziranga.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four
- 100.** Consider the following islands:
1. Divar
 2. Netrani
 3. Andrott
 4. Kalpeni
- How many of the above islands are part of the Lakshadweep group of islands?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four