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GENERAL STUDIES (P) 2024 – Test – 4136

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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1. With reference to India, consider the following statements:
1. The Constitution of India empowers the Election Commission of India to allot symbols to parties.
  2. In case of a split in the political parties, the High court decide on the dispute related to party symbols.
- 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
2. Consider the following statements with respect to the Ram Prasad Bismil:
1. He was one of the founding members of the Hindustan Republican Association.
  2. He started a revolutionary organization named Matrivedi.
  3. He wrote a famous poem Mainpuri ki Pratigya.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
3. Consider the following regions:
1. Western Ghats
  2. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
  3. North-East India
  4. Terai regions
- In how many of the above-mentioned regions Myristica swamps are found?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) Only three  
(d) All four

4. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Craft</i>   | <i>State</i>    |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Zardozi     | : Uttar Pradesh |
| 2. Kamdani     | : Odisha        |
| 3. Gotta-patti | : Rajasthan     |
| 4. Tilla       | : West Bengal   |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) Only three  
(d) All four
5. Consider the following statements regarding the Finance Commission:
1. The constitution provides for the composition of the Finance Commission with a Chairman and four other members.
  2. The president determines the qualifications for the appointment of the chairman and members of the commission.
  3. The commission recommends measures needed to augment the consolidated fund of a state to supplement the resources of panchayats and Municipalities.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
6. With reference to international collaboration in the field of artificial intelligence (AI), consider the following statements:
1. Global Partnership on AI is a group of 25 member countries of which India is also a member.
  2. Hiroshima AI Process is an annual summit hosted by G-20 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

7. Consider the following statements regarding the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSSs):

1. These are extended by the Union Government to states under Article 282 of the Indian Constitution.
2. On the recommendation of B. K. Chaturvedi committee CSSs were restructured to avoid overlapping of schemes.
3. After the enactment of the Appropriation Bill, the budgets allocated for a scheme is directly released by the Union Finance Ministry to the Consolidated Fund of States.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. The number of recognized parties keeps changing based on their performance in the general elections.
2. In the first general elections, there were only three national parties.
3. Every national party is allotted a symbol exclusively reserved for its use throughout the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements:

1. A default bail is granted because of the default of the investigating agency for not completing the investigation on time.
2. A Magistrate can order an accused person to be detained in the custody of the police for 15 days.
3. The Magistrate can authorize the detention of the accused person in judicial custody for a maximum period of 60 days.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The first communist ministry in India came into being in Kerala in 1957.

Statement-II: The Congress party was the sole national party until 1977.

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

**11.** Consider the following statement with respect to Tribunals:

1. The original Constitution did not contain provisions with respect to tribunals.
2. It consists of only two Articles—Article 323 A dealing with administrative tribunals and Article 323 B dealing with tribunals for other matters.

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

**12.** Consider the following statements regarding, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012:

1. The Act deals with sexual offenses committed against children below the age of 16 years.
2. The Act provides for the establishment of special courts to expedite the trial of such offenses.
3. The Act empowers the Commission for Protection of Child Rights at the national/state level for monitoring the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**13.** It is also known as Artsakh and is a landlocked mountainous area in the South Caucasus. It was claimed by both Azerbaijan and Armenia after the fall of the Russian Empire in 1917 and has remained a point of tension ever since. The territory is internationally recognised as part of oil-rich Azerbaijan, but its inhabitants are predominantly ethnic Armenians and have their own government which has enjoyed close links to the government in neighbouring Armenia but has not been officially recognised by it or other U.N.

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

- (a) Panjsheer
- (b) Kahramanmaras
- (c) Kherson
- (d) Nagorno-Karabakh

**14.** In relation to how many of the following matters can the Parliament and state legislatures establish tribunals under Article 323 B?

1. Industrial and labor
2. Land reforms
3. Elections to Parliament and state legislatures
4. Taxation

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**15.** Consider the following statements regarding Inter-State Council:

1. It was established as a permanent body through the amendment in the constitution.
2. The Home Minister acts as the ex-officio chairman of the council.
3. The Constitution provides that its decision cannot be challenged in the Supreme court or in any other court.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**16.** Consider the following statements about elections in India:

1. As per the Constitution of India, one candidate can contest from a maximum of two constituencies.
2. If a candidate elected from two constituencies fails to resign from one of the seats within 14 days, then both his seats shall fall vacant.

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.** Consider the following statement with respect to Tribunals:

1. The number of Tribunals was reduced from 26 to 19 under the provisions of The Finance Act, of 2017.
2. The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal was established as the first Tribunal in India.
3. The power to make rules to provide for the qualifications, appointments, and removal of chairpersons and members of the tribunals lies with the respective state governments.

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

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

**18.** With reference to the Sevottam framework, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is an assessment improvement framework for public service delivery.
2. It was designed by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) in 2006.
3. Kerala was the first state to implement the model.

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

- 19.** Consider the following statements:
1. The Election Commission of India has the power to deregister a political party if it violates the provisions of the Representation of the People's Act, 1951.
  2. So far, no political party has been derecognized.

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.** The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) in India plays a role in the investigation of offence of money laundering and violations under which of the following acts?

1. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
2. Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974
3. Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018
4. The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 21.** Consider the following:

1. Dharma Vira Commission
2. Ribeiro Committee
3. Gore Committee
4. Strachey Commission

How many of the above are related to police reforms?

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

- 22.** Consider the following statements regarding the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 :

1. The scope of the Act to punish the public servants extends to even the members of a scheduled caste or scheduled tribe if they wilfully neglect their duty/duties to be performed under the act.
2. The Act has provisions for the establishment of Special Courts for the speedy trial of offenses under this Act.
3. The Act has provisions related to providing relief and rehabilitation of victims.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 23.** Consider the following statements with regard to the electoral bonds in India:

1. Electoral bonds can be given to any registered political party in India.
2. It is a banking instrument resembling promissory notes.
3. These are zero-coupon bonds that do not pay any interest.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**24.** Consider the following statements about District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA):

1. It has been constituted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. It aims to ensure the optimisation of public funds, promote synergy and convergence between different layers of governance and review intra-State disparities for greater time-bound impact.
3. The Chairperson of the DISHA should be a Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the district, nominated by the nodal Ministry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**25.** With reference to Stirling and Fuel cell air-independent propulsion (AIP), consider the following statements:

1. Stirling AIP is a simple system that uses diesel fuel and liquid oxygen.
2. Fuel cell AIP generates power through the reverse electrolysis of oxygen and hydrogen.

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

**26.** With reference to Titan, a submersible operated by OceanGate, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only crewed submersible in the world that can take 5 people as deep as 4,000 meters.
2. It is guided by using the GPS navigation system.

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.** With reference to the Da Vinci glow phenomenon, consider the following statements:

1. It is a phenomenon that can happen around sunset when a crescent moon is on the horizon.
2. In this phenomenon the outline of a full moon is not visible.

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

**28.** Consider the following statements regarding Hemis Monastery:

1. Hemis Monastery (the largest monastic institution in Ladakh) is situated on the western banks of the Indus River.
2. It belongs to Hinayana Buddhism.
3. It is also famous for the Hemis Festival which is celebrated in honor of Padmasambhava.

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



29. Consider the following:
1. Constitute a State Security Commission.
  2. Prescribe a minimum tenure of two years to the police officers on operational duties.
  3. Set up a Police Establishment Board at the state level.
  4. Constitute Police Complaints Authorities at the state and district level for looking into complaints against police officers.

How many of the above constitute a segment of the directives issued by the Supreme Court as a part of Prakash Singh's judgment?

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

30. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I: During the general elections in India, a candidate who secures the highest number of votes in that constituency is declared elected.

Statement II: The First Past the Post system is followed in the general elections.

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

31. The Global Slavery Index is released by which of the following organizations?
- (a) ECLT foundation
  - (b) World Vision
  - (c) Walk Free Foundation
  - (d) International Labour Organization

32. Consider the following statements with respect to cooperative societies:

1. Only state legislatures can make laws related to cooperatives of any kind.
2. The Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution provides for the state legislature to legislate on cooperative societies.

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA):

1. It guarantees 100 days of unskilled work per year for every rural household.
2. It covers all the districts in the country except those with more than 50 percent urban population.
3. If work is not provided within 30 days from when it is demanded, the worker has to be given a daily unemployment allowance.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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



**34.** Consider the following statements with reference to star campaigners in elections in India:

1. The Election Commission of India has the power to revoke the status of a star campaigner of a party.
2. As per revised guidelines, the list of the star campaigners has to be communicated to the returning officer within five days from the date of notification of an election.

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

**35.** Consider the following statements regarding Forest Rights Act, 2006:

1. This Act recognizes only the rights to hold and live in the forest land but not ownership of land.
2. The rights under the act can only be claimed by members or communities of Scheduled Tribes.
3. The Gram Panchayat is the authority to initiate the process for determining the nature and extent of Forest Rights.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**36.** With respect to the voting rights in India, who among the following can vote through Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot Papers (ETPB)?

1. Members of armed forces
  2. Those employed under the Government of India, in a post outside India.
  3. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
- 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

**37.** Consider the following statements:

1. Statutory bail is a right to bail that accrues when police fail to complete the investigation within a specified period in respect of a person in judicial custody.
2. Regular bail is granted to an accused person who is in custody and is usually granted on the basis of surety or personal bond.

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.** Consider the following statements with reference to the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution:

1. It was set up through an act during the thirteenth Lok Sabha in 2000 under M. N. Venkatachaliah.
2. The commission decided to redefine and restructure the basic structure of the Indian Constitution while suggesting reforms in the Constitution.

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

39. With reference to the official languages, which of the amendment did **not** add a new language/s to the eighth schedule?

- (a) 21st amendment Act, 1967
- (b) 42nd amendment Act, 1976
- (c) 71st amendment Act, 1992
- (d) 92nd amendment Act, 2003

40. Consider the following statements with regard to the Chiral Bose-liquid state:

1. It is a new phase discovered by physicist in which electrons can even synchronize their movements.
2. In this state Electrons can be frozen into predictable patterns.

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 about the social audit in India:

1. Social Audit is the examination and assessment of a programme/scheme conducted with the active involvement of people and comparing official records with actual ground realities.
2. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA) was the first law to mandate social audit as a statutory requirement.

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. 'E-Government Development Index' is released by which of the following?

- (a) World Justice Project
- (b) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) Amnesty International

43. With reference to the lightweight payment system, consider the following statements:

1. It will operate on complex wired networks backed by advanced IT infrastructure.
2. It can be used for critical transactions during catastrophic events.
3. It can ensure near-zero downtime of the payment and settlement system in the country.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

44. Recently thousands of dead fish washed up on multiple beaches in southeast Texas due to a phenomenon called, "fish kill". Which of the following can be the possible reasons for this phenomenon?

1. Low levels of dissolved oxygen
2. Calm Seas
3. Cloudy weather

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 45.** Consider the following statements with respect to tobacco cultivation:
1. It can be grown both in tropical and temperate regions.
  2. It is sensitive to waterlogging.
  3. Curing is a process used to achieve a quality of a specific tobacco type.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
- 46.** With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG), consider the following statements:
1. He is represented by the Finance Minister in the Parliament.
  2. He is ineligible to hold any office once he retires/resigns.
- 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
- 47.** Consider the following statements:
1. In Lok Sabha elections, the None of the Above or NOTA option was first used in 2014.
  2. In Lok Sabha elections 2019, the Voter-verified Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) were first time used in all the constituencies.
  3. In India for the first time the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were used in the general election in Kerala in 1982.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 3 only  
(b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 48.** Which of the following countries make up the East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes (EHAGL) region?
1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
  2. Burundi
  3. Rwanda
  4. Kenya
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2, and 3 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 and 4 only  
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 49.** Consider the following statements regarding abortion laws in India:
1. The recent amendment in the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (MTPA), 1971 has legalised abortion up to 20 weeks in case of substantial foetal abnormalities.
  2. Marital rape is recognised as one of the conditions for abortion 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
- 50.** With reference to Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities, consider the following statements:
1. The Constitution originally did not make any provision with respect to the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities.
  2. His qualifications and tenure are not specified in the Constitution.
  3. The office is designated as the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities and falls under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None

**51.** Consider the following statements regarding the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resettlement Act, of 2013:

1. The Act requires the consent of at least 50% of affected families for acquiring land for public-private partnership (PPP) projects.
2. Social Impact Assessment Study is mandatory under the act to acquire land for public-private partnership (PPP) projects under any circumstances.
3. State governments can amend the act after receiving the Presidential assent.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**52.** With reference to the difference between the Indian Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) and his British counterpart, consider the following statements:

1. Indian CAG audits the accounts after the expenditure is done but in the UK money cannot be drawn without the approval of the CAG.
2. In India, CAG is not a member of the parliament while in Britain CAG is a member of house of the Commons.

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 Central Sector Schemes:

1. These are fully funded by the Union Government and implemented by state government machinery.
2. These are formulated in subjects from the State List to encourage States to prioritise areas that require more attention.

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.** Arrange the following in the correct chronological sequence:

1. Lowering of voting age from 21 to 18.
2. Introduction and usage of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM).
3. First usage of Voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT).
4. Adoption of Model Code of Conduct.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

55. How many of the following is/are **not** the recommendations of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution:

1. Increase in the scope of protection from judicial review afforded by Article 31B
2. A new directive principle on population control
3. The new fundamental duty of vote at elections
4. Removal of the domicile requirement to contest Rajya Sabha elections

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

56. Consider the following statements about the Right to Information Act, 2005:

1. Application should be submitted in only English and Hindi.
2. Application can be handwritten or typed.
3. In the normal course, information to an applicant is to be supplied within 90 days from the receipt of the application by the public authority.

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

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC):

1. It is an autonomous body under the University Grants Commission (UGC) responsible for assessing the quality of higher educational institutions in India.
2. Accreditation by NAAC is mandatory to be recognized as an educational institution in India.
3. Currently, only institutes that are at least 6 years old or from where at least two batches of students have graduated can apply for accreditation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements:

1. Non-Governmental Organizations in India receiving foreign funds cannot use more than 50 per cent of such funds for administrative purposes.
2. Public servants are prohibited from receiving foreign funds 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

59. The Consumer Protection Act was enacted in 1986 with the objective of providing better protection of consumer interests. Under the Act, which of the following rights is enjoyed by a consumer?

1. Right to Information
2. Right-to-consumer education
3. Right to representation
4. Right to safety

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding the removal of the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC):

1. The President can remove the chairman of the UPSC on the grounds of 'misbehavior'.
2. The Constitution has not defined the term 'misbehavior' in the context of the removal of the chairman.

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. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: In India, only the election tribunals are authorized to hear election petitions.

Statement-II: The 19th Amendment of the Indian Constitution (1966) provided the High Court with the power to hear election petitions.

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

62. India after independence adopted the First Past The Post system (FPTP). Which among the following is **not** the reason behind its adoption?

- (a) Proportional Representation is a complicated system which may work in a small country but difficult to work in large country like India.
- (b) The entire election system of FPTP is extremely simple to understand even for common voters.
- (c) FPTP is a constituency based system and representative is responsible for one locality.
- (d) In FPTP Voters are often asked to choose a party and the representatives are elected on the basis of party lists.

**63.** Consider the following statements in the context of the role of a Whip:

1. A whip is an official of a political party whose task is to ensure party discipline in the legislature.
2. Only national and state parties can have their own whip in the Parliament.
3. A political party has a constitutional right to issue a whip to its legislators.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**64.** With reference to the Central Vigilance Commission, consider the following statements:

Statement - I - It was established under the Prevention of Corruption Act, of 1988.

Statement II - The Committee on Prevention of Corruption, headed by Shri K. Santhanam had recommended its formation.

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

**65.** With reference to National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), consider the following statements:

1. It consists of a chairperson and other members who are appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.
2. It reviews and monitors the implementation of the reservation policy.

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

**66.** The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has been constituted under the Disaster Management Act 2005. The chairman of the NDMA is

- (a) Minister of Environment
- (b) Prime Minister
- (c) Home Minister
- (d) Home Secretary

**67.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 is one of the initiatives by the Government of India to curb the incidences of corruption in the country.
2. There is no global initiative regarding corruption that legally binds the signatories.

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.** Consider the following statements with respect to cooperative societies:

1. Number of directors on the board of a cooperative society shall not exceed twenty-one.
2. Twenty-seven percent of the total seats on the board of every cooperative have to be reserved for backward classes.

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.** With reference to Scheduled Tribes (STs), consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution does not define the criteria for recognition of STs.
2. According to Article 342 of the Constitution, STs are the tribes declared by the Parliament through a public notification.
3. Punjab and Haryana are the only states which do not have any STs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**70.** According to the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, of 1972, consider the following statements:

1. An “antiquity” is an article or object that is at least 500 years old.
2. If it is a manuscript or record of any scientific, historical, literary, or aesthetic value, it should be at least 75 years old.
3. There is no need for compulsory registration of notified categories of antiquities if they are 500 years old.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**71.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with regard to the Vaikom Satyagraha?

1. It was a movement against untouchability and caste discrimination which became violent in the later stages.
2. The movement resulted in the passage of the Temple Entry Proclamation Act (1936).
3. Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy provided leadership to the Vaikom Satyagraha.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

72. Consider the following statements:
1. Should have a Miniratna Category-I status
  2. Should be listed on the Indian stock exchange with minimum prescribed public shareholding under SEBI regulations
  3. Should have an average annual turnover of more than Rs. 15,000 crore during the last 3 years
  4. Should have a significant global presence

How many of the above are the criteria for allocating a Maharatna status to a Central Public Sector Enterprise?

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

73. With reference to the Attorney General for India, consider the following statements:

1. He is the highest law officer in the country.
2. He is not debarred from private legal practice.
3. He should not defend the accused in criminal cases without the permission of the Government of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

74. Consider the following pairs:

**Wildlife Sanctuary**                      **State**

1. Debrigarh Wildlife : Odisha Sanctuary
2. Chinnar Wildlife : Tamil Nadu Sanctuary
3. Amchang Wildlife : Manipur Sanctuary

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding the Hindu Succession Act, 1956:

1. It applies to everyone who is not a Muslim, Christian, Parsi, or Jew by religion.
2. Women from Schedule Tribe are excluded to be recognized as legal heirs even after the amendment in 2005.
3. The law applies to ancestral property and to intestate succession in personal property, where succession happens as per law and as well as through a will.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

76. Which of the following committees are associated with the cooperative movement in India?

1. Edward Law Committee
2. Maclagen Committee
3. Gadgil Committee
4. Gorwala Committee

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

77. With reference to the alphabet 'T' in the abbreviation ChatGPT, consider the following statements:

1. It stands for 'translator'.
2. Its main task is to translate a sentence from one language to another.

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

78. Consider the following statements regarding the Right to Education Act, 2009:

1. It provides free and compulsory education to all children between the ages of 6 and 14 years.
2. All private schools must keep 25% of seats reserved for children belonging to economically weaker sections of society.

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding Consumer Protection Rights Act, 2019:

1. E-commerce entities are not covered under this act.
2. There will be no fee for filing cases for settlement by consumers up to Rs. 5 lakh.
3. Compensation can be claimed against product manufacturer or service provider under the concept of product liability but not against product seller.

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

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

80. Hexaconazole, Fenpyroximate, Propiconazole and Quinalphos, terms sometimes seen in the news are:

- (a) pesticides in tea plantations.
- (b) antibiotics prescribed for Tuberculosis.
- (c) food additives used as adulterants.
- (d) newly discovered anti-cancer drugs

81. Consider the following statements with reference to the official language of the states:

1. Article 343 (1) of the Constitution provides that Hindi in Devanagari script and English shall be the official languages of the Union
2. Article 345 declares that the state legislature can declare only one language as an official language.

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

82. With reference to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), consider the following statements:

1. The 102nd Constitution Amendment Act added Article 338 B and changed NCBC from a statutory to a constitutional body.
2. It presents an annual report to the President.
3. The Commission, while investigating any matter or enquiring into any complaint, has all the powers of a civil court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 83.** Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Program (SVEEP) is the flagship program of which of the following?
- (a) NITI Aayog
  - (b) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
  - (c) Ministry of Education
  - (d) Election Commission of India
- 84.** He was an Indian painter, born in Kerala, best known for uniting Hindu mythological subject matter with European realist historicist painting style. He was the first Indian artist to use oil paints, which were brought to India by the Britishers. His painting 'Hamsa Damayanti', which depicts the story of King Nala and Damayanti from Mahabharata won the first prize at Vienna Exhibition in 1873. British government awarded him with Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal in 1904.
- Who among the following is being described in the above-given passage?
- (a) Nandlal Bose
  - (b) Jaimini Roy
  - (c) Abanindranath Tagore
  - (d) Raja Ravi Varma
- 85.** It is a west-flowing river that originates in Kaprada taluka and flows through Gujarat. Recently it was reported that fisherfolk living on the banks of this river are in distress as chemicals from Vapi industries destroy river catch.
- Which of the following rivers is being described in the passage given above?
- (a) Kolak
  - (b) Kaveri
  - (c) Tapi
  - (d) Narmada

- 86.** With reference to the rights, liabilities, and properties of the Union and the states, consider the following statements:
1. All rights and obligations of an Indian princely state before the commencement of the constitution became the exclusive rights and obligations of the Union Government.
  2. While the sea wealth in the territorial waters is the property of the bordering states, the sea wealth in the exclusive economic zones will be the property of the Union only.
  3. Any property can be acquired by the Parliament as well as the state governments without a constitutional obligation to pay compensation.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
  - (b) Only two
  - (c) All three
  - (d) None
- 87.** 'Zoonomia Project' sometimes seen in the news is associated with:
- (a) a genome project to protect and restore endangered species in North America.
  - (b) the project to prevent zoonotic diseases by expanding and improving natural areas and landscapes.
  - (c) to build capacities of African countries to improve the surveillance of important zoonotic diseases.
  - (d) a project to discover the genomic basis of shared and specialized traits in mammals.

- 88.** Consider the following:
1. e-Samiksha is a real-time online system for monitoring and follow-up action on the decisions taken by the central government with respect to the implementation of important Government programmes/projects.
  2. The Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) provides the facility to lodge a grievance online from any geographical location.
  3. Itat e-dwar aims at assessing the States, UTs and Central Ministries on the efficiency of e-Governance service delivery.

How many of the above statements correctly describe government initiatives in order to improve governance and public service delivery?

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

- 89.** In the context of electoral funding in India, consider the following statements:

1. Political parties are not required to reveal the name of individuals or organizations giving less than Rs. 20,000.
2. There is no limit on election expenditure by the political parties.
3. Companies Act of 2013 prevents companies from donating more than 7.5 percent of their average net profit to a political party.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 90.** Consider the following statements regarding the social audits:

1. It is the audit of a government scheme jointly by the government and the people.
2. It ensures true democracy by direct participation.
3. It is a tool for empowerment of the stakeholders which involves auditing of financial accounts.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

- 91.** Consider the following statements regarding electoral bonds:

1. Electoral bonds are purchased anonymously by donors and are valid for 90 days from the date of issue.
2. The bonds are issued by SBI in denominations of Rs 1,000 only.
3. All political parties are eligible to receive electoral bonds.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 92.** Consider the following statements regarding NATGRID:

1. It was proposed after the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.
2. Its database will be available to prominent federal agencies including the CBI, ED and NIA.

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

**93.** With reference to Joint State Public Service Commission (JSPSC), consider the following statements:

1. It can be created by President on the request of state legislatures concerned.
2. Its members holds office for a term of six years or until they attain the age of 62 years, whichever is earlier.
3. It presents its annual report to the President.

How many of the statement given above are **not** correct?

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

**94.** Consider the following statements in respect of the Civil Society 20 (C20):

1. It is a platform established in 2013 for civil society organizations to engage with the Group of 20 (G20).
2. Recently, the C-20 India summit was held in Nagpur.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

**95.** Consider the following statements, in the context of the National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA):

1. Article 39 A of the Constitution of India provides for free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of the society, to promote justice on the basis of equal opportunity.
2. The Executive Chairman of the authority is the Chief Justice of India.
3. A woman is entitled to free legal aid irrespective of her income or financial status.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**96.** Consider the following statements regarding the Right to Information Act, of 2005:

1. Private organizations that are involved in performing public duties or providing public services can be considered "public authorities" under the Act.
2. It mandates that information sought by citizens must be provided within 15 working days.

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. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Port</b>	<b>Country</b>
1. Sabang	: Singapore
2. Ekatha	: Maldives
3. Chittagong	: Myanmar

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

98. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Act</b>	<b>Provisions</b>
1. The Representation of People Act, 1950	: Conduct of elections and the qualifications and disqualifications for membership of in Parliament and state legislatures.
2. The Representation of People Act, 1951	: Allocation of seats of the Parliament and state legislatures.
3. The Delimitation Commission Act, 1952	: Readjustment of seats and the reservation of territorial constituencies.
4. Presidential and Vice-Presidential Election Act 1952	: Conduct of Presidential and vice-presidential elections and mechanisms for the settlement of any dispute arising out of such elections.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

99. In the context of the Right to Information in India, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) The Central Information Commission is a constitutional body.
- (b) The Right to Information Act contains provisions for creating understanding among the citizens towards this right.
- (c) The Official Secrets Act, 1923 was repealed by the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- (d) The CIC submits annual report to the President to be placed before both Houses of the Parliament.

100. Consider the following statements regarding National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA):

- 1. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households under NFSA are entitled to 5 kg of food grains per person per month.
- 2. Pregnant women and lactating mothers are entitled to free nutritious meals under the NFSA.
- 3. Cash maternity benefit of a minimum of Rs. 6,000 to partly compensate for the wage loss during the period of pregnancy is provided under the act.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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