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1. The World Bank was one of the first global organizations to adopt the concept of Good Governance. In this context, which of the following is/are classified under the 8 principles of Good Governance?

1. Consensus Oriented
2. Transparency
3. Grievance Redressal
4. Fast Service Delivery

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

2. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Dam</i>		<i>Country</i>
1. Kariba	:	Russia
2. Aswan	:	Egypt
3. Tarbela	:	Pakistan

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

3. Which of the following provisions are voluntary provisions of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992?

1. Establishment of panchayats at the village, intermediate, and district levels.
2. Endowing the Gram Sabha with powers and functions at the village level.
3. Determining the manner of election of the chairperson of the village panchayat.
4. Providing reservation of seats (both members and chairpersons) for backward classes in panchayats at any level.
5. Giving representation to the chairpersons of the intermediate panchayats in the district panchayats.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

4. With reference to the parliamentary privileges, consider the following statements:

1. Originally, the Constitution expressly mentioned two privileges, that is, freedom of speech in Parliament and the right of publication of its proceedings.
2. The president does not enjoy parliamentary privileges despite being a part of 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

5. Which of the following best describes the term 'Nematocysts'?
- (a) Feature of cnidarians used for prey capture and defence.
 - (b) A new species of salamander recently discovered.
 - (c) Human cell organelles necessary for respiration.
 - (d) A phylum in kingdom animalia that consists of roundworms.
6. Which of the following river flows through or forms the border of the most number of countries?
- (a) Volga
 - (b) Danube
 - (c) Amazon
 - (d) Mekong
7. What is the 'shoe-leather cost' associated with inflation?
- (a) The cost of luxury goods during inflation.
 - (b) The cost of tracking commodity prices as a leading indicator of inflation.
 - (c) The costs that people incur to minimize their cash holdings during times of high inflation.
 - (d) The cost of adapting to fashion trends during inflationary periods.
8. Consider the following statements regarding Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Ltd (BBSSL):
1. BBSSL will undertake the production, procurement & distribution of quality seeds under a single brand.
 2. It was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002.
- 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. Consider the following statements with respect to the President of India:
1. The office of the President of India was created in 1947 after independence.
 2. The value of the vote of each member of Parliament is the same whereas the value of votes for the members of each legislative assembly varies.
 3. Each candidate contesting for the post of President has to make a security deposit of ₹50,000.
 4. The Election Commission of India has the authority to try an election dispute regarding a Presidential election.
- How many statements given above are **not** correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) Only three
 - (d) All four
10. Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I: Laser land leveling increases crop yield and improves crop quality.
- Statement-II: Level land reduces water requirement for land preparation and also reduces weed problems.
- 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. Arrange the following in ascending order:
- Population < Community < Ecosystem < Biome
 - Community < Population < Biome < Ecosystem
 - Biome < Community < Population < Ecosystem
 - Ecosystem < Population < Community < Biome
12. In the context of mineral resources of the world, Muruntau, Grasberg, Olimpiada are the mines of:
- Coal
 - Iron
 - Gold
 - Diamond
13. It blossomed once in every 12 years in Western Ghat regions of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka at an altitude of 1300 to 2400 meters. Peak blooming season is between August and October. Nilgiri hills got their name from these flowers. The above passage refers to which of the following flowers?
- Karvi
 - Brahma Kamal
 - Meadow Saffron
 - Neelakurinji
14. Consider the following provisions in the Constitution which were added through the Constitutional Amendment Acts:
- Addition of Eleventh Schedule
 - Deletion of 'Right to Property' from the list of fundamental rights
 - Extending reservations for promotions in jobs for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
 - Increase of number of Lok Sabha seats from 525 to 545
- Arrange the above provisions in the chronological sequence of their addition to the Constitution of India.
- 4-3-1-2
 - 2-3-1-4
 - 4-2-1-3
 - 2-1-4-3

15. Consider the following pairs:
- | Political Party | Founder |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Justice Party | E. V Ramasamy |
| 2. Unionist Party | Sir Fazli Husain |
| 3. Krishak Praja Party | A.K Fazlul Huq |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
16. Consider the following provisions:
- Registration of political parties
 - Allocation of seats in the House of the People
 - Registration of electors
- How many of the above are **not** provided for by the Representation of People Act, of 1950?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
17. Consider the following statements with reference to the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT):
- REITs are only permitted to engage in commercial real estate, not residential real estate.
 - Dividends obtained from REITs are completely taxable in the hands of the investor.
 - In India, all REITs have to be mandatorily listed on stock exchanges.
- How many of the following statements is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None

18. Organic evolution refers to the changes in genetic makeup of entities in a population. In this context, consider the following processes:

1. Mutation
2. Reproductive isolation
3. Genetic drift
4. Natural Selection

Which of the above mentioned processes are key processes involved in organic evolution?

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

19. Consider the following statements with respect to the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language:

1. This committee consists of 30 members of Parliament having equal representation of members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
2. The chairman of the committee is nominated by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
3. The committee is required to submit its report along with its recommendations to the President.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

20. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Folk dance</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Dhimsa	: Andhra Pradesh
2. Nati	: Himachal Pradesh
3. Theyyam	: Kerala

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

21. It was the premier Cholan port city in the early historic times. Classical accounts refer to it as Khaberi or camara. It was an important trading town famous for its bustling markets. Its references are found in the ancient Tamil texts of Silappadikaram and Manimekalai. It has been identified with modern-day Kaveripattinam, Tamil Nadu coast, located at the point where the Kaveri river flows into the Bay of Bengal.

Which of the following historic cities has been described by the passage given above?

- (a) Korkai
- (b) Vanji
- (c) Muziris
- (d) Puhar

22. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: A Minute on the necessity of town planning was penned by Lord Wellesley, which emphasised the importance of Modern town planning in Calcutta.

Statement-II: Lord Wellesley took concrete action by establishing various committees, including the setting up of a lottery committee.

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

23. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>Source</i>
1. Lead	: Exhaust from automobiles
2. Beryllium	: Ceramic Industry
3. Nickel	: Combustion of coal

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

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

24. In the context of physical geography, the term 'thermokarst' is best defined as:

- (a) A more or less level land surface produced by erosion over a long period.
- (b) A feature resulting from the melting of ground ice in a region underlain by permafrost.
- (c) An underground geomorphological feature of Karst topography.
- (d) An erosional feature of weathered rocks produces due to temperature differences.

25. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Soils in the taiga climate are acidic.

Statement II: Low temperatures and anaerobiosis in taiga climate inhibit decompositions.

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

26. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Reserved and Protected forests are declared by the Central Government whereas the Conservation and Community Reserves are declared by the respective State Governments.
- 2. The Reserved and Protected forests are granted protection under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, whereas the Conservation and Community Reserves are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- 3. Unlike the Reserved and Protected forests, the rights of people living inside Conservation and Community Reserves are not affected.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

27. With reference to energy derivation processes of 'incineration' and 'pyrolysis', consider the following statements:

- 1. Incineration is a thermal process, while pyrolysis is not.
- 2. Incineration requires oxygen, while pyrolysis occurs without oxygen in an inert atmosphere.

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 pairs:

<i>Ashokan</i>	<i>Main text</i>
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Rock Edicts

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. Major Rock Edict I | : Prohibition of animal slaughter |
| 2. Major Rock Edict V | : Description of Kalinga War |
| 3. Major Rock Edict IV | : Preference to Dhammaghosha over Bherighosha |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

29. With reference to the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces, consider the following statements:

- 1. United Nations Peacekeepers are often referred to as "Blue Helmets".
- 2. Every Member State of the UN is legally obligated to pay their respective share towards peacekeeping.
- 3. Peacekeeping missions are deployed only with the consent of the host country.
- 4. India is the largest contributor of troops to United Nations peacekeeping missions.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

30. How many of the following are *not* patentable inventions under the Indian Patent Act, 1970?

- 1. Genetically modified plant varieties
 - 2. Genetically modified animal varieties
 - 3. Genetically modified seed varieties
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

31. With reference to the religious practices in India, consider the following sects:

- 1. Sthanakvasi
- 2. Lonka Sa
- 3. Vishvapanthis

How many of the above sects are related to Jainism?

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

32. It is a type of unemployment that is usually short-lived. It is also the least problematic from an economic standpoint. It occurs when people voluntarily change jobs. It is a natural result of the fact that market processes take time and information can be costly.

Which of the following types of unemployment has been described by the passage given above?

- (a) Cyclical unemployment
- (b) Structural unemployment
- (c) Institutional unemployment
- (d) Frictional unemployment

33. Arrange the following environmental protection activities in their order of occurrence:

1. Release of the first Global Environment Outlook
2. Basel Convention on the movement and disposal of hazardous waste
3. Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
4. Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding Dhokra Art, seen in the news recently:

1. It is a non-ferrous metal casting art using the lost-wax casting technique.
2. The dancing girl of Mohenjo-Daro is one of the earliest known dhokra artefacts.

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 with respect to the judicial systems of India and United States of America (USA):

1. In India, a single system of courts enforces both Central laws as well as state laws whereas in the USA, the federal laws are enforced by the federal judiciary, and the state laws are enforced by the state judiciary.
2. The Supreme Courts of both the USA and India enjoy advisory jurisdiction.

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. With reference to the recent discovery of a new species of Pangolin, consider the following statements:

1. Pangolins are the only mammals that are wholly covered in scales.
2. The Indian Pangolin is protected under the Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. Indian pangolin is categorised as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of threatened species.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

37. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>List</i>
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- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Public health and sanitation | : State list |
| 2. Inter-state trade and commerce | : Concurrent list |
| 3. Betting and gambling | : Union list |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

38. With reference to Goods and Services Tax (GST) Compensation Cess, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is levied on all products produced in the country.
- 2. Any unused money from the compensation fund will be credited to the Public Account 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

39. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Hot Spring Location</i>	<i>State</i>
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- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Manikaran | : Uttarakhand |
| 2. Yumthang | : Sikkim |
| 3. Panamik | : Arunachal Pradesh |

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

40. Consider the following statements with reference to tiger reserves:

- 1. Veerangana Durgavati tiger reserve located in Madhya Pradesh encompasses Nauradehi and Veerangana Durgavati sanctuaries.
- 2. Dholpur Karauli tiger reserve lies along the western bank of the Banas River.
- 3. At present, Maharashtra has the second-highest number of tiger reserves in the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. With reference to Adaptation gap report 2023, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- 2. The report looks at progress in planning, financing and implementing adaptation actions related to climate change.
- 3. As per the report, the Public multilateral and bilateral adaptation finance flows to developing countries have steadily increased in the last five years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

42. Consider the following gases:

- 1. Carbon dioxide
- 2. Water vapour
- 3. Oxygen
- 4. Nitrogen
- 5. Sulfur Dioxide

The atmosphere of Venus is composed of which of the gases given above?

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

43. With reference to Indian history, the commonality that leaders Kristodas Pal, V.N. Mandlik and Rash Behari Ghosh had was:

- (a) They all were Presidents of the Indian National Congress.
- (b) They all were revolutionary leaders who preached armed struggle.
- (c) They were part of the Bombay Association formed in 1852.
- (d) They had been the members of Governor-General's Executive Council.

44. In the context of recently launched Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023, consider the following statements:

- 1. The highest milk-producing state during 2022-23 was Gujarat.
- 2. Major contribution to the total egg production comes from Andhra Pradesh.
- 3. Major contribution to the total wool production comes from Rajasthan.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements with respect to preventive detention:

- 1. The Constitution of India provides for the detention of a person without trial and conviction by a court.
- 2. Only the Parliament is empowered to make laws under which preventive detention can be ordered.
- 3. The orders for preventive detention are usually issued by the District Magistrate and they shall not be delegated to the police.
- 4. The maximum period for which any person can be detained under preventive detention is prescribed by the Supreme Court.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Appointments of officers and servants of the Supreme Court are made by the Chief Justice of India.
- 2. The Judges (Protection) Act, 1985, prevents civil or criminal proceedings against a judge for anything done in the course of his/her judicial duty.
- 3. Salaries of Supreme Court judges are decided by the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act whereas salaries of High Court judges are decided by the state governor.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

47. In the context of neo banks, consider the following statements:
1. These are financial institutions with only an online presence and function digitally.
 2. They cannot apply for a banking license but provide all the services of a bank online.
- Which of the statements given above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
48. The term 'Zosurabalpin', recently seen in the news, is:
- (a) A new class of antibiotics that can tackle drug-resistant bacterial strains.
(b) A fixed-dose combination (FDC) drug that aims to treat rabies in dogs.
(c) A new treatment developed for last stage cancer.
(d) A herbicide banned due to its hazardous impacts on human brain.
49. Consider the following statements regarding the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Convention 1:
1. It sets the standard of 8 working hours a day and 48 working hours a week.
 2. India is yet to ratify the convention due to the issues with the definition of working hours by ILO.
- 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. This curve shows the quantity of one type of product that an agent will export for each quantity of another type of product that it imports. It is because of this reason that this curve is also known as reciprocal demand curve.
- The above paragraph best describes which of the following curves?
- (a) J curve
(b) Beveridge curve
(c) Rahn curve
(d) Offer curve
51. Consider the following statements with respect to the Monetary Policy Committee:
1. In 2007, the Percy Mistry Committee recommended its formation.
 2. RBI determines the inflation target in terms of the Consumer Price Index, once every two years.
 3. RBI has to organize at least two meetings of the MPC in a year.
 4. The nominated members will hold office for four years and are eligible for re-appointment.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four
52. Which of the following is most likely to increase money supply in the economy?
1. Increase in reserve requirements
 2. Increase in bank rates
 3. Selling of G-Secs by the central Bank
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only
(d) None

53. Consider the following statements regarding the No Confidence Motion:
1. The first No Confidence Motion was moved during the tenure of Jawaharlal Nehru.
 2. None of the No Confidence Motions since independence have been successful.
 3. As per the rules of procedure of Lok Sabha, after the no-confidence motion is admitted, the President shall specify the date on which the debate will begin.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
54. Consider the following statements regarding the nanostructured hard-carbon florets or NCF recently seen in news:
1. NCFs have shown the highest solar-thermal conversion efficiency in the existing coating materials like Chromium.
 2. NCFs are expensive to produce and complex in usage making it a less attractive substitute at the current stage of development.
- 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. It is an instrument that a foreign company uses to access the Indian securities market for raising funds. It is denominated in Indian Rupees in the form of a financial instrument created by a domestic depository against the underlying equity of the issuing company. The financial instrument is
- (a) Participatory Note
 - (b) Option Contract
 - (c) Masala bonds
 - (d) Indian Depository Receipt

56. Consider the following pairs:
- | Fort | Location |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Sindhudurg Fort | : Maharashtra |
| 2. Gingee Fort | : Tamil Nadu |
| 3. Vijaydurg Fort | : Andhra Pradesh |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
57. The Saffir-Simpson scale is used to measure the intensity of:
- (a) Cyclones
 - (b) Earthquakes
 - (c) Tornadoes
 - (d) Volcanoes
58. Consider the following pairs:
- | Wars | Associated Governor General |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Second Anglo-Burmese war | : Lord Amherst |
| 2. First Anglo-Sikh War | : Lord Hardinge |
| 2. First Anglo-Aghan War | : Lord Auckland |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
59. Recently ULLAS mobile application was in the news. It is related to harnessing the potential of technology to facilitate the access to
- (a) basic literacy
 - (b) women safety
 - (c) road safety
 - (d) clean air

60. Consider the following statements regarding light pollution:
1. Light pollution is a human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally.
 2. Light pollution impacts Indigenous communities who view the night sky as a vital part of their cultural identity.
 3. Recently Kanha Tiger Reserve attained the distinction of becoming India's inaugural Dark Sky Park.
- 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
61. Consider the following countries:
1. Israel
 2. North Korea
 3. India
 4. China
 5. Pakistan
- Which of the above Nuclear Weapons States have **not** signed and ratified the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty?
- (a) 1 and 4 only
(b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
(c) 2, 3 and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
62. With reference to Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), consider the following statements:
1. It is caused by the bites of fruit bats.
 2. It has been localized only in the southern part of India.
 3. There is no specific treatment for KFD.
 4. KFD has shown the ability to be transmitted from person to person.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

63. Consider the following statements :
1. Atlantic Ocean has the highest surface water salinity among the oceans.
 2. Indian Ocean is home to the deepest point on earth.
 3. Arctic ocean is the smallest and shallowest of oceans.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
64. Consider the following statements about the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS):
1. RATs work under the mandate of the United Nations Security Council.
 2. It has its own peacekeeping forces that are deployed in conflict zones within member states.
 3. It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
65. Consider the following statements:
- Statement I: Pollution from the tyres of vehicles is on the rise on account of increasing number of electric vehicles.
- Statement II: Extra weight of electric vehicles, due to their batteries, leads to more abrasion releasing many toxic and carcinogenic chemicals such as 6PPD.
- 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.

66. Article 311 of the Constitution of India acts as a safeguard for civil servants so that they are not dismissed arbitrarily from service. In how many of the following circumstances, does a civil servant need **not** be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard?

1. Suspension of a government employee
2. A person is dismissed on the grounds of conduct that led to his/her conviction on a criminal charge
3. Compulsory retirement
4. If the person is a probationer

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

67. With reference to the Santiago network, consider the following statements:

1. Santiago network focuses on catalyzing technical assistance from various organizations, bodies, networks, and experts to support developing countries in addressing loss and damage caused by climate change.
2. Santiago network was established during COP27 held in Sharm El Sheikh Egypt.
3. The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will host the secretariat of the Santiago Network.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

68. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Indian Martial Arts</i>	<i>State</i>
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- | | |
|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Kathi Samu | : Karnataka |
| 2. Silambam | : Kerala |
| 3. Gatka | : Punjab |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

69. Recently, a rice variety 'PR23' is in news. Which of the following is the most appropriate description of PR23?

- (a) It is India's first ever non-GM herbicide-tolerant rice variety.
- (b) It is a GI tag rice variety from Bihar famous for its aroma and taste.
- (c) It need not to plant every year and can yield eight consecutive harvests across four years.
- (d) It is a rice variety that require at least 30 percent low phosphorus.

70. With reference to the biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) treaty, consider the following statements:

1. The BBNJ treaty covers part of the ocean that lies beyond the exclusive economic zone of a country.
2. BBNJ treaty covers digital sequence information on marine genetic resources.
3. BBNJ mandates three months advance prior notification before carrying out any activity with respect to marine genetic resources.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

71. How many of the following activities can use the Indian National Satellite (INSAT) system?

1. Weather forecasting
2. Search and Rescue operations
3. Navigation
4. Television broadcasting

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

72. Which of the following micro-organisms takes part in the process of composting and bioremediation?

1. Bacteria
2. Fungi
3. Virus

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

73. Various grants are made by the Parliament under extraordinary or special circumstances. In this context, which of the following grants is granted when funds to meet the proposed expenditure on a new service can be made available by reappropriation?

- (a) Supplementary grant
- (b) Exceptional grant
- (c) Vote of credit
- (d) Token grant

74. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Unemployment indicators</i>	<i>Description</i>
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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Worker Population Ratio | : Percentage of employed persons in the labour force |
| 2. Labour Force Participation Rate | : Percentage of persons working or seeking or available for work in the population |
| 3. Unemployment Rate | : Percentage of persons unemployed among the persons in the population |

How many of the pairs above are correctly matched?

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

75. Many early Buddhist sculptors did not show the Buddha in the human form - instead, they showed his presence through symbols. In this context, which of the following is represented by the symbol of the empty seat on the sculptor in Buddhism?

- (a) Mahaparinibbana
- (b) Meditation of Buddha
- (c) First sermon
- (d) Mahabhinishkramana

76. Consider the following statements with regard to the decennial census in India:

1. The decennial census is conducted by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.
2. The census in India is conducted as an executive exercise and has no statutory backing.

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. Which of the following countries are members of the East Asia Summit?

1. China
2. India
3. Russia
4. Taiwan
5. USA

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

78. In the context of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), consider the following statements:

1. The IPEF is an India-led initiative to strengthen partnerships among countries across the Indo-Pacific region.
2. India has joined all the pillars of IPEF, which is related to the Indo-Pacific region.
3. All ASEAN countries are founding members of the IPEF.

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 about the Bhakti saints of Maharashtra:

1. Namdeva was the founder of the Bhakti movement in Maharashtra.
2. Jnaneshwar or Jnanadeva wrote a commentary on Gita in Marathi.
3. The Dharakari Bhakti saints of Maharashtra are the followers of God Vitthala of Pandharpur.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

80. In the context of medieval Indian history, the term "Tarafs" referred to:

- (a) Territorial divisions
- (b) Coins
- (c) Sufi poems
- (d) Weapons

81. Consider the following statements regarding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

1. The UDHR was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.
2. It is legally binding on member states of the United Nations.
3. The right to seek asylum from persecution in other countries is a universal human right.

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

82. "Moh Juj" which is recently celebrated after 9 years in Assam is a

- (a) traditional buffalo fight
- (b) cultural festival of colours
- (c) tribal music and dance festival
- (d) religious procession

83. Consider the following statements:
Statement-I: National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) is set up by banks to aggregate and consolidate stressed assets for their subsequent resolution.

Statement-II: It capitalises funds through equity from banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) but it can not issue new debt.

Which 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 and Statement-II is correct

84. Consider the following statements regarding Anti-cyclones :

- 1. They are associated with stable atmospheric conditions and light winds.
- 2. In the Southern Hemisphere, anticyclones rotate counterclockwise.

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 with respect to Government e-Marketplace (GeM) recently seen in news:

- 1. The nodal Ministry for GeM is Ministry of Finance.
- 2. It is based on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model
- 3. All the purchase on GeM are done through price comparison, bidding or reverse auction.
- 4. The procurement by Ministries and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) is mandatory for goods and services which are available on GeM.

How many statements given above are *not* correct?

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

86. With reference to Inflation-indexed Bonds (IIBs), consider the following statements:

- 1. They provide protection to both principal and interest payments.
- 2. FIIs are eligible to invest in IIBs.
- 3. IIBs are eligible for repo transactions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 87.** With reference to the capital adequacy ratio, consider the following statements:
1. It is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk weighted assets and current liabilities.
 2. Indian scheduled commercial banks are required to maintain a CAR of 8%.
 3. Tier-1 capital is less liquid than tier-2 capital.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
- 88.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Ramsar Convention:
1. It is an international treaty that provides a framework for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.
 2. India is a signatory to the Convention.
 3. Chilika Lake and Keoladeo National Park are protected under the Ramsar convention.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
- 89.** The terms 'Midjourney' and 'DALL-E' sometimes mentioned in the news recently are related to:
- (a) Satellites Constellation
(b) Crypto-currency
(c) Electric Vehicles
(d) Artificial Intelligence

- 90.** Consider the following statements in relation to REWARD Project:
1. It is an Asian Development Bank assisted multi-state project.
 2. It is proposed as a decade long project to introduce modern watershed practices.
- 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.** In 1920, he was appointed as a law member of the Viceroy's Executive Council. His tenure saw significant contributions, notably chairing the Press Committee in 1921, tasked with evaluating press laws. As a result of the Committee's recommendations, the Press Acts of 1908 and 1910 were repealed. Additionally, he played a pivotal role as a delegate during the three Round Table Conference sessions in London (1930–32), which focused on the governance of India.
- Which of the following leaders was discussed in the above paragraph?
- (a) Satyendhra Prasad Sinha
(b) Tej Bahadur Sapru
(c) P. S. Sivaswami Iyer
(d) Bepin Behari Ghose

92. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution does not guarantee any immunity to the ministers for their official acts.
2. The ministers can be held liable in the courts for their official acts.
3. The Constitution confers personal immunity upon the civil servants for official contracts.
4. Although appointed by the respective governors, the state civil servants hold office during the pleasure of the President.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

93. With reference to central bank digital currency (CBDC), consider the following statements:

1. A bank account is mandatory for utilizing CBDC.
2. CBDC does not have any intrinsic value.
3. Like retail CBDC, wholesale CBDC is potentially available for use by all.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

94. Consider the following statements regarding Fakir Rebellion:

1. The Madari Fakirs trace their origin from the Sufi order initiated by Sha-i-Madar.
2. They enjoyed rent free tenures and retained armed followers during the Mughal period.
3. They fought against Dasnami Sanyasis for control over tenure free lands and trading routes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

95. Consider the following statements about a personality from medieval India:

1. He allied with Yasodharman and defeated the Tibetans.
2. He was successful against the mountain tribes on the north and north-western frontier of his kingdom.
3. His expedition against Yasodharman made him the master of Kanauj.
4. The king of Gauda acknowledged his suzerainty without a fight.

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

- (a) Mihir Bhoja
- (b) Harshvardhan
- (c) Chandrapida
- (d) Lalitaditya

96. Consider the following statements with reference to Ecosan toilets:

1. Unlike the leach pit toilet, the Ecosan toilet is a closed system which does not need water.
2. It converts excreta into nutrients and thus acts as a valuable resource for agriculture.

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. If a person in Jaipur wants to visit Doddabetta Mountain in Tamil Nadu, the minimum number of states that can be traversed by him are (other than the source and destination states)

- (a) Three
- (b) Four
- (c) Five
- (d) Six

98. Consider the following statement with reference to the Chirala-Perala movement:

1. The residents of Chirala-Perala in Andhra refused to pay taxes and vacated the town.
2. The Chirala-Perala movement was led by Alluri Sita Rama Raju.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

99. In the context of interstate financial relations, under Article 282, the Union can make financial grants for

- (a) subjects within its legislative competence
- (b) any public purpose
- (c) states in need of financial competence
- (d) local bodies

100. Consider the following statements regarding the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC):

1. The Constitution, without specifying the strength of the Commission has left it to the discretion of the Parliament.
2. The UPSC presents, annually, to the Parliament a report on its performance which is laid before both the Houses of 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