31. Which of the following individuals did not receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2024?  
(A) Amitabh Bachchan  
(B) Deepika Padukone  
(C) Rajinikanth  
(D) Shabana Azmi

Answer 31. (B) Deepika Padukone

Explanation:

 Amitabh Bachchan, Rajinikanth, and Shabana Azmi have received various accolades including prestigious national awards.

 Deepika Padukone was not a recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2024.

32. The country’s first bamboo industrial park aimed at promoting bamboo-based industries in Northeast India is being developed at:  
(A) Jagiroad, Assam  
(B) Kokrajhar, Assam  
(C) Agartala, Tripura  
(D) Silchar, Assam

Answer 32. (A) Jagiroad, Assam

Explanation:

 The first bamboo industrial park focusing on bolstering bamboo-based enterprises in the Northeast is being developed at Jagiroad in Assam, intended to empower local economies.

33. Match the following Indian authors (List-I) with their famous novels (List-II):  
List–I — List–II  
a. R.K. Narayan — 1. The Guide  
b. Salman Rushdie — 2. Midnight’s Children  
c. Arundhati Roy — 3. The God of Small Things  
d. Jhumpa Lahiri — 4. The Interpreter of Maladies  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) abcd → 1234  
(B) abcd → 1243  
(C) abcd → 1432  
(D) abcd → 1342

Answer 33. (A) abcd → 1234

Explanation:

 R.K. Narayan wrote “The Guide.”

 Salman Rushdie authored “Midnight’s Children.”

 Arundhati Roy is known for “The God of Small Things.”

 Jhumpa Lahiri wrote “The Interpreter of Maladies.”

34. Consider the following statements regarding the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023:  
(i) The Bill creates a framework for the processing of digital personal data in India.  
(ii) It mandates data localization for all categories of personal data.  
(iii) It establishes a Data Protection Board as a regulatory authority.  
(iv) It prescribes stringent penalties for data breaches including imprisonment.  
Select the correct answer from the options given below.  
(A) Only (i), (iii), and (iv) are correct  
(B) Only (ii) and (iii) are correct  
(C) None of the statements is correct  
(D) All the statements are correct

Answer 34. (A) Only (i), (iii), and (iv) are correct

Explanation:

 The Bill aims to regulate digital personal data processing by establishing a Data Protection Board.

 It provides for penalties, including imprisonment, for data breaches.

 Mandatory data localization for all data categories is not specified; hence (ii) is incorrect.

35. Match the following Defence Industrial Corridors (List-I) with their locations (List-II):  
List-I                                                                                                     List-II  
a. Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor     1. Tamil Nadu  
b. Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor                         2. Uttar Pradesh  
c. Gujarat Defence Industrial Corridor                   3. Gujarat  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:  
(A) abcd → 213  
(B) abcd → 312  
(C) abcd → 132  
(D) abcd → 321

Answer 35. (A) abcd → 213

Explanation:

 Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor is located in Uttar Pradesh.

 Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor is located in Tamil Nadu.

 Gujarat Defence Industrial Corridor is in Gujarat.

36. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment is significant because it:  
(A) Established the Panchayati Raj institutions at the village, intermediate, and district levels  
(B) Provided for the right to education for children aged 6-14 years  
(C) Abolished the practice of Untouchability  
(D) Laid down emergency provisions under Article 352

Answer 36. (A) Established the Panchayati Raj institutions at the village, intermediate, and district levels

Explanation:

 The 73rd Amendment institutionalized decentralized rural governance through Panchayati Raj institutions in India.

 Other options correspond to different constitutional amendments or provisions.

37. Under which Article of the Constitution can the President declare a National Emergency?  
(A) Article 352  
(B) Article 356  
(C) Article 360  
(D) Article 370

Answer 37. (A) Article 352

Explanation:

 Article 352 empowers the President to proclaim National Emergency in event of war, external aggression, or armed rebellion.

 Article 356 relates to state emergency; Article 360 to financial emergency; Article 370 to special status of Jammu and Kashmir (now abrogated).

38. Consider the following statements about the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution in Assam:  
(i) It provides for Autonomous District Councils in tribal-majority areas.  
(ii) Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, and Dima Hasao are Sixth Schedule districts.  
(iii) Bodoland Territorial Region was originally constituted under the Sixth Schedule through the 2003 Bodo Accord.  
(iv) The Governor of Assam appoints 1/3rd of the members of an Autonomous District Council.  
(A) (i) and (ii) only  
(B) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
(C) (iv) only  
(D) All are correct

Answer 38. (D) All are correct

Explanation:

 The Sixth Schedule provides for Autonomous District Councils in Assam’s tribal-majority districts, including Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, and Dima Hasao.

 Bodoland Territorial Region was also constituted under the Sixth Schedule based on the 2003 Bodo Accord.

 The Governor appoints one-third of the members of these councils.

39. Which of the following are statutory bodies appointed by the President of India?  
(i) National Commission for Scheduled Castes  
(ii) National Human Rights Commission  
(iii) National Commission for Women  
(iv) Central Information Commission  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
(B) (ii) and (iv) only  
(C) (i) and (iii) only  
(D) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv)

Answer 39. (D) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv)

Explanation:

 All listed bodies are statutory commissions/organizations whose members are appointed by the President of India for upholding rights and governance.

40. The following features are unique to the Indian federal system compared to the American system:  
(i) Single citizenship  
(ii) Emergency provisions  
(iii) An independent election commission  
(iv) Bicameral legislature  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
(B) (ii) and (iv) only  
(C) (i) and (iv) only  
(D) (iii) and (iv) only

Answer 40. (A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only

Explanation:

 India has single citizenship, special emergency provisions, and an independent election commission, which are distinctive features differing from the American federal structure.

 Bicameral legislature exists in both systems, so it is not unique to India.