81. What are the primary objectives of the "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)"?  
(i) Increase production of rice, wheat, and pulses  
(ii) Promote organic farming exclusively  
(iii) Enhance farmer’s income  
(iv) Reduce dependency on imports  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) (i) and (iii) only  
(B) (i), (iii), and (iv) only  
(C) (ii) and (iv) only  
(D) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv)

Answer 81. (B) (i), (iii), and (iv) only

Explanation:

* The NFSM aims to increase production of key staples like rice, wheat, and pulses.
* It also focuses on enhancing farmer incomes by improving productivity and sustainability.
* Reducing dependency on imports through greater self-sufficiency is a key goal.
* However, exclusive promotion of organic farming is not an objective of NFSM.

82. Which of the following is NOT a core dimension of the Human Development Index (HDI)?  
(A) Life expectancy  
(B) Education  
(C) Gross National Income (GNI) per capita  
(D) Environmental Sustainability

Answer 82. (D) Environmental Sustainability

Explanation:

* The HDI includes life expectancy, education level, and per capita income as core dimensions.
* Environmental sustainability, while an important developmental aspect, is not included in the HDI calculation.

83. In which year were the Assam Plantations Labour Rules established?  
(A) 1951  
(B) 1971  
(C) 1953  
(D) 1956

Answer 83. (C) 1953

Explanation:

* The Assam Plantations Labour Rules, regulating labour welfare and working conditions in plantations, were established in 1953.
* This legal framework governs plantation worker rights in Assam.

84. What is the primary objective of the “UJALA” scheme?  
(A) Promote LED lighting to reduce energy consumption  
(B) Provide solar panels to rural households  
(C) Financial assistance to renewable energy startups  
(D) Improve coal supply to thermal power plants

Answer 84. (A) Promote LED lighting to reduce energy consumption

Explanation:

* UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All) aims to promote energy-efficient LED lighting to reduce electricity consumption and enhance energy savings nationwide.

85. The Nobel Prize in Economics 2024 was awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson for their research on:  
(A) Environmental economics  
(B) Financial markets and regulation  
(C) Role of institutions in economic development  
(D) Labour market dynamics

Answer 85. (C) Role of institutions in economic development

Explanation:

* Their work highlighted how political and economic institutions shape economic outcomes and development.
* They studied the critical role institutions play in inclusive or extractive economic policies.

86. Who won the 'Golden Ball' award in the ICC Champions Trophy, 2025?  
(A) Josh Hazlewood  
(B) Shaheen Afridi  
(C) Jasprit Bumrah  
(D) Pat Cummins

Answer 86. (B) Shaheen Afridi

Explanation:

* Shaheen Afridi was awarded the 'Golden Ball' for outstanding bowling performances throughout the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

87. The 16th Finance Commission of India, chaired by Dr. Arvind Panagariya, covers which of the following periods?  
(A) 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2030  
(B) 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2031  
(C) 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2029  
(D) 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2028

Answer 87. (A) 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2030

Explanation:

* The 16th Finance Commission’s recommendations apply to the five-year period starting 1st April 2025 and ending 31st March 2030.

88. Which of the following Indian research stations are located in Antarctica?  
(i) Maitri  
(ii) Bharati  
(iii) Dakshin Gangotri  
(iv) Himadri  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) (i) and (ii) only  
(B) (ii) and (iii) only  
(C) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
(D) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv)

Answer 88. (C) (i), (ii), and (iii) only

Explanation:

* Maitri, Bharati, and Dakshin Gangotri are Indian research bases in Antarctica.
* Himadri is the Indian Arctic research station located in the Arctic, not Antarctica.

89. Jyoti Prasad Agarwala said in a speech in 1931, "Assamese youths would follow Bhagat Singh". Where did he say this?  
(A) Na-Duar  
(B) Chariduar  
(C) Chaiduar  
(D) Tezpur

Answer 89. (A) Na-Duar

Explanation:

* Jyoti Prasad Agarwala delivered this statement in Na-Duar, encouraging Assamese youth towards revolutionary ideals inspired by Bhagat Singh.

90. Who delivered the welcome address in the Hindu Mahasabha Conference, which was held in 1926?  
(A) Tarun Ram Phukan  
(B) Gopinath Bordoloi  
(C) Chandra Nath Sarmah  
(D) Pitambar Deva Goswami

Answer 90. (D) Pitambar Deva Goswami

Explanation:

* Pitambar Deva Goswami, the Sattradhikar of the Garmur Satra, gave the welcome address at the 1926 Hindu Mahasabha Conference.