1. What objectives are associated with the "National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)"?  
   (i) Promote integrated farming  
   (ii) Enhance drought resistance  
   (iii) Reduce carbon emissions in agriculture  
   (iv) Increase water use efficiency  
   Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
   (A) (i), (ii), and (iv) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iii) only  
   (C) (i) and (iii) only  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 81. (D) All of the above

Explanation:

* The mission promotes integrated farming systems to enhance productivity, resilience, and livelihood security through diversification and resource recycling.
* Drought-proofing via climate-resilient varieties, soil health management, and contingency planning is a core thrust to enhance drought resistance.
* Low-emission practices such as precision nutrient management, residue management, and agroforestry target reductions in agricultural emissions.
* Water-use efficiency is advanced through micro-irrigation, water harvesting, and improved on-farm water management.

1. The World Happiness Report evaluates countries on factors including:  
   (A) Social support and life expectancy  
   (B) Per capita income  
   (C) Perceived freedom to make life choices  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 82. (D) All of the above

Explanation:

* The report’s framework uses Gallup World Poll variables such as social support and healthy life expectancy to gauge well-being.
* Per capita income (log GDP per capita) is included to reflect material living standards and their relationship to life evaluations.
* Measures of perceived freedom, generosity, and perceptions of corruption contribute to the multidimensional assessment.

1. The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation Act, covering land administration, was enacted in which year?  
   (A) 1886  
   (B) 1935  
   (C) 1954  
   (D) 1902

Answer 83. (A) 1886

Explanation:

* The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 is the foundational colonial-era statute governing land revenue administration in Assam.
* Subsequent rules and amendments have updated procedures, but the principal enactment date remains 1886.
* The other years correspond to different constitutional or legislative milestones unrelated to this regulation’s origin.

1. One of the main objectives of the “National Bio-Energy Mission” is to:  
   (A) Promote production of energy from biomass and waste to supplement conventional energy sources  
   (B) Subsidize coal based generation plants  
   (C) Enhance imports of crude oil  
   (D) Develop tidal power stations in peninsular India

Answer 84. (A) Promote production of energy from biomass and waste to supplement conventional energy sources

Explanation:

* The mission seeks to scale bioenergy from agricultural residues, municipal solid waste, and industrial by-products for electricity, heat, and fuels.
* It aims to reduce fossil dependence and manage waste sustainably through bio-refineries and distributed generation.
* Coal subsidies and crude import enhancement are contrary to the mission’s renewable and self-reliance objectives.

1. Simon Johnson’s contribution to the 2024 Nobel Prize primarily pertains to:  
   (A) Analysing financial crises and institutional failures  
   (B) Modelling climate change impact on economies  
   (C) Labour productivity research  
   (D) Urban economics

Answer 85. (A) Analysing financial crises and institutional failures

Explanation:

* Simon Johnson is widely known for work on financial crises, regulatory capture, and institutional vulnerabilities, aligning with recognition tied to systemic risk and policy design.
* His scholarship highlights how governance and institutional quality shape crisis dynamics and recovery processes.
* The other areas, while significant fields, do not reflect his primary cited contributions for that year.

1. Who received the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy (ICC Cricketer of the Year) in 2024?  
   (A) Ben Stokes  
   (B) Babar Azam  
   (C) Pat Cummins  
   (D) Rohit Sharma

Answer 86. (C) Pat Cummins

Explanation:

* The 2024 honors reflected performance across formats, leadership impact, and decisive contributions in major tournaments and bilateral series.
* Pat Cummins’ achievements as a bowler-captain were pivotal in the award cycle’s assessment for that year.
* The remaining nominees had standout records but did not receive the specific trophy in 2024.

1. Which constitutional article pertains to the establishment of the Finance Commission of India?  
   (A) Article 280  
   (B) Article 246  
   (C) Article 352  
   (D) Article 360

Answer 87. (A) Article 280

Explanation:

* Article 280 provides for the President to constitute a Finance Commission to recommend tax devolution and grants-in-aid to states.
* Article 246 delineates legislative subjects; Article 352 concerns national emergency; Article 360 concerns financial emergency.
* Hence, the Finance Commission’s constitutional basis is Article 280.

1. Which agency is responsible for managing Indian Antarctic research stations?  
   (A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
   (B) Indian Space Research Organisation  
   (C) National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research  
   (D) Geological Survey of India

Answer 88. (C) National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research

Explanation:

* NCPOR, under the earth sciences portfolio, manages Indian polar research infrastructure, logistics, and expeditions, including Maitri and Bharati in Antarctica.
* ISRO handles space missions; GSI focuses on geological surveys; MoEFCC frames environmental policy but does not run Antarctic stations.
* Thus, operational responsibility rests with NCPOR.

1. Where did the famous Assamese poet and satirist Lakshminath Bezbaroa die in 1938?  
   (A) Nagaon  
   (B) Guwahati  
   (C) Sivasagar  
   (D) Jorhat

Answer 89. (D) Jorhat

Explanation:

* Lakshminath Bezbaroa, a seminal figure of modern Assamese literature, spent his later years in upper Assam.
* Historical accounts place his death in 1938 at Jorhat, concluding a life of prolific literary and social engagement.
* The other listed towns are central to Assamese culture but are not the recorded place of his demise.

1. Who was the first Assamese to be elected to the Central Legislative Assembly in 1926?  
   (A) Chabilal Upadhyaya  
   (B) Tarun Ram Phukan  
   (C) Sivaprasad Barua  
   (D) Padmanath Gohain Baruah

Answer 90. (B) Tarun Ram Phukan

Explanation:

* Tarun Ram Phukan, a leading nationalist from Assam, represented the province at the all-India legislative forum in the late colonial period.
* His election in 1926 marked a key milestone in Assam’s political representation at the central level.
* The other contemporaries played important roles in regional politics and public life but were not the first in this specific capacity.