1. Match the following Nobel laureates (List-I) with their key books (List-II):  
   List–I — List-II  
   a. Elinor Ostrom — 1. Governing the Commons  
   b. Amartya Sen — 2. Poverty and Famines  
   c. William Nordhaus — 3. The Climate Casino  
   d. Angus Deaton — 4. The Great Escape  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) 1243  
   (B) 1324  
   (C) 4132  
   (D) 2413

Answer 61. (A) 1243

Explanation:

* Elinor Ostrom authored Governing the Commons, a seminal work on collective action and common-pool resource governance.
* Amartya Sen’s Poverty and Famines advanced the entitlement approach to famine analysis.
* William Nordhaus wrote The Climate Casino, integrating climate science with economic risk.
* Angus Deaton authored The Great Escape on health, wealth, and inequality dynamics.

1. The Global Peace Index is published by:  
   (A) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
   (B) Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)  
   (C) World Economic Forum (WEF)  
   (D) International Crisis Group

Answer 62. (B) Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)

Explanation:

* The Global Peace Index is compiled and released annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace.
* It ranks countries on levels of peacefulness based on multiple indicators and domains.
* UNDP, WEF, and ICG are not the publishers of the GPI.

1. Match Assam’s schemes with target groups:  
   List I List II  
   a. Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension 1. Pension assistance to widows in Assam  
   b. Mukhya Mantri Lok Seva Arogya Nidhi 2. Financial aid to journalists for medical emergencies  
   c. Anundoram Borooah Award 3. Free laptops/IT incentives to HSLC high-scorer students  
   d. Artists Welfare Fund 4. Financial assistance and insurance to registered artists in the State  
   (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4  
   (B) abcd → 3 4 1 2  
   (C) abcd → 2 3 4 1  
   (D) abcd → 4 1 3 2

Answer 63. (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4

Explanation:

* Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension provides direct pension support to widows in Assam.
* Mukhya Mantri Lok Seva Arogya Nidhi caters to journalists’ emergency medical needs.
* Anundoram Borooah Award offers laptops/IT incentives to meritorious HSLC students.
* Artists Welfare Fund extends financial assistance and insurance to registered artists.

1. Which of the following terms is closely linked to post-development theory?  
   (A) Sustainable Development  
   (B) Alternative Globalization  
   (C) Human Development Index  
   (D) Modernization Theory

Answer 64. (B) Alternative Globalization

Explanation:

* Post-development critiques mainstream development discourse and advocates plural, locally rooted alternatives, often framed as “alternatives to development” or alternative globalization.
* Sustainable development and HDI are reformist within-development metrics; modernization theory reflects the paradigm post-development critiques.

1. Which of the following factors contribute to the socio-economic backwardness of Scheduled Tribes in India?  
   (i) Geographical isolation in inaccessible areas  
   (ii) Low literacy and educational attainment  
   (iii) Dependence on primitive technology  
   (iv) Universal access to health infrastructure  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iv) only  
   (C) (i) and (iv) only  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 65. (A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only

Explanation:

* Remoteness and difficult terrain constrain access to markets, education, and services.
* Educational gaps remain higher among several ST communities, impacting livelihoods.
* Traditional technologies without adequate support limit productivity and incomes.
* Universal access to health infrastructure is not yet achieved uniformly, so (iv) does not generally hold.

1. Consider the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) indicators related to social development:  
   (i) Fertility rates  
   (ii) Infant and maternal mortality rates  
   (iii) Access to sanitation and drinking water  
   (iv) Tax revenue as a percentage of GDP  
   Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
   (A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iv) only  
   (C) (iii) and (iv) only  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 66. (A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only

Explanation:

* NFHS tracks demographic and health indicators including fertility and mortality rates.
* It also reports on sanitation and drinking water access among other household characteristics.
* Tax revenue shares are macro-fiscal indicators not covered by NFHS.

1. The Laffer curve is a graphical representation showing the relationship between:  
   (A) Tax rates and tax revenue  
   (B) Economic growth and inequality  
   (C) Inflation and unemployment  
   (D) Labor supply and wages

Answer 67. (A) Tax rates and tax revenue

Explanation:

* The Laffer curve depicts how government revenue varies with tax rates, implying an optimal rate between 0% and 100%.
* It is distinct from the Kuznets curve (growth–inequality) and the Phillips curve (inflation–unemployment).

1. Which of the following are fiscal instruments?  
   (i) Income tax  
   (ii) Public expenditure  
   (iii) Cash Reserve Ratio  
   (iv) Fiscal deficit  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) (i), (ii), and (iv) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iii) only  
   (C) (i) and (iii) only  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 68. (A) (i), (ii), and (iv) only

Explanation:

* Fiscal instruments include taxation, government spending, and fiscal deficit metrics.
* CRR is a monetary policy instrument managed by the central bank, not a fiscal tool.
* Hence (i), (ii), and (iv) are fiscal; (iii) is monetary.

1. The Employment-Unemployment Survey in India is conducted by:  
   (A) Labour Bureau  
   (B) National Sample Survey Office  
   (C) Ministry of Labour and Employment  
   (D) Ministry of Finance

Answer 69. (A) Labour Bureau

Explanation:

* The Labour Bureau conducted the Annual Employment–Unemployment Surveys prior to the Periodic Labour Force Survey regime.
* While under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, the specific survey activity was executed by Labour Bureau.
* NSO conducts PLFS; MoF does not run these surveys.

1. A drop in the unemployment rate as a percentage of the labor force typically suggests:  
   (i) Improved labor market conditions  
   (ii) Increased labor force participation rate  
   Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
   (A) (i) only  
   (B) (ii) only  
   (C) Both (i) and (ii)  
   (D) Neither (i) nor (ii)

Answer 70. (A) (i) only

Explanation:

* A lower unemployment rate generally indicates more people employed relative to the labor force, signaling better labor market conditions.
* It does not automatically imply higher labor force participation; participation can fall if discouraged workers exit, lowering the unemployment rate without improvement in participation.