1. Match the following authors (List-I) with their works on inequality and economics (List-II):  
   List–I — List-II  
   a. Thomas Piketty — 1. Capital in the Twenty-First Century  
   b. Joseph Stiglitz — 2. The Price of Inequality  
   c. Richard Thaler — 3. Nudge  
   d. Esther Duflo — 4. Poor Economics  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) 1243  
   (B) 4312  
   (C) 2134  
   (D) 3421

Answer 61. (A) 1243

Explanation:

* Thomas Piketty authored “Capital in the Twenty-First Century,” a foundational work on wealth inequality.
* Joseph Stiglitz wrote “The Price of Inequality,” exploring economic disparities.
* Richard Thaler is known for “Nudge,” focusing on behavioral economics approaches.
* Esther Duflo authored “Poor Economics,” emphasizing development economics through experimental methods.

1. Which of the following is NOT an index published by Transparency International?  
   (A) Corruption Perception Index  
   (B) Global Tax Complexity Index  
   (C) Global Corruption Barometer  
   (D) Bribe Payers Index

Answer 62. (B) Global Tax Complexity Index

Explanation:

* Transparency International publishes Corruption Perception Index, Global Corruption Barometer, and Bribe Payers Index.
* The Global Tax Complexity Index is a distinct index not published by Transparency International.

1. Match flagship Assam Learn-Earn schemes:  
   List I — List II  
   a. Mukhya Mantri Shishu Aru Matri Suraksha — 1. Incentives to pregnant women for institutional delivery  
   b. Mukhya Mantri Sishu Utthan Achoni — 2. Nutrition supplements for school children  
   c. Hunar Se Rozgar Tak Assam — 3. Training in tourism & hospitality skills  
   d. Mukhya Mantri Swa-Niyojan Yojana — 4. Promote youth entrepreneurship with financial aid  
   (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4  
   (B) abcd → 2 1 4 3  
   (C) abcd → 1 3 2 4  
   (D) abcd → 4 2 3 1

Answer 63. (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4

Explanation:

* Mukhya Mantri Shishu Aru Matri Suraksha provides incentives linked with pregnant women for institutional deliveries.
* Mukhya Mantri Sishu Utthan Achoni provides nutrition supplements to school-age children.
* Hunar Se Rozgar Tak Assam offers skill training in tourism and hospitality sectors.
* Mukhya Mantri Swa-Niyojan Yojana focuses on promoting youth entrepreneurship through financial support.

1. Post-development scholars argue that development policies should be:  
   (A) Centralized and standardized globally  
   (B) Locally grounded and shaped by indigenous norms  
   (C) Focused on rapid industrialization  
   (D) Led exclusively by international organizations

Answer 64. (B) Locally grounded and shaped by indigenous norms

Explanation:

* Post-development theory critiques one-size-fits-all models and emphasizes the importance of culturally specific, locally informed development approaches.
* It favors policies reflecting indigenous knowledge and traditions rather than imposed global standardization or exclusive control by international actors.

1. The concept of ‘development-induced displacement’ often affects tribal communities because:  
   (A) Tribal communities have high literacy and migrate voluntarily.  
   (B) Tribal communities are mainly urban dwellers.  
   (C) Development projects like dams, mines often displace tribal populations due to land acquisition.  
   (D) Tribal areas are exempt from any land acquisition laws.

Answer 65. (C) Development projects like dams, mines often displace tribal populations due to land acquisition.

Explanation:

* Tribal communities frequently inhabit resource-rich areas targeted for infrastructure and industrial projects leading to forced displacement.
* These involuntary displacements result from land acquisition without adequate rehabilitation or consent, making them vulnerable.

1. The World Happiness Report uses which of the following factors in its ranking?  
   (i) GDP per capita  
   (ii) Social support  
   (iii) Life expectancy  
   (iv) Political stability  
   Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
   (A) (i), (ii), and (iii) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iv) only  
   (C) (i), (iii), and (iv) only  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 66. (D) All of the above

Explanation:

* The World Happiness Report incorporates GDP per capita, social support, life expectancy, and political stability among core determinants of subjective wellbeing used to rank countries.

1. Which of the following is NOT used for income distribution analysis?  
   (A) Lorenz curve  
   (B) Kuznets curve  
   (C) Engel curve  
   (D) Gini coefficient

Answer 67. (C) Engel curve

Explanation:

* The Lorenz curve, Kuznets curve, and Gini coefficient are standard tools for analyzing income and wealth distribution.
* The Engel curve relates to the relationship between household income and expenditure on particular goods, not income distribution.

1. Which of the following fiscal measures directly impact aggregate demand in an economy?  
   (i) Changes in government expenditure  
   (ii) Changes in direct taxes  
   (iii) Changes in Cash Reserve Ratio  
   (iv) Changes in Money Supply by RBI  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) (i) and (ii) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iii) only  
   (C) (i), (ii), and (iv) only  
   (D) All of the above

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

Explanation:

* Government expenditure and tax changes are fiscal policy tools directly affecting aggregate demand.
* Cash Reserve Ratio and money supply adjustments are monetary policy tools impacting liquidity and credit but not strictly fiscal measures.

1. Which institution releases the Quarterly GDP estimates in India?  
   (A) Ministry of Finance  
   (B) Reserve Bank of India  
   (C) Central Statistics Office (CSO)  
   (D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer 69. (C) Central Statistics Office (CSO)

Explanation:

* The Central Statistics Office is the authorized statistical agency responsible for releasing quarterly and annual GDP estimates in India.

1. An improvement in the Human Development Index (HDI) generally reflects:  
   (i) Enhanced life expectancy and health  
   (ii) Higher income and education levels  
   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. (C) Both (i) and (ii)

Explanation:

* HDI measures development combining indicators for lifespan (life expectancy), educational attainment, and per capita income.
* Improvements in both health and socio-economic factors lead to enhanced HDI scores.