1. Which Directive Principle empowers the State to make provision for securing just and humane conditions of work and maternity relief?  
   (A) Article 44  
   (B) Article 42  
   (C) Article 41  
   (D) Article 40

Answer 41. (B) Article 42

Explanation:

* Article 42 directs the State to make provisions for just and humane conditions of work, including maternity relief, as part of the Directive Principles of State Policy.
* Other articles listed relate to different principles; for instance, Article 44 concerns Uniform Civil Code while Article 41 deals with right to work, etc.

1. The “Inner Line Permit” system in India operates mainly in which of the following States?  
   (A) Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Mizoram  
   (B) Odisha, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh  
   (C) Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra  
   (D) Maharashtra, Goa, and Kerala

Answer 42. (A) Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Mizoram

Explanation:

* The Inner Line Permit (ILP) system restricts entry of outsiders in certain protected areas, operational in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Mizoram.
* This system helps protect indigenous communities and their cultural and land rights.
* Other options do not have ILP implementation.

1. Which state was created by bifurcating Punjab in 1966?  
   (A) Haryana  
   (B) Himachal Pradesh  
   (C) Uttarakhand  
   (D) Chandigarh

Answer 43. (A) Haryana

Explanation:

* Haryana was carved out of Punjab in 1966 to cater to the linguistic and cultural requirements of Hindi-speaking populations.
* Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were created later, and Chandigarh is a union territory serving as joint capital of Punjab and Haryana.

1. The Delimitation of Assembly Constituencies in Autonomous Districts of Assam is carried out by:  
   (A) Delimitation Commission of India only  
   (B) Governor of Assam, under Sixth Schedule powers  
   (C) Assam State Election Commission  
   (D) Election Commission of India jointly with BTC

Answer 44. (B) Governor of Assam, under Sixth Schedule powers

Explanation:

* The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution grants the Governor of Assam special powers including delimitation of assembly constituencies in Autonomous Districts.
* This is distinct from the general Delimitation Commission's functions for non-autonomous areas.

1. The ability of the Supreme Court to issue directions, orders, or writs for enforcement of fundamental rights falls under which Article?  
   (A) Article 226  
   (B) Article 32  
   (C) Article 142  
   (D) Article 131

Answer 45. (B) Article 32

Explanation:

* Article 32 provides the right to constitutional remedies, allowing the Supreme Court to directly enforce fundamental rights through writs, directions, or orders.
* Article 226 extends similar powers to High Courts, but at the Supreme Court level, it is Article 32.

1. Match the following Bodo leaders with their contribution:  
   List-I (Leaders) | List-II (Contribution)  
   a. Upendra Nath Brahma | 1. Father of the Bodo Nation  
   b. Hagrama Mohilary | 2. First Chief Executive Member of BTC under 2003 Accord  
   c. Pramod Boro | 3. Bodo Accord 2020 key signatory and BPF leader  
   d. Sansuma Khunggur Bwiswmuthiary | 4. Veteran Bodo MP in Kokrajhar  
   (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4  
   (B) abcd → 2 1 4 3  
   (C) abcd → 1 3 2 4  
   (D) abcd → 3 2 1 4

Answer 46. (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4

Explanation:

* Upendra Nath Brahma is hailed as the Father of the Bodo Nation for his leadership and cultural revival.
* Hagrama Mohilary became the first Chief Executive Member of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) after the 2003 Accord.
* Pramod Boro played a pivotal role in the 2020 Bodo Accord and leads the Bodo People’s Front.
* Sansuma Khunggur Bwiswmuthiary served as a prominent Bodo Member of Parliament from Kokrajhar.

1. Which Article of the Constitution explicitly grants the right to legal aid for the poor?  
   (A) Article 14  
   (B) Article 21  
   (C) Article 22  
   (D) Article 39A

Answer 47. (D) Article 39A

Explanation:

* Article 39A mandates the State to provide free legal aid to ensure justice is not denied to any citizen due to economic or other disabilities.
* Articles 14 and 21 guarantee equality and protection of life and liberty, while 22 concerns protection against arrest and detention.

1. Which of the following doctrines are directly related to the Rule of Law?  
   (i) Doctrine of Natural Justice  
   (ii) Doctrine of Basic Structure  
   (iii) Doctrine of Parliamentary Sovereignty  
   (iv) Doctrine of Judicial Supremacy  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) (i) and (ii) only  
   (B) (ii) and (iii) only  
   (C) (i) and (iv) only  
   (D) All of the above

Answer 48. (A) (i) and (ii) only

Explanation:

* The Doctrine of Natural Justice ensures fairness and due process foundational to Rule of Law.
* The Doctrine of Basic Structure preserves the constitutional framework including Rule of Law against parliamentary overreach.
* Parliamentary sovereignty is more a feature of UK polity and contrary to Indian constitutional supremacy.
* Judicial supremacy is debated but not a direct doctrine of Rule of Law.

1. According to Rostow, the ‘Take-off’ stage in economic development is characterized by:  
   (A) Rapid growth in industrial sector and investment  
   (B) Decline in agricultural output  
   (C) Stabilization of population growth  
   (D) Full integration into the global economy

Answer 49. (A) Rapid growth in industrial sector and investment

Explanation:

* Rostow’s ‘Take-off’ stage is marked by accelerated industrial growth and increased investment driving economic momentum.
* Agricultural decline and population stabilization occur in later stages, while global integration varies by country context.

1. Consider the following socio-economic impacts of biofuels:  
   (i) Biofuel production can contribute to rural employment and income.  
   (ii) First-generation biofuels may cause food price inflation.  
   (iii) Biofuel cultivation requires no water or land resources.  
   (iv) Biofuels can reduce energy imports and improve energy security.  
   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 are correct

Answer 50. (A) (i), (ii), and (iv) only

Explanation:

* Biofuel cultivation generates rural jobs and income, important socio-economic benefits.
* First-generation biofuels, derived from food crops, can increase food prices due to competition for resources.
* Biofuel crops require land and water, meaning statement (iii) is incorrect.
* Biofuels contribute to reducing dependency on imported fossil fuels, enhancing energy security.