1. Match the authors (List-I) with their books on development theory (List-II):  
   List–I — List-II  
   a. Amartya Sen — 1. The Development as Freedom  
   b. Albert O. Hirschman — 2. Exit, Voice, and Loyalty  
   c. Paul Collier — 3. The Bottom Billion  
   d. Jeffrey Sachs — 4. The Age of Sustainable Development  
   Select the correct answer:  
   (A) 1432  
   (B) 2143  
   (C) 4321  
   (D) 3214

Answer 61. (A) 1432

Explanation:

* Amartya Sen authored “Development as Freedom,” emphasizing capabilities and freedoms as development goals.
* Albert O. Hirschman wrote “Exit, Voice, and Loyalty” dealing with responses to decline in organizations and states.
* Paul Collier is known for “The Bottom Billion,” discussing challenges of the poorest countries.
* Jeffrey Sachs authored “The Age of Sustainable Development,” focusing on sustainable global development strategies.

1. Which of the following is NOT an index published by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)?  
   (A) Global Cybersecurity Index  
   (B) ICT Development Index  
   (C) Digital Economy and Society Index  
   (D) Measuring the Information Society Report

Answer 62. (C) Digital Economy and Society Index

Explanation:

* The Digital Economy and Society Index is published by the European Commission and is not an ITU product.
* The other indices—Global Cybersecurity Index, ICT Development Index, and Measuring the Information Society Report—are published by ITU.

1. Match Assam’s social schemes:  
   List I — List II  
   a. Punya Tirtha Yatra Scheme — 1. Pilgrimage assistance to senior citizens  
   b. Sishu Nirman Achoni — 2. Children support homes, care and rehabilitation  
   c. Mukhya Mantri Kridashree Scheme — 3. Financial help to budding sports persons  
   d. Assam Darshan Scheme — 4. Infrastructure development for places of worship (temples/nama ghars)  
   (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4  
   (B) abcd → 2 1 3 4  
   (C) abcd → 1 3 2 4  
   (D) abcd → 3 4 1 2

Answer 63. (A) abcd → 1 2 3 4

Explanation:

* Punya Tirtha Yatra Scheme provides pilgrimage-related financial assistance to senior citizens.
* Sishu Nirman Achoni offers support and rehabilitation for children in homes.
* Mukhya Mantri Kridashree Scheme provides incentives and support to upcoming sportspersons.
* Assam Darshan Scheme focuses on developing infrastructure for religious places like temples and nama ghars.

1. Which of the following best describes the post-development perspective on knowledge systems?  
   (A) Western scientific knowledge is superior to local knowledge.  
   (B) All knowledge systems are equally valid and should be integrated into development.  
   (C) Indigenous knowledge systems are irrelevant for contemporary development.  
   (D) Knowledge systems should be standardized globally for development success.

Answer 64. (B) All knowledge systems are equally valid and should be integrated into development.

Explanation:

* Post-development thought critiques dominant western knowledge models and advocates valuing and integrating local and indigenous knowledge systems into development processes.
* It opposes hierarchical or standardized global knowledge imposition.

1. Which ministry in the Government of India is primarily responsible for the formulation and administration of tribal welfare policies?  
   (A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
   (B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
   (C) Ministry of Rural Development  
   (D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer 65. (B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Explanation:

* The Ministry of Tribal Affairs oversees policies, programs, and welfare schemes specifically targeting Scheduled Tribes and tribal populations.
* Other ministries may have peripheral engagement with tribal issues, but this ministry is the nodal authority.

1. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators include which of the following social dimensions?  
   (i) Poverty eradication  
   (ii) Quality education  
   (iii) Climate action  
   (iv) Reduced inequalities  
   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 66. (D) All of the above

Explanation:

* The SDGs encompass multidimensional targets, including poverty eradication (SDG1), quality education (SDG4), climate action (SDG13), and reduced inequalities (SDG10).
* All these social dimensions form integral parts of the SDG framework.

1. The Engel curve is used to analyze:  
   (A) Relationship between income and expenditure  
   (B) Tax rate and revenue  
   (C) Trade-offs in resource allocation  
   (D) Income distribution inequality

Answer 67. (A) Relationship between income and expenditure

Explanation:

* The Engel curve depicts how household expenditure on a particular good varies with household income.
* It is used in consumer behavior and economics to analyze demand patterns.

1. Which of the following tax reforms was introduced to subsume multiple indirect taxes into a single tax?  
   (A) Direct Tax Code  
   (B) Goods and Services Tax (GST)  
   (C) Wealth Tax  
   (D) Minimum Alternate Tax

Answer 68. (B) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Explanation:

* GST replaced various indirect taxes like excise duty, VAT, and service tax with a unified tax system across India.
* Direct Tax Code relates to income tax reforms, wealth tax was separate and abolished in certain years, and Minimum Alternate Tax pertains to corporate tax liability.

1. The report on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) India Index is published by:  
   (A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
   (B) NITI Aayog  
   (C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation  
   (D) Planning Commission

Answer 69. (B) NITI Aayog

Explanation:

* NITI Aayog, India’s policy think tank, regularly publishes the SDGs India Index assessing states’ progress towards achieving the SDGs.
* The Planning Commission is defunct, and other ministries do not publish this index.

1. A higher export-to-GDP ratio indicates:  
   (i) Greater integration into the global economy  
   (ii) Dependence on domestic consumption for growth  
   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 higher ratio reflects stronger global economic engagement through trade.
* It implies less reliance on domestic consumption as the primary growth driver.
* Hence, dependence on domestic consumption is inversely related to the export-to-GDP ratio.