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1. Consider the following statements with reference to Bank Board Bureau (BBB).
1. Its broad agenda is to improve governance at center-owned lenders.
 2. The first BBB was set up in February 2016 under chairmanship of former CAG Vinod Rai.
 3. Recently the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) has recommended 15 executive directors to be elevated as managing directors (MD) at various public sector banks (PSBs).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3
(d) 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following statements with respect to the Kalidas Samman.
1. This award presented annually by Government of Uttar Pradesh.
 2. The award is presented for outstanding achievement in categories of Classical Music, Classical Dance, Theatre and Plastic Arts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 and 2

3. Which of the following statements is/are true with reference to World Heritage Committee?

1. The committee comprises of 21 UNESCO member states which are elected by UN General Assembly.
2. Recently two building clusters of Victorian Gothic and Art Deco architectural styles in Mumbai, Maharashtra were jointly inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage List.
3. This makes Mumbai city the first city in India to be inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3
(d) 1, 2 and 3

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The Income Tax Department has launched instant Aadhaar-based e-PAN allotment service for individuals seeking PAN (Permanent Account Number) service.
2. This facility is not only for resident individuals but also for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), firms, trusts and companies.

Which of the above statements is/ are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 and 2

5. Consider the following statements:

1. The 9th Heads of Mission Conference was held in New Delhi.
2. The theme of Mission Conference 2018 was 'Unprecedented Outreach: Unparalleled Outcomes'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to Golden Globe Race (GGR)?

1. The Golden Globe Race is being conducted by US based sailing pioneer.
2. Commander Abhilash Tomy of the Indian Navy is the only invitee from Asia to participate in the prestigious Golden Globe Race (GGR).
3. Participants are allowed to use of the Global Positioning System (GPS), satellite communication or modern navigational aids.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the Agni V?

1. It has high accuracy Ring Laser Gyro based Inertial Navigation System (RINS), and modern and accurate Micro Navigation System (MINS) which improves the accuracy of the missile.
2. India's longest-range ballistic missile, Agni-V, will be inducted into the nuclear arsenal.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

8. Consider the following statements :

1. The Gujarat government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) for effective management of disasters.
2. RIMES are a UN registered international and inter-governmental institution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

9. Which of the following statements is/are true with respect to Sendai Framework?

1. The "Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030".
2. It was endorsed by the UN General Assembly following the 2015 Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR).

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

10. Consider the following statements with reference to Eminent Persons Group (EPG).

1. The ninth and final meeting of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on India-Nepal relations concluded in New Delhi.
2. The EPG was formed in January 2016 by Governments of Nepal and India.
3. It is mandated to review various aspects of the bilateral relations including Nepal-India Friendship Treaty 1950.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

11. Consider the following statements with respect to the International day of Parliamentarism.

1. The year 2018 on 30th June marks first celebration of International Day of Parliamentarism.
2. The resolution adopted by UNGA called on UN and its member states to work more closely with parliaments as well as Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

12. What was the theme of National Doctors Day 2018?

- (a) 'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment'.
- (b) "To increase the numbers of Doctor"
- (c) "Awareness of health"
- (d) "Free medical services in rural areas"

13. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the National Register of Citizens (NRC)?

1. The NRC was introduced to identify illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and recognise the Indian citizens in Assam.
2. It was first prepared in 1951 and all the north east state having this arrangement.
3. The NRC will be updated as per the provisions of The Citizenship Act, 1955 and The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2

- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

14. Consider the following statements with reference to the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP).

1. It is launched by the NITI Ayog.
2. It includes enhanced interaction with the citizens through social media, online contests.
3. It is a programme of multi interventions through different modes and media designed to educate citizens, electors and voters about the electoral process.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

15. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)?

1. APTA is an initiative under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) for trade expansion.
2. The Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) previously named the Bangkok Agreement.
3. The six member countries are Bangladesh, China, India, Myanmar, Korea and Sri Lanka.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

16. What is Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)?

1. PMI is an indicator of business activity in the manufacturing only.
2. Manufacturing growth measured by PMI is considered good indicator of industrial output.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

17. Consider the following statements :

1. The Happiness Curriculum focuses on holistic education by including meditation, value education, and mental exercises in conventional education curriculum.
2. It is launched by Ministry of Education.
3. It involves 'Happiness' period of 45 minutes for all students studying in nursery up to class VIII at all government schools.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) Only 1
- (c) Only 2
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

18. Which of the following statement is/are correct with reference to the Legatrix?

1. Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) became first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) in India to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing Legatrix.
2. This initiative aims to induce greater transparency NRL's operations and augment its contribution towards Digital India Mission of the Government.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

19. Intellectual Property Appellate Board was recently in news.

1. Recently Ministry of Finance has amended Intellectual Property rules to revoke the power vested with Customs authorities to seize imported products based on complaints of patent infringement.
2. It permitted the Customs authorities to allow his patent from its records based on the order passed by the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

20. Consider the following statements with respect to the Kudankulam power plant.

1. It is the single largest nuclear power station in India.
2. Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is situated in Andhra Pradesh.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

21. The 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) intercessional ministerial meeting was recently held in
- (a) Singapore
 - (b) Myanmar
 - (c) Thailand
 - (d) Japan

22. Consider the following statements with reference to Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

1. It proposed trade agreement that includes several Asian and American nations but excludes China and India.
2. RCEP is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) or comprehensive regional economic integration agreement between the 10-ASEAN countries and 6-FTA Partners.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

23. Which of the following statements is/are true with reference to the Genome Valley?

1. Genome Valley is India's first organized pharma-biotech cluster for life sciences R&D activities and largest life sciences destination in Asia.
2. Recently Telangana Government signed Memorandum of Understanding with Singapore-based engineering & consulting firm for preparing road map for Genome Valley 2.0.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

24. Consider the following statements with reference to the Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari'.

1. It is developed by CMPDI, Ranchi a Subsidiary of CIL and Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG).
2. Khan Prahari is a tool for reporting any activity taking place related to illegal coal mining like rat hole mining, pilferage etc.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

25. Which of the following statements is /are true regarding Behdienkhlam Festival?

1. The non-Christian 'Pnar' people who believe either in the traditional faith of 'Niamtre' or Hinduism observe this festival.
2. Behdienkhlam is a major festival of the people in the Jaintia Hills Mizoram.
3. During the festival, decorated and colourful raths are immersed in 'Wah Ainar,' a muddy pool.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

26. Consider the following statements with respect to the Payments Council of India (PCI).

1. Payments Council of India (PCI), an apex body representing companies in payments in banking, and settlement system.
2. The Payments Council of India was formed under the aegis of IAMAI in the year 2013 catering to the needs of the digital payment industry.
3. The Council was formed inter-alia for the purposes of representing the various regulated banking and non-banking payment industry players.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

27. Which of the following statements is/are true with respect to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission?

- 1.** It has launched its, in-house developed, single-umbrella e-marketing system named Khadi Institution Management and Information System (KIMIS).
- 2.** The system can be accessed from specific centers in the country for the sale and purchase of Khadi and Village Industries products.

Choose the correct code:

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 and 2

28. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding WAPCOS Limited?

- 1.** It is a MINI RATNA-I Public Sector Enterprise under the aegis of Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
- 2.** WAPCOS provides consultancy services only in Water Resources sectors in India and Abroad.

Choose the correct code:

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 and 2

29. Consider the following statements with reference to the “MOVE: Global Mobility Summit”.

- 1.** Global Mobility Summit will be organised by Ministry of Renewable Energy with collaboration of various other ministries and industries.
- 2.** It will help drive Government’s goals for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India’s transition to a clean energy economy.
- 3.** The Summit will constitute three designated components – The Conclave, the Expo and the Featured Events.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

30. “Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA)” recently in news with reference to it which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1.** It is setup by Central Government as a non-profit, Non Banking Financing Company for mobilising extra-budgetary resources for building crucial infrastructure in the higher educational institutions under Central Government.
- 2.** The agency will also mobilise Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds from public sector units (PSUs) and corporate.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

31. What is “DNA- technology regulation bill” recently seen in news?

1. The utility of DNA based technologies for solving crimes, and to identify missing persons, is well recognized across the world.
2. The bill aims to expand the application of DNA-based forensic technologies to support and strengthen the justice delivery system of the country.
3. As per the bill, all DNA data, including DNA profiles, DNA samples and records, will only be used for identification of the person and not for “any other purpose”.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

32. What are “Common Service Centers”?

1. Common Services Centers (CSCs) are a strategic cornerstone of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. They are the access points for delivery of various electronic services to villages in India, thereby contributing to a digitally and financially inclusive society.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

33. “Minimum Support Prices (MSPs)” recently seen in news for?

1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all kharif and Rabi crops for 2018-19 Seasons.
2. The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices takes into account demand and supply, the cost of production and price trends in the market among other things when fixing MSPs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

34. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Legalize gambling”?

1. The revenue from gambling should be taxable under laws like Income Tax Act, the Goods and Services Tax Act.
2. Foreign Exchange Management and Foreign Direct Investment laws and policies should be amended to encourage investment in the casino/online gaming industry.
3. No restrictions on amount should be prescribed while using electronic money facilities like credit cards, debit cards, and net-banking.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

35. Consider the following statements with reference to “World Sanskrit Conference 2018”.

1. It is being hosted by the Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.
2. It is convened every year under the auspices of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies.
3. It has been held in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

36. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the “Sambal Scheme”?

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Power.
2. Under this scheme, BPL families and registered labourers of unorganised sector from the state will be provided electricity at cost of Rs 200 per month.
3. Pending dues of beneficiaries will be waived off completely under scheme.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

37. Consider the following statements about “Formalin” recently seen in news.

1. Formalin is a toxic, colourless solution that is derived by dissolving formaldehyde gas in water.
2. It is used in the manufacture of pesticides, fertilisers, glue, paper and paint, among other products.

Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

38. What is “Currency Derivatives”?

1. Currency derivatives are exchange-based futures and options contracts that allow one to hedge against currency movements.
2. All these currency contracts are cash-settled in dollars.
3. SEBI gave a go-ahead to start cross currency contracts as well on euro-dollar only.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

39. What is “Maximum Commodity Exchange” recently seen in news?

- 1.** It is a platform for commodity traders that facilitate settlement, online trading and clearing of commodity futures transactions.
- 2.** It offers options trading in gold and futures trading in non-ferrous metals, bullion, energy, and a number of agricultural commodities.
- 3.** Recently Maximum Commodity Exchange is planning to enter the currency derivatives segment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

40. What is RAMA Project recently seen news?

- (a)** It is project of NASA for finding ways to turn asteroids into giant, autonomous spacecrafts, which could fly to outposts in space.
- (b)** It is project of Ministry of Renewable Energy for research and development in renewable energy source.
- (c)** It is project of Ministry of Human Resource Development for skill development Programme in Rural areas.
- (d)** It is project

41. What was the theme of World Population Day 2018?

- (a)** “Family Planning- Empowering People, Developing Nations”.
- (b)** “Family Planning is a Human right” this year.
- (c)** “Investing in Teenage Girls”
- (d)** “Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies”.

42. Consider the following statements with respect to the “Technology Challenge: Identifying solutions for cleaning of Sewerage Systems and Septic Tanks”.

- 1.** It is launched by Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources.
- 2.** The objective of eliminating the human entry into septic tanks/manholes etc.
- 3.** The challenge will be a part of the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention which is to be held on October 2, 2018.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

43. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference Target Olympic Podium Scheme?

1. It was launched by Ministry of Sports within the ambit of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).
2. Sports Authority of India (SAI) and federations, which are members of Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), will be nodal agencies for disbursement for fund.
3. Abinav Bindra Committee was constituted to identify and support potential medal prospects for 2020 and 2024 Olympic Games under the scheme.
4. Athletes from different sports have been included in Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) individually.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1, 3 and 4
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

44. Consider the following statements with respect to European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) recently seen in news?

1. It is an international financial institution that supports projects in countries from Eastern Europe to central Asia and the southern and eastern Mediterranean.
2. The EBRD is owned by 65 countries and two intergovernmental institutions: the European Union and the European Investment Bank (EIB).

3. The EBRD provides project financing for banks, industries and businesses, both new ventures and investments in existing companies.
4. India takes a shareholding in the EBRD and will be a recipient of EBRD financing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1, 3 and 4
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

45. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Global Innovation Index 2018?

1. It is jointly released by Cornell University, INSEAD and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).
2. This year, India has moved up 3 places as compared to 60th rank in GII 2017 and emerged as top-ranked economy in Central and South Asia.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

46. The First-Ever Colour X-Ray on a Human was discovered by which country?

- (a) Russia
- (b) USA
- (c) Japan
- (d) New Zealand

47. What is “Eat Right Movement” recently seen news?

- 1.** The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) have launched national campaign ‘The Eat Right Movement’.
- 2.** It will focus only on demand side it on empowering citizens to make right food choices.
- 3.** Under this campaign, FSSAI has asked industry to voluntarily reduce salt, sugar and saturated fat in packaged food products.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

48. Recently Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue capacity is signed between which countries?

- (a)** India and Brazil
- (b)** USA and India
- (c)** New Zealand and India
- (d)** India and Rwanda

49. Consider the following statements with respect to the Resolution 2427 recently seen in news?

- 1.** The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted Resolution 2427.
- 2.** It’s aimed at providing legal framework for mainstreaming protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children throughout the conflict cycle.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 and 2

50. Consider the following statements with references to the India’s first internet telephony service recently seen news?

- 1.** It is launched by Ministry of Telecommunication.
- 2.** It allowed full-fledged internet telephony by telecom operators which will enable calls from app to app of licensed service providers.
- 3.** It only allows authorised licensed holders to provide full-fledged internet telephony and not over-the-top players like Google Duo, WhatsApp that allow app to app calling.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

51. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Bridge Management System (IR-BMS)” recently seen in news?

1. It aims for meaningful assimilation, analysis and dissemination of information related to various activities about its bridges.
2. It is web-based platform that shows bridge master data, works data, information regarding inspection and monitoring and maintenance of bridges.
3. Ministry of Road Transports has launched its first consolidated Bridge Management System (IR-BMS).

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

52. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Indian Army has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State bank of India (SBI) on Defence Salary Package.
2. Currently Indian Army has MoUs on Defence Salary Package with 11 public and private sector banks.
3. MoU includes free personal accident death cover, free permanent total disability cover and other accidental benefits to the deceased soldier and family.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

53. Consider the following statements with respect to the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).

1. It was established as non-official, non-political and non-profit organisation under Registration of Societies Act 1860.
2. President of India is its ex-officio President.
3. ICWA is devoted exclusively for the study of international relations and foreign affairs.
4. It had conducted historic conferences like Asian Relations Conference in 1947 under leadership Sarojini Naidu and United Nations and New World Order in 1994.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1, 3 and 4
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

54. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018”.

1. Objectives to undertake ranking of states and districts on basis of their performance attained on key quantitative and qualitative Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen.
2. It will also take feedback from over 50 lakh citizens on SBM related issues through direct interaction as well as online feedback.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

55. What is “Longest Total Lunar Eclipse”?

1. In this particular eclipse, Moon will be passing through central part of Earth’s umbra shadow.
2. During this time, Moon is located at apogee in its orbit and will be moving at slower speed in its orbit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

56. Consider the following statements with respect to the “Resolution 2428”?

1. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted Resolution 2428 (2018) to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan.
2. The embargo is related to arms and related material and withholds training, technical and financial assistance related to military activities or materials.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

57. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)?

1. Recently NCPCR has drafted fee regulations for uniform fee framework to check frequent and arbitrary increases in school fees by unaided private school.
2. NCPCR is country’s apex child rights body.
3. The regulation of education-related matters is domain of NCPCR only.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

58. Consider the following statements with reference to the IFFCO iMandi.

- 1.** Fertiliser major IFFCO has launched e-commerce platform IFFCO iMandi to address all needs of the farming community associated with it.
- 2.** It has features like buy and information/advisory content to keep farmers engaged.
- 3.** IFFCO has partnered with Singapore-based technology firm iMandi for IFFCO iMandi.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

59. As per which Article the nomination of eminent members of Rajya Sabha is to be done?

- (a)** Article 79
- (b)** Article 80
- (c)** Article 76
- (d)** Article 82

60. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Bansagar canal project".

- 1.** Bansagar Dam project is a joint venture (JV) between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Government.
- 2.** It is multipurpose river valley project built on Son River situated in Ganges Basin in Madhya Pradesh.

3. It will provide big boost to irrigation in the region, benefiting farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1 and 2
- (b)** 1 and 3
- (c)** 2 and 3
- (d)** 1, 2 and 3

61. Consider the following statements with respect to the Sangita Kalanidhi award/title.

- 1.** It is prestigious award/title bestowed annually upon expert of Carnatic Music by Madras Music Academy.
- 2.** Recently Aruna Sairam has been selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi award of Music Academy for her contribution.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 and 2

62. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the World Customs Organisation (WCO)?

- 1.** WCO is an independent inter-governmental body whose mission is

to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations.

2. Recently India became Vice-Chair or regional head of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) for two years from 2018 to 2020.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

63. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Paudhagiri campaign recently seen news?

- 1. It is launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- 2. The campaign aims increase green cover, help in stabilising environment and improve overall climatic conditions, thus help in checking global warming.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

64. Consider the following statements with respect to the "Vikas Engine".

- 1. It belongs to family of liquid fuelled rocket engines conceptualized and designed by ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre.

- 2. The recently tested high thrust version of Vikas engine will improve payload capability of only PSLV launch vehicles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

65. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "RAWL-03" recently seen in news?

- 1. RAWL-03 is long range air surveillance radar for early detection and tracking of air targets only.
- 2. It can be fitted in both ship-borne and land-based configurations.
- 3. Its system is based on state-of-the-art GaN TR module technology and incorporates the latest signal processing techniques.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

66. Consider the following statements with reference to the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

- 1. Recently it has signed memorandum of understanding with Saab for jointly marketing L-Band 3D air surveillance radar (RAWL-03) and co-developed by the companies.

2. BEL is state-owned leading defence Electronics Company under the Union Ministry of Defence of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

67. Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Database of Arms Licenses system”.

1. Under this, every licensing and renewing authority will enter data in National Database of Arms Licences system from April 1, 2019, which unique identification number (UIN).
2. Ministry of Defence is going to create National Database of Arms Licenses system from April 2019.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

68. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “M777 Howitzer artillery gun”?

1. It is manufactured by Russian based BAE Systems’ Global Combat Systems division.
2. India signed Letter of Agreement and Acceptance (LoA) with Russian Government in 2016 to buy 145

M777s through the foreign military sale (FMS) route.

Chose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

69. Consider the following statements with respect to the “World Economic Outlook (WEO)”.

1. WEO is survey conducted and published by World Bank.
2. WEO forecasts include key macroeconomic indicators, such as GDP, inflation, fiscal balance and current account of more than 180 countries around the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

70. Which of the following statements is /are correct with respect to the BrahMos Missile?

1. It is supersonic cruise missile developed by BrahMos Aerospace, a joint-venture between Russia’s Mashinostroyeniya and India’s DRDO.
2. Recently missile was fired from a mobile autonomous launcher from the Integrated Test Range at Balasore, Odisha.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

71. With which one of the following state/central legislations is 'Mission Birubala' and 'Project Prahari' closely related?

- (a) Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013
- (b) The Protection of Manipur People's Bill, 2015
- (c) Arunachal Freedom of Religion Act, 1978
- (d) Assam Witch Hunting (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Act, 2015

72. Consider the following statements about the Expanding Universe Hypothesis:

- 1. Edwin Hubble first theorised that the universe was expanding.
- 2. According to this hypothesis, the universe has been expanding for nearly fourteen billion years before the present.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2

- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

73. The Vikas engine, recently in the news, powers the

- (a) Light Combat Aircraft
- (b) BrahMos supersonic cruise missile
- (c) INS Arighat
- (d) GSLV Mk-III

74. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As a fraction of GDP, expenditures on Research and Development (R&D) have been stagnant over the past two decades.
- 2. As a share of all R&D expenditure, public expenditure has reduced over the past two decades.
- 3. Unlike in most countries, the government in India is not just the primary source of R&D funding but also its primary user.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

75. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) refers to the restructured Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP). What makes the PMJVK different from MsDP?

1. The population criteria has been lowered to 50%, viz. the programme will be implemented in such clusters of villages which have at least 50% population of minority communities.
2. Towns which are found to be backward in terms of either or both parameters – basic amenities and socio-economic indicators – will be taken up as Minority Concentration Towns.
3. 'Minorities' under the programme have been redefined as religious minorities within a particular state.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Only 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

76. Consider the following statements with reference to the "All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)".

1. AIIA is apex institute for Ayurveda in the country under Ministry of AYUSH.
2. Recently All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and IIT-Delhi has signed Memorandum of Understanding to enhance research in the field of Ayurveda.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1

- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

77. Recently "Economic Partnership Agreement" signed between which of the two countries?

- (a) US – Brazil
- (b) European Union (EU) – Japan
- (c) India – Russia
- (d) New Zealand – Indonesia

78. Which of the following statements is/are false with reference to United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

1. Recently it has entered into partnership with search engine giant Google to monitor impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tool.
2. Google will periodically produce geospatial maps and data on water-related ecosystems by employing massive parallel Cloud computing technology.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

79. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Regional Aviation Partnership Cooperation".

1. Recently Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) amongst BRICS Nations on

Regional Aviation Partnership Cooperation.

2. The objective of MoU is to benefit BRICS and interesting countries from establishing of institutional framework to cooperate in field of civil aviation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 and 2

80. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)” recently seen in news?

1. The FRP is the minimum price that government has to pay to the farmers.
2. It is determined on basis of recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices and after consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 and 2

81. Consider the following statements with respect to the “Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013”.

1. The Bill introduces offence of ‘giving a bribe’ as direct offence.
2. The bill set trail time period within two if it is handled by special judge.
3. Person who is compelled to give bribe who reports matter to law enforcement authorities within seven days will not be charged with this offence.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3
(d) 1, 2 and 3

82. Electronic Voting Machines are manufactured by

1. Bharat Electronics Ltd., Ministry of Defence.
2. Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., Department of Atomic Energy.
3. Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3
(d) 1, 2 and 3

83. “Immobilisation of High Level Waste into vitrified borosilicate glasses” is a process compulsorily employed in the management of

- (a) Nuclear waste
(b) Construction debris
(c) Municipal solid waste
(d) Space debris

- 84.** The 'Women Entrepreneurship Platform', a first of its kind, unified access portal which brings together women from different parts of India to realize their entrepreneurial aspirations, is under the aegis of
- (a) SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India)
 - (b) Rashtrapati Bhavan
 - (c) FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
 - (d) NITI Aayog
- 85.** The image of which one of the following UNESCO World Heritage Sites of India is not to be found on the reverse of any new banknote denominations?
- (a) Stone chariot, Hampi
 - (b) Padmapani painting, Ajanta caves
 - (c) Rani Ki Vav, Patan
 - (d) Red Fort, Delhi
- 86.** Pitch Black', a biennial exercise to which India has sent fighter aircrafts for the first time, is hosted by
- (a) Japan
 - (b) United Arab Emirates
 - (c) Australia
 - (d) South Korea
- 87.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan"?

- 1. The campaign was initiated as part of Forest Interventions in Ganga (FIG) component of Namami Gange programme.
- 2. The state forest departments were nodal agencies for the smooth and effective execution of the campaign.
- 3. Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan in main Ganga basin states – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 88.** Consider the following statements with reference to the "Delhi Dialogue".
- 1. Delhi Dialogue is premier annual event to discuss politico-security, economic and socio-cultural engagement between India and ASEAN countries.
 - 2. Recently the 10th edition of Delhi Dialogue (DD X) was held in New Delhi.
 - 3. The theme for 10th edition was "Strengthening India-ASEAN Economic Cooperation".

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

89. What is Meghalayan Age recently seen in news?

1. Meghalayan Age was part of longer period known as Epoch, which reflects everything that has happened over past 11,700 years.
2. It began with mega global drought that devastated ancient agricultural civilisations from Egypt to China.
3. The lower boundary of this stage is defined at specific level in stalagmite from cave in northern Indian state.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

90. Which of the following statements is / are correct with reference to the "POWERGRID"?

1. POWERGRID has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Uttarakhand Power Corporation for energy efficiency and agricultural demand side management programme.
2. POWERGRID is Navaratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
3. It is India's largest electric power transmission utility, transmitting

about 50% of total power generated in India on its transmission network.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

91. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project".

1. This project aim to provide piped cooking (PNG) gas to residents of eastern region of the country and CNG gas for the vehicles.
2. The project envisaged laying 2,050-km pipeline connecting Jagdishpur (UP) to Haldia (West Bengal) by 2018.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

92. Recently Remote Sensing Toolkit was launched by which of the following?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) NASSCOM
- (d) JAXA

93. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the 4th BIMSTEC Summit?

1. The fourth edition of Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral,

Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) will be held in New Delhi.

2. Nepal is the current chair of BIMSTEC.
3. The main focus of summit will be to increase relations between BIMSTEC nations including economic and poverty alleviation.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

94. Recently South East Asia's first ever Center for Climate Change was launched by which of the following?

- (a) RRB
- (b) NABARD
- (c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (d) SIDBI

95. Consider the following statements with reference to the "No- Confidence Motion".

1. There is no mention of a no-confidence motion in the constitution.
2. Rajya Sabha does not have procedure for moving of no-confidence motion against Government and also adjournment motion, censure motion.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2

- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

96. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the "Student Police Cadet (SPC) Programme"?

1. It will be implemented first in government schools, in both urban and rural areas and later expanded to private schools.
2. It will be formed at district level, headed by District Magistrate with District Inspector of Schools and Superintendent of Police (SP) as members.
3. The programme aims to build bridge between Police and larger community through school students by inculcating values and ethics in them through classes in school and outside.

Chose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

97. Choose the correct option with reference to the "Pangolin" recently seen in news?

1. Pangolin is only scaly mammal on the planet and out of the eight species of pangolin worldwide, two are found in India.
2. Indian pangolin has been listed as "endangered" in IUCN Red List.

3. India is main illicit hub (market) for smuggled scales of Pangolins, where they have huge demand for medicinal and magical purposes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

98. Choose the correct statements with reference to the “Public Affairs Index (PAI)” recently seen in news.

- 1. This index is released by NITI Aayog aiming to improve governance in India.
- 2. According to Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018, Kerala tops the list as best-governed state in the country followed by Tamil Nadu.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

99. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Unnat Bharat Abhiyan” recently seen in news.

- 1. Under this scheme, higher education institutions will participate in development activities, particularly in urban areas.
- 2. Identify and select existing innovative technologies, enable

customization of technologies or devise implementation methods for innovative solutions as required by people.

3. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

100. Recently “scutoid” was in news, it refers to?

- (a) Asteroid discovered by NASA
- (b) Vaccination of nipah virus
- (c) Shape of elliptical cell
- (d) Robot for medical engineering

101. Which of the following is correct about “Mission Satyanishtha”?

- (a) It has been launched by ministry of social justice and empowerment.
- (b) It is a programme on Ethics in Public Governance and launched by ministry of railway.
- (c) A programme by home ministry to provide shelter to displaced Rohingya refugee.
- (d) A programme of ministry of drinking water and sanitation to achieve total open defecation free India by 2022.

102. Which of the following is correct regarding “deep ocean mission”?

1. It has been unveiled by ministry of the earth science.
2. It aims to explore the ocean mining in the exclusive economic zone only.
3. Recently India has become the member of UNCLOS.
4. Polymetallic nodules are the main constituent for exploration.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4
- (b) 1, 3 and 4
- (c) 1 and 4
- (d) 2 and 3

103. Which of the following is feature of newly proposed national policy for domestic workers?

1. It is part of national health mission launched by ministry of social justice and empowerment.
2. Right to have minimum wages, social security, protection from abuse, harassment.
3. Right to form their own union and association is included.

Chose the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

104. With respect to Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 which of the following is not correct?

1. It is a programme inspired by the vision of the transformational change of the rural India by leveraging the knowledge institution for developing the infrastructure in rural India.
2. It identify and select existing innovative technologies, enable customization of technologies, or devise implementation methods for innovative solutions, as required by people.
3. It will be coordinated by IIT Bombay.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

105. Which of the following statement is correct regarding GDP Deflector?

1. It is ratio of the value of goods and services of an economy produced in a particular year to the base year.
2. It is measure of inflation.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

106. Consider the following statement regarding MSTRIPES.

1. It is SOFTWARE –BASED monitoring system launched by National tiger conservation authority (NTCA).
2. It stands for monitoring system for tiger intensive patrolling and ecological status.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

107. Which of the following statement regarding recently passed Fugitive Offender bill are true?

1. The bill empowers the special court to direct the central government to confiscate all the assets belonging to a fugitive economic offender, including those assets that are proceeds of the crime and that don't belong to the offender.
2. There is limit of Rs 500 core only above which law become applicable.

Chose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

108. "BLOOD MOON 2018" was recently in news, it refers to?

- (a) The recently discovered mountain of red stone on moon by NASA.
- (b) The longest lunar eclipse of the century.
- (c) The meteorites which has stuck the moon and created a crater on the moon.
- (d) None of the above.

109. Consider the following statements with reference to the Payment bank.

1. It will be set up as differentiated bank and will confine its activities to acceptance of demand deposits, remittance services, internet banking.
2. Payments bank can accept deposits minimum up to Rs 100,000 per account from individuals and small businesses.
3. They can issue ATM/debit cards but not credit cards and can also issue other prepaid payment instruments.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 2
- (b) Only 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

110. Choose the correct statements regarding “Strategic Partnership Guidelines”.

- 1.** It laid emphasis on incentivisation of transfer of niche technology and higher indigenous content.
- 2.** The SP model has four segments — submarines, single engine fighter aircraft, helicopters and armored carriers/main battle tanks which will be opened up for the public/private sector.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** Only 1
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** Both 1 and 2
- (d)** Neither 1 and 2