

# ANALOG IAS ACADEMY



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## CURRENT AFFAIRS BASED PRELIMS QUESTIONS

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1. Recently which of the following becomes first state in country to implemented Bio-Fuels Policy?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Gujarat

2. Consider the following statements with respect to the National Bio-Fuels Policy.

1. State Rural Livelihood Development Council will encourage women's self help groups (SHGs) to explore the scope for additional income through supply of biodiesel.
2. The policy categorises of biofuels into first, second and third generation to enable extension of appropriate financial and fiscal incentives under each category.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

3. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "Common Service Centres (CSC)" recently seen in news?

1. CSC is an initiative of Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY).
2. Recently CSC and National Health Accounts signed Memorandum of Understanding to implement the

Ayushman Bharat scheme across the country.

3. CSCs will help beneficiary to identify his name in Health Ministry database and his entitlement for the scheme.

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 with reference to the Concessional Financing Scheme (CFS) recently seen in news.

1. Recently Union Cabinet has approved first extension of CFS to support Indian Entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad.
2. The Scheme is presently being operated through ICICI Bank, which raises resources from market to provide concessional finance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the “Seva Bhoj Yojana”?

1. The scheme seeks to reimburse the central government’s share of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) on purchase of raw items.
2. The institutions that have been in existence for at least two years before applying for financial assistance/grant.

Choose the correct code:

- (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 “Oxytocin”?

1. Oxytocin is a hormone that is made in the brain, in the hypothalamus.
2. The release of oxytocin by the pituitary gland acts to regulate two female reproductive functions: Childbirth and Breast-feeding.

Choose the correct code:

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

7. Consider the following statements with reference to the Policy Framework for exploration and exploitation of Unconventional Hydrocarbons.

- 1) This policy will lead to induction of new, innovative and cutting-edge technology and forging new technological collaboration to exploit unconventional hydrocarbons.
- 2) National Oil Companies (NOCs) will not be allowed to explore and exploit unconventional hydrocarbons under the existing fiscal and contractual terms of exploration/lease license.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. Which of the following statements is/are true with reference to the “E-Pashudhan Haat Scheme”?

1. This scheme was launched by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
2. Government has launched e-Pashu Haat portal for connecting breeders and farmers of indigenous breeds.

Choose the correct code:

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

**9.** Consider the following statements with respect to the “State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index”.

- 1.** State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index’ has been released by NITI Aayog and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE).
- 2.** The ‘Front Runner’ states in the inaugural edition of the Index are: Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Rajasthan.
- 3.** The Index examines states’ policies and regulations, financing mechanisms, institutional capacity, adoption of energy efficiency measures and energy savings achieved.
- 4.** The State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index has 63 indicators across Building, Industry, Municipality, Transport, Agriculture and DISCOM with 4 cross-cutting indicators.

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

**10.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)?

- 1.** The scheme provides for setting up of Technical Support Unit (TSU) with crop insurance expert to track and evaluate the scheme implementation.
- 2.** The scheme will be administered through National Crop Insurance Portal.
- 3.** Remote sensing Imagery through satellites and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV/DRONE), Smartphone/CCE Agri App are being deployed.

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

**11.** Which of the following is/are the features of geographical indication (GI) tag?

- 1.** It is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods) originating from a definite geographical territory.
- 2.** GI is covered as element of intellectual property rights (IPRs) under Paris Convention for Protection of Industrial Property.
- 3.** In India, Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection Act), 1999 governs it.

Choose the correct code:

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

**12.** Recently an optical remote sensing satellite named Gaofen-11 was launched by which of the following country?

- (a) India
- (b) Russia
- (c) China
- (d) USA

**13.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Vidyalakshmi Portal” recently seen in news?

1. The portal has been developed and being maintained by NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited.
2. This portal has been developed by Department of Financial Services, Department of Higher Education and Indian Banks Association (IBA).
3. Canara Bank has integrated its education loan scheme/s with Vidya Lakshmi Portal of Government of India.

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

**14.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Social media communication hub?

1. Recently center has withdrawn a proposal to have hubs to monitor social media traffic and trends.
2. It aimed to track real time the way social media receives news on government’s schemes and announcements and also political events.

Choose the correct code:

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

**15.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Strategic Fund”.

1. The Strategic Fund will focus only on green field investments in the core infrastructure sectors.
2. The Strategic Fund objective is to invest largely in equity and equity-linked instruments.
3. It have been established by the Government under the NIIF platform and registered with SEBI.

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

**16.** Kadaknath chicken meat recently got the GI Tag is found in which of the following states?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

**17.** Choose the correct statements with reference to the “Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry” (FICCI).

- 1. FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organization in India.
- 2. It seeks to expand business opportunities in foreign markets through range of specialized services and global linkages.

Choose the correct code:

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

**18.** Choose the following statements with reference to the “MoveHack” which was recently seen in news.

- 1. It aims to bring about innovative, dynamic and scalable solutions to problems pertaining to mobility.
- 2. It is organized in partnership with Government of Russia and is powered by Hacker Earth.
- 3. PwC is knowledge partner and NASSCOM is strategic partner.

**4.** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has launched global mobility hackathon Move Hack.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**19.** Consider the following statements with statements with reference to the Shaur Nahin mobile app recently seen in news.

- 1. The campaign aims to spread awareness of unnecessary blowing horn as it creates unnecessary noise pollution and is harmful to health.
- 2. The mobile application is initiative of Ministry of environment science and technology.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**20.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Digital Literacy Library” recently seen news?

- 1. Google has launched “Digital Literacy Library” to help young people build skills they need to safely enjoy online technology.
- 2. It represents voices of young people from diverse socio-economic

backgrounds, ethnicities, geographies, and educational levels.

3. These lessons are divided into themes such as privacy and reputation, identity exploration, security, safety and well-being and can be downloaded for free.

Choose the correct code:

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

21. Consider the following statements with reference to the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD).

- 1. Recently India was elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for period of two years.
- 2. It is hosted by Government of Malaysia and its secretariat is located in Kuala Lumpur.
- 3. It is regional inter-governmental organisation serving countries of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP).

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

22. What is “Bhoomi Rashi” recently seen in news?

- 1. Bhoomi Rashi the portal developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Finance.
- 2. Recently Government has proposed to integrate Bhoomi Rashi with Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements with reference to the i2i Programme recently seen in news.

- 1. It was launched by Invest India under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in partnership with energy companies.
- 2. It aims to foster collaboration between startups and large corporations of the energy sector.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**24.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Supersonic Interceptor Missile”?

- 1.** It has been developed under Ballistic Missile Interceptor Advanced Air Defence (AAD) System.
- 2.** It is single stage solid rocket propelled guided missile.
- 3.** India becomes third country in the world after US and Russia to successfully built effective anti-ballistic missile system.

Chose the correct code:

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

**25.** Which of the following state has launched India’s First Blockchain district?

- (a)** Andhra Pradesh
- (b)** Telangana
- (c)** Maharashtra
- (d)** Rajasthan

**26.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Blockchain District recently seen in news.

- 1.** It is decentralized incorruptible digital ledger for storing data across peer-to-peer network.
- 2.** Tech Mahindra as founding member will provide platform and technology assistance to all incubators in it.
- 3.** The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will provide regulatory and policy support to enable and promote Blockchain growth both in India and globally.

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 incorrect with respect to the “Defence India Startup Challenge”?

- 1.** Defence India Startup Challenge is part of (iDEX) Innovation for Defence Excellence scheme.
- 2.** It is an initiative to tap startups for finding safe and futuristic Indian solutions to critical needs of the Navy and Armed Forces.

Choose the correct code:

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

**28.** Choose the correct statements with reference to the “Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)” recently seen in news.

- 1.** It is a nonprofit organization that was set up in 1998 to oversee the administration of domain names.
- 2.** It Approval of companies that can become accredited registrars for domain names.

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 respect to the “IMPRINT” recently seen in news.

- 1.** IMPacting Research, INnovation and Technology (IMPRINT) is a national initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- 2.** It is designed to address all major engineering challenges relevant to India through an inclusive and sustainable mode of translational research.
- 3.** Recently IMPRINT-2 has been approved by Government and will be jointly funded and steered by MeitY and Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**30.** GST Council has been established as per which of the following Articles?

- (a)** Article 279A
- (b)** Article 275
- (c)** Article 379A
- (d)** Article 230

**31.** Recently which of the following bank has signed Memorandum of Understanding with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for unsecured loan?

- (a)** RBI
- (b)** SBI
- (c)** ICICI
- (d)** Union Bank of India

**32.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 recently seen in news?

- 1.** It allows designated special court to declare person as fugitive economic offender and to confiscate his property but excluding benami.
- 2.** Enforcement Directorate (under Ministry of Finance) will be investigative agency under the Act.
- 3.** It issued warrants against any individual who will be involvement in select economic offences amounting of at least Rs 100 crore or more and has left India.

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

**33.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Act, 2018?

- 1.** It is aimed at allowing a court to try offences related to cheque bounce expeditiously.
- 2.** The interim compensation has to pay within a period of sixty days of the order.
- 3.** The amendment introduces Section 148 in the Act, empowering the appellate court to direct deposit of a minimum of 30% of the cheque amount.

Choose the correct code:

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

**34.** Choose the following incorrect statements with respect to the “Chandrayaan-2 Mission”.

- 1.** The mission components have been completely developed indigenously by ISRO and consist of Orbiter, Lander and Rover configuration.
- 2.** In this mission, ISRO will for first time attempt to land rover on moon’s north-pole.
- 3.** Chandrayaan -2 will be launched on board of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk III.
- 4.** It will be ISRO’s second inter-planetary mission to land rover on any celestial body.

Choose the correct code:

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

**35.** Recently Exercise Maitree 2018 was conducted between which of the following countries?

- (a)** India and Sri Lanka
- (b)** Russia and Sri Lanka
- (c)** India and Thailand
- (d)** China and India

**36.** Xingkong-2 hypersonic wave rider flight vehicle belongs to which of the following country?

- (a)** Japan
- (b)** China
- (c)** South Korea
- (d)** North Korea

**37.** Consider the following statements with statements with respect to the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

- 1.** Recently Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh have passed a Bill providing for death penalty to those convicted of raping girls of 12 years and below.
- 2.** The time limit for investigation of all cases of rape has been prescribed and has to be mandatorily completed within two months.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**38.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the “Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan” (RUSA)?

1. Recently NITI Aayog has identified 117 districts as ‘Aspirational Districts’ for RUSA on the basis of the composite index.
2. RUSA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched, aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.
3. The funding would flow from the central ministry directly to the State Higher Education Councils before reaching the identified institutions.

Choose the correct code:

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

**39.** Startup Academia Alliance Programme recently seen in news chooses the correct statements reference to it.

1. NITI Aayog launched the Startup Academia Alliance programme.
2. Implemented in partnership with Regional Centre for Biotechnology, The Energy and Resources Institute, Council on Energy, Environment and Water.
3. It aims to reduce the gap between scientific research and its industrial applications in order to increase the efficacy of these technologies and widen their impact.

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 RISECREEK recently seen in news?

- (a) Ransom ware
- (b) Industry-standard microprocessors
- (c) A Super Computer
- (d) Boundary dispute in South China Sea

**41.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Bidder Information Management System (BIMS) recently seen in news.

1. It allows assessment of pre-qualification of bidders from data already stored in portal to carry out technical evaluation at much faster rate.
2. BIMS portal will be operated in conjunction with Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) portal for invitation of bids for civil works for EPC mode.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**42.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Thermal battery technology”?

1. It is based on system of charging and discharging cycles that are driven by electricity.
2. The world’s first-ever thermal battery plant owned by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST) was inaugurated in Telangana.

Choose the correct code:

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

**43.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Restricted Area Permit (RAP) regime”.

1. The Union Home Ministry has excluded 29 inhabited islands in Andaman and Nicobar from Restricted Area Permit (RAP) regime under the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963.
2. Citizens of Afghanistan and Pakistan and foreign nationals of Pakistani origin are exception and are not allowed to enter such areas.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**44.** Under the Foreigners (Restricted) Areas Order, 1963, which of the following areas have been declared as ‘Restricted’ areas?

1. Parts of the state of Sikkim
2. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
3. Lakshadweep

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

**45.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Umang app” recently seen?

1. Umang is an initiative to promote Digital India program.
2. The application is developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in order to drive Mobile Governance in India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**46.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)?

1. Union Government, RRB and National Water Development Agency have signed revised Memorandum of Agreement for funding of central share of 99 prioritized irrigation projects.
2. It is implemented by Ministries of Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development.

Choose the correct code:

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

**47.** Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device (MOPAD) was launched by which of the following bank?

- (a) SBI
- (b) ICICI
- (c) OBC
- (d) RBI

**48.** Recently All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed MoU with which of the following institute to boost research in traditional medicine and streamline hospital care facilities in the country.

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Mumbai
- (c) National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies
- (d) BHU

**49.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Government and Business Partnership Conclave” recently seen in news.

1. It was jointly organised by Ministry of Commerce, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and United Nations.
2. The Conclave will have three technical sessions covering sectors of Water, Energy and Green Industry chaired by Secretaries of Government of India.
3. It highlights best practices from businesses and industries, and explores strategies and ways forward to achieve the related SDG targets.

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

**50.** Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with reference to the “Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)”?

1. Recently NITI Aayog and Confederation of Indian Industry have signed Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Development Goals and entered into 3 year partnership.
2. CII is an association of Indian businesses which works to create environment conducive to growth of industry in India.

Choose the correct code:

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

**51.** Niryat Mitra app was launched by which of the following?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- (c) Ministry of Road and Highway
- (d) National Highway Authority of India

**52.** Consider the following statements with respect to the “Right to Information Act 2005”.

- 1.** RTI are to empower citizens promote transparency and accountability in government working under Article 19.
- 2.** Information on internal security, relations with foreign countries, intellectual property rights, breach of parliamentary privilege and impedes investigations doesn't come under it.
- 3.** Cabinet papers are exempted from RTI until decision has been implemented.
- 4.** It mentioned that only citizens of India and Non-Resident Indians (NRI) have the right to seek information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

Which of above statements is/are correct?

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

**53.** Recently which of the following has become 11th Biosphere Reserve from India?

- (a)** Nilgiri
- (b)** Nokrek National Park
- (c)** Khangchendzonga
- (d)** Manas National Park

**54.** Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘One District One Product’ Summit recently seen news.

- 1.** Summit is stated to be the first of its kind in the country and is expected to give a big boost to the MSME and handicraft.
- 2.** Ministry of Commerce and Industry had recently organized ‘One District One Product’ Summit to promote traditional industries in every state of the country.

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.** Consider the following statement reference to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

- 1.** TRAI is an independent regulator of telecommunications business in India.
- 2.** It also regularly issues orders and directions on various subjects such as tariffs, quality of service, interconnections, Direct To Home (DTH) service and mobile number portability.

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 reference to the “PMS-OBC scheme”.

- 1.** PMS-OBC is flagship scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- 2.** It is fully centrally sponsored scheme.
- 3.** It aims to provide financial assistance to OBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

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

**57.** Which of the following bank became first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions?

- (a)** ICICI
- (b)** Axis Bank
- (c)** SBI
- (d)** RBI

**58.** Recently launched Operation Madad and Operation Sahyog were related to which of the following?

- (a)** To rescue people flood-hit Kerala
- (b)** To provide financial assistance for making hydroelectric power plant in Nepal.
- (c)** To evacuate the stranded Indian from Yemen.
- (d)** To provide high-tech ship for deep fishing to Indian fisherman.

**59.** Recently a project for defence industrial corridor was launched in which of the following states?

- (a)** Andhra Pradesh
- (b)** Uttar Pradesh
- (c)** Gujarat
- (d)** Tamil Nadu

**60.** Consider the following statements with reference to the World Elephant Day.

- 1.** World Elephant Day is observed every year on 12<sup>th</sup> of August.
- 2.** In India, cultural event Gaj Mahotsav was organised by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on this occasion of this day.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**61.** Which of the following was the theme of “International Youth Day 2018”?

- (a)** Safe Space for Youth
- (b)** Youth Building Peace
- (c)** Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production
- (d)** Youth Civic Engagement



**62.** Choose the correct statements with reference to the Water Aerodromes recently in news.

- 1.** Recently Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has given in-principle approval to set up water aerodromes in the country.
- 2.** It has identified five states that are Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Assam for development of water aerodromes.
- 3.** First phase of the project will be on Chilka Lake (Odisha), Sabarmati River Front and Sardar Sarovar Dam (Gujarat).

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

**63.** “Digital North East Vision 2022” was launched in which of the following north east state?

- (a)** Meghalaya
- (b)** Mizoram
- (c)** Nagaland
- (d)** Assam

**64.** Consider the following statements with reference to the India’s first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT).

- 1.** Ministry of Defence has inducted India’s first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations.

**2.** The all-woman SWAT team was inducted after rigorous training of around 15 months from specialists all across India only.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**65.** India’s first genetic bank for wild life conservation was inaugurated in?

- (a)** Delhi
- (b)** Hyderabad
- (c)** Mumbai
- (d)** Dehradun

**66.** Consider the following statements with respect to the “Fateh Mobin Missile”.

- 1.** Fateh Mobin (Bright Conqueror) next generation short-range ballistic missile capable of striking targets on land and sea.
- 2.** Fateh-110 missile is 100% domestically made in India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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



**67.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the “Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs)”?

- 1.** Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement of six indigenously designed and manufactured Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) for Indian Navy.
- 2.** These platforms will strengthen maritime security by undertaking a multitude of operational roles in blue water.

Choose the correct code:

- (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 “Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)”?

- 1.** MPEDA is a nodal coordinating state owned agency engaged in fishery production and allied activities.
- 2.** It functions under Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Choose 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 reference to the “Ease of Living Index”?

- 1.** Mumbai ranked first among 116 cities with population of 1 million plus in Ease of Living Index.
- 2.** Ease of Living Index released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs with help of the consortium of IPSOS Research Pvt Ltd, Athena Infonomics, and Economist Intelligence Unit.

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 can be the implications of Rupee’s fall on the Indian Economy?

- 1.** Weak rupee can act as kind of import tax.
- 2.** It may force RBI to hike interest rates to check inflationary pressures.
- 3.** It will also play important role in attracting long term foreign direct investment (FDI).
- 4.** It will also increase Foreign Exchange Reserves of RBI.

Choose the above correct statements:

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

**71.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Swadesh Darshan Scheme”?

1. The scheme was Union Tourism Ministry with an objective to develop theme-based tourist circuits in the country.
2. It also has provision for leveraging voluntary funding under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of Central Public Sector Undertakings.
3. The first project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme ‘North East Circuit: Imphal and Khongjom’ was inaugurated in Mizoram.
4. It is 100% centrally funded scheme for the project components undertaken for public funding.

Choose the correct code:

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

**72.** “Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana” recently seen news, consider the following statements reference to it.

1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare government has launched Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, on the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day.
2. All beneficiaries currently enrolled under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), as well as other low-income families, are covered under the BSKY.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**73.** Choose the correct statements with respect to the “Postal Highway” recently seen in news.

1. It also called Hulaki Rajmarg runs across the Terai region of Nepal, from Bhadrapur in the east to Dodhara in the west, cutting across the entire width of the country.
2. The two road packages of Birgunj-Thori Road being implemented under Postal Highway Project in Nepal with Government of India’s grant assistance.

Choose the correct code:

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

**74.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Human space flight Programme” recently seen news?

1. India plans to build a crew vehicle that can accommodate 2 or 3 astronauts and human rate its GLSV Mk-II launcher.
2. On India’s 72nd Independence Day, Prime Minister announced that India will send an astronaut to space in the year 2022.

Choose the correct code:

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

**75.** What is “National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)”, consider the following statements reference to it?

1. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is an umbrella organization for all retail payments system in India.
2. It was set up with the guidance and support of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) only.
3. It has successfully completed the development of a domestic card payment network called RuPay, reducing the dependency on international card schemes.

Choose the correct code:

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

**76.** Recently “World Congress of Philosophy 2018” was held in?

- (a) India
- (b) Japan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) China

**77.** Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with reference to the “International Nitrogen Initiative (INI)”?

1. It aims are to optimize nitrogen’s beneficial role in sustainable food production and minimize nitrogen’s negative effects on human health and environment.
2. INI is also currently sustained partner of Future Earth.

Choose the correct code:

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

**78.** “UPI 2.0” recently seen in news considers the following statements with reference to it.

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with collaboration of RBI.
2. It will allow users to link their overdraft (OD) account to UPI.
3. It allows pre-authorisation of transaction in which amount will be deducted on date for which has been scheduled.
4. It will enable to check whether merchant is UPI verified or not.

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

**79.** “11th World Hindi Conference” was held in?

- (a) India
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Mauritius
- (d) Singapore

**80.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Iran Action Group”.

1. It has been formed to check the uranium enrichment programme of Iran.
2. A group of countries headed by Iran to combat USA sanctions.

Choose the correct code:

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

**81.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “International Conference on Recent Advances in Food Processing Technology” (iCRAFPT)?

1. It was held at Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IFPT) in Andhra Pradesh.
2. The theme of conference was “Doubling farmers’ income through food processing”.

Choose the correct code:

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

**82.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Banks Board Bureau (BBB)”.

1. BBB is autonomous body of Central Government tasked to improve governance of Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
2. It had replaced Appointments Board of Government.
3. Give recommendations for appointment of full-time Directors as well as non-Executive Chairman of PSBs.
4. It cannot guide banks on mergers and consolidations but governance issues to address bad loans problem among other issues.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**83.** Regarding “P-notes” consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. P-Notes are used within the country and are mainly used outside India for making investments in shares listed in the Indian stock market.
2. Earlier, investing through P-Notes is very simple and is very popular amongst FPIs, FIIs.
3. P-notes are offshore/overseas derivative instruments (ODIs) issued by registered foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to overseas investors.

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

**84.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “Barak-8 Missile” recently seen in news?

1. Barak-8, also known as also known as LR-SAM or as MR-SAM is an operational air and missile defense system.
2. It is used by Israeli Navy as well as by Indian Navy and air forces.
3. It is designed to defend against variety of short-to-long-range airborne threats, including fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, drones and projectiles.

Choose the correct code:

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

**85.** “B Srikrishnan Committee” is associated with which of the following?

- (a) Review Food labeling standard.
- (b) Review the validity of Article 375A.
- (c) Double the farmer income by 2022.
- (d) To evaluate the progress of GST.

**86.** Regarding “Bhaskar Ramamurthy Committee”, consider the following statements.

- (a) For JEE (Advance) reform.
- (b) To review the simultaneous election of state and center.
- (c) To bring accountability and transparency in judicial system.
- (d) To review the viability of the privatization of Railway.

**87.** Choose the following correct statements regarding “UIDAI”.

1. Recently it has announced new feature ‘live face photo,’ which is live feed of person facial, features whose 12-digit unique number Aadhaar is submitted.
2. The face authentication will be in addition to fingerprint or iris scans for Aadhaar authentication.
3. In initial phase, telecom service providers (TSPs) will be first to use face recognition to authenticate subscribers while issuing new SIM cards.

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

**88.** Regarding “Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW)”, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** SAAW project is an anti-airfield weapon project sanctioned by Government in September 2013 & manufactured by India in collaboration with Russia.
- 2.** Developed by state-run DRDO in collaboration with IAF and the Research Centre Imarat.
- 3.** SAAW is long-range lightweight high precision-guided anti-airfield weapon.

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.** Pitch Black – 18 recently seen in news was related to which of the following?

- (a)** Asteroid
- (b)** Super Computer
- (c)** Warfare exercise
- (d)** Alloy of Mercury

**90.** Exercise Maitree 2018 is conducted between India and?

- (a)** Sri lanka
- (b)** Malaysia
- (c)** Thailand
- (d)** Nepal

**91.** Consider the following statements with reference to the National Nutrition Month recently seen in news.

- 1.** Union Ministry of Women and Child Development have announced to observe August 2018 as the National Nutrition Month.
- 2.** The theme of National Nutrition Month was ‘har ghar poshan tyohar’.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**92.** Choose the following correct statements with respect to the “ICOMOS”.

- 1.** The ICOMOS, a global monument conservation body.
- 2.** It has launched an initiative to assess the damage to the rich cultural and built heritage in flood-devastated Kerala and set up an emergency response platform.
- 3.** US-based ICCROM is an inter-governmental organisation dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage worldwide.

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

**93.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “National Logistics Portal”?

- 1.** A National Logistics Portal is being developed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to ensure ease of trading in the international and domestic markets.
- 2.** The portal will link all the stakeholders of EXIM, domestic trade and movement and all trade activities on a single platform.

Choose the correct code:

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

**94.** World-first blockchain bond was launched by which of the following?

- (a)** World bank
- (b)** IMF
- (c)** CommBank
- (d)** None of the above

**95.** ICESat- 2 was launched by which of the following?

- (a)** ISRO
- (b)** NASA
- (c)** JASA
- (d)** SALCON

**96.** Choose the following correct statements with reference to the University Grants Commission (UGC).

- 1.** UGC is statutory body set up by Union government in accordance to UGC Act 1956.
- 2.** It functions under The Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 3.** The primary functions of UGC are overseeing distribution of grants to universities and colleges in India, providing scholarships and fellowship.

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

**97.** Consider the following statements with respect to the “Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)”.

- 1.** CERT-In is nodal agency for information technology (cyber) security under aegis of Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Electronics and IT.
- 2.** It issue guidelines, vulnerability notes, advisories and whitepapers regarding to information security practices, prevention.

Choose the incorrect code:

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



**98.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the “Shanghai Cooperation Organisation”?

- 1.** The 2018 SCO Peace Mission Exercise is being held in China.
- 2.** As part of the SCO initiatives, the SCO Peace Mission Exercise is conducted biennially for the SCO member states.
- 3.** The 2018 exercise will be the first for India and Pakistan since becoming full members of the SCO in 2017.

Choose the correct code:

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

**99.** Choose the following correct statements with regarding the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).

- 1.** It is one of the largest governmental organisations in India engaged in conservation and biodiversity research.
- 2.** BNHS is the partner of BirdLife International in India.
- 3.** It has been designated as a ‘Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation’ by the Department of Science and Technology.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**100.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Strategic Partnership (SP) model.

- 1.** Under the model, the government intends to boost private sector participation and create domestic expertise.
- 2.** It has four key areas, namely, fighter aircraft, helicopters, submarines, and armoured vehicles and main battle tanks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**101.** Regarding “Indian Ocean Conference” recently seen in news choose the correct statements from the following?

- 1.** The third edition of Indian Ocean Conference is being held at Vietnam.
- 2.** The Indian Ocean Conference initiated by India Foundation along with its partners from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
- 3.** This year theme was “Building Regional Architectures”.

Chose the correct code:

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



**102.** Which of the following statements is/are incorrect regarding the “Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)”?

1. It is the national Standards Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
2. The Minister in charge of the Ministry or Department having administrative control of the BIS is the ex-officio President of the BIS.

Chose the correct code:

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

**103.** Consider the following statements with respect to the “Swadesh Darshan Scheme”.

1. The objective of the scheme to develop theme-based tourist circuits in the country.
2. The scheme is 100% centrally funded for the project components undertaken for public funding.
3. Funding of individual project will be equal to every state and will be finalised on the basis of detailed project reports prepared by PMC (Programme Management Consultant).

Chose the correct code:

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

**104.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Lakhwar Multi- Purpose Project”?

1. Recently Centre has signed MOU with Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi for Construction of Lakhwar Multipurpose Project.
2. It is a multipurpose scheme, primarily a peaking power station, on river Yamuna in the district of Dehradun in Uttarakhand.

Chose the correct code:

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

**105.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Project Navlekha”.

1. The project aims to bring 135,000 local language publishers online by making web hosting smooth and simple.
2. The project was launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Choose the correct code:

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