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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) Master Fund?

1. Recently Singapore-based global investment firm Temasek has signed agreement to invest up to \$400 million in NIIF Master Fund.
2. It will invest in core infrastructure sectors in India with focus on energy, transportation and urban and rural infrastructure.
3. It aims to maximize economic growth of country mainly through infrastructure development in commercially viable project in Greenfield only.
4. NIIF has been registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India as a Category II Alternate Investment Fund.

Choose the correct code:

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

2. Consider the following statements with reference to "Chabahar port".

1. It is located on the Gulf of Oman and is the only oceanic port of the Iran.
2. It is the key gateway to the International North-South Transport Corridor that has sea, rail and road routes between India, Russia, Iran, Europe and Central Asia.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty".

1. The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is the Treaty banning all nuclear explosions – everywhere, by everyone.
2. The Treaty was negotiated at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "Raxaul-Kathmandu rail line"?

1. India and Nepal have signed MoU to build strategic railway line connecting Raxaul city in Uttar Pradesh, India to Kathmandu, capital of Nepal.
2. India's Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. will conduct preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey of this new rail line in consultation with Government of Nepal.

Choose the correct code:

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

5. Choose the correct statements with reference to the 4th BIMSTEC Summit recently seen in news.

- 1. Foreign ministers of BIMSTEC member countries had signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on establishment of BIMSTEC Grid Interconnection.
- 2. The theme of the fourth BIMSTEC summit is 'Towards a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable Bay of Bengal region'.
- 3. Technological and economic cooperation among South Asian and Southeast Asian countries along the coast of the Bay of Bengal is its main objective.

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

6. Consider the following statements with reference to the "India Post Payments Bank".

- 1. It will focus on providing banking and financial services to people in both rural and urban areas.

2. The government aims to link all the 1.55 lakh post offices to the India Post Payments Bank system by 31 December, 2018.

3. IPPB is a public sector company under the department of posts and ministry of communication with 100% equity of the government of India.

4. It will offer a range of products such as savings and current accounts, money transfer, direct benefit transfers, bill and utility payments, and enterprise and merchant payments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)"?

1. It will serve as an enabler for domestic shipbuilding industry working on inland vessels and open huge possibilities for cargo and passenger movement on National Waterway-1.

2. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is the statutory authority in charge of the waterways in India.

3. Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system from Allahabad to Haldia was declared as National Waterway No.1.

Choose the correct code:

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

8. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Krishna Kutir” recently launched by the Government.

1. Krishna Kutir is special home for 1000 BPL Households set under Swadhar Greh scheme and is the largest ever facility of its kind created by government organization.
2. It was launched by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.
3. Its construction was funded by Central Government and will be managed by UP Government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Swadhar Greh Scheme”?

1. It was launched by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development for rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances.
2. The beneficiaries include widows, women prisoners released from jail and without family support, women victims of terrorist/extremist violence etc.

Choose the correct code:

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

10. Choose the incorrect following statements with reference to the “Indus Water Treaty”.

1. The treaty allocates 40% of water from the six-river Indus water system to India.
2. The Indus river basin spans parts of 3 countries Pakistan, India and China in an area that is more than 30% arid.
3. Under the treaty, controls over six north Indian rivers were divided between the two countries.
4. India got control over the rivers Beas, Ravi whereas Pakistan got control over Indus, Chenab, Sutlej and Jhelum.

Select the correct code from the above statements.

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

11. Consider the following statements with reference to the “MOVE: Global Mobility Summit” was recently in news.

1. The summit to be organized by Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners to promote new cleaner, accessible modes of transport.
2. It envisages mobility for generating employment, providing innovative solutions to improve efficiency and efficacy of transport sector and accelerate economic growth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the “East Asia Summit”?

1. It is a forum held annually by leaders of, initially, 16 countries in the East Asian, Southeast Asian and South Asian regions.
2. It is an initiative of ASEAN and is based on the premise of the centrality of ASEAN.
3. There are six priority areas of regional cooperation within the framework of the EAS but India endorses regional collaboration in only three priority areas.

Choose the correct code:

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

13. Which of the following statements is/are correct with regarding “6th East Asia Summit” recently seen in news?

1. 6th East Asia Summit- Economic Ministers’ Meeting (EAS-EMM) was recently held in India.
2. The 6th East-Asia Economic Ministers’ Meeting was attended by Economic Ministers from 10 ASEAN

countries and their eight dialogue partners.

3. The Ministers agreed to the importance of keeping markets open and fair as well as improving transparency and predictability of the business environment.

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 “ASEAN”

1. The next ASEAN-India Business Summit will be held in New Delhi India, in November 2018.
2. The theme will be “Towards Building Strategic Partnership between ASEAN and India in the Era of the 4th IR and Digital Economy”.
3. There are currently 10 member states: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam.

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding “E-Pharmacies” recently seen in news.

- 1.** It is mandatory for online pharmacies to register under Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).
- 2.** E-pharmacies need to apply for grant of registration to Central Licensing Authority through online portal of Central Government.
- 3.** The e-pharmacy can advertise any drug on radio or television or internet or print or any other media for any purpose.
- 4.** The registration issued to any person for e-pharmacy will remain valid for three years period from date of its issuance and renewal of registration will have to be done.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the “Public Credit Registry” recently seen in news?

- 1.** The PCR will be an extensive database of credit information for India that is accessible to all stakeholders.
- 2.** It helps banks distinguish between a bad and a good borrower and accordingly offer attractive interest

rates to good borrowers and higher interest rates to bad borrowers.

- 3.** As corporate debtors will be able to borrow across banks without disclosing existing debt.
- 4.** PCR will address issues such as information asymmetry, improve access to credit and strengthen the credit culture among consumers.

Choose the correct code:

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

17. Recently “Gadgil Committee” was set up for which of the following?

- (a)** To propose new regulations related to digital currencies or virtual currencies.
- (b)** Interstate council investigates and advises on disputes between states.
- (c)** Suggest measures to conserve ecology and biodiversity of the Western Ghats.
- (d)** Artificial intelligence (AI) for India’s economic transformation.

18. Recently which of the following state has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) to strengthen trade, industrial relations?

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

19. Choose the correct from the following statements with reference to the “Institutions of Eminence (IoE)”.

- 1.** Recently Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has granted Institution of Eminence (IoE) status to six educational institutions.
- 2.** The scheme of IoE was rolled out by University Grants Commission (UGC).
- 3.** Under this scheme Universities will not be free to decide their fee for domestic and foreign students but can have flexible course duration and structure.

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

20. According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, which of the following country was top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18?

- (a)** Singapore
- (b)** Mauritius
- (c)** Japan
- (d)** USA

21. Consider the following statements with reference to the “International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC)”.

- 1.** Recently Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) was held in New Delhi.
- 2.** The congress focused on promotion and propagation of Ayurveda in Netherlands and its neighboring countries of Europe.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding “Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS)” recently seen news.

- 1.** MANRS will provide simple and concrete steps for network operators that enable dramatically improved Internet security and reliability.
- 2.** It is global initiative to implement crucial fixes needed to reduce common threats to internet’s routing system and safeguard enterprises and government from cyber threats.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

23. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI)”?

- 1.** Recently Russia-based nonprofit The Internet Society and Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI) have signed MoU to make Internet safe and secure in India.
- 2.** The partnership between Internet Society and ISPAI will also promote Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS).

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 “2018 FOCAC”.

- 1.** FOCAC is an official forum between China and all states in Africa including Eswatini.
- 2.** It was started as Ministerial Conference in 2000 in Beijing and since then it is held triennially in China and Africa alternatively.

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 correct regarding “WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia”?

- 1.** Recently 71st Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia was held.
- 2.** It was the World Health Organization’s governing body in the South-East Asia Region, with representatives from all 11 Member States of the Region.
- 3.** Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is not the member of “WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia”.

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 reference to the “Ombudsman scheme” recently seen in news.

- 1.** Banking ombudsman is a quasi judicial authority, created to resolve customer complaints against banks relating to certain services provided by them.
- 2.** The Ombudsman is a senior official, appointed by the Government of India to address grievances and complaints from customers, pertaining deficiencies in banking services.

3. It covers only public sector banks, rural banks as well as co-operative banks.
4. Recently Reserve Bank of India has tightened the banking ombudsman scheme with the objective to strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism for customers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27. Mars Mission named- HOPE was conducted by which of the following country?

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

28. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect regarding “Exercise Rapid Trident” recently seen in news?

1. Rapid Trident logoRapid Trident is an annual, multinational exercise that serves as the validation for Ukraine’s Ministry of Defence unit.
2. Exercise Rapid Trident 2018 is being held in Ukraine, involving approximately 2,270 personnel from 14 nations.

Choose the correct code:

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

29. “IOWave18” recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. India along with 23 other nations will be participating in major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock exercise known as IOWave18.
2. The exercise is being organized by Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.
3. In this exercises, Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) will be nodal participating agency.

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

30. In contest of “Charter of Patients’ Rights” consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have released draft Charter of Patients’ Rights prepared by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
2. There is no consolidated uniform document on patients’ rights that can be followed by all states uniformly.
3. The draft charter is inspired by international charters and is guided by national level provisions with objective of consolidating

comprehensive on patients' rights in 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

31. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding "National Clean School Award"?

- 1. Recently Tamil Nadu got the top position in National Clean School Award.
- 2. It was issued by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development and prepared by National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER).

Choose the correct code:

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

32. Consider the following statements in contest of "POSHAN Abhiyan" recently seen in news.

- 1. The Government is celebrating Poshan Maah the month of September, 2018 as the National Nutrition Month under the Poshan Abhiyan.
- 2. The programme is an initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33. Choose the following correct statements in contest of "International Aviation Summit".

- 1. The summit has been jointly organised by the Airports Authority of India and Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- 2. India is expected to overtake Germany, Japan, Spain and the UK within the next ten years to become the world's third largest air passenger market.
- 3. The International Aviation Summit is being held New Delhi.

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

34. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "Coffee Krishi Tharanga"?

- 1. It aimed at providing customized information and services to increase productivity, profitability, and environmental sustainability of coffee.

2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has partly funded the Pilot project and it is digital mobile extension services for coffee stakeholders.

Choose the correct code:

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

35. Recently a “Space Elevator” test was conducted by which of the following country?

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

36. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)”.

- 1. It aims to improve the governance, management, institutional capacity, decision-making processes of its Member States with respect to marine resources and climate variability.
- 2. IOC coordinates ocean observation and monitoring through the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and aims to develop a unified network providing information on the oceans.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

37. Consider the following statements with reference to the “KAZIND 2018” recently seen in news.

- 1. It is a joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan.
- 2. The aim of the exercise is to build and promote bilateral Army to Army relations and exchange skills and experiences between Kazakhstan Army and the Indian Army.
- 3. This is the third joint military exercise between the two countries as it is going to be held in India and has a history of extensive cooperation in the defence arena.

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

38. Recently “International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018” was seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1. The summit was organised by the South Asian Women Development Forum.
- 2. It had participation of delegates from SAARC, ASEAN, EU, Africa, Arab countries and China.
- 3. The Summit 2018 was held in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal with the theme of “Economic Empowerment of the Women”

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

39. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF)”.

1. SAWDF is an autonomous, nonprofit organization based in Kathmandu, Nepal.
2. Its membership is based on organizations with extensive work around women’s entrepreneurship.
3. It is first SAARC Recognized Body organisation working on women entrepreneur’s issues.

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. Which of the following statements is/are with reference to the “SpyLite mini UAV”?

1. SpyLite is an advanced, combat-proven, electric fully autonomous mini unmanned aerial system.
2. Recently Cyient Solutions & Systems Pvt. Ltd is joint venture between IT firm Cyient and BlueBird Aero Systems of Iran.

Choose the correct code:

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

41. Consider the following correct statements with reference to the “Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM)”.

1. Recently State-run Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has bagged order worth for supply of seven Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) systems to Indian Navy.
2. LRSAM has long-range engagement capability to penetrate deep water and land to intercept all types of aerial targets like subsonic and supersonic missiles.

Choose the correct code:

- (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 “Swadesh Darshan Scheme”?

1. The scheme was launched by Union Tourism Ministry with an objective to develop theme-based tourist circuits in the country.
2. It is 100% centrally funded scheme for the project components undertaken for public funding.
3. Recently Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of states of Western Ghats.

Choose the correct code:

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

43. “National Legal Services Authority’s (NALSA) compensation scheme” was recently seen in news this scheme is related with which of the following?

- (a) Poor Farmers
- (b) People who can’t afford legal services
- (c) Women rape and sexual assault survivors and minor children
- (d) None of the above

44. Choose the following correct statements with reference to the “Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)” was recently in news.

1. 3rd ASEM Conference on ‘Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons’ are being held in Seoul, Korea.
2. The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is a formal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together all the Asia and European Countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

45. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding of “National Mission on GeM” recently seen in news?

1. The government has launched the National Mission on Government eMarketplace (GeM) for increasing awareness and accelerating the use of (GeM).
2. The National Mission will cover all central government departments only.
3. It is aimed at creating awareness about GeM, train the buyers and sellers, get them registered in GeM and increase the procurement through GeM.

Choose the correct code:

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

46. Choose the correct following statements with reference to the “GeM”.

1. It is an online and offline marketplace to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Ministries and agencies of the Government.
2. It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement of goods and services and eliminate corruption.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats”.

- 1.** The Scheme consists of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger (CSS-PT), Development of Wildlife Habitats (CSS-DWH) and Project Elephant (CSS-PE).
- 2.** Recently Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved continuation this scheme beyond the 12th Plan period from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

48. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with reference to the “Defence & Homeland Security Expo and Conference – 2018” recently seen in news?

- 1.** It was jointly organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- 2.** The objective of expo was to enable nation become self-reliant in Home Land Security (HLS) and defence sector there by making India stronger economy.

Choose the correct code:

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

49. Joint naval exercise SLINEX-2018 was recently held between Sir Lanka and which of the following countries?

- (a)** Bangladesh
- (b)** India
- (c)** Pakistan
- (d)** China

50. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Mobilise Your City (MYC) programme”?

- 1.** It is a global climate initiative for integrated urban mobility planning, and one of 15 international transport initiatives of the UN Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA).
- 2.** In India, the MYC aims at supporting three pilot cities viz. Nagpur, Delhi and Ahmedabad.
- 3.** It is part of an international initiative supported by the French and the German Governments and was launched at 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) meeting in 2015.

Choose the correct code:

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

51. Recently Supreme Court has pronounced its much-awaited verdict on Section 377; consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** The Court said gay sex among consenting adults is not an offence.
- 2.** France, UK, Canada, United States, Australia and Brazil have criminalised homosexuality.
- 3.** Marriages between same-sex partners are not recognised in India, but this can be changed by inserting a provision in the Special Marriage Act.

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

52. Choose the correct from the following statements regarding “Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)”.

- 1.** Recently Union Ministry of Human Resource Development has officially decided to participate in Programme for International Student Assessment after gap of nine years.
- 2.** It is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students’ science literacy every three years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

53. “COMCASA” was recently seen in news is related to which of the following?

- (a)** Satellite
- (b)** Security Agreement
- (c)** Crypto virology
- (d)** None of the above

54. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Bharat ke Veer”?

- 1.** The public can visit the ‘Bharat Ke Veer’ application and website, and contribute to support the families of jawans who die in the line of duty.
- 2.** It is a fund-raising initiative by the Indian Armed Force.
- 3.** Contributions to Bharat Ke Veer have been exempted from Income Tax.
- 4.** Recently government has granted the status of a trust to ‘Bharat Ke Veer’, a private initiative which aids families of paramilitary personnel killed in action.

Choose the correct code:

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

55. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty” recently seen in news.

- 1.** The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is the Treaty banning all nuclear explosions – everywhere, by everyone.
- 2.** UN chief recently reiterated his appeal to eight nations, excluding India and the US, to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.
- 3.** India’s principled opposition drew from its emphasis on universal and complete nuclear disarmament in a time-bound manner.

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

56. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Cassini Mission” recently seen in news.

- 1.** Launched in 1997, the Cassini mission is cooperation between NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.
- 2.** Cassini-Huygens is an unmanned spacecraft sent to the planet Mars.

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. “Bonnethead shark” recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It is the first known omnivorous shark species identified by scientists recently.
- 2.** The bonnethead shark is abundant in the shallow waters of the Western Atlantic, and the Gulf of Mexico.
- 3.** 60% of its diet consists of seagrass and in addition to eating bony fish, crabs, snails and shrimp.

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

58. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Yudh Abhyas 2018” recently seen in news.

- 1.** India and Russia will conduct their annual combat exercise “Yudh Abhyas” at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand.
- 2.** It will be fourteenth edition of exercise in Yudh Abhyas series which was started in 2004 under Army Partnership Program.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

59. Recently Singapore-based global investment firm Temasek has signed agreement to invest up in National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) Master Fund, which of the following banks is/are not a part of the agreements.

- (a) HDFC Group
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- (d) Bank of India

60. Recently ONGC discovers oil and gas reserves in which of the following Indian states?

- (a) Rajasthan and Gujarat
- (b) West Bengal and Orissa
- (c) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal

61. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Gaganyaan Mission".

1. India and US have signed agreement to collaborate for ISRO's first human space mission Gaganyaan to be launched in 2022.
2. It will make India fourth nation in the world after USA, Russia and China to launch a human spaceflight mission.
3. Astronaut will be selected jointly by Indian Air Force (IAF) and ISRO after which they will undergo training for two-three years.
4. GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle, having necessary payload capability will be used to launch Gaganyaan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

62. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding "Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT)"?

1. Recently Union Finance Ministry has reduced pecuniary limit to Rs. 10 lakh from Rs.20 lakh for filing loan recovery application in DRT by banks and financial institutions.
2. DRT is supposed to dispose of matter referred to it within 180 days of receipt of application.

Choose the correct code:

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

63. Choose the following correct statements with reference to the "World Hindu Congress (WHC)".

1. The World Hindu Congress (WHC-2018) was held Chicago, United States.
2. The theme of WHC-2018 was "Sumantrite Suvikrante" — thinks collectively, achieve valiantly".
3. WHC serves as a platform to address critical issues impacting Hindus worldwide, including human rights, discrimination, and cultural assaults.

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

64. Consider the following statements with reference to the “BIMSTEC Military Exercise”.

1. The theme of exercise includes counter-terrorism in semi-urban terrain and cordon and search.
2. The main aim of this military exercise is to promote strategic alignment among the member-states and to share best practices in the area of counter-terrorism.
3. Nepal and Thailand is not participating in the exercise.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

65. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “4thWorld Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018)”?

1. 4th World Summit on Accreditation is being held at New Delhi and it is being organized by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) with the collaboration of NITI Aayog.
2. The theme of WOSA 2018 is “CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUTCOME BASED ACCREDITATION”.
3. NBA has been accorded Permanent Signatory Status of Washington Accord since June, 2014.

Choose the correct code:

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

66. International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) Register of Heritage Irrigation Structures has given heritage Irrigation tag to which of the following Indian state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Assam
- (d) Kerala

67. “International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)” was recently seen in news; consider the following correct statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It is a Technical and Voluntary Not-for-profit, International NGO, dedicated to improving water and land management, and the productivity of irrigated and drained lands.
- 2.** ICID has been involved in the global discussions leading to Agenda 21, World Water Vision and World Water Forums etc.

Choose the correct code:

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

68. “Lippa-Asra wildlife sanctuary” is located in which of the following state of the country?

- (a)** Assam
- (b)** Mizoram
- (c)** Himachal Pradesh
- (d)** Uttarakhand

69. Recently scheme for doorstep delivery of 40 essential government services was launched by which of the following department?

- (a)** NITI Aayog
- (b)** Ministry of Human Resource and Development
- (c)** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (d)** None of the above

70. “Joint exercise Nomadic Elephant-2018” is being held between which of the following countries?

- (a)** Myanmar and India
- (b)** Mongolia and India
- (c)** Thailand and Sri Lanka
- (d)** India and Sri Lanka

71. Consider the following correct statements with reference to the “HIV/AIDS Act, 2017” recently seen in news?

- 1.** Recently Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued a notification for bringing the HIV/AIDS Act, 2017 in force from 10th September, 2018.
- 2.** As per the Act, central and state governments are obliged to provide for anti-retroviral therapy (ART) and management of opportunistic infections.
- 3.** It provides for confidentiality of HIV-related information and makes it necessary to get informed consent for undertaking HIV tests, medical treatment and research.

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

72. Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “Rail Sahyog”.

- 1.** It will provide platform for Corporate and PSUs to fund creation of amenities at railway stations through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.
- 2.** This portal will allow companies to register their requests for contributing to create amenities at railway stations through their CSR funds.
- 3.** The requests will be processed by Railway officials and based on draft requests will be shortlisted.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Model ICTAI” recently seen in news?

- 1.** NITI Aayog, Intel, and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) are collaborated to set up “Model ICTAI”.
- 2.** The model centre is aimed at solving major challenges in India with special focus on application-based AI research in healthcare, agriculture only.
- 3.** The learning and best practices developed through this model ICTAI

will be used by NITI Aayog to set up future ICTAIs across country.

- 4.** This collaboration is part of NITI Aayog’s ‘National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence’ Discussion Paper that focuses on establishing ICTAI in the country through private sector.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following correct statements with reference to the “Swadesh Darshan Scheme”.

- 1.** First Tribal Circuit Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme will be inaugurated in Nagaland.
- 2.** The scheme is 100% centrally funded for the project components undertaken for public funding.
- 3.** The Tourism Ministry had launched ‘Swadesh Darshan’ scheme with an objective to develop theme-based tourist circuits in the country.

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

75. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with reference to the “Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan’ (PM-AASHA)”?

- 1.** The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018.
- 2.** Under the scheme, the physical procurement of pulses, oilseeds and Copra will be done by Central Nodal Agencies with the proactive role of the state governments.
- 3.** The scheme involves physical procurement of crops as farmers are paid the difference between the MSP price and sale or modal price on disposal in the notified market.
- 4.** In addition to NAFED, the Food Cooperation of India (FCI) will take up Price Support Scheme operations in states and districts.

Choose the correct code:

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

76. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Capacity Development Scheme” recently seen in news?

- 1.** It will conduct various Socio-Economic surveys, capacity building and strengthening statistical coordination, and improve IT infrastructure.
- 2.** The Capacity Development Scheme has only one Sub-scheme that is Economic Census.
- 3.** Under Economic Census, listing of all non-agricultural establishments is undertaken periodically, which forms the basis for conducting detailed socio-economic surveys.

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

77. Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF)”.

- 1.** The Task Force was established by the UN Secretary-General in June 2013 and placed under the leadership of WHO.
- 2.** Recently Shri Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been conferred with the prestigious UNIATF Award.

3. It is in recognition of Government of India's efforts made in the field of prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases.

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

78. Consider the following statements with reference to the bans on "e- cigarettes" recently in news.

- 1. Recently Telangana Government has issued order banning manufacture, sale and possession of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) or e-Cigarettes.
- 2. The ban covers distribution, trade, display, marketing, advertisement, use, import and possession of e-cigarettes as well.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

79. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC)"?

- 1. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is organized a National Conference of DDRC.
- 2. State Governments authorized District Collectors in their capacity as Chairperson of DMT, to make minor modifications for effective functioning of DDRC.

Choose the correct code:

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

80. "Exporting Corruption Report" recently released, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1. The 2018 edition of the 'Exporting Corruption Report' has been released by anti-corruption organisation Transparency International.
- 2. India is among second countries with "no or little enforcement" mechanism to check foreign bribery.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

81. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Nuclear Suppliers Group"?

- 1. US have granted India the Strategic Trade Authorisation (STA-1) status.
- 2. The status places India in the inner circle of America's closest allies.
- 3. India has been seeking entry into the 48-member elite nuclear club, which controls nuclear trade, but China has repeatedly stonewalled its bid.

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

82. “Block Chain Technology” was recently seen in news; choose the following correct statements with reference to it.

1. The technology does not support crypto currencies such as Bitcoin, and the transfer of any data or digital asset.
2. The present blockchain ecosystem is like the early Internet, a permission less innovation environment in which email, the World Wide Web, Napster, Skype, and Uber were built.
3. Blockchain technology discards the need of any third-party or central authority for peer-to-peer transactions.
4. Block chain technology holds potential for solutions to various challenges being faced in the financial sector space of the BRICS nations.

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

83. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Ethanol blended petrol programme”.

1. Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme is being implemented by the Ministry or Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).
2. This intervention also seeks to reduce import dependency for energy requirements and give boost to secondary sector.
3. Recently government approves on Fixation/Revision of ethanol price derived from B heavy molasses / partial sugarcane juice and 100% sugarcane juice.

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 with reference to the “E-VBAB Network Project” recently seen in news?

1. Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd (TCIL) have signed agreement for implementation of E-VBAB network project in India.
2. E-VBAB Network Project is completely funded by Government of India for its entire duration.

Choose the correct code:

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

85. “Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund” (DIDF) recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The project will be implemented by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Dairy Development Cooperation (NCDC).
2. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has set up the DIDF with a corpus of Rs 8,004 crore to bring more dairy farmers into organised milk marketing through cooperatives.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

86. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)”?

1. It is a maternity benefit rechristened from erstwhile Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY).
2. The scheme is a conditional cash transfer scheme for pregnant and lactating women of 19 years of age or above for every birth.

Choose the correct code:

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

87. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Swayangsiddha Initiative” recently seen in news.

1. To combat human trafficking, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has rolled out a scheme, Swayangsiddha, in its different states.
2. The scheme aims to empower young boys and girls to make informed choices so that they are less vulnerable to trafficking and child marriage.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

88. Recently “India’s first indigenous anti-nuclear medical kit” has been developed; choose the correct statements with reference to it.

1. The kit has been developed for the armed, paramilitary and police forces.
2. The kit also has an Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) injection that traps uranium in the guts and blood of victims during a nuclear accident or warfare.
3. The kit has anti-gamma ray skin ointment that protects and heals the radiation damage on the skin.

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. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Chiller Star Labelling Program” recently seen in news?

1. Ministry of Power, Government of India launched Chiller Star Labelling Program.
2. The program envisages providing star rating in terms of its energy performance.
3. Initially, the program is launched on voluntary basis and will be valid upto 31st December 2020.

Choose the correct code:

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

90. Consider the following statements with regarding “EyeROV TUNA” recently seen in news?

1. It has been designed and developed indigenously by Kochi-based start-up IROV Technologies Pvt Ltd (EyeROV).
2. It was handed over to Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

3. It is India’s first underwater robotic drone EyeROV TUNA.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None of the above

91. “Nahargarh Biological Park” is located in which of the following state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Haryana

92. Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ movement recently seen in news.

1. The campaign is being coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, the convening Ministry for the Swachh Bharat Mission.
2. The objective of the campaign is to mobilise people and reinforce the “Jan Aandolan” for sanitation to contribute to Mahatma Gandhi’s dream of a Clean 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

93. Choose the correct from the statements regarding “Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)”.

1. Preference under the scheme is given to works relating to national priorities, such as provision of drinking water, public health, education, sanitation, roads, etc.
2. Funds are released in the form of grants in-aid directly to the state authorities.
3. The liability of funds not released in a particular year is carried forward to the subsequent years, subject to eligibility.
4. The center authority is empowered to examine the eligibility of works sanction funds, select the implementing agencies and monitor the scheme at ground level.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

94. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with reference to the “International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer”?

1. 2018 Theme was ‘Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol’.
2. The International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer (or World Ozone Day) is observed every year on September 16 for the preservation of the Ozone Layer.

Choose the correct code:

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

95. Consider the following incorrect statements with reference to the “Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)”.

1. The MPATGM is a third-generation anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) developed by DRDO in partnership with Indian defense contractor VEM Technologies Ltd. since 2015.
2. Fitted with a high-explosive anti-tank (HEAT) warhead, the MPATGM reportedly boasts a top attack capability and has a maximum engagement range of about 2.5 kilometers.

Choose correct code:

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

96. Recently ISRO launches two U.K. satellites, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. ISROs GSLV-C42 lifted off for the launch of two satellites from the United Kingdom – NovaSAR and S1-4 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
2. The two satellites, owned by Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) were

placed in a circular orbit around the poles, 583 km from Earth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

97. Recently Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has released a report on the river pollution; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Several of the river's stretches in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are actually far more polluted than many rivers in Maharashtra, Assam and Gujarat.
2. The most significant stretches of pollution highlighted by the CPCB assessment include the Mithi River from Powai to Dharavi.
3. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), statutory organisation, was constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act.

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 from the following regarding "Paryatan Parv" recently seen in news.

1. The Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with other Central Ministries, State Governments and Stakeholders is organizing "Paryatan Parv" across the country.
2. The objective was to drawing focus on the benefits of tourism, showcasing the cultural diversity of the country and reinforcing the principle of "Tourism for All".

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 "Pacific Asia Travel Association gold awards" recently seen in news.

1. Tamil Nadu Tourism has won two prestigious gold awards of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) for its innovative marketing campaigns.
2. The Awards are presented to outstanding entries in four principal categories: Marketing; Education and Training; Environment, and Heritage and Culture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

100. Recently the Centre has proposed the amalgamation of state-owned banks to create India's third largest bank, which of the following bank is not the part of it?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Union Bank of India
- (c) Dena Bank
- (d) Vijaya Bank

101. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Asia/Pacific Group".

1. The APG consists of 41 member jurisdictions and a number of observer jurisdictions and international/regional observer organisations.
2. It is the FATF-style regional body for the Asia-Pacific region.
3. It is an inter-governmental organisation founded in 1997 in Bangkok, Thailand.
4. The APG actively engages with financial institution, training centres and universities in the Asia-Pacific region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

102. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding "India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP)"?

1. India is the first country in world to develop such a document named as "India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP)".
2. Its goal is to provide Training and certification of 100,000 servicing sector technicians by the year 2022-23, in synergy with Skill India Mission.

Choose the correct code:

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

103. Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the "Montreal Protocol".

1. The Montreal Protocol has "Keep Cool and Carry on" as the theme of 24th World Ozone Day celebrations.
2. The Montreal Protocol is the only environmental treaty which enjoys universal ratification of 197 UN numbers countries.

Select the correct code:

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

104. “VC 11184” was recently in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is the first of its kind ocean surveillance ship being built as part of efforts of Government to strengthen country's strategic weapons programme.
2. It will be the first ship to be dedicated element in Phase-2 of India's ballistic missile defence (BMD) setup.
3. The ship will be primarily tasked with missile tracking using one sensor, possibly X-Band AESA primary radar.

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

105. Recently government launched “e-Sahaj” portal” consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Government has launched an online ‘e-Sahaj’ portal for grant of Security Clearance.
2. The Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal Ministry for security clearances in certain sensitive sectors before issue of license/permit, permission 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

106. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)”?

1. To counter corruption and speed up decision-making in military procurement, the government of India set up an integrated DAC.
2. Recently DAC has approved procurement of- Akash Missile systems and Individual Under Water Breathing Apparatus (IUWBA).
3. The DAC is not responsible to give policy guidelines to acquisitions, based on long-term procurement plans.
4. It clears only some acquisitions, includes imported but not those produced indigenously or under a foreign license.

Choose the correct code:

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

107. Consider the following statements with reference to the “International Telecommunication Union (ITU)”.

1. ITU has announced that it will establish its South Asia Area Office and Technology Innovation Centre at New Delhi.
2. ITU is an agency of the US and its purpose is to coordinate telecommunication operations and services throughout the world.
3. ITU headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

108. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)”?

1. 7th UNWTO Global Summit on Urban Tourism is being held in Europe.
2. The summit provides unique platform to discuss key issues shaping future of urban tourism in the context of the 2030 Urban Agenda.
3. It encourages the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, to maximize tourism’s socio-economic contribution while minimizing its possible negative impacts.

Choose the correct code:

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

109. Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “Atomic Energy Commission”.

1. According to the Resolution constituting the AEC, the Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Atomic Energy is ex-officio Chairman of the Commission.
2. The other Members of the AEC are appointed on the recommendation of the Chairman, AEC and after approval by the President.

Select the correct code:

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

110. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)”.

1. The Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), Government of India, with assistance from the World Bank, is implementing DRIP and it will be a six-year project.
2. The Central Dam Safety Organisation of Central Water Commission, assisted by a Consulting firm, is coordinating and supervising the Project implementation.

3. The primary beneficiaries are rural communities dependent on reservoir and downstream communities facing risk associated with dam failure or operational failure.

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

111. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “Global Environment Facility (GEF)” recently seen in news?

- 1. Recently GEF has grant \$33.5 million to the agricultural project launched by government along with United Nations body FAO.
- 2. GEF funds are available to developed and developing countries to meet the objectives of the international environmental conventions and agreements.
- 3. The World Bank serves as the GEF Trustee, administering the GEF Trust Fund.

Choose the correct code:

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

112. “Cyclone-30” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1. It is housed at the Kolkata-based Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC) under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- 2. The addition of Cyclone-30 will increase the availability of radioisotopes and bring down the cost of treatment of cancer.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

113. “Exercise Aviaindra-18” was recently conducted between India and which of the following country?

- (a) USA
- (b) Russia
- (c) Iran
- (d) Magnolia

114. Consider the following statement with reference to the “Aspirational Districts Program” was recently seen in news.

- 1. The ‘Transformation of Aspirational Districts’ programme aims to quickly and effectively transform all rural districts of the country.
- 2. Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure are this programme’s core areas of focus.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

115. Recently government launched “Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) portal” consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The portal will receive complaints on objectionable online content related to child pornography, child sexual abuse, sexually explicit material such as rape and gang rape.
2. The portal is convenient and user friendly that will enable complainants in reporting cases without disclosing their identity.

Choose the correct code:

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

116. “Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It aims to financially support those who lost their jobs or rendered jobless for whatsoever reasons due to changing employment pattern.
2. Under this workers will be able to draw 47% of their total contributions towards ESIC after remaining unemployed for at least three months from date of leaving their previous jobs.

3. Its beneficiaries will be insured persons covered under Employees’ State Insurance Act, 1948 for period of one year.

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

117. Missile ‘Prahar’ was recently seen in news, which of the following statements is/are correct regarding it?

1. ‘Prahar’, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
2. It is capable of filling the gap between the multi-barrel rocket system ‘Pinaka’ and medium-range ballistic missile ‘Prithvi’.
3. It is a solid-fuelled long-range missile fitted with inertial navigation system.
4. The missile is equipped with state-of-the-art navigation, guidance and electromechanical actuation systems with advanced on board computer.

Choose the correct code:

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

118. “Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018” was recently released; consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has released the 2018 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
- 2.** India has made giant strides in reducing multidimensional poverty, bringing down its poverty rate from 55% to 28% in ten years.
- 3.** The four poorest states are Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh is still home to 196 million MPI poor people.
- 4.** Delhi, Kerala and Goa have the lowest incidence of multidimensional poverty.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

119. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with reference to the “Child Adoption Regulatory Authority (CARA)”?

- 1.** Child Adoption Regulatory Authority (CARA) has allowed individuals in a live-in relationship to adopt children from and within India.
- 2.** The eligibility criteria under Adoption Regulations, 2017, permit single women to adopt a child of any gender, while single men can adopt only boys.

- 3.** Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is a statutory body of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.
- 4.** It functions as the nodal body for adoption of Indian children and is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions.

Choose the correct code:

- (a)** 1, 2 and 4
- (b)** 1, 3 and 4
- (c)** 2 and 4
- (d)** None of the above

120. “Balloon mission” was launched by which of the following agencies?

- (a)** ISRO
- (b)** NASA
- (c)** JAXA
- (d)** RFSA

121. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite” (TESS).

- 1.** The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) is a NASA mission that will look for planets orbiting the brightest stars in Earth’s sky.
- 2.** TESS is designed to build on the work of its predecessor, the Kepler space telescope.
- 3.** The two newly discovered planets are “super-earth” planet and a “hot-earth” planet.

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

122. Which of the following statements is/are true regarding “Country Partnership Framework”?

1. The World Bank Group (WBG) Board of Executive Directors has endorsed a new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for India.
2. The India CPF represents the largest country programme of the WBG, reflecting the strong collaboration between India and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency only.

Choose the correct code:

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

123. “Neelakurinji” was recently seen in news consider the following statements with reference it.

1. Kurinji or Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthianus*) is a shrub that is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in South India.
2. Nilgiri Hills, which literally means the blue mountains, got their name from the purplish blue flowers of Neelakurinji that blossoms only once in 12 years.

3. The Paliyan tribal people living in Kerala used it as a reference to calculate their age.

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

124. “National e-Vidhan Application” was recently inaugurated by the governments consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. e-Vidhan is a Mission Mode Project to digitize and make the functioning of State Legislatures paperless.
2. This is part of Digital India programme.
3. It is to be used by the Legislatures as well as all the Government Departments only.
4. The application would host a secure page for each Member of the House for submitting Questions & other Notices.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

125. Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “Prithvi Defence Vehicle (PDV) Mission” was recently seen in news.

1. The PDV is slated to replace the existing Prithvi Air Defense (PAD)/Pradyumna Ballistic Missile Interceptor and has a maximum interception altitude of 80 kilometers.
2. It is guided by high-accuracy Inertial Navigation System (INS) supported by Redundant Micro Navigation System for estimating point of interception.
3. The new single stage fueled PDV interceptor is fitted with an Imaging Infrared (IIR) seeker, developed by DRDO, to distinguish between incoming warheads and decoys.

Select the correct code:

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

126. Recently which of the state of India has topped Ease of Living Index rankings under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation)?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

127. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Global Media Compact to raise awareness of SDGs”.

1. UN has announced Global Media Compact to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. India’s ministry of information and broadcasting is part of it.
3. Participating organizations will have the opportunity to create content partnerships with the United Nations.

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

128. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Financial Inclusion Index” recently seen in news.

1. Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance will release an Annual Financial Inclusion Index (FII).
2. Financial Inclusion Index cannot be used directly as a composite measure in development indicators.
3. The index will be a measure of access and usage of a basket of formal financial products and services that includes savings, remittances, credit, insurance and pension products.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

129. “Psbloansin59minutes.com” was recently seen in news consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is one of its kind platforms in MSME segment which integrates advanced fintech to ensure seamless loan approval and management.
2. SEBI has launched a web portal which is a transformative initiative in MSME credit space.
3. The loans are undertaken without human intervention till sanction and or disbursement stage.

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

130. Consider the following statements with reference to the “LooReview Campaign” recently seen in news.

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban has partnered with Google to launch the Loo Review campaign.
2. This campaign will allow all citizens to locate public toilets in their cities

on Google Maps, Search and the Assistant and also provide feedback on the same.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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