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CURRENT AFFAIRS BASED PRELIMS QUESTIONS

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1. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana” (MEITY).

1. PM-SYM is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme that will engage as many as 42 crore workers in the unorganised sector.
2. Those workers should be covered under New Pension Scheme (NPS), Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme or Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
3. Each subscriber under the scheme will receive minimum assured pension of Rs 3000 per month after attaining the age of 60 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

2. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Common Services Centers (CSCs)”.

1. Common Services Centers (CSCs) are a strategic cornerstone of the Digital India programme.
2. They are the access points for delivery of various electronic services to villages in India, thereby contributing to a digitally and financially inclusive society.
3. It is also one of the approved projects under the Integrated Mission Mode Projects of the National eGovernance Plan.

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

3. Consider the following statements with reference to the “CSC 2.0 Scheme”.

1. The Government launched the CSC 2.0 scheme to expand the outreach of CSCs to all state capitals across the country.
2. Under CSC 2.0 scheme, at least one CSC will be set up in each of the 2.5 lakh GPs across the country by 2019.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “PM – KISAN scheme”?

1. Under this programme, vulnerable landless farmer families will be provided direct income support at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per year.
2. This income support will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary farmers, in three equal installments of Rs. 2,000 each.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

5. “IEA Bioenergy TCP” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. International Energy Agency’s Technology Collaboration Programme on Bioenergy (IEA Bioenergy TCP) is an international platform for co-operation among countries.
2. The aim of improving cooperation and information exchange between countries that have national programmes in bioenergy research, development and deployment.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Mineral Policy, 2019”.

1. It will lead to sustainable mining sector development in future while addressing the issues of project affected Environment Protection Programme.
2. It will encourage the private sector to take up exploration.
3. The Policy also mentions to make efforts to harmonize taxes, levies & royalty with world benchmarks to help private sector.

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

7. Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Housing Bank”.

1. It is an apex agency established to operate as a principal agency to promote housing finance institutions both at local and regional levels and to provide financial and other support incidental.
2. The change in ownership from RBI to Gol will also segregate RBI’s role as banking regulator and as owner of NHB.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

8. “FAME-India Scheme” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. FAME India is a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan.
2. FAME focuses on 4 areas i.e. Technology development, Skill Development, Pilot Projects and Charging Infrastructure.

Which if the above statement is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

9. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN yojana”.

1. The scheme provides financial support to tribal people who are living in the forest areas.
2. This scheme will help them the start food processing industries.
3. It was launched by the Ministry of forest departments in the collaboration of Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

10. “Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Arun-3 Hydro Electric project (900 MW) is located on Arun River in Sankhuwasabha District of Eastern Nepal.
2. The power from the project shall be exported from Dhalkebar in Nepal to Muzaffarpur in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

11. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme”.

1. This Scheme is to provide financial assistance to voluntary organizations to make available the whole range of services necessary for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
2. It is to encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the People with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities and Protection of Rights) Act of 1995.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)”?

1. RCEP aims to boost goods trade by making tariff free trade policies for the regional countries.
2. RCEP is proposed between the Asia-Pacific states.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

13. “iPay” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The exclusive digital payment gateway will provide better digital experience and improved online digital payment at any digital platform.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

14. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) reform index”?

1. It is a framework that was adopted last year to strengthen public sector banks, and rank them on metrics.
2. It was prepared by the Reserve Bank of India.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

15. Consider the following statements with reference to the “ARTEMIS Mission”.

1. This mission is to help the patients suffering with the rare skin diseases called Leucoderma.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

16. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue”.

1. It is the apex level conference of the Indian Navy, organised by the National Maritime Foundation as the Navy’s Knowledge Partner.
2. The permanent theme of this annual dialogue is a review of India’s opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.
3. The aim is to focus attention on the Indo-Pacific, as a maritime geographical-entity.
4. The second edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – 2019 will be held in New Delhi.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17. “Smart India Hackthon 2019” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. An initiative by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the collaboration of Skill Development Program.
2. This is for the student of class 11 and 12 to give them tanning and to develop skill in them.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

18. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “Exercise Sampriti – 2019”?

1. The exercise will involve tactical level operations in a counter insurgency and counter terrorism environment under the UN mandate.
2. The exercise is aimed to strengthen and broaden the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between the Indian and Bangladesh Armies.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

19. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Construction Technology India (CTI)”.

1. The conference identifies proven, innovative and globally established technologies for use in the Indian context.
2. This event is hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

20. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Kanyashree scheme”?

1. It aims to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children, pregnant women and lactating mothers and reduce anemia among children and women.
2. Kanyashree is a conditional cash transfer scheme, through the initiative; cash was deposited into the bank account of female member of family for every year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

21. “Kumbh Mela 2019” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Prayagraj Kumbh Mela 2019 has been placed in the Guinness World Records recently.
2. The Mela was also included in the list of “Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity” by UNESCO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

22. Recently government will setup “Centre for Disability Sports”, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. A ‘Centre for Disability Sports’ will be set up at New Delhi.
2. It will be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, that is to function under the name of Centre for Disability Sports.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

23. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Swachh Bharat Grameen”?

1. The aim of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is to achieve a clean and Open Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2nd October, 2019.
2. The Mission Coordinator for SBM is Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS).
3. It has two Sub-Missions, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).

Choose the correct code:

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

24. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana”.

1. The subscriber is required to contribute the prescribed contribution amount from the age of joining the scheme till the age of 60 years.
2. PM-SYM is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme that will engage workers in the organized and unorganised sector.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

25. “World Air Quality Report 2018” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. IQAir AirVisual and Greenpeace have released World Air Quality Report 2018.
2. India’s Gurugram led the list of most polluted cities in the world in 2018, followed by Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida, and Bhiwadi in the top six worst-affected cities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

26. "AL NAGAH 2019" was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Exercise Al Nagah III, third in the series of bilateral joint exercise between India and Saudi Arabia.
2. The exercise will see both the armies exchanging expertise and experience in tactics, weapon handling and firing.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

27. "JanaushadhiDiwas" was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanaushadhiPariyojana' is a campaign launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
2. 7th March 2019 to be celebrated as 'JanaushadhiDiwas' across India.
3. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the implementing agency of PMBJP.

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

28. "Generic Medicine" was recently seen in news; consider the following with reference to it.

1. The prices of generic medicines are much cheaper than their branded equivalent.
2. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) has been set up to provide generic drugs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

29. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding "Quality Assurance Scheme"?

1. NABL launches Quality Assurance Scheme for Basic Composite Medical facilities.
2. It is a voluntary scheme.
3. The scheme requires minimal documentation and a nominal fee has been prescribed for availing the scheme.

Choose the correct code:

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

30. Consider the following statements with reference to the "National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)".

1. NABL is a constituent board of Quality Council of India (QCI) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. NABL is Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) signatory to International bodies for accreditation of Testing including Medical and Calibration laboratories.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

31. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2019”.

1. Solid plastic waste has been prohibited from import into the country including in Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and by Export Oriented Units (EOU).
2. Exporters of silk waste have now been given exemption from requiring permission from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

32. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Web- Wonder Women Campaign”.

1. The Campaign has been launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. The Ministry aims to recognize the fortitude of Indian women stalwarts from across the globes that have used the power of social media to run positive & niche campaigns to steer a change in society.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

33. Recently United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has released its report, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. India is one of the major hubs of illicit drug trade ranging from age-old cannabis to newer prescription drugs like tramadol, and designer drugs like methamphetamine.
2. UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

34. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “BOLD-QIT project”?

1. Project BOLD-QIT is Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique between India and Bangladesh.
2. This project was launched under the Ministry of Defence with collaboration of Border Safety Management.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

35. Consider the following statements with reference to the "World Wildlife Day".

1. This year theme was 'Life below Water: for People and Planet'.
2. The theme aligns with goal 14 of UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

36. Consider the following statements with reference to the "CITES".

1. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international regulatory treaty between 183 party states.
2. The focus of the convention is not solely on the protection of species and it also promotes controlled trade that is not detrimental to the sustainability of wild species.
3. CITES is not legally binding on state parties to the convention.

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

37. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding "International Women's Day 2019"?

1. This year the themes for International Women's Day are #BalanceforBetter.

2. International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 every year.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

38. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Dictionary of Martyrs".

1. The aim is to nurture and recall the brave deeds of the heroes of our freedom struggle.
2. The project for compilation of "Dictionary of Martyrs" of India's Freedom Struggle was commissioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

39. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP)".

1. The Scheme aims at completion of the on-going projects already approved under FMP.
2. The Scheme also includes survey and investigations, preparation of DPR etc. of water resources projects on the common rivers with neighboring countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

40. “Monster Salary Index Report” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It was prepared by Monster India in collaboration with Paycheck.in with IIM-Ahmedabad as a research partner.
2. Monster Salary Index survey is titled ‘Women of India Inc’.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

41. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Pulse Polio Program 2019”.

1. The programme aims to protect children from the polio disease by conducting two nationwide mass polio vaccination campaigns and two to three sub-national campaigns each year.
2. Government has also introduced the injectable Inactivated Polio Vaccine into its routine immunization program.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

42. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Kashi Vishwanath Corridor”.

1. The project envisions a massive makeover of the holy shrine and its surrounding areas.
2. Along the corridor, pilgrims and travellers will see a newly built museum and depicting Varanasi’s ancient history and culture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

43. Consider the following statements with reference to the “third IT corridor in China”.

1. India has launched its third IT corridor in China.
2. The primary aim of this IT corridor will be to facilitate partnerships between Indian and Chinese companies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

44. “BEE Star Ratings” was recently seen in news; choose the correct statements with reference to it.

1. Star ratings are provided to all the major kind of appliances in the form of labels.
2. The appliances with the lowest energy consumption in a product category are given the most stars and those with the highest energy consumption are given the least.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

45. “India Urban Observatory & Video Wall” was recently seen; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the state-of-the-art India Urban Observatory and Video Wall.
2. It is a platform that uses data from different sources to enable analysis and visualization over a geospatial platform.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

46. Which of the above statements is/are correct statements with reference to the “Protecting the Sundarban wetlands”?

1. It is the 27th Ramsar Site in India.
2. The Indian Sundarban, also a UNESCO world heritage site, is home to the Royal Bengal Tiger.
3. Two of the world’s four horseshoe crab species and eight of India’s 12 species of kingfisher are also found here.

Choose the correct code:

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

47. Consider the following statement is/are correct with reference to the “Pulse Polio Program 2019”.

1. The programme aims to protect children from the polio disease by conducting two nationwide mass polio vaccination campaigns and two to three sub-national campaigns each year.
2. India’s last reported cases of wild polio were in West Bengal and Gujarat on 13 January 2011.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

48. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “National Knowledge Network”.

1. NKN is a multi-gigabit pan-India network that facilitates the development of India’s education system.
2. Establishing a high-speed backbone connectivity that will enable knowledge and information sharing amongst NKN connected institutes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

49. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Trends in International Arms Transfers-2018'.

1. UN Security council has released the Trends in International Arms Transfers 2018 Report.
2. India was the world's second largest importer of major arms in 2014-18 and accounted for 9.5% of the global total.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

50. "World Gold Council (WGC)" was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The World Gold Council is an association whose members comprise the world's leading gold mining companies.
2. Headquartered in the UK, they have offices in China, Singapore, Japan and the United States.
3. India, which is the world's largest consumer of gold, has the 11th largest gold reserve, with the current holding pegged at 607 tonnes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

51. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "ISRO's AstroSat"?

1. ASTROSAT is India's first dedicated multi wavelength space observatory.
2. ASTROSAT is designed to observe the universe in the Visible, Ultraviolet, low and high energy X-ray regions of the electromagnetic spectrum.
3. This mission has put ISRO in a very exclusive club of nations that have space-based observatories.

Choose the correct code:

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

52. "Pinaka Guided Weapons" was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The indigenously developed Pinaka Guided Weapons System was successfully test fired at Pokhran desert in Rajasthan.
2. Pinaka rocket systems are developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

53. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Wood snake”.

1. The species is endemic to the Meghamalai forests and the Periyar Tiger Reserve landscape.
2. A species of wood snake that wasn't seen for 140 years has resurfaced in a survey conducted by scientists in the Meghamalai Wildlife Sanctuary.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

54. Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)”.

1. The organization is also entrusted with the task of recovering amounts overcharged by manufacturers for the controlled drugs from the consumers.
2. To render advice to the Central Government on changes/ revisions in the drug policy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

55. Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘Sirsi Supari’.

1. ‘Sirsi Supari’ grown in Uttara Kannada has received the Geographic Indication (GI) tag.
2. The arecanut grown in these taluks have unique features such as a round and flattened coin shape, texture, size, cross-sectional views, taste, etc.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

56. Orange-bellied ‘starry dwarf frog’ was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Starry dwarf frog- a thumbnail-sized species was recently discovered in India's Eastern Ghats.
2. It's the sole member of an ancient lineage, a long branch on the frog tree of life that researchers have classified as a new subfamily, Astrobatrachinae.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

57. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Global Environment Outlook report”.

1. The report is the sixth and is the UN’s most comprehensive report on the state of the global environment since the fifth edition in 2012.
2. Species extinction rates also continue to increase at a pace that could compromise Earth’s ability to meet human needs, the report says.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

58. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “TIR convention”?

1. It is an international transit system under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to facilitate the seamless movement of goods within European countries.
2. The TIR system not only covers customs transit by road but a combination is possible with other modes of transport.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

59. Consider the following statements with regarding “Project Varshadhare” which was recently seen in news.

1. It is a cloud seeding project flagged off by the Union Government to enhance the amount of precipitation from the clouds to generate more rain.
2. Special aircraft will disperse the chemical silver iodide as they fly through rain-bearing clouds that will trigger and enhance the precipitation.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

60. Consider the following statements with reference to the “India Energy Modelling Forum”.

1. IEMF has been envisaged as a pan-stakeholder platform for debating ideas, scenario-planning & discussing the India’s energy future.
2. It aims to improve cooperation and coordination between modeling teams, the Government of India, knowledge partners and think-tanks, build capacity of Indian institutions.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

61. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “West Nile virus (WNV)”?

1. West Nile Virus (WNV) is a member of the flavivirus genus and belongs to the Japanese encephalitis antigenic complex of the family Flaviviridae.
2. WNV is commonly found in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America and West Asia.
3. WNV is maintained in nature in a cycle involving transmission between birds and mosquitoes. Humans, horses and other mammals can be infected.

Choose the correct code:

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

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

1. MPATGM is third-generation anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) indigenously developed by DRDO.
2. It is effective against both stationary and moving targets and it will be deployed in infantry and parachute battalions of Indian Army.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

63. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “World Consumers Day”?

1. This year theme was “Trusted Smart Products”.
2. One of the strongest campaigns for protection of consumer rights in India, is “JagoGrahakJago” this multimedia campaign from Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

64. “UNNATEE (UNlockingNATional Energy Efficiency Potential)” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has developed a national strategy document- UNNATEE (Unlocking NATional Energy Efficiency potential)– for accelerating energy efficiency in India.
2. The document offers a comprehensive roadmap to address India’s environmental and climate change mitigation action through energy efficiency measures.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

65. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship 2019”.

1. Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship is being held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. FINE is an initiative being organised by Rashtrapati Bhavan in association with the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and the National Innovation Foundation-India.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

66. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Climate Vulnerability Index”.

1. The assessment has been done by experts from the Department of Science and Technology.
2. The assessment shows that the vulnerability index is the highest for Assam (0.72) and Mizoram (0.71).
3. Sikkim is the least vulnerable state with the index being 0.42.

Choose the correct code:

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

67. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Electoral bond scheme”.

1. Electoral bonds have been introduced to promote transparency in funding and donation received by political parties.
2. The electoral bonds will prompt donors to take the banking route to donate, with their identity captured by the issuing authority.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

68. “AFINDEX-19” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. AFINDEX-19 aims to train the participating contingents in Humanitarian Mine Assistance (HMA) and Peace Keeping Operations (PKO) under the United Nations Charter.
2. It is a Joint Field Training Exercise between the Indian Army and South African.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

69. Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)”.

1. It is being implemented and steered jointly by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY).
2. The Mission includes development of highly professional High-Performance Computing (HPC) aware human resource for meeting challenges of development of these applications.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

70. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Domestic systemically important bank (D-SIB)”.

1. All the banks under D-SIB are required to maintain higher share of risk-weighted assets as tier-I equity.
2. All the public sector banks will be categorized under the D-SIB according to the norms of RBI.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

71. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Pradhan Mantri KhanijKshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)”.

1. The programme is meant to provide for the welfare of areas and people affected by mining related operations.
2. It implements various developmental and welfare projects/programs in mining affected areas that complement the existing ongoing

schemes/projects of State and Central Government.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

72. ‘Bomb Cyclone’ was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with referenced to it.

1. A bomb cyclone happens when atmospheric pressure in the middle of the storm drops at least 24 millibars over 24 hours, quickly increasing in intensity.
2. A powerful bomb cyclone has impacted several parts of the UK causing heavy floods.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

73. “Grey hypocolius” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Grey Hypocolius (Hypocoliusampelinus), a small migratory bird that usually makes its home in West Asia and North Africa and is a regular visitor to Kutch.
2. The IUCN Red List, the conservation status is evaluated as being of “least concern”.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

74. Choose the correct statements with reference to the “UN Environment Assembly”.

1. The United Nations Environment Assembly is the world’s highest-level decision-making body on the environment.
2. The Fourth Environment Assembly was held in Nairobi.
3. the theme was “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”.

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. Consider the following statements regarding “Country-by-country (CbC) reports” which was recently seen in news.

1. India and the US can now exchange country-by-country (CbC) reports filed by the ultimate parent corporations based in either of the countries.
2. This provides the IT department with better operational view of such companies, primarily with regards to revenue and income tax paid.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

76. “Kaladan Project” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Kaladan project connects Sittwe Port in Myanmar to the India-Myanmar border.
2. The project was jointly initiated by India and Myanmar to create a multi-modal platform for cargo shipments from the eastern ports to Myanmar and to the North-eastern parts of the country.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

77. “YONO Cash” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. RBI has launched the YONO Cash service for its customers which will allow them to withdraw cash from ATMs without their debit cards.
2. You Only Need One (YONO) is the cardless cash withdrawal service.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

78. "TROPEX 19" was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Theatre Level Readiness and Operational Exercise (TROPEX) is an inter-service military exercise.
2. The exercise is designed to test the combat readiness of the Indian naval units, as well as the Indian Air Force and Indian Army.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

79. Consider the following statements with reference to the "United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)".

1. It was established to ensure the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.
2. It is part of the United Nations Secretariat and its functions span the social, economic, environmental as well as humanitarian fields.
3. It is the successor to the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

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

80. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Sendai Framework".

1. The "Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030" was adopted during the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.
2. It is a voluntary and non-binding agreement that recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

81. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the "Parrotfish"?

1. Bumphead parrotfish is an important component of coral reef ecosystem.
2. It is categorized as 'vulnerable' in the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
3. This Parrotfish found near Eastern Ghats, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements with reference to the “GST Council”.

1. The Prime Minister will be the Chairperson and other member will be Finance Minister along with the Union Minister of State in charge of Revenue or Finance.
2. The Minister in charge of finance or taxation or any other Minister nominated by each State government, as members.
3. Article 279A (4) specifies that the Council will make recommendations to the Union and the States on the important issues related to GST.

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

83. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Special Stamp on Ice Stupa released”?

1. The Indian Department of Post has released a ‘special stamp cover on Ice Stupa’.
2. The special stamps aim to create awareness about depleting glaciers and affect the ecology around the Himalayas.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

84. Neither 1 nor 2 Consider the following statements with reference to the “Exercise Mitra shakti-VI”.

1. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of India & Japan.
2. The aim of the exercise is to build and promote close relations between armies of both the countries and to enhance ability of joint exercise commander to take military contingents of both nations under command.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

85. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Worldwide Cost of Living 2019”?

1. The Economist Intelligence Unit has released the report of the Worldwide Cost of Living Survey 2019.
2. Bangalore, India listed in the report at the 129th Rank.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

86. Consider the following statements with reference to the “International Air Transport Association”.

1. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is the trade association for the world’s airlines, representing some 280 airlines or 83% of total air traffic.
2. Recently SpiceJet has announced its membership of global airlines’ grouping ‘International Air Transport Association’ (IATA).
3. SpiceJet is the first Indian low-budget carrier to join the IATA.

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

87. “World Happiness Report” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is released by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the United Nations by the UN General Assembly.
2. The list is topped by Finland for the second year in a row.
3. India has witnessed a sustained drop with a 140th place this year compared with the 133rd place in 2018.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Real Estate Investment Trust”.

1. They are collective investment vehicles that operate and manage property portfolios and give returns to investors.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs mandated that all REITS be listed on exchanges and make an initial public offer to raise money.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

89. Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Water Day”.

1. The theme for World Water Day 2019 is ‘Leaving no one behind,’.
2. The aim of the day is to increase awareness among people about the importance, need and conservation of water.
3. The World Water Development Report is also released by the UN every year around World Water Day.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

90. What is “stubble burning”, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Stubble burning results in emission of harmful gases such carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide along with particulate matter.
2. Stubble Burning is being practiced by the scientist to eliminate the harmful gasses from environment.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

91. Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage”.

1. The Mission will also launch the Phased Manufacturing Programmes (PMP) for Batteries and for Electric Vehicle components.
2. The Mission will have a ‘Make in India’ strategy for EV components as well as battery technologies.
3. It was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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

92. Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘Belt and Road’ initiative.

1. Recently Italy set to become first G7 country to join ‘Belt and Road’ initiative.
2. BRI consisting of the land-based belt, ‘Silk Road Economic Belt’.
3. It aims to connect the East Asian economic region with the European economic circle and runs across the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)”.

1. This law is aimed at effective prevention of unlawful activities associations in India.
2. The Act makes it a crime to support any secessionist movement or to support claims by a foreign power to what India claims as its territory.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

94. “Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA) 2019” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA-2019) is being held in Langkawi, Malaysia.
2. Indian Air Force is participating in the Maritime Aero Expo for the first time, during that it will showcase its indigenously developed LCA fighter aircraft.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

95. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Superstats” which was recently seen in news.

1. Superstats, a new metrics to analyse the sports in India.
2. It has been launched by ESPNcricinfo in partnership with Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

96. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS)”.

1. The implementation of IndAS for public sector banks requires an amendment to the Banking Regulation Act.
2. Section 29 of the BR Act deals with the accounts and balance sheets of public sector banks.
3. Private sector banks are not covered by the Companies Act and it is based on the new accounting standards.

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 reference to the “World Food Programme”.

1. The World Food Programme (WFP) is the food assistance branch of the United Nations and the world’s largest humanitarian organization.
2. It is a member of the United Nations Development Group and part of its Executive Committee.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

98. Consider the following statements with reference to the “GRAPES- 3”.

1. GRAPES-3 is designed to study cosmic rays with an array of air shower detectors and a large area muon detector.
2. It started as a collaboration of the Indian Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and the Japanese Osaka City University.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

99. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Kyasanur Forest Disease”.

1. Transmission to humans may occur after a tick bite or contact with an infected animal, most importantly a sick or recently dead monkey.
2. Person-to-person transmission has been also described.
3. Large animals such as goats, cows, and sheep may become infected with KFD but play a limited role in the transmission of the disease.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

100. “Basant Utsav” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements regarding it.

1. Basant Utsav or Spring festival in Santiniketan, Birbhum to recreate the magic of Holi.
2. It is also known as ‘DolJatra’ or the ‘Dol Utsav’, the fiesta enjoys the repute as the “RabindrikBasanta Utsav”.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

101. Which of the following statements with reference to the “YuvaVigyaniKaryakram or Young Scientist Programme”?

1. The programme aims at imparting basic knowledge on space technology, space science and space applications to the younger ones.
2. Under the programme, three students each will be selected to participate in it every year from each state and union territory, covering CBSE, ICSE and state syllabus.
3. The students belonging to rural areas have been given special weightage under the selection criteria set.
4. This programme is launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Choose the correct code:

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

102. Consider the following statements with reference to the “PSLV-C45/ Emisat Mission”.

1. EMISAT is primarily based on the famous Israeli spy satellite called SARAL or (Satellite with ARGOS and ALTika).
2. This mission will be ISRO's first attempt at placing payloads in three different orbits.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

103. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Sharda Peeth Corridor”.

1. The temple is also one of the 18 Maha Shakti Peethas, or a “Grand Shakti Peethas”.
2. It is situated in Neelam Valley, which is 160 km from Muzaffarabad, and close to the Line of Control.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

104. Choose the correct statements from the following regarding “Hambantota oil refinery project”.

1. Recently India's Accord Group and Oman's Ministry of Oil and Gas have begun construction of an oil refinery in Sri Lanka'.
2. Hambantota is right in the middle of vital energy supply lines in the Indian Ocean, connecting the Middle East and East Asia
3. Chinese control of Hambantota, which is part of its modern-day “Silk Route” across Asia.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to the “WEF Energy Transition Index”.

1. World Economic Forum has released its global Energy Transition index.
2. The index considers both the current state of the countries' energy system and their structural readiness to adapt to future energy needs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

106. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)”?

1. WMO coordinates the activities of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in 191 States and Territories.
2. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
3. This year theme of World Meteorological Day was “The Sun, the Earth and the weather”.

Choose the correct code:

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

107. "ABHEDYA" was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is Indian Navy's state of the art Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF).
2. The new facility is expected to help train personnel of naval ships fitted with nuclear, biological and chemical detection and protection systems.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

108. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Global MPI 2018".

1. Global MPI 2018 Report prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.
2. According to the report in India, poverty reduction among children, the poorest states, Scheduled Tribes, and Muslims was fastest.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

109. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Note verbale".

1. A note verbale is a diplomatic communication from one government to another, delivered through each other's diplomatic representatives.
2. Notes verbale are the commonest method of formal diplomatic communication and they are used to convey information or requests of all kinds.
3. A note verbale is written on the sending entity's letterhead, and stamped with that entity's seal, but not signed.

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

110. Choose the incorrect statements from the following regarding "Swine Flu".

1. Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs.
2. If a person comes in contact with these drops or touch a surface that an infected person has recently touched, the person can catch H1N1 swine flu.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2