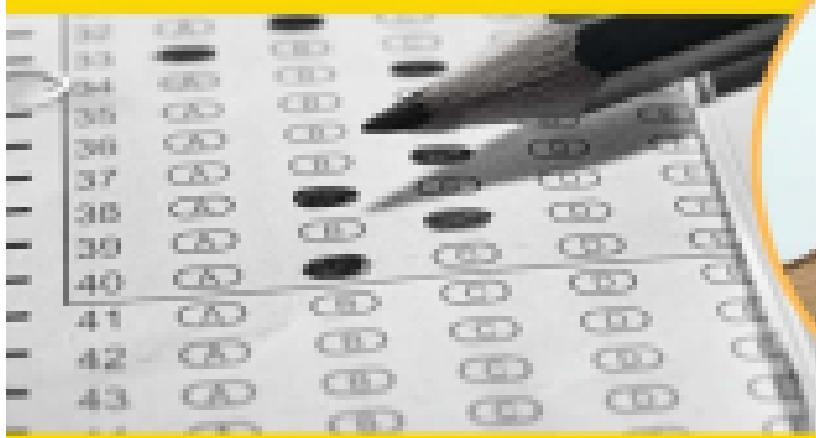


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Indian Geography

1. Recent discovery of method of reducing salination of soil is
 (a) Spreading of husk on the soil
 (b) Extensive use of fertilisers
 (c) Intensive use of fertilisers
 (d) None of the above
 Ans: (a)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
2. What factors changed the landscape of India the most in last century?
 (a) Irrigation
 (b) Movement of people from rural to urban areas
 (c) Industrialisation
 (d) Deforestation
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
3. The crop which grows in alluvial soil and needs 150 cm rainfall is
 (a) Wheat (b) Rice
 (c) Groundnut (d) Sugarcane
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
4. Which of the following projects is administered by more than one State?
 (a) Nagarjuna Sagar Project
 (b) Kosi Project
 (c) Hirakud Project
 (d) Tungabhadra Project
 Ans: (a)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
5. The oldest mountains are
 (a) Himalayas (b) Aravallis
 (c) Satpura (d) Vindhya
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
6. "Laterite Soil" is found in India in
 (a) Western Ghats (b) Eastern Ghats
 (c) Deccan Plateau
 (d) Satpura region in Madhya Pradesh
 Ans: (a)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
7. Which of the following crops helps in nitrogen fixation?
 (a) Rice (b) Wheat
 (c) Maize (d) Beans
 Ans: (d)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
8. The winter rain in Madras is caused by
 (a) South-West Monsoons
 (b) North-East Monsoons
 (c) Intense land and sea breezes
 (d) Cyclonic winds in the Bay of Bengal
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979

9. The sea territory of India extends up to
 (a) 4 nautical miles (b) 12 nautical miles
 (c) 200 nautical miles (d) None of these
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
10. India's population according to 1971 Census was approximately.
 (a) 50 crores (b) 54 crores
 (c) 62 crores (d) 70 crores
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
11. At which place will you find maximum sunlight in December ?
 (a) Kanyakumari (b) Pune
 (c) Calcutta (d) Leh
 Ans: (a)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
12. The number of States having common boundary with the State of Madhya Pradesh is :
 (a) 5 (b) 6
 (c) 7 (d) 8
 Ans: (a)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
13. The crop which is sown with the commencement of Monsoon is
 (a) Rabi Crop (b) Kharif Crop
 (c) Cash Crop (d) None of these
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
14. Which among the following States possesses oil resources based on geographical location?
 (a) Kerala (b) Nagaland
 (c) Assam (d) Meghalaya
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
15. The maximum percentage of the tribal population in India constitutes :
 (a) Bhils (b) Santhals
 (c) Mundas (d) Nagas
 Ans: (b)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
16. Gondwana hills are located in
 (a) Punjab (b) Jammu and Kashmir
 (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Nagaland
 Ans: (c)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
17. 'Jhum Cultivation' is connected with
 (a) Tribal people (b) Delta cultivation
 (c) Dry farming (d) Hilly people
 Ans: (d)
 Civil Services Prelims 1979
18. It has been found recently that the acidity of the soil increases because of
 (a) Leaching away of bases
 (b) Increased use of ammonia
 (c) Increased use of urea
 (d) Increased use of rock phosphate

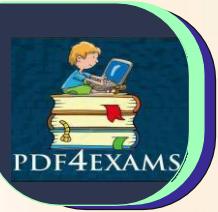
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- Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1979
- 19.** Bustard King is found in
(a) Assam (b) Himalayan Range
(c) Rajasthan (d) Madhya Pradesh
- Ans: (c)
Civil Services Prelims 1980
- 20.** Which of the following States is landlocked?
(a) Maharashtra (b) West Bengal
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Bihar
- Ans: (d)
Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 21.** Why the Indian farmers plough their fields during the time interval between two crops ?
(a) In order to keep the soil loose for further cultivation
(b) To increase the porosity of the soil
(c) To escape drought
(d) To prevent clodding
- Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 22.** Maximum production of paddy per unit water consumption can be best achieved in a
(a) Nonporous soil (b) Porous soil
(c) Impervious soil
(d) Soil that allows slow percolation
- Ans: (d)
Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 23.** Which of the following statements about the cultivation of tea and coffee is true?
(a) Tea grows at a higher altitude than coffee
(b) Coffee grows at a higher altitude than tea
(c) Both grow at about the same altitude
(d) There is no climatic relationship between the two crops
- Ans: (a)
Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 24.** Which is the most urbanised State in India?
(a) Punjab (b) Maharashtra
(c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu
- Ans: (d)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 25.** To visit Tuticorin, Mangalore and Paradip, one does not require to go to
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Kerala
(c) Karnataka (d) Orissa
- Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 26.** Which of the following States has the largest coastal area in India?
(a) Kerala (b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Karnataka (d) Andhra Pradesh
- Ans: (d)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 27.** Chambal river flows through the States of
(a) Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
(b) Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa
- (c) Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan
(d) Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar
- Ans: (c)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 28.** 200 cm of rainfall, 20°C of temperature and well drained land is ideal for the cultivation of
(a) Rice (b) Tea
(c) Coffee (d) Rubber
- Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 29.** The largest producer of tea in the world is
(a) China (b) Sri Lanka
(c) India (d) Malaysia
- Ans: (a)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 30.** Khetri, Kolar, Sindri and Jharia are associated with
(a) Copper, gold, fertilisers and coal
(b) Copper, gold, coal and iron
(c) Copper, gold, coal and gypsum
(d) Iron, gold, coal and copper
- Ans: (a)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 31.** The river which flows between Vindhya and Satpura ranges is
(a) Narmada (b) Tapti
(c) Mahanadi (d) Godavari
- Ans: (a)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 32.** North India gets rainfall due to
(a) Northern cold winds
(b) South-West monsoons
(c) North-East monsoons
(d) Western disturbances
- Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 33.** Bhakra Nangal, Hirakud and Kosi projects are situated on the rivers
(a) Sutlej, Mahanadi and Kosi
(b) Sutlej, Mahanadi and Purna
(c) Mahanadi, Beas, Godavari
(d) Beas, Mahanadi, Sutlej
- Ans: (a)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 34.** Duncan pass is located between
(a) North Andaman and South Andaman
(b) North Andaman and Car Nicobar
(c) South Andaman and Car Nicobar
(d) South Andaman and Little Andaman
- Ans: (c)
Civil Services Prelims 1982
- 35.** Match the following:
A. Gonds : 1. Central India
B. Eskimos : 2. Canada
C. Lapps : 3. Norway
D. Moplas : 4. Kerala The correct answer is A B C D

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

Ans: (*)

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36. In which part of India do tea and coffee plantations overlap?

- (a) South India (b) East India
 (c) South East India (d) South West India

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

37. Lucerne is a

- (a) Foliage crop (b) Cereal crop
 (c) Fruit crop (d) Fibre crop

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

38. Indian agriculture largely depends for its water supply on

- (a) Rivers (b) Wells
 (c) Monsoon rains
 (d) Desalinated marine water

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

39. To check the expansion of Thar desert which of the following measures should be tried?

- (a) Construction of dams (b) Afforestation
 (c) Construction of canals (d) Artificial rain

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

40. Which of the following rivers flows westward?

- (a) Krishna (b) Cauvery
 (c) Mahanadi (d) Narmada

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

41. The shortest route from New Delhi to Vancouver is

- (a) New Delhi—Bangkok—Tokyo—Vancouver
 (b) New Delhi—London—New York—Vancouver
 (c) New Delhi—Paris—New York—Vancouver
 (d) New Delhi—Moscow—New York—Vancouver

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

42. In which of the following city one can never see the sun shine overhead at noon?

- (a) Delhi (b) Visakhapatnam
 (c) Trivandrum (d) Bangalore

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

43. The country scene is one of desolation, with dry, deep and narrow gullies. There is little vegetation and that too thorny shrub variety. Human settlements are scarce. The scene may belong to

- (a) West Rajasthan (b) Bundelkhand region
 (c) Malwa region (d) Chambal valley

Ans: (a)

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44. Which of the following is not correct?

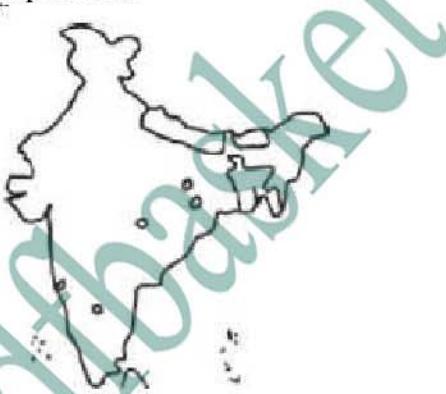
- (a) Doldrums—Equatorial low pressure zone

- (b) Hurricane—A wind having a mean velocity of less than 100 km per hour
 (c) New Moore Island—India
 (d) Alluvium—Rann of Kutch

Ans: (b)

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45. Distribution of which mineral is shown in the map of India?



- (a) Gold (b) Iron ore
 (c) Coal (d) Petroleum

Ans: (b)

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46. In which State of India is coconut grown extensively?

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1983

47. Match the following:

- A. Lignite : 1. Jharia
 B. Coal : 2. Hazaribagh
 C. Mica : 3. Neyveli

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C

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

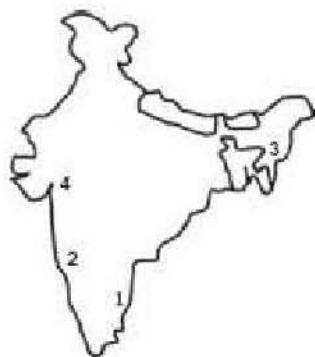
Ans: (a)

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48. In the following map; the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 stand respectively for 2 4 3 1 2 3 4

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- (a) Goa Daman Pondicherry Dadar and Diu Nagar Haveli
 (b) Pondicherry Goa Mizoram Dadar and Nagar Haveli
 (c) Goa Mizoram Pondicherry Dadar and Nagar Haveli
 (d) Daman and Dadar and Goa Pondicherry Diu Nagar Haveli

Ans: (b)

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49. Iron ore mines are located in which of the following group of places?
 (a) Bokaro, Balaghat, Hazaribagh
 (b) Singhbhum, Monghyr, Singareni
 (c) Jharia, Raniganj, Wardha
 (d) Singhbhum, Mayurbhanji, Keonjhar

Ans: (d)

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50. The most indigenous atomic power plant is situated at
 (a) Kota (b) Trombay
 (c) Tarapur (d) Kalpakkam

Ans: (d)

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51. Which of the following pairs is incorrect?
 (a) Nagarjuna Sagar – Andhra Pradesh
 (b) Tungabhadra – Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
 (c) Farakka – West Bengal
 (d) Kosi – Gujarat

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1984

52. The States shaded in the given map account for above 75 percent of the total cropped area and about 75 percent of the total production of which of the following:
 (a) Wheat (b) Sugarcane
 (c) Tea (d) Rice

Ans: (d)

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53. The great Indian bustard is a/an
 (a) Animal (b) Reptile
 (c) Bird (d) Mammal

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1985

54. Which of the following States produces maximum quantity of lignite?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan
 (c) Jammu & Kashmir (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1985

55. Which of the following tribes is not found in Central India?
 (a) Todas (b) Gonds
 (c) Mundas (d) Bhils

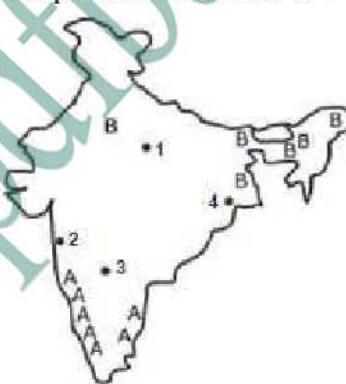
Ans: (a)

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Directions (56-57) : Study the following map carefully and answer these questions.

1 4 3 2

56. Which of the following types of soils is indicated by the portion marked with 'A'?



- (a) Red soil (b) Alluvial soil
 (c) Laterite soil (d) Black soil

Ans: (b)

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57. Which of the following is indicated by the portions marked with 'B'?
 (a) Coal fields (b) Atomic power plants
 (c) Fertiliser complexes (d) Oil refineries

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1985

58. Match the type of soil found in regions represented by dots, 1-4.

1 2 3 4

- (a) Alluvial Alluvial Laterite Sandy saline light black dark black
 (b) Alluvial Alluvial Alluvial Laterite dark black light black
 (c) Alluvial Laterite Alluvial Alluvial light black dark black
 (d) Sandy saline Laterite Alluvial Alluvial light light black dark black black

Ans: (b)

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59. The National Highway No. 1 connects
 (a) Bombay to Calcutta
 (b) Delhi to Calcutta

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- (c) Bombay to Delhi
(d) Delhi to Amritsar

Ans: (d)

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60. Match the following :

- A. Korba : 1. Atomic Power plant
B. Raniganj : 2. Heavy Electricals
C. Kalpakkam : 3. Coal Mines
D. Haridwar : 4. Aluminium : 5. Iron and Steel
Codes :
A B C D
(a) 1 3 2 5 (b) 4 3 1 2
(c) 2 4 1 5 (d) 2 4 1 3

Ans: (b)

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61. Which of the following States has the largest population of Scheduled Tribes?

- (a) Assam (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Bihar (d) West Bengal

Ans: (b)

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62. The southernmost part of India lies in

- (a) Tamil Nadu
(b) Kerala
(c) Lakshadweep
(d) Andaman and Nicobar island

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1986

63. Which of the following crops is a tropical monsoon crop?

- (a) Rice (b) Wheat
(c) Ragi (d) Jowar

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1986

64. The shaded area shown in the map of India is



- (a) Tropical wet evergreen forests
(b) Deciduous forests
(c) Wet temperate forests
(d) Mangrove forests

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1986

65. Oil Refinery located near the oil field is

- (a) Mathura

- (b) Barauni
(c) Visakhapatnam
(d) Nunmati

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1987

66. 'Khasi' and 'Garo' tribes mainly live in

- (a) Kerala (b) Meghalaya
(c) Chota Nagpur (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1987

67. The shaded portion in the following map represents:



- (a) Deciduous forests
(b) Tropical evergreen forests
(c) Subtropical evergreen forests
(d) None of the above

Ans: (a)

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68. Match the columns:

- A. West Bengal : 1. Alpana
B. Maharashtra : 2. Rangoli
C. Tamil Nadu : 3. Pahari
D. Rajasthan : 4. Kolam

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1987

69. The type of vegetation found in shaded region of map is of India's :



- (a) Tropical wet evergreen forests

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- (b) Deciduous forests
- (c) Wet temperate forests
- (d) Mangrove forests

Ans: (a)

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70. 'Lushai' is the name given to tribal population living in

- (a) Nagaland (b) Manipur
- (c) Tripura (d) Meghalaya

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1987

71. Dakshin Gangotri is a/an

- (a) River-valley project in Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Unmanned station located in Antarctica for continuous weather and scientific recordings.
- (c) Second source of the river Ganga
- (d) Island in the Indian Ocean near Antarctica

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

72. Indian Standard Time (I.S.T.) is determined according to the local time of which one of the following longitudes?

- (a) 82.5° east longitude
- (b) 0° longitude or Greenwich meridian
- (c) 180° east or west longitude
- (d) 70° east longitude

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

73. Gujarat has experienced drought for four consecutive years because of

- (a) Subsiding air masses
- (b) Successive monsoon failure
- (c) Change in the direction of trade winds
- (d) Western disturbances

Ans: (b)

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74. Apart from Tamil Nadu (Neyveli), lignite is found at

- (a) Gujarat (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) West Bengal (d) Orissa

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

75. The principal cause of soil damage in Punjab and Haryana is

- (a) Salinity and water-logging
- (b) Deforestation
- (c) Ravine erosion (d) Overgrazing

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

76. Which one of the following States doesn't produce a substantial quantity of cardamom?

- (a) Assam (b) Karnataka
- (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Kerala

Ans: (a)

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77. Match the columns:

List 1 : List 2 (Lakes) : (States)

A. Wular : 1. Rajasthan

B. Chilka : 2. Orissa

C. Loktak : 3. Manipur

D. Nakki : 4. Jammu and Kashmir : 5. Madhya Pradesh

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

A B C D

(a) 5 2 3 4 (b) 3 5 2 1

(c) 4 2 3 1 (d) 4 3 5 2

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

78. The places Alwaye, Koyna and Korba have

- (a) Thermal Stations
- (b) Oil Refineries
- (c) Hydro Stations
- (d) Aluminium Industries

Ans: (d)

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79. Match the columns:

List 1 : List 2

A. Maharashtra : 1. Alluvial

B. Karnataka : 2. Lateritic

C. Uttar Pradesh : 3. Red

D. Assam : 4. Black

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

A B C D

(a) 4 2 1 3 (b) 4 3 1 2

(c) 3 1 4 2 (d) 2 3 4 1

Ans: (b)

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80. River Luni drains into

- (a) Ganga delta (b) Kerala coast
- (c) Rann of Kutchh (d) Godavari delta

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

81. Which of the following States lies partly to the north of the Himalayas?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Jammu & Kashmir (d) Sikkim

Ans: (c)

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82. The primitive tribes of Andaman are descendants of

- (a) Negroids (b) Australoids
- (c) Mongoloids (d) Caucasoids

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1989

83. In India the diamonds are quarried from

- (a) Golconda (b) Jaipur
- (c) Patnagiri (d) Panna

Ans: (d)

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84. Punjab and Haryana receive rainfall from

- (a) Westerly disturbances
- (b) Cyclones in Bay of Bengal

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- (c) Both of the above
(d) None of the above

Ans: (c)

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85. Angora wool is obtained from a breed of

- (a) Sheep (b) Rabbit
(c) Fox (d) Cat

Ans: (b)

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86. Brahmaputra is an example of _____ drainage.

- (a) Annular (b) Antecedent
(c) Superimposed (d) Radial

Ans: (b)

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87. Which of the following stream systems dissects Aravalli range?

- (a) Narmada, Son (b) Banas, Luni
(c) Betwa, Koina (d) Ganga, Saraswati

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1989

88. Shifting cultivators normally grow

- (a) A single crop which is mainly consumed
(b) The major crop along with cereals
(c) Cash crops along with fodder
(d) Grains, vegetables and tubers in rotation

Ans: (a)

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89. Copper deposits in India are found in

- (a) Singhbhum (b) Kolar
(c) Salem (d) Karanpura

Ans: (a)

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90. Which of the following is not true about Gujarat?

- (a) It is the largest producer of salt
(b) It is the largest producer of milk products
(c) It is the largest producer of tobacco
(d) It is the largest producer of groundnut.

Ans: (c)

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91. The largest reserve of 'Sal' forests is found in

- (a) Nilgiri hills (b) Dehradun valley
(c) The Aravallis (d) Eastern Peninsula

Ans: (d)

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92. Deforestation results in

1. Flora destruction
 2. Fauna destruction
 3. Ecological imbalance
- The correct options are
(a) 1, 2 & 3 (b) 1 & 2
(c) 1 & 3 (d) 2 & 3

Ans: (a)

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93. Match the following :

- A. Doddabetta : 1. Nilgiri
B. Makalu : 2. Himalaya
C. Dhupgarh : 3. Aravali
D. Guru Shikhar : 4. Satpura

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (c)

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94. Match the following :

- A. Jharia : 1. Copper
B. Ankleshwar : 2. Iron
C. Bailadilla : 3. Coal
D. Mulkiganj : 4. Oil

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 3 5 2 1 (b) 1 2 3 4
(c) 4 3 2 1 (d) 1 3 4 2

Ans: (a)

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95. Assertion (A): A Rainfall is scanty on the east of Western Ghats.

Reason (R): The east of Western Ghats is on the lee side.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (d)

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96. The climate of India is of which of the following types?

- (a) Monsoonal (b) Mediterranean
(c) Tropical (d) Savanna

Ans: (a)

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97. Matriarchal system still exists among the

- (a) Nagas, Nairs and Meenas
(b) Nairs and Khasis
(c) Bhils, Nairs and Khasis
(d) Nagas and Khasis

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

98. Which one of the following is the main cause of the low productivity of rice in India?

- (a) Low yielding varieties
(b) High incidence of pests
(c) Low fertility of soils
(d) Low market price

Ans: (a)

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99. The coal mining areas of the Damodar Valley region include

- (a) Korba, Sonhat and Raigarh
(b) Singareni, Tandur and Sasti
(c) Raniganj, Jharia and Giridih

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- (d) Talcher, Ghanda and Sambalpur

Ans: (c)

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100. Important oil fields of the Brahmaputra Valley include

- (a) Digboi and Kilboi
- (b) Lunej and Ankhleshwar
- (c) Badarpur and Masimpur
- (d) Naharkatia and Moran

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

101. Mohair is obtained from

- (a) Angora goat (b) Beetal goat
- (c) Karakul sheep (d) Lincoln sheep

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

102. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below them :

List I : List II

- | |
|------------------------------------|
| A. Udaipur : 1. Lead |
| B. Gondwanaland : 2. Tin |
| C. Kerala : 3. Coal |
| D. Kadarma : 4. Ilmenite : 5. Mica |

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 1 3 4 2 (b) 1 3 4 5
- (c) 3 2 4 1 (d) 3 4 2 5

Ans: (b)

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103. Zoji La is a Pass between

- (a) Kashmir valley and Ladakh
- (b) Lahul valley and Spiti
- (c) Chumbi valley and Sikkim
- (d) Arunanchal Pradesh and Tibet

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

104. Assertion (A): India is one of the leading fishing countries in the world.

Reason (R): India has a long coastline and a large fish-eating population.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

105. What is the correct sequence in order of size of the following States in India (from largest to smallest)?

1. Uttar Pradesh 2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Maharashtra 4. Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 2 3 1 4 (b) 1 2 3 4

- (c) 3 2 1 4 (d) 2 3 4 1

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

106. The size of the Muslim community in India is

- (a) The largest in the world
- (b) Next only to that of Bangladesh
- (c) The second largest in the world
- (d) Is as large as that in Pakistan

Ans: (c)

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107. The Palghat gap providing easy access between the west and the east coasts of India lies between

- (a) The Nilgiris and the Cardamom Hills
- (b) The Nilgiris and the Anamalai Hills
- (c) The Anamalai Hills and the Cardamom Hills
- (d) The Cardamom Hills and the Palni Hills

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

108. Out of the total area, the ‘cultivable plains’ in India constitutes about

- (a) 23 per cent (b) 36 per cent
- (c) 41 per cent (d) 51 per cent

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

109. Assertion (A): The southern half of India lies within the tropics and the northern half belongs to the warm temperate zone.

Reason (R): The tropic of cancer runs almost halfway through India.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true but R is false.
- (d) A is false but R is true.

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

110. Assertion (A): Floods are a recurring feature in the Indo-Gangetic Plain.

Reason (R): The Indo-Gangetic Plain is built of porous and soft alluvium.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true but R is false.
- (d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1990

111. In which of the following States the Jharkhand Movement is active?

1. Bihar 2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Orissa 4. Uttar Pradesh

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below :

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

Ans: (c)

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112. Below, data regarding cultivation of a particular type of crop in four states/Union Territories is given.

Of the following which is this cultivated crop?

State /Union Territory : Area under Cultivation (Million hectares)
 Kerala : 108 Tamil Nadu : 8
 Karnataka : 2 Andaman & Nicobar Islands : 0.8

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Coffee (b) Tea
 (c) Rubber (d) Rice

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

113. Which of the following metals is extracted from the Monazite sand found in plenty in India?

- (a) Gold (b) Uranium
 (c) Thorium (d) Copper

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

114. Match items in List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I : List II (Metal Extracted) : (Location of Site)

- A. Copper : 1. Jaduguda
 B. Uranium : 2. Jawar
 C. Nickel : 3. Malanjkhand
 D. Lead : 4. Sukhinda

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

115. The continental shelf surrounding the Indian Coast is widest off the

- (a) Hooghly Coast (b) Coromandel Coast
 (c) Konkan Coast (d) South Gujarat Coast

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

116. Which of the following rivers is the source of water for the Rajasthan canal?

- (a) Yamuna (b) Chambal
 (c) Sutlej (d) Ghaggar

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

117. In India diamonds are quarried from

- (a) Golconda (b) Jaipur
 (c) Ratnagiri (d) Panna

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

118. Rainfall on the east coast of Tamil Nadu occurs during October to November due to

- (a) Winter monsoon
 (b) Retreating south-west monsoon
 (c) North-west monsoon
 (d) Local winds

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

119. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists:

List I : List II

- A. Fodder : 1. Manure
 B. Compost : 2. Jowar
 C. Food crop : 3. Linseed oil
 D. Edible oil : 4. Straw : 5. Groundnut oil

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 2 4 3 1 (b) 2 1 5 3
 (c) 4 3 2 5 (d) 4 1 2 5

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

120. The fifth district that achieved hundred per cent literacy in India is

- (a) Satara in Maharashtra
 (b) Shimoga in Karnataka
 (c) Burdwan in West Bengal
 (d) Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

121. Which of the following groups is opposed to the plantation of Eucalyptus trees?

- (a) Environmentalists
 (b) Wildlife Protection group
 (c) Paper manufacturers
 (d) Matches manufacturers

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

122. Angora wool is obtained from a breed of

- (a) Rabbit (b) Sheep
 (c) Goat (d) Fox

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

123. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I : List II

- A. Fissure eruption : 1. Alluvial soils
 B. Anticlinorium belt : 2. Black soils
 C. Sea of Tethys : 3. Himalayan mountain chain
 D. Tsangpo : 4. Brahmaputra : 5. Ganga

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 2 1 5 4 (b) 2 1 4 3
 (c) 2 1 3 4 (d) 3 2 4 1

Ans: (c)

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124. Which of the following statements about the monsoon in India is incorrect?

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- (a) South-West monsoon are on-shore winds
- (b) North-East monsoon are off-shore winds
- (c) The monsoons retreat gradually
- (d) The onset of the monsoon is from West Bengal only

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

- 125.** Which one of the following shows the correct sequence of occurrence of four towns/ cities as one proceeds from west to east?

- (a) Ajmer, Darbhanga, Kohima, Silchar
- (b) Surat, Wardha, Rourkela, Bharuch
- (c) Pandharpur, Gulbarga, Kottagudam, Visakhapatnam
- (d) Anand, Rajkot, Dhanbad, Aizawl

Ans: (c)

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- 126.** Dry Farming in India is extensively practised in

- (a) Kanara plains (b) Deccan Region
- (c) Coromandel plains (d) Punjab plains

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 127.** The Jharkhand region is spread over

- (a) Bihar and Madhya Pradesh only
- (b) Bihar and Orissa only
- (c) Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal
- (d) Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal only

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 128.** Which one of the following is the group of states that have shown net rise in population during 1981-

- 91 according to the 1991 Census?
- (a) Punjab, Gujarat and Rajasthan
 - (b) Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Gujarat
 - (c) Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala
 - (d) Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Punjab

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 129.** With 2.4 per cent of the world's area, how much of the world's population does India support?

- (a) 12% (b) 9%
- (c) 16% (d) 7%

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 130.** The original inhabitants of India are believed to be of the ethnic type known as

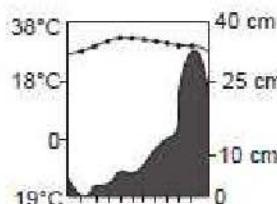
- (a) Negrito
- (b) Proto-Australoids
- (c) Mongoloids
- (d) Dravidians

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 131.** Consider the graph given below:

10 cm 25 cm 38°C 40 cm 18°C 0 19°C 0 The above graph represents the temperature and rainfall regime at



- (a) Madras (b) Bhopal
- (c) Guwahati (d) Chandigarh

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 132.** Of the total population of India, Christians comprise about

- (a) Four per cent
- (b) Two-and-a-half per cent
- (c) Five per cent
- (d) Six per cent

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

- 133.** The Garhwal Earthquake of 1991 was the result of

- (a) Folding
- (b) Warping
- (c) Landslides
- (d) Friction of Indian plate with Chinese plate

Ans: (d)

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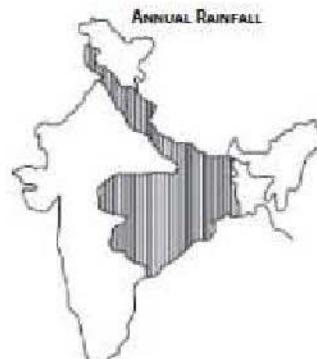
- 134.** According to the ancient Indian geographical concept, 'Bharatvarsha' was a part of

- (a) Pushkaradweepa (b) Jambudweepa
- (c) Kraunchadweepa (d) Kushadweepa

Ans: (b)

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- 135.** Consider the map given below :
ANNUAL RAINFALL The mean annual rainfall in the shaded parts of India varies from



- (a) 100 to 150 cm (b) 150 to 200 cm
- (c) 200 to 250 cm (d) 250 to 300 cm

Ans: (b)

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- 136.** Which one of the following shows the descending order of the four metropolitan cities in the Indian subcontinent in so far as their population strength

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is concerned?

- (a) Bombay, Calcutta, Dhaka, New Delhi
- (b) Bombay, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi
- (c) Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, New Delhi
- (d) Calcutta, Bombay, Dhaka, Karachi

Ans: (b)

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137. Consider a specific point on the surface of the earth (say, the city of Delhi). The Temperature at a given time of day (say, 12.00 noon) will in general be higher in summer than in winter. This is because

- (a) the earth is closer to the sun in summer than in winter
- (b) sun-rays falling on the earth are inclined more towards the surface of the earth in winter
- (c) evaporation of water from atmospheric precipitation occurring in winter alone
- (d) the axis of the earth is inclined more towards the sun in winter

Ans: (a)

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138. Which one of the following provides the correct sequence of occurrence of four towns/cities as one proceeds from west to east?

- (a) Rajkot, Baroda, Kharagpur, Bilaspur
- (b) Bikaner, Aligarh, Darbhanga, Nowrangpur
- (c) Indore, Rourkela, Agartala, Jamshedpur
- (d) Nasik, Aurangabad, Berhampur, Nanded

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1993

139. In Mizoram, the settlement pattern is mostly of 'linear type' along the ridges, because

- (a) the valleys are cooler than the ridges
- (b) accessibility is easier on the ridge tops
- (c) the ridges are cooler than the valleys
- (d) the valleys are densely forested

Ans: (a)

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140. A rainy day, as defined by the Indian Meteorological department, is a day when the rainfall at a point received is

- (a) 0.5 mm to 1 mm in 24 hours
- (b) 1.1 mm to 1.5 mm in 24 hours
- (c) 1.6 mm to 2 mm in 24 hours
- (d) above 2.5 mm in 24 hours

Ans: (c)

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141. Soils of Western Rajasthan have a high content of

- (a) Aluminium
- (b) Calcium

- (c) Nitrogen
- (d) Phosphorus

Ans: (b)

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142. The Neyveli thermal power plant is fed by

- (a) Gondwana coal
- (b) Tertiary coal
- (c) Quarternary coal

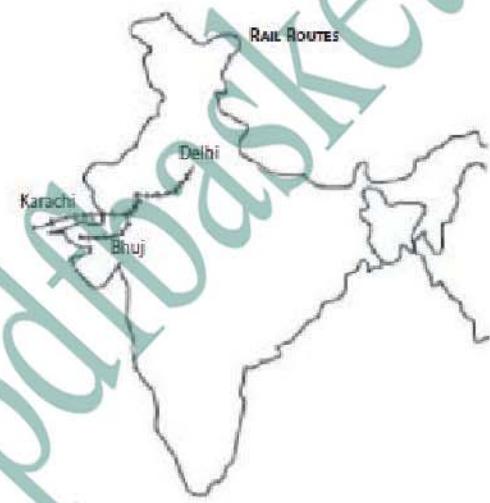
(d) Cambrian Coal

Ans: (b)

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143. Consider the map given below:

RAIL ROUTES Delhi Bhuj Karachi Two tourists, one travelling from Delhi to Karachi and the other to Bhuj, wanted company. The railway junction up to which they can travel together as shown in the map is :



- (a) Phulera
- (b) Jodhpur
- (c) Luni
- (d) Balotra

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1993

144. Which among the following pairs of places have most marked difference in total rainfall per annum even though located approximately along the same latitude?

- (a) Bangalore and Madras
- (b) Bombay and Visakhapatnam
- (c) Ajmer and Shillong
- (d) Nagpur and Calcutta

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1993

145. The Himalayas are formed of parallel fold ranges, of which the oldest range is

- (a) the Siwalik Range
- (b) the Lesser Himalayas
- (c) the Great Himalayan Range
- (d) the Dhauladhar Range

Ans: (a)

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146. The hallmark of watershed development in the semiarid regions of India is the

- (a) establishment of sheds on large scale, so that the rain water does not evaporate
- (b) undertaking of earthworks, soil conservation measures and tree plantation, so as to conserve soil moisture and recharge underground water
- (c) drilling deep tubewells so as to tap water at the

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rock-strata level

- (d) setting up a system of tanks by banking water from seasonal rivers

Ans: (b)

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- 147.** Which one of the following is the most important reason for the establishment of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre at Thumba?

- (a) The sea is near to the place in the East, West and South directions
 (b) It is a place near to a city in India, which is nearest to the Geographic Equator
 (c) It is situated on the Geomagnetic Equator
 (d) Outer space near Thumba exhibits queer atmospheric phenomena

Ans: (c)

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- 148.** Assertion (A): The monsoonal rainfall decreases as one goes towards the west and north-west in the Ganga plain.

Reason (R): The moisture-bearing monsoonal winds go dried up as one moves up in the Ganga plain.

In the context of the above two statements which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
 (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not a correct explanation of A
 (c) A is true, but R is false
 (d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1994

- 149.** Which one of the following types of erosion is responsible for the formation of Chambal Ravines?

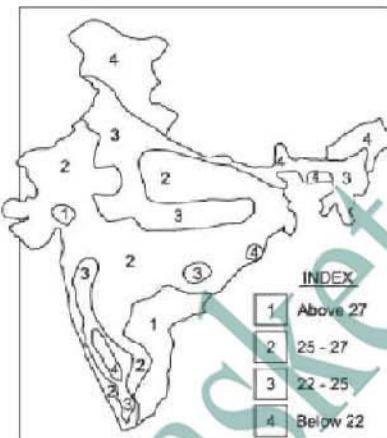
- (a) Splash (b) Sheet
 (c) Rill (d) Gully

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1994

- 150.** Consider the map of India given below:

The map, read with the index provided, refers to the distribution of



- (a) winter rains (b) pressure

- (c) annual rainy days (d) mean temperature

Ans: (c)

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- 151.** The density of cattle population per 100 hectares of gross cropped area is the highest in

- (a) Bihar (b) Haryana
 (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: (b)

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- 152.** The average elevation of Tibetan Plateau above sea level is

- (a) 2 km (b) 3 km
 (c) 4 km (d) 5 km

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1994

- 153.** Which one of the following soil types of India is rendered infertile by the presence of excess iron?

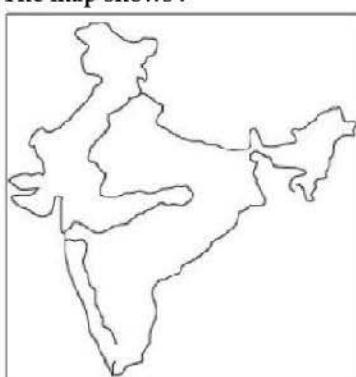
- (a) Desert sand (b) Alluvial
 (c) Podzolic (d) Lateritic

Ans: (c)

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- 154.** Consider the map of India given below :

The map shows :



- (a) an ischyet

- (b) all-India water divide

- (c) a combination of national highways

- (d) a combination of major railway routes

Ans: (b)

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155. The Alpine vegetation in the western Himalayas is found only up to a height of 3000 metres, while in the eastern Himalayas it is found up to a height of 4000 metres. The reason for this variation in the same mountain range is that

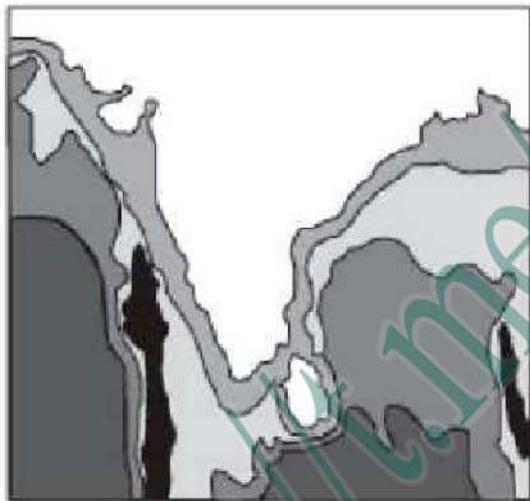
- (a) eastern Himalayas are higher than western Himalayas
- (b) eastern Himalayas are nearer to the Equator and sea coast than western Himalayas
- (c) eastern Himalayas get more monsoon rainfall than the western Himalayas
- (d) eastern Himalayan rocks are more fertile than the western Himalayan rocks

Ans: (c)

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156. Consider the map given below :

The divisions along India's coastal region indicate



- (a) coastal pollution zones
- (b) salinity density isopleths
- (c) the areas upto which sovereignty extend
- (d) underwater relief contours

Ans: (a)

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157. According to the 1991 Census, the highest percentage of population in India is to be found in the agegroup of

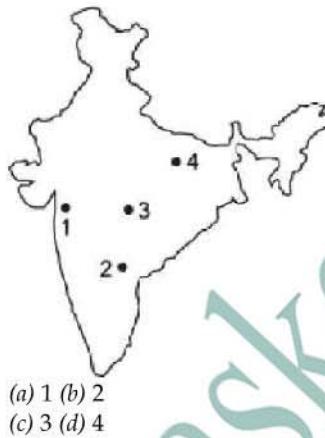
- (a) 60 years and above
- (b) 35 to 55 years
- (c) 25 to 34 years
- (d) 5 to 14 years

Ans: (c)

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158. In the map given below, three out of the four places marked indicates places where a thermal power station is located :

The place where there is no thermal power station is marked



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

Ans: (c)

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159. The national highway from Delhi to Calcutta via Mathura and Varanasi is numbered

- (a) 1 (b) 2
- (c) 4 (d) 8

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

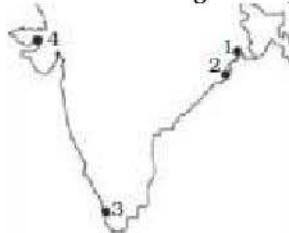
160. The Indian subcontinent was originally part of a huge land mass called

- (a) Jurassic Land Mass (b) Aryavarta
- (c) Indiana (d) Gondwana Continent

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

161. Of the four places marked 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the map, the one indicating a tidal port is 1 2 3 4



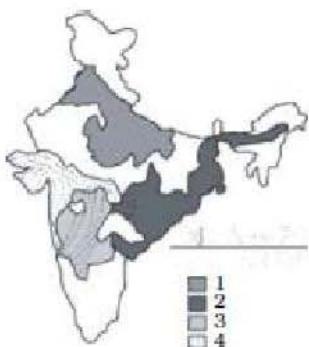
- (a) 1 (b) 2
- (c) 3 (d) 4

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

162. In the map given below four areas are differently shaded, three of which indicate cereal crops production areas and one indicates non-cereal crop production.

1234 As per the index given, the non-cereal crop production area is



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

Ans: (d)

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163. The palaeomagnetic results obtained from India indicate that in the past, the Indian land mass has moved

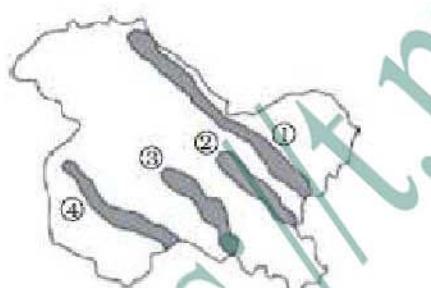
- (a) northward (b) southward
(c) eastward (d) westward

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

164. Examine the map of Jammu and Kashmir given below :

- 2 1 3 4 The mountain ranges marked 1, 2, 3 and 4 are respectively



- (a) Ladakh, Zanskar, Karakoram and Pir Panjal
(b) Karakoram, Ladakh, Zanskar and Pir Panjal
(c) Karakoram, Zanskar, Pir Panjal and Ladakh
(d) Ladakh, Pir Panjal, Karakoram and Zanskar

Ans: (b)

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165. Which one of the following mountain ranges is spread over only one State in India?

- (a) Aravalli (b) Satpura
(c) Ajanta (d) Sahyadri

Ans: (c)

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166. Which one of the following rivers thrice forks into two streams and reunites a few miles further on, thus forming the islands of Srirangappattanam, Sivasamudram and Srirangam?

- (a) Cauvery
(b) Tungabhadra
(c) Krishna

(d) Godavari

Ans: (a)

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167. Which of the following pairs of states and their important crops are correctly matched?

1. Kerala : Tapioca
2. Maharashtra : Cotton
3. W. Bengal : Jute
4. Gujarat : Groundnut

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Ans: (d)

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168. As per the 1991 Census, which one of the following states has a lower population density than the other three?

- (a) Sikkim (b) Nagaland
(c) Meghalaya (d) Manipur

Ans: (a)

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169. In the Indian context, the term De-notified tribes' refers to

- (a) tribes which are aborigines
(b) nomadic tribes
(c) tribes practising shifting cultivation
(d) tribes which were earlier classified as criminal tribes

Ans: (d)

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170. As per the 1991 Census, the average size of households in terms of number of persons per household in respect of the given states follows the sequence (highest first, lowest last).

- (a) Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
(b) Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat, Kerala
(c) Gujarat, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal
(d) Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala

Ans: (d)

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171. High temperature and low pressure over the Indian Sub Continent during the summer season, draws air from the Indian Ocean leading to the in-blowing of the

- (a) Southeast monsoon (b) Southwest monsoon
(c) Trade winds (d) Westerlies

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1996

172. Assertion (A): Mangroves are very specialised forest ecosystems of tropical and subtropical regions bordering certain sea coasts.

Reason (R): They stabilise the shoreline and act as bulwark against encroachments by sea.

In the context of the above two statements, which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct

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- explanation of A
 (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A
 (c) A is true but R is false
 (d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (a)

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- 173. Saddle Peak'**, the highest peak of Andaman and Nicobar islands, is located in
 (a) Great Nicobar
 (b) Middle Andaman
 (c) Little Andaman
 (d) North Andaman

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1996

- 174. Which one of the following areas of India produces largest amount of cotton?**
 (a) North-western India and Gangetic West Bengal
 (b) North-western and Western India
 (c) Western and Southern India
 (d) Plains of Northern India

Ans: (c)

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- 175. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?**
 1. Idukki : Thermal power station
 2. Sabarigiri : Hydro-electric project
 3. Ghatprabha : Irrigation project
 4. Ramganga : Multipurpose project
 Select the correct answer by using the codes given below :
 (a) 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 2

Ans: (a)

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- 176. Which one of the following sets of conditions is necessary for a good cultivation of wheat?**
 (a) Moderate temperature and moderate rainfall
 (b) High temperature and heavy rainfall
 (c) High temperature and moderate rainfall
 (d) Low temperature and low rainfall

Ans: (a)

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- 177. Local supply of coal is not available to**
 (a) TISCO, Jamshedpur
 (b) VSL, Bhadravati
 (c) HSL, Durgapur
 (d) HSL, Bhilai

Ans: (a)

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- 178. "You might see a few curious Danes around, but that is because used to be Danish outpost. This quaint town with its fort and a beautiful church, the New Jerusalem, empty streets and deserted beach front is a quaint gem." The place referred to in this quotation lies on the**
 (a) Tamil Nadu coast

- (b) Kerala coast
 (c) Karnataka coast
 (d) Goa coast

Ans: (a)

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- 179. Consider the following rivers:**

1. Kishenganga 2. Ganga
 3. Wainganga 4. Penganga The correct sequence of these rivers when arranged in the north-south direction is
 (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 2, 1, 3, 4
 (c) 2, 1, 4, 3 (d) 1, 2, 4, 3

Ans: (a)

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- 180. The Palk Bay lies between**

- (a) Gulf of Kuchchh and Gulf of Khambhat
 (b) Gulf of Mannar and Bay of Bengal
 (c) Lakshadweep and Maldives Islands
 (d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Ans: (b)

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- 181. Which one of the following is an important crop of the Barak valley?**

- (a) Jute (b) Tea
 (c) Sugarcane (d) Cotton

Ans: (c)

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- 182. Match List I (Ores) with List II (States where they are mines) and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists:**

List I List II

- A. Manganese : 1. Madhya Pradesh
 B. Nickel : 2. Orissa
 C. Lead-zinc : 3. Rajasthan
 D. Asbestos : 4. Andhra Pradesh
Codes :
 A B C D
 (a) 1 3 2 4 (b) 4 3 2 1
 (c) 1 2 3 4 (d) 4 2 3 1

Ans: (c)

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- 183. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:**

List I : List II

- A. Deccan Traps : 1. Late Cenozoic
 B. Western Ghats : 2. Pre-cambrian
 C. Aravalli : 3. Cretaceous Eocene
 D. Narmada-Tapi : 4. Pleistocene alluvial deposits
Codes :
 A B C D

- (a) 3 5 1 4 (b) 3 1 2 5
 (c) 2 1 3 4 (d) 1 4 2 5

Ans: (b)

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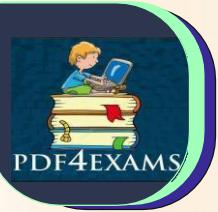
- 184. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists:**

List I (Climatic Conditions)

- A. Chennai is warmer than Calcutta

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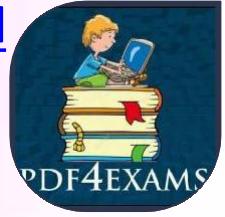


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- B. Snowfall in Himalayas
 C. Rainfall decreases from West Bengal to Punjab
 D. Sutlej-Ganga Plain gets some rain in winter
- List II (Reasons)**

1. North-East Monsoon
 2. Altitude
 3. Western depressions
 4. Distance from sea latitude
- Codes :**
A B C D

- (a) 1 2 4 5 (b) 4 5 1 3
 (c) 5 2 4 3 (d) 5 1 3 4

Ans: (c)

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- 185. The January isotherm taken as a basis for dividing India into tropical and sub-tropical zones is**

- (a) 21°C (b) 18°C
 (c) 12°C (d) 15°C

Ans: (b)

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- 186. What is the correct sequence of the descending order of the following States in respect of female literacy rates as per the 1991 Census?**

1. Mizoram 2. Kerala
 3. Goa 4. Nagaland

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below :

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

Ans: (d)

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- 187. According to the latest census figures sex ratio in India is**

- (a) declining (b) stable
 (c) increasing (d) fluctuating

Ans: (a)

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- 188. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists:**

List I : List II (Minerals) : (Typical areas of Occurrence)

- A. Coal : 1. Bhandara
 B. Gold : 2. Karanpura
 C. Mica : 3. Hutt
 D. Manganese : 4. Nellore

Codes :
A B C D

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

Ans: (b)

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- 189. The Almatti Dam is on the river**

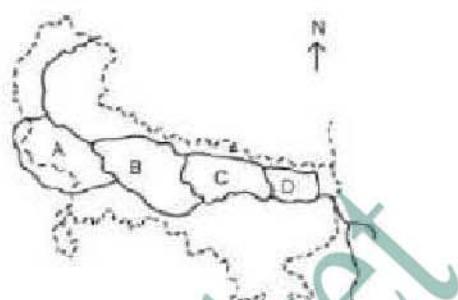
- (a) Godavari (b) Cauvery
 (c) Krishna (d) Mahanadi

Ans: (c)

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- 190. Consider the map given below :**

The predominant languages spoken in the areas marked A, B, C and D respectively are :



- (a) Brajbhasha, Bhojpuri, Maithili and Awadhi

- (b) Awadhi, Maithili, Bhojpuri and Brajbhasha

- (c) Brajbhasha, Awadhi, Bhojpuri and Maithili

- (d) Maithili, Bhojpuri, Brajbhasha and Awadhi

Ans: (c)

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- 191. Which one of the following factors is responsible for the change in the regular direction of the ocean currents in the Indian Ocean?**

- (a) Indian Ocean is 'half an ocean'
 (b) Indian Ocean has monsoon drift
 (c) Indian Ocean is a land locked ocean
 (d) Indian Ocean has greater variation in salinity

Ans: (b)

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- 192. The canal-carrying capacity of Farakka is**

- (a) 75,000 cusecs (b) 70,000 cusecs
 (c) 40,000 cusecs (d) 35,000 cusecs

Ans: (c)

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- 193. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?**

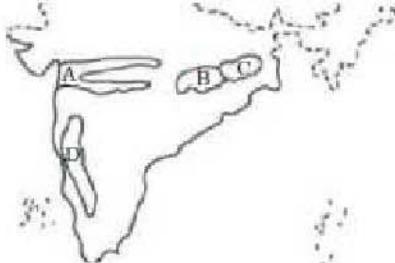
- (a) Teak : Jammu and Kashmir
 (b) Deodar : Madhya Pradesh
 (c) Sandalwood : Kerala
 (d) Sundari : West Bengal

Ans: (d)

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- 194. Consider the map given below :**

A B C D The places marked A, B, C and D in the map are respectively



- (a) Rift valley region, Chhattisgarh plain, Rain shadow region and Chotanagpur plateau

- (b) Chhattisgarh plain, Chotanagpur plateau, Rift valley region and Rain shadow region

- (c) Rift valley region, Chhattisgarh plain, Chotanagpur plateau and Rain shadow region

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- (d) Chattisgarh plain, Rain shadow region, Chotanagpur plateau and Rift valley region

Ans: (c)

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195. Which of the following places are known for paper manufacturing industry?

1. Yamuna nagar 2. Guwahati
3. Shahabad 4. Ballarpur

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below :

Codes :

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

Ans: (d)

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196. Consider the map given below:

INDIA The places marked A, B, C and D in the map are respectively known for the cultivation of



- (a) groundnut, ragi, tobacco and sugarcane
(b) groundnut, sugarcane, ragi and tobacco
(c) ragi, sugarcane, groundnut and tobacco
(d) ragi, groundnut, sugarcane and tobacco

Ans: (b)

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197. The tribal population in Andaman and Nicobar Islands belongs to the

- (a) Australoid race
(b) Caucasoid race
(c) Mongoloid race
(d) Negroid race

Ans: (d)

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198. The following are the :

1. Sesame 2. Mustard
3. Groundnut 4. Soyabean Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the descending order of the quantity of their production?
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 3, 2, 4, 1
(c) 2, 4, 3, 1 (d) 3, 4, 2, 1

Ans: (c)

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199. In the map shown in the given figure, river labeled as 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively Nepal Kathmandu 1 4 3 2

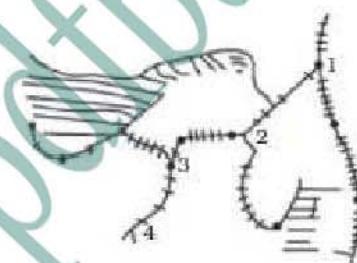


- (a) Kosi, Gomati, Ghaghara and Gandak
(b) Kosi, Ganga, Gomati and Ghaghara
(c) Gandak, Ganga, Gomati and Ghaghara
(d) Teesta, Gomati, Ghaghara and Kosi

Ans: (b)

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200. The four railway junctions shown by numerals 1, 2, 3, 4 on the rough outline map of Gujarat are respectively 1 2 3 4



- (a) Palanpur, Mahesana, Ahmedabad and Vadodara
(b) Mahesana, Surendranagar, Rajkot and Junagadh
(c) Palanpur, Kheda, Bhuj and Okha
(d) Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Bhavnagar and Bharkhedi

Ans: (c)

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201. What is the correct sequence of the following Indian states in descending order of their length of surface roads per 100 km² of their area?

1. Haryana 2. Maharashtra
3. Punjab 4. Tamil Nadu

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

Codes:

A B C D

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

Ans: (a)

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202. Which one of the following sets of states stands to benefit the most from the Konkan Railway?

- (a) Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala
(b) Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala
(c) Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Goa, Maharashtra
(d) Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu

Ans: (a)

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203. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the states (labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4) of

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India shown on the map in descending order in terms of their available ground water resources for irrigation?



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

Ans: (c)

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204. Which one of the following languages belongs to the Austric group?

- (a) Marathi
- (b) Ladakhi
- (c) Khasi
- (d) Tamil

Ans: (c)

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205. Which one of the following pairs of cities has recently been connected through a 6-lane express way?

- (a) Ahmedabad : Vadodara
- (b) Dhaka : Chittagong
- (c) Islamabad : Lahore
- (d) Mumbai : Pune

Ans: (a)

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206. Which one of the following east flowing rivers of India has rift valley due to down warping?

- (a) Damodar (b) Mahanadi
- (c) Sone (d) Yamuna

Ans: (a)

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207. Forest areas have been labelled as 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the rough outline map given :

Among these, those which were threatened in 1997 by a serious epidemic include :



- (a) teak forests of 3 and 4
- (b) oak forests of 1 and sal forests of 2
- (c) sal forests of 3
- (d) sandal wood forests of 4

Ans: (c)

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208. The discovery of Oak flora in 1966 added a new chapter to the history of Indian Sericulture. Which one of the following states is the leading producer of Oak tasar silk?

- (a) Assam (b) Bihar
- (c) Manipur (d) Orissa

Ans: (b)

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209. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List I : List II (Places) (Industries)

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| A. Jamnagar | : | 1. Aluminium |
| B. Hospet | : | 2. Woollen Textile |
| C. Korba | : | 3. Fertilizers |
| D. Haldia | : | 4. Cement |
| Codes : A B C D | | |
| (a) 4 3 1 2 (b) 2 5 1 3 | | |
| (c) 4 5 2 1 (d) 2 1 4 3 | | |

Ans: (b)

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210. Commercial production of mineral oil has started recently in which one of the areas of India, labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the rough map given below :



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

Ans: (c)

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211. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists :

List I : List II (Minerals) (Mining area)

A. Graphite : 1. Bellary

B. Lead : 2. Didwana

C. Salt : 3. Rampa

D. Silver : 4. Zawar Codes :

A B C D

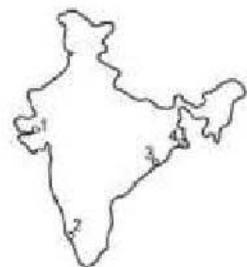
(a) 3 4 1 2 (b) 1 4 2 3

(c) 3 1 4 2 (d) 2 3 1 4

Ans: (c)

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212. Which one of the following ports shown on the rough outline map of India is a riverine port?



(a) 1 (b) 2

(c) 3 (d) 4

Ans: (d)

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213. In the vicinity of Mumbai, a number of specialised towns have been developed. Match the lists of specialisation with towns and select the correct answer using the codes given below lists:

List I (Towns) : List II (Specialisation)

A. Alibag : 1. Fishing Centre

B. Balapur : 2. Holiday Resort

C. Nhava Sheva : 3. Petro-Chemical Complex

D. Ratnagiri : 4. Port Codes :

A B C D

(a) 1 3 2 4 (b) 2 3 4 1

(c) 3 4 2 1 (d) 2 1 4 3

Ans: (a)

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214. If it is 10.00 a.m. I.S.T., then what would be the local time at Shillong on 92°E longitude?

(a) 9.38 a.m. (b) 10.38 a.m.

(c) 10.22 a.m. (d) 9.22 a.m.

Ans: (b)

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215. The Ravva offshore block, with great potential for oil, is located in

(a) Krishna-Godavari basin

(b) Cauvery basin

(c) Mahanadi basin

(d) Palar-Pennar basin

Ans: (a)

216. Which one of the following statements is not true of the Konkan Railway?

(a) The total length is about 760 km

(b) It runs through the states of Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Kerala

(c) It is the only rail route that cuts across the Western Ghats

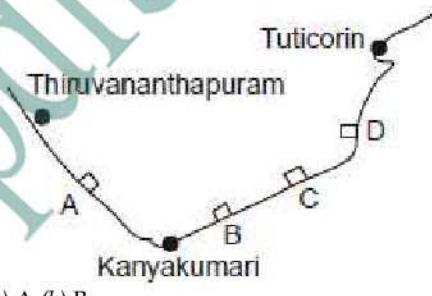
(d) The Konkan Railway Construction Company which came into being raised money through Public Issues

Ans: (b)

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217. The given figure shows a portion of Southern India.

The proposed site (Koodankulam) for the construction of two 1000 MW nuclear power plants has been labelled in the map as C D B A Thiruvananthapuram Tuticorin Kanyakumari



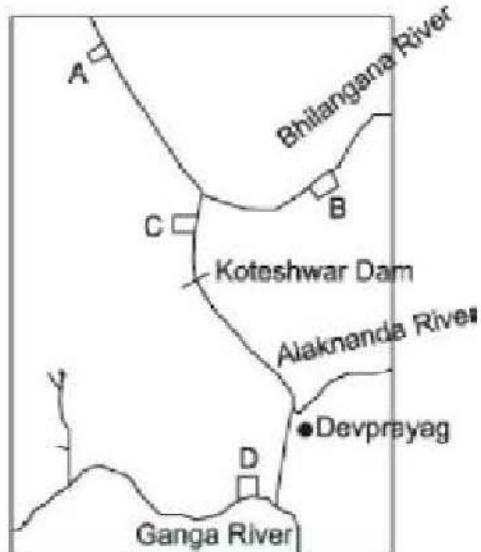
(a) A (b) B

(c) C (d) D

Ans: (b)

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218. In the given figure, the site of the Tehri dam has been labeled as



(a) A (b) B

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(c) C (d) D

Ans: (c)

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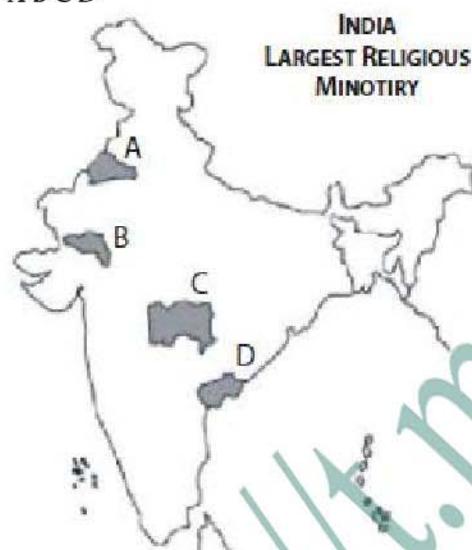
219. Match the areas shown as A, B, C and D on the given map showing with the largest religious minorities.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below the list of minorities.

D C B A INDIA LARGEST RELIGIOUS MINORITY Largest Religious Minorities

1. Buddhists
 2. Christians
 3. Jains
 4. Muslims
 5. Sikhs
- Codes :

A B C D



- (a) 5 1 3 2 (b) 4 3 2 1
(c) 5 3 1 2 (d) 4 2 1 3

Ans: (c)

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220. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists:

List-I (Rivers) List-II (Dams)

- A. Cauvery : 1. Almatti
B. Krishna : 2. Mettur
C. Narmada : 3. Gandhi Sagar
D. Chambal : 4. Sardar Sarovar

Codes :

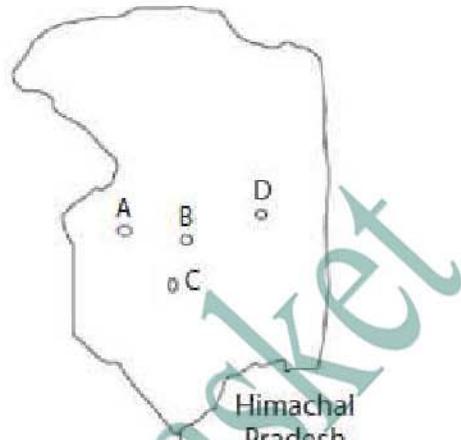
A B C D

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

Ans: (b)

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221. In the rough outline map of a part of Jammu and Kashmir shown in the figure, places marked A, B, C and D represent respectively Himachal Pradesh
A B D C



- (a) Anantnag, Baramula, Srinagar and Kargil

- (b) Baramula, Srinagar, Kargil and Anantnag

- (c) Baramula, Srinagar, Anantnag and Kargil

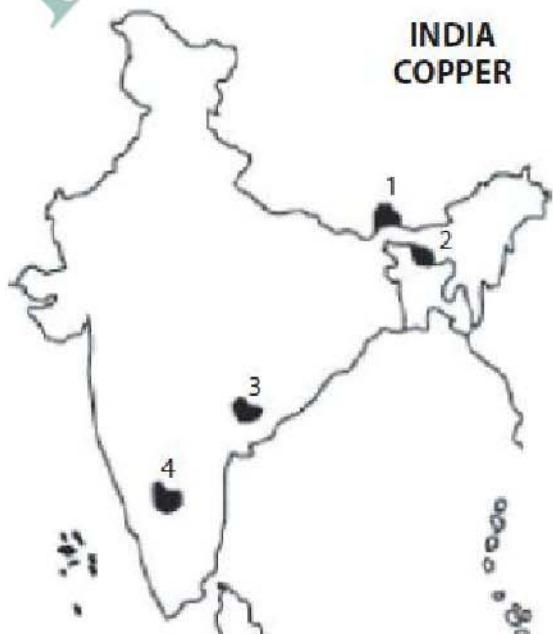
- (d) Srinagar, Baramula, Kargil and Anantnag

Ans: (c)

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222. In which one of the following areas in the given map was there a recent discovery of copper deposits by the Atomic Minerals Division of Department of Atomic Energy?

4 3 2 1 INDIA COPPER



- (a) 1 (b) 2

- (c) 3 (d) 4

Ans: (c)

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223. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists:

List-I (Resorts) : List-II (States)

- A. Chakrata : 1. Assam

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- B. Haflong : 2. West Bengal
 C. Kalimpong : 3. Uttarakhand
 D. Kufri : 4. Himachal Pradesh
Codes :
A B C D
 (a) 1 3 2 4 (b) 3 1 4 2
 (c) 3 1 2 4 (d) 1 3 4 2

Ans: (c)

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- 224.** Along which one of the following meridians did India experience the first light of the sunrise of the new millennium?
 (a) $82^{\circ} 30' W$ (b) $82^{\circ} 30' E$
 (c) $92^{\circ} 30' W$ (d) $92^{\circ} 30' E$

Ans: (d)

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- 225.** Consider the following statements:

1. Tides are of great help in navigation and fishing.
2. High tide enables big ships to enter or leave the harbour safely.
3. Tide prevents siltation in the harbours.
4. Kandla and Diamond Harbour are tidal ports.

Which of these statements are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

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- 226.** Which one of the following statements is not true?
 (a) Ghaggar's water is utilised in the Indira Gandhi Canal
 (b) Narmada rises from Amarkantak region
 (c) Nizam Sagar is situated on the Manjra river
 (d) Penganga is a tributary of the Godavari

Ans: (a)

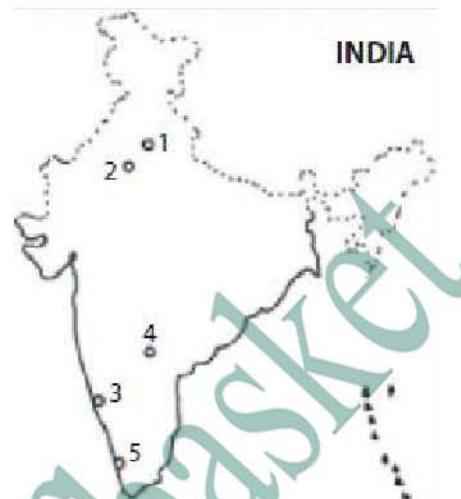
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- 227.** The correct sequence in decreasing order of the four sugarcane producing States in India is
 (a) Maharashtra, U.P., Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh
 (b) U.P., Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh
 (c) Maharashtra, U.P., Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
 (d) U.P., Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu

Ans: (b)

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- 228.** Match the cities labelled as 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the given map with the names of the institutes located in these cities and select the correct answer using the codes given below the names of the institutes:
1 2 4 3 5 INDIA Names of Institutes



- (a) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
 (b) Central Sheep Breeding Farm
 (c) National Dairy Research Institute
 (d) National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management
Codes :
A B C D
 (a) 5 1 3 2 (b) 5 2 1 4
 (c) 4 2 1 3 (d) 1 2 3 4

Ans: (b)

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- 229.** Consider the following statements about the megacities of India:
 1. Population of each megacity is more than 5 million.
 2. All the megacities are important sea ports.
 3. Megacities are either national or State capitals.
 Which of these statements are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3

Ans: (d)

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- 230.** Consider the following statements:
 (a) Maharashtra has the highest acreage under jawar in India.
 (b) Gujarat is the largest producer of groundnut in India.
 (c) Rajasthan has the largest area of cultivable wastelands in India.
 (d) Andhra Pradesh has the highest per hectare yield of maize in India.
 Which of these statements are correct?
 (a) 1 and 4 (b) 2 and 3
 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 2 and 4

Ans: (b)

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- 231.** Which one of the following ports of India handles the highest tonnage of import cargo?
 (a) Calcutta
 (b) Kandla

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- (c) Mumbai
(d) Visakhapatnam

Ans: (b)

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232. Which one of the following pairs of primitive tribes and places of their inhabitation is not correctly matched?

- (a) Buksa : Pauri-Garhwal
(b) Kol : Jabalpur
(c) Munda : Chhotanagpur
(d) Korba : Kodagu

Ans: (d)

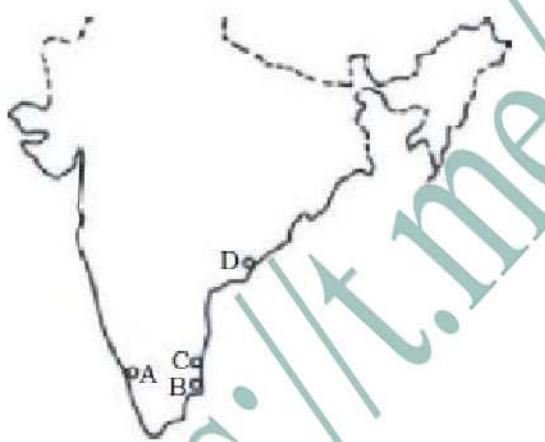
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233. Match the different ports of Union Territory of Pondicherry labelled as A, B, C and D in the given map with their respective names and select the correct answer using the codes given below the list of ports :

A B C D List (Ports of Pondicherry)

- (1) Karaikal (2) Mahe
(3) Pondicherry (4) Yanam

Codes : A B C D



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

Ans: (a)

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234. Which one of the following statements is true according to 1991 Census data?

- (a) U.P. has the highest density of population in India
(b) Himachal Pradesh has the highest female to male sex ratio in India
(c) West Bengal has the highest growth rate of population in India
(d) Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in India

Ans: (d)

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235. Assertion (A): The frequency of floods in North Indian plains has increased during the last couple of decades.

Reason (R): There has been reduction in the depth

of river valleys due to deposition of silt.

(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not a correct explanation of A

(c) A is true, but R is false

(d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (a)

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236. Assertion (A): Ganga Plain is the most densely populated part of India.

Reason (R): Ganga is the most harnessed river of India.

(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not a correct explanation of A

(c) A is true, but R is false

(d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2000

237. Identify the correct order of the processes of soil erosion from the following:

(a) Splash erosion, Sheet erosion, Rill erosion, Gully erosion

(b) Sheet erosion, Splash erosion, Gully erosion, Rill erosion

(c) Rill erosion, Gully erosion, Sheet erosion, Splash erosion

(d) Gully erosion, Rill erosion, Sheet erosion, Splash erosion

Ans: (a)

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238.

The above map is the Union Territory of



(a) Chandigarh

(b) Daman and Diu

(c) Dadra and Nagar Haveli

(d) Pondicherry

Ans: (c)

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239. The approximate age of the Aravallis range is

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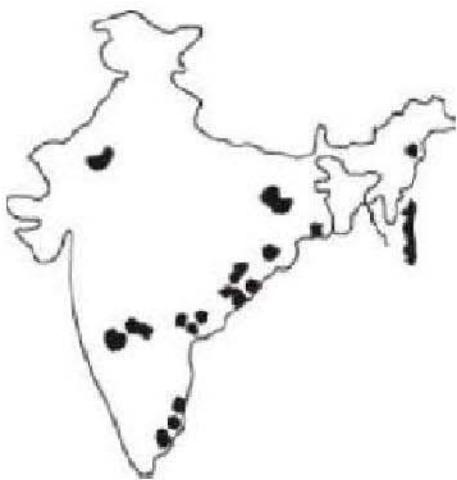
- (a) 370 million years (b) 470 million years
 (c) 570 million years (d) 670 million years

Ans: (c)

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240.

In the above map, the black marks show the distribution of



- (a) Asbestos (b) Gypsum
 (c) Limestone (d) Mica

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2001

241. Consider the decadal census data given below:

Decadal population (in millions) Year :
 Population 1961 : 10.7 1971 : 14.3 1981 : 16.2 1991 :
 18.9 The above data refer to which one of the
 "Population by Religion" Groups?

- (a) Sikhs (b) Jains
 (c) Christians (d) Buddhists

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2001

242. Open stunted forests with bushes and small trees having long roots and sharp thorns or spines are commonly found in

- (a) Eastern Orissa
 (b) North-Eastern Tamil Nadu
 (c) Siwaliks and Terai region
 (d) Western Andhra Pradesh

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

243. The correct sequence of the eastward flowing rivers of the peninsular India from north to south is

- (a) Subarnarekha, Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Pennar, Cauvery and Vagai
 (b) Subarnarekha, Mahanadi, Godavari, Cauvery, Vagai Pennar
 (c) Mahanadi, Subarnarekha, Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery, Pennar and vagai
 (d) Mahanadi, Subarnarekha, Krishna, Godavari, Cauvery, Vagai and Pennar

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

244. For short-term climate prediction, which one of the following events, detected in the last decade, is associated with occasional weak monsoon rains in the India subcontinent?

- (a) La Nina
 (b) Movement of Jet Streams
 (c) El Nino and Southern Oscillations
 (d) Greenhouse effects on global level

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

245. Which one of the following is a lagoon?

- (a) Ashtamudi lake
 (b) Chilka lake
 (c) Preiyar lake
 (d) Pulicat lake

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

246. With reference to India, which one of the following statements is incorrect?

- (a) About one-third of the area of the country records more than 750 millimeters of annual rainfall
 (b) The dominant source of irrigation in the country is wells
 (c) Alluvial soil is the predominant type of soil in the northern plains of the country
 (d) The mountain areas account for about thirty percent of the surface area of the country

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

247. With reference to Indian transport systems, consider the following statements:

1. Indian railways system is the largest in the world.
2. National Highways cater to 45 per cent of the total road transport demand.
3. Among the states, Kerala has the highest density of surface road.
4. National Highway No. 7 is the longest in the country.

Which of these statements are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

248. The average annual temperature of a meteorological station is 26°C, its average annual rainfall is 63 cm and the annual range of temperature is 9°C. The station is in

- (a) Allahabad (b) Chennai
 (c) Cherrapunji (d) Kolkata

Ans: (a)

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249. Match List I (Mangrove) with List II (State) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists :

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List I (Mangrove) : List II (State)

- A. Achra Ratnagiri : 1. Karnataka
 B. Coondapur : 2. Kerala
 C. Pichavaram : 3. Andhra Pradesh
 D. Vembanad : 4. Maharashtra

5. Tamil Naidu Codes :**A B C D**

- (a) 2 1 5 4 (b) 4 5 3 2
 (c) 2 5 3 4 (d) 4 1 5 2

Ans: (d)**Civil Services Prelims 2002**

250. What is the correct sequence of the rivers - Godavari, Mahanadi, Narmada and Tapi in the descending order of their lengths?

- (a) Godavari-Mahanadi-Narmada-Tapi
 (b) Godavari-Narmada-Mahanadi-Tapi
 (c) Narmada-Godavari-Tapi-Mahanadi
 (d) Narmada-Tapi-Godavari-Mahanadi

Ans: (b)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

251. Nanda Devi peak forms a part of:

- (a) Assam Himalayas
 (b) Kumaon Himalayas
 (c) Nepal Himalayas
 (d) Punjab Himalayas

Ans: (b)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

252. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the original home of the cotton plant
 2. India is the first country in the world to develop hybrid cotton variety leading to increased production Which of these statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only 1
 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (a)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

253. Consider the following statements:

1. Longitude of Jabalpur's location is between those of Indore and Bhopal
 2. Latitude of Aurangabad's location is between those of Vadodara and Pune
 3. Bangalore is situated more southward than Chennai.
- Which of these statements is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

254. Among the following cities, which one is at the highest altitude above mean sea level?

- (a) Bangalore (b) Delhi
 (c) Jodhpur (d) Nagpur

Ans: (a)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

255. Which one among the following States is smallest in area?

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

Ans: (d)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

256. The thermal power plant of Bokaro is located in:

- (a) Bihar (b) Chhattisgarh
 (c) Jharkhand (d) Orissa

Ans: (c)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

257. Among the following cities, which one is nearest to the Tropic of Cancer?

- (a) Delhi (b) Kolkata
 (c) Jodhpur (d) Nagpur

Ans: (b)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

258. Consider the following statements:

1. India ranks first in the world in fruit production.
2. India ranks second in the world in the export of tobacco.

Which of these statements is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

Directions : The following question consists of two statements: one labeled as the 'Assertion (A)' and the other as 'Reason (R)'. You are to examine these two statements carefully and select the answers to these items using the codes given below:

Codes :

- (a) Both A and R are individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
 (b) Both A and R are individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 (c) A is true but R is false
 (d) A is false but R is true

259. Assertion (A): The eastern coast of India produces more rice than the western coast.

Reason (R): The eastern coast receives more rainfall than the western coast.

Ans: (c)**Civil Services Prelims 2003**

260. Consider the following crops :

1. Cotton 2. Groundnut
3. Maize 4. Mustard Which of the above are Kharif crops?

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

Ans: (b)**Civil Services Prelims 2004**

261. In which one of the following Union Territories, do the people of the Onge tribe live?

- (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 (b) Dadra and Nagar Haveli

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- (c) Daman and Diu
(d) Lakshadweep

Ans: (a)

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- 262.** Match List-I (Minerals) with List-II (Location) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List-I (Minerals) List-II (Location)

- A. Coal : 1. Giridih
B. Copper : 2. Jayamkondam
C. Manganese : 3. Alwar
D. Lignite : 4. Dharwar
- Codes :**
A B C D
(a) 1 4 3 2 (b) 2 3 4 1
(c) 1 3 4 2 (d) 2 4 3 1

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 263.** Consider the following statement : Among the Indian States

1. Andhra Pradesh has the longest coastline.
2. Gujarat has the highest number of airports.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 264.** Which among the following National Highway routes is the longest?

- (a) Agra-Mumbai
(b) Chennai-Thane
(c) Kolkata-Hajira
(d) Pune-Machilipatnam

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 265.** Consider the following :

1. Mahadeo Hills
2. Sahyadri Parvat
3. Satpura Range What is the correct sequence of the above from the north to the south?
(a) 1-2-3 (b) 2-1-3
(c) 1-3-2 (d) 2-3-1

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 266.** Consider the following statements :

As per 2001 Census

1. the two States with the lowest sex ratio are Haryana and Punjab.
2. the two States with the lowest population per sq km of area are Meghalaya and Mizoram.
3. Kerala has both the highest literacy rate and sex ratio.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

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- 267.** Lake Sambhar is nearest to which one of the

following cities of Rajasthan?

- (a) Bharatpur (b) Jaipur
(c) Jodhpur (d) Udaipur

Directions (268-270) : The following question consists of two statements; one labelled as the 'Assertion (A)' and the other as 'Reason (R)'. You are to examine these two statements carefully and select the answers to these items using the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) Both A and R are individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) Both A and R are individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 268.** Assertion (A): Bangalore receives much higher average annual rainfall than that of Mangalore.

Reason (R): Bangalore has the benefit of receiving rainfall both from south-west and north-east monsoons.

Ans: (d)

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- 269.** Assertion (A) : West-flowing rivers of Peninsular India have no deltas.

Reason(R) : These rivers do not carry any alluvial sediments.

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 270.** Assertion (A): India does not export natural rubber.

Reason (R): About 97% of India's demand for natural rubber is met from domestic production.

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 271.** Match List-I (Beaches in India) with List-II (States) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List-I List-II (Beaches in India) (States)

- A. Gopnath Beach 1. Andhra Pradesh
B. Lawsons Bay Beach 2. Kerala
C. Devbagh Beach 3. Gujarat
D. Sinquerim Beach 4. Goa

5. Karnataka Codes :**A B C D**

- (a) 5 4 2 1 (b) 3 1 5 4
(c) 5 1 2 4 (d) 3 4 5 1

Ans: (b)

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- 272.** Amongst the following Indian States which one has the minimum total forest cover?

- (a) Sikkim (b) Goa
(c) Haryana (d) Kerala

Ans: (c)

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- 273.** In a particular region in India, the local people train the roots of living tree into robust bridges across the streams. As the time passes these bridges become stronger. These unique 'Living Root Bridges' are found in
 (a) Meghalaya (b) Himachal Pradesh
 (c) Jharkhand (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

- 274.** According to Census 2001, which one of the following Indian States has the maximum population in India after Uttar Pradesh?
 (a) West Bengal (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Bihar (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 275.** Consider the following statements:

1. India is the only country in the world producing all the five known commercial varieties of silk.
 2. India is the largest producer of sugar in the world.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 276.** Which one of the following statements is not correct?
 (a) The Western Ghats are relatively higher in their northern region
 (b) The Anai Mudi is the highest peak in the Western Ghats
 (c) Tapi river lies to the south of Satpura.
 (d) The Narmada and the Tapi river valleys are said to be old rift valleys.

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 277.** Gandhi Sagar Dam is a part of which one of the following?
 (a) Chambal Project
 (b) Kosi Project
 (c) Damodar Valley Project
 (d) Bhakra Nangal Project

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 278.** For which one of the following items, is "Tirupur" well-known as a huge exporter to many parts of the world?
 (a) Gems and Jewellery (b) Leather goods
 (c) Knitted garments (d) Handicrafts

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 279.** Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given hills starting from the north and going towards the south?
 (a) Nallamalai Hills - Nilgiri Hills - Javadi Hills - Anaimalai Hills

- (b) Anaimalai Hills - Javadi Hills - Nilgiri Hills - Nallamalai Hills
- (c) Nallamalai Hills Javadi Hills - Nilgiri Hills - Anaimalai Hills
- (d) Anaimalai Hills - Nallamalai Hills - Javadi Hills - Nilgiri Hills

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 280.** Which one of the following states border Uttar Pradesh?

1. Punjab 2. Rajasthan 3. Chhattisgarh
 4. Jharkhand

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 281.** Consider the following statements:

1. India is the second country in the world to adopt a National Family Planning Programme.
2. The National Population Policy of India 2000 seeks to achieve replacement level of fertility by 2010 with a Population of 111 crores.
3. Kerala is the first State in India to achieve replacement level of fertility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 282.** Which one of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) There is no definition of the Scheduled Tribe in the Constitution of India.
- (b) North-East India accounts for a little over half of the country's tribal population.
- (c) The people known as Todas live in the Nilgiri area.
- (d) Lotha is a language spoken in Nagaland.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 283.** Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given Indian cities in the decreasing order of their normal annual rainfall?

- (a) Kochi - Kolkata - Delhi - Patna
- (b) Kolkata - Kochi - Patna - Delhi
- (c) Kochi - Kolkata - Patna - Delhi
- (d) Kolkata - Kochi - Delhi - Patna

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 284.** Consider the following statements:

1. Area wise Chhattisgarh is larger than West Bengal.
2. According to the Population 2001 Census population of West Bengal is larger than that of

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Chhattisgarh.

- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 Only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

285. Consider the following statements:

- Sikkim has the minimum area among the 28 Indian States (Delhi and Pondicherry not included).
- Chandigarh has the highest literacy rate among Pondicherry, NCT of Delhi and other Union Territories.
- Maharashtra has the highest population after Uttar Pradesh among the 28 Indian States (Delhi and Pondicherry not included).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

286. From North towards South, which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given rivers in India?

- (a) Shyok - Spiti - Zaskar - Satluj
 (b) Shyok - Zaskar - Spiti - Satluj
 (c) Zaskar - Shyok - Satluj - Spiti
 (d) Zaskar - Satluj - Shyok - Spiti

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

287. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

Monastery : State

- (a) Dhankar Monastery : Himachal Pradesh
 (b) Rumtek Monastery : Sikkim
 (c) Tabo Monastery : Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Kye Monastery : Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: (d)

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288. Recently Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the linking of two rivers as a link project. Which are these two rivers?

- (a) Betwa and Chambal (b) Betwa and Ken
 (c) Chambal and Son (d) Ken and Narmada

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

289. Which of the following substances are found in the beach sands of many parts of Kerala?

- Ilmenite
- Zircon
- Silimanite
- Tungsten

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

290. Consider the following statements :

- Assam shares a border with Bhutan and Bangladesh.
 - West Bengal shares a border with Bhutan and Nepal
 - Mizoram shares a border with Bangladesh and Myanmar
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2, only
 (c) 2 and 3, only (d) 1 and 3, only

Ans: (a)

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 (b) Both A and R are individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 (c) A is True but R is false
 (d) A is false but R is true

291. **Assertion (a):** The percentage of net sown area to the total area of Andhra Pradesh is less as compared to that of West Bengal.

Reason (R): The soil of most of Andhra Pradesh is laterite.

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

292. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists:

List - I (Valley) List-II (State)

- Markha Valley 1. Sikkim
- Dzukou Valley 2. Himachal Pradesh
- Sangla Valley 3. Jammu and Kashmir
- Yumthang Valley 4. Nagaland

Codes :

A B C D

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

293. Consider the following statements :

- According to the Census 2001, Kerala has the smallest gap in male and female literacy rates among the 28 states of India (Delhi and Pondicherry not included).
 - According to the Census 2001, Rajasthan has literacy rate above the national average literacy rate
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

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294. Which one among the following major Indian cities is the most eastward located?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Bengaluru (Bangalore)

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

295. Which one of the following National Highways passes through Maharashtra Chhattisgarh and Orissa?

- (a) NH 4 (b) NH 5
- (c) NH 6 (d) NH 7

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

296. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists :

List-I (Town) : List-II (River Nearer to it)

- A. Betul : 1. Indravati
- B. Jagdalpur : 2. Narmada
- C. Jabalpur : 3. Shipra
- D. Ujjain : 4. Tapti

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

Ans: (b)

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297. In which one of the following districts, have large reserves of diamond-bearing kimberlite been discovered in the recent past?

- (a) Hoshangabad (b) Raipur
- (c) Sambalpur (d) Warangal

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

298. Consider the following statements :

1. Balaghat is known for its diamond mines.
 2. Majhgawan is known for its manganese deposits.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

299. Which one among the following States of India has the lowest density of population?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Sikkim

Ans: (c)

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300. Which one of the following rivers originates at Amarkantak ?

- (a) Damodar (b) Mahanadi
- (c) Narmada (d) Tapti

Ans: (c)

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301. Dalbergia species is associated with which one of the following?

- (a) Cashew nut (b) Coffee
- (c) Tea (d) Rosewood

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

302. Out of the four southern States: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which shares boundaries with the maximum number of Indian States?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh Only
- (b) Karnataka Only
- (c) Each of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
- (d) Each of Tamil Nadu and Kerala

Ans: (c)

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303. In which State is the Guru Shikhar Peak located?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Maharashtra

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

304. Where were Shevaroy Hills located?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerla (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

305. Which one of the following is the correct sequence in the decreasing order of production (in million tonnes) of the given foodgrains in India ?

- (a) Wheat-Rice-Pulses-Coarse cereals
- (b) Rice-Wheat-Pulses-Coarse cereals
- (c) Wheat-Rice-Coarse cereals-Pulses
- (d) Rice-Wheat- Coarse cereals- Pulses

Ans: (d)

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(b) Both A and R are individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A.

(c) A is True but R is false

(d) A is false but R is true

306. Assertion (a): River Kalinadi is an east-flowing river in the southern part of India.

Reason(R): The Deccan Plateau is higher along its western edge and gently slopes towards the Bay of Bengal in the east.

Ans: (d)

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307. In India, How many States share the coastline?

- (a) 7 (b) 8
- (c) 9 (d) 10

Ans: (c)

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308. In which one of the following states are Namchik-Namphuk Coalfields located?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Meghalaya

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(c) Manipur (d) Mizoram

Ans: (a)

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- 309.** Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I (Board)

A. Coffee Board

B. Rubber Board

C. Tea Board

D. Tobacco Board **List II (Headquarters)**

1. Bangalore

2. Guntur

3. Kotayam

4. Kolkata A B C D

(a) 2 4 3 1 (b) 1 3 4 2

(c) 2 3 4 1 (d) 1 4 3 2

Ans: (b)

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- 310.** With which one of the following rivers is the Omkareshwar Project associated?

(a) Chambal (b) Narmada

(c) Tapi (d) Bhima

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 311.** Which of the following minerals are found in a natural way in the State of Chhattisgarh?

1. Bauxite 2. Dolomite

3. Iron ore 4. Tin

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (b) 3 only

(c) 2 only (d) 1 only

Ans: (a)

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- 312.** Which one of the following rivers is the Tehri Hydropower Complex located?

(a) Alaknanda (b) Bhagirathi

(c) Dhauliganga (d) Mandakini

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 313.** Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

Waterfalls : River

1. Kapildhara Falls : Godavari

2. Jog Falls : Sharavati

3. Sivasamudram Falls : Cauvery

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 314.** Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

Irrigation Project : State

1. Damanganga : Gujarat

2. Girma : Maharashtra

Ans: (b)

3. Pamba : Kerala

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 315.** Which of the following pairs in respect to correct Power generation in India is/are correctly matched? (Rounded Figure)

1. Installed electricity generation capacity : 100000 MW

2. Electricity generation : 660 billion kWh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 316.** Which two countries follow China and India in the decreasing order of their populations?

(a) Brazil and USA

(b) USA and Indonesia

(c) Canada and Malaysia

(d) Russia and Nigeria

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 317.** Amongst the following States, which one has the highest percentage of rural population (on the basis of the Census, 2001)?

(a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Bihar

(c) Orissa (d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 318.** Which of the following are among the million-plus cities in India on the basis of data of the Census, 2001?

1. Ludhiana 2. Kochi

3. Surat 4. Nagpur

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 1 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 319.** Where are Tapovan and Vishnugarh Hydroelectric Projects located?

(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Uttarakhand (d) Rajasthan

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 320.** Consider the following statements :

1. Chikmagalur is well-known for sugar production.

2. Mandya is well-known as a coffee-production region.

Which of the statements given above is/ are

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- correct?
 (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

321. Consider the following statements :

Tributary Main River River

1. Chambal : Narmada
 2. Sone : Yamuna
 3. Manas : Brahmaputra Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1,2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 3 only

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

322. Which of the following hills are found where the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats meet?

- (a) Anaimalai Hills (b) Cardamom Hills
 (c) Nilgiri Hills (d) Shevoroy Hills

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

323. Consider the following statements:

1. India does not have any deposits of Thorium
 2. Kerala's monazite sands contain Uranium Which of the above statements is/ are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

324. Consider the following statements :

1. There are no east flowing rivers in Kerala
 2. There are no west flowing rivers in Madhya Pradesh Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

325. Which one of the following rivers does not originate in India?

- (a) Beas (b) Chenab
 (c) Ravi (d) Sutlej

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

326. At which one of the following places two important rivers of India originate; while one of them flows towards north and merges with another important river flowing towards Bay of Bengal, the other one flow towards Arabian Sea?

- (a) Amarkantak (b) Badrinath
 (c) Mahabaleshwar (d) Nasik

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

327. In which one of the following places is the Shompen tribe found?

- (a) Nilgiri Hills (b) Nicobar Islands
 (c) Spiti Valley (d) Lakshadweep Islands

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

328. Consider the Following statements :

1. Between Census 1951 and Census 2001, the density of the population in India has increased more than three times.
2. Between Census 1951 and Census 2001 the annual growth rate (exponential) of the population of India has doubled.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

329. In India, the ports are categorized as major and nonmajor ports. Which one of the following is a nonmajor port?

- (a) Kochi (Cochin) (b) Dahej
 (c) Paradip (d) New Mangalore

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

330. The Dul Hasti Power Station is based on which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Beas (b) Chenab
 (c) Ravi (d) Sutlej

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

331. According to Census 2001, which one of the following Indian States has the maximum population in India after Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) West Bengal
 (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Bihar
 (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

332. Which one of the following states border Uttar Pradesh?

1. Punjab 2. Rajasthan
 3. Chhattisgarh 4. Jharkhand

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

333. Consider the following statements :

1. India is the only country in the world producing all the five known commercial varieties of silk.
2. India is the largest producer of sugar in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

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Civil Services Prelims 2010

334. Which one of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) The Western Ghats are relatively higher in their northern region
- (b) The Anai Mudi is the highest peak in the Western Ghats
- (c) Tapi river lies to the south of Satpura.
- (d) The Narmada and the Tapi river valleys are said to be old rift valleys.

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

335. For which one of the following items, is Tirupur well-known as a huge exporter to many parts of the world?

- (a) Gems and Jewellery
- (b) Leather goods
- (c) Knitted garments
- (d) Handicrafts

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

336. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given hills starting from the north and going towards the south?

- (a) Nallamalai Hills - Nilgiri Hills - Javadi Hills - Anaimalai Hills
- (b) Anaimalai Hills - Javadi Hills - Nilgiri Hills - Nallamalai Hills
- (c) Nallamalai Hills - Javadi Hills - Nilgiri Hills - Anaimalai Hills
- (d) Anaimalai Hills - Nallamalai Hills - Javadi Hills - Nilgiri Hills

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

337. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given Indian cities in the decreasing order of their normal annual rainfall?

- (a) Kochi - Kolkata - Delhi - Patna
- (b) Kolkata - Kochi - Patna - Delhi
- (c) Kochi - Kolkata - Patna - Delhi
- (d) Kolkata - Kochi - Delhi - Patna

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

338. Gandhi Sagar Dam is a part of which one of the following?

- (a) Chambal Project
- (b) Kosi Project
- (c) Damodar Valley Project
- (d) Bhakra Nangal Project

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

339. Consider the following statements :

1. Area wise Chhattisgarh is larger than West Bengal.
2. According to the Population 2001 Census population of West Bengal is larger than that of Chhattisgarh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

340. Consider the following statements :

1. India is the second country in the world to adopt a National Family Planning Programme.
2. The National Population Policy of India 2000 seeks to achieve replacement level of fertility by 2010 with a Population of 111 crores.
3. Kerala is the first State in India to achieve replacement level of fertility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

341. Which one of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) There is no definition of the Scheduled Tribe in the Constitution of India.
- (b) North-East India accounts for a little over half of the country's tribal Population.
- (c) The people known as Todas live in the Nilgiri area.
- (d) Lotha is a language spoken in Nagaland.

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

342. Following are the characteristics of an area in India:

1. Hot and humid climate
2. Annual rainfall 200 cm
3. Hill slopes up to an altitude of 1100 metres
4. Annual range of temperature 15°C to 30°C

Which one among the following crops are you most likely to find in the area described above ?

- (a) Mustard (b) Cotton
- (c) Pepper (d) Virginia tobacco

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

343. With reference to soil conservation, consider the following practices :

1. Crop rotation 2. Sand fences
3. Terracing 4. Wind breaks

Which of the above are considered appropriate methods for soil conservation in India ?

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

344. With reference to the mineral resources of India, consider the following pairs:

Mineral 90% Natural sources in

1. Copper Jharkhand
2. Nickel Orissa
3. Tungsten Kerala

Which of the pairs given above

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- is/are correctly matched?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

345. In India, which type of forest among the following occupies the largest area?

- (a) Montane Wet Temperate Forest
 (b) Sub-tropical Dry Evergreen Forest
 (c) Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest
 (d) Tropical Wet Evergreen Forest

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

346. Tamil Nadu is a leading producer of mill-made cotton yarn in the country. What could be the reason?

1. Black cotton soil is the predominant type of soil in the State.
 2. Rich pool of skilled labour is available.

Which of the above is/are the correct reasons?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

347. Rivers that pass through Himachal Pradesh are

- (a) Beas and Chenab only
 (b) Beas and Ravi only
 (c) Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej only
 (d) Beas, Chenab, Ravi, Sutlej and Yamuna

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

348. Which one of the following is the appropriate reason for considering the Gondwana rocks as most important of rock systems of India?

- (a) More than 90% of limestone reserves of India are found in them
 (b) More than 90% of India's coal reserves are found in them
 (c) More than 90% of fertile black cotton soils are spread over them
 (d) None of the reasons given above is appropriate in this context

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

349. When you travel in certain parts of India, you will notice red soil. What is the main reason for this colour?

- (a) Abundance of magnesium
 (b) Accumulated humus
 (c) Presence of ferric oxides
 (d) Abundance of phosphates

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

350. With reference to, the river Luni, which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) It flows into Gulf of Khambat
 (b) It flows into Gulf of Kuchchh

- (c) It flows into Pakistan and merges with a tributary of Indus
 (d) It is lost in the marshy land of the Rann of Kuchchh

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

351. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

Dam/Lake River

- (a) Govind Sagar Sutlej
 (b) Kolleru Lake Krishna
 (c) Ukai Reservoir Tapi
 (d) Wular Lake Jhelum

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

352. If there were no Himalayan ranges, what would have been the most likely geographical impact on India?

1. Much of the country would experience the cold waves from Siberia.
 2. Indo-gangetic plain would be devoid of such extensive alluvial soils.
 3. The pattern of monsoon would be different from what it is at present.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

353. The latitudes that pass through Sikkim also pass through

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Punjab
 (c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Jammu & Kashmir

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

354. The approximate representation of land use classification in India is

- (a) Net area sown 25%; forests 33%; other areas 42%
 (b) Net area sown 58%; forests 17%; other areas 25%
 (c) Net area sown 43%; forests 29%; other areas 28%
 (d) Net area sown 47%; forests 23%; other areas 30%

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

355. In India, during the last decade the total cultivated land for which one of the following crops has remained more or less stagnant?

- (a) Rice (b) Oil seeds
 (c) Pulses (d) Sugarcane

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

356. Despite having large reserves of coal, why does India import millions of tonnes of coal?

1. It is the policy of India to save its own coal reserves for future and import it from other countries for the present use.
 2. Most of the power plants in India are coal based and they are not able to get sufficient supplies of

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coal from within the country

3. Steel companies need large quantity of cooking coal which has to be imported.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

357. Consider the following statements:

1. The duration of the monsoon decreases from southern India to northern India.
2. The amount of annual rainfall in the northern plains of India decreases from east to west.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

358. A particular State in India has the following characteristics :

1. It is located on the same latitude which passes through northern Rajasthan
2. It has over 80% of its area under forest cover
3. Over 12% of the forest cover constitutes Protected Area Network in this State.

Which one among the following States has all the above characteristics?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Assam
(c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Uttarakhand

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

359. When you travel in Himalayas, you will see the following :

1. Deep gorges
2. U-turn river courses
3. Parallel mountain ranges

4. steep gradients causing land-sliding Which of the above can be said to be the evidences for the Himalayas being young fold mountains?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

360. Consider the following crops of India :

1. Groundnut 2. Sesamum
 3. Pearl millet Which of the above is/are predominantly rain-fed crop/crops?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

361. Consider the following crops in India :

1. Cow pea 2. Green gram
3. Pigeon pea Which of the above is/are used as

pulse, fodder and green manure?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

362. The Narmada river flows to the west, while most other large peninsular rivers flow to the east. Why?

1. It occupies a linear rift valley.
 2. It flows between the Vindhya and the Satpuras.
 3. The land slopes to the west from Central India.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

363. Consider the following pairs National Park River flowing through the Park

1. Corbett National Park – Ganga
 2. Kaziranga National Park – Manas
 3. Silent Valley National Park – Kaveri
- Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

364. Which of the following is / are the characteristic/ characteristics of Indian coal?

1. High ash content
2. Low sulphur content
3. Low ash fusion temperature

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

365. Which of the following statements regarding laterite soils of India are correct?

1. They are generally red in colour.
2. They are rich in nitrogen and potash.
3. They are well-developed in Rajasthan and UP.
4. Tapioca and cashew nuts grow well on these soils.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

366. Consider the following statements:

1. Natural gas occurs in the Gondwana beds.
2. Mica occurs in abundance in Kodarma.
3. Dharwars are famous for petroleum.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only

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- (c) 2 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

367. Consider the following crops

1. Cotton
 2. Groundnut
 3. Rice
 4. Wheat Which of these are Kharif crops?
- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

368. Consider the following pairs :

Tribe State

1. Limboo (Limbu) : Sikkim
 2. Karbi : Himachal Pradesh
 3. Dongaria : Odisha
 4. Bonda : Tamil Nadu Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

369. In India, the problem of soil erosion is associated with which of the following?

1. Terrace cultivation
2. Deforestation
3. Tropical climate

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

370. Which of the following have coral reefs?

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2. Gulf of Kachchh
3. Gulf of Mannar
4. Sunderbans

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

371. Consider the following pairs:

Hills : Region

1. Cardamom Hills : Coromandel Coast
 2. Kaimur Hills : Konkan Coast
 3. Mahadeo Hills : Central India
 4. Mikir Hills : North-East India Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 and 4 (d) 2 and 4

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

372. Consider the following rivers :

1. Barak
 2. Lohit
 3. Subansiri Which of the above flows / flow through Arunachal Pradesh?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

373. Which one of the following pairs of islands is separated from each other by the 'Ten Degree Channel'?

- (a) Andaman and Nicobar
- (b) Nicobar and Sumatra
- (c) Maldives and Lakshadweep
- (d) Sumatra and Java

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

374. What are the significances of a practical approach to sugarcane production known as 'Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative'?

1. Seed cost is very low in this compared to the conventional method of cultivation.
2. Drip irrigation can be practiced very effectively in this.
3. There is no application of chemical/ inorganic fertilizers at all in this.
4. The scope for intercropping is more in this compared to the conventional method of cultivation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

375. Consider the following pairs:

Region Well-known for the production of

1. Kinnaur : Areca nut
 2. Mewat : Mango
 3. Coromandel : Soya bean Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

376. With reference to 'Changpa' community of India, consider the following statement :

1. They live mainly in the State of Uttarakhand.
2. They rear the Pashmina goats that yield a fine wool.
3. They are kept in the category of Scheduled

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Tribes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

377. Consider the following States :

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Mizoram In which of the following states do "Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests" occur?
 (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only
 (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

378. In India, in which one of the following types of forests is teak a dominant tree species?

- (a) Tropical moist deciduous forest
- (b) Tropical rain forest
- (c) Tropical thorn scrub forest
- (d) Temperate forest with grasslands

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

379. Which of the following pairs of States of India indicates the easternmost and Westernmost State?

- (a) Assam and Rajasthan
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan
- (c) Assam and Gujarat
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

380. Consider the following rivers :

1. Vamsadhara 2. Indravati
3. Pranahita 4. Pennar Which of the above are tributaries of Godavari?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 2 and 3 only

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

381. Which one of the following regions of India has a combination of mangrove forest, evergreen forest and deciduous forest?

- (a) North Coastal Andhra Pradesh
- (b) South-West Bengal
- (c) Southern Saurashtra
- (d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

382. If you travel by road from Kohima to Kottayam, what is the minimum number of States within India through which you can travel, including the origin and the destination?

- (a) 6 (b) 7
- (c) 8 (d) 9

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2017

383. Which of the following practices can help in water conservation in agriculture?

1. Reduced or zero tillage of the land
2. Applying gypsum before irrigating the field
3. Allowing crop residue to remain in the field

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2017

384. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, the Himalayas are spread over five States only.
2. Western Ghats are spread over five States only.
3. Pulicat Lake is spread over two States only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2017

385. With reference to 'Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)' sometimes mentioned in the news while forecasting Indian monsoon, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. IOD phenomenon is characterised by a difference in sea surface temperature between tropical Western Indian Ocean and tropical Eastern Pacific Ocean.
2. An IOD phenomenon can influence an El Nino's impact on the monsoon.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2017

386. With reference to River Teesta, consider the following statements:

1. The source of river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra but it flows through Sikkim.
2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim and it is a tributary of river Teesta.
3. River Teesta flows into Bay of Bengal on the border of India and Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2017

387. Which of the following is geographically closest @ to Great Nicobar?

- (a) Sumatra
- (b) Borneo

- (c) Java
- (d) Sri Lanka

Ans: (a)
Civil Services Prelims 2017

World Geography

1. The planets nearest to Sun are

- (a) Mercury and Mars (b) Earth and Mercury
- (c) Mercury and Venus (d) Mercury and Uranus

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1979

2. "Golan Heights" belonging to country "A" were captured by a country "B". Which of the following are "A" and "B" respectively?

- (a) Syria and Israel (b) Israel and Syria
- (c) Syria and Egypt (d) Egypt and Israel

Ans: (a)

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3. You are asked to import ostrich, platypus and koala bear. Which country would you select to go where you get all these three?

- (a) Japan (b) Australia
- (c) New Zealand (d) Canada

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1979

4. Richter scale is used to measure

- (a) Earthquakes
- (b) Ocean depth
- (c) Intensity of wind
- (d) Temperature of the body

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1979

5. What is a continental shelf ?

- (a) It is a part of the ocean which is really an extension of the land mass, but submerged
- (b) It is that part where the ocean commences
- (c) It is a land mass which is surrounded by water on all sides
- (d) It is a part of the continent that is submerged in relatively shallow sea

Ans: (d)

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6. Country known as the Sugar Bowl of the World is

- (a) Cuba (b) India
- (c) Burma (d) Norway

Ans: (a)

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7. International date line

- (a) Roughly corresponds to 180th meridian, the regions to the east of which are counted as being one day earlier in their calendar dates than regions to the West
- (b) Roughly corresponds to 180th meridian, the region to the west of which are counted as being one day earlier in their calendar dates than regions to the east
- (c) Roughly corresponds to 90th meridian which falls on the opposite side of the Greenwich meridian
- (d) Roughly corresponds to 135th meridian which

falls on the opposite side of the Greenwich meridian

Ans: (a)

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8. In which type of rocks, fossils are more abundantly found?

- (a) Igneous
- (b) Metamorphic
- (c) Sedimentary
- (d) None of these

Ans: (c)

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9. Doldrums refer to

- (a) A belt of calm and light variable winds near the equator
- (b) A particular area in the centre of the Pacific Ocean
- (c) The region of the upper atmosphere extending upward from the tropopause to about 20 kms. above the earth
- (d) None of these

Ans: (a)

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10. A narrow strip of land, bordered on both sides by water, connecting to larger bodies of land is called

- (a) Dune (b) Equinox
- (c) Isthmus (d) Strait

Ans: (c)

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11. When it is 8 A.M. on Wednesday of Greenwich

- (a) It is 10.30 P.M. on Wednesday at London
- (b) It is 6.15 A.M. on Tuesday at New York
- (c) It is 3.00 P.M. on Wednesday at Hong Kong
- (d) It is 5.00 P.M. on Wednesday at Tokyo

Ans: (d)

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12. Heavy rainfall affects soil by

- (a) Increasing its acidity
- (b) Increasing its alkalinity
- (c) Reducing its fertility
- (d) None of these

Ans: (a)

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13. Pampas are the vast grassy plains of

- (a) South America (b) North America
- (c) Africa (d) Eurasia

Ans: (a)

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14. The rising of evening star Venus indicates

- (a) South Pole (b) North Pole
- (c) East (d) West

Ans: (d)

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15. It takes 11 seconds for the light to reach the earth from moon and 8 minutes from the sun. How much time will it take from the nearest bright star to reach the earth?

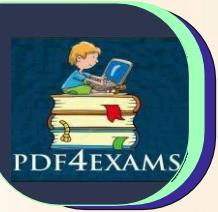
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- (a) 4.5 minutes (b) 45 minutes
(c) 45 months (d) 4.3 light years
- Ans: (c)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 16. U.S.A. found rings around which planet?**
- (a) Venus (b) Jupiter
(c) Mars (d) Pluto
- Ans: (b)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 17. Which of the following statements is correct?**
- (a) Fossil I is heavier than fossil II
(b) Fossil II is heavier than fossil I
(c) Fossil I is older than fossil II
(d) Fossil II is older than fossil I
- Ans: (d)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 18. When a person moves from poles to the equator, the population of plants and animals will**
- (a) Increase
(b) Decrease
(c) Remain unchanged
(d) Not show any consistent behavior
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 19. Why U.S.S.R. has many local time differences?**
- (a) Because of long east-west stretches
(b) Because north-south stretch is more
(c) Because it covers two continents
(d) Because of large differences in climate
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 20. Earthquakes are caused due to**
- (a) Volcanic eruptions
(b) Landslides
(c) Cyclones
(d) Movement of a part of earth's surface on account of the faulting of rocks
- Ans: (d)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 21. Forests help in**
- (a) Soil erosion
(b) Soil protection
(c) Depleting the soil of its moisture
(d) All of the above
- Ans: (b)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 22. Different seasons are formed because**
- (a) Sun is moving around the earth
(b) Of revolution of the earth around the sun on its orbit
(c) Of rotation of the earth around its axis
(d) All of the above
- Ans: (b)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 23. There are two places P and Q. The longitudes of P and Q are 45° E and 60° W respectively. What will be the difference in their local times?**
- (a) 7 hours (b) 6 hours
(c) 3.5 hours
(d) Both places will have the same local time
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 24. What are the grass lands of South America called ?**
- (a) Stepes (b) Prairies
(c) Pampas (d) Savanna
- Ans: (c)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 25. Humidity of the air**
- (a) Increases with the increase in atmospheric temperature
(b) Decreases with the increase in atmospheric temperature
(c) Is not affected by the change in atmospheric temperature
(d) Does not show any consistent behaviour with the change in atmospheric temperature
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 26. Why is there a severe difference in the climates of Northern and Southern Hemisphere?**
- (a) Due to rotation of the earth around its axis
(b) Due to revolution of the earth around the sun of its orbit
(c) Both of the above
(d) None of the above
- Ans: (d)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 27. Himalayan rivers are perennial because**
- (a) They flow from inexhaustible springs in the Himalayas
(b) They are fed in summer by melting snow of Himalayas
(c) There is continuous rain throughout the year in the catchment areas
(d) None of the above
- Ans: (b)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 28. Flame of the forest is**
- (a) A tree blossomed with flowers like flame in leafless season
(b) Fire developed in the forest due to strong wind
(c) A lady who worked for the development of the forests
(d) An insect which glows like a flame in the forest
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 29. The purest form of water is obtained from**
- (a) A deep tube well
(b) A running stream
(c) Hot water spring
(d) Heavy rains
- Ans: (d)
- Civil Services Prelims 1981
- 30. Generally speaking, all rocks may be classified**

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- into three major groups, such as**
- Marble, limestone, igneous
 - Igneous, limestone, mica
 - Igneous, marble, sedimentary
 - Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic
- Ans: (d)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1981**
- 31. The conclusion that Asia and Africa had a single landmass is provided by**
- The deserts in Asia and Africa
 - The similarity in climate of certain regions of Asia and Africa
 - The finding of same type of fossil in both the regions
 - All of these
- Ans: (d)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1981**
- 32. Contour bunding is used**
- To stop the winds in sandy deserts
 - To irrigate desert areas
 - To prevent erosion in hilly areas
 - None of the above
- Ans: (c)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1981**
- 33. Plankton refers to**
- A kind of fish
 - A submerged platform in waters
 - Drifting of organisms in a body of water
 - A kind of animal living under water
- Ans: (c)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1981**
- 34. Tropical rain forests appear in which of the following regions?**
- South America, South Africa and Central Europe
 - Central America, parts of Australia, Guinea Coast
 - Congo basin, Central America, South East Asia
 - North and South of the Congo basin
- Ans: (c)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1983**
- 35. "Mulching" the soil is a process whereby**
- Big pieces of soil are broken down into smaller pieces
 - The field is irrigated at regular intervals
 - Transplanting of seedlings take place
 - Loose material, dung, etc. are laid on the ground to prevent excessive evaporation or erosion of the soil
- Ans: (d)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1983**
- 36. Which of the following is not favourable for the formation of deltas?**
- Calm winds
 - Currents and tides
 - Sheltered coast
 - No large lakes in the river course
- Ans: (b)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1983**
- 37. The tropical deciduous trees shed their leaves in summer**
- Leaves get dried up due to the excessive heat
 - To prevent excessive loss of water through transpiration
 - Because rainfall is inadequate
 - Days are longer
- Ans: (b)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1983**
- 38. What does "Roaring Forties" refer to?**
- The tract of stormy westerly winds between latitudes 20-30°S
 - Whirl winds caused in Atlantic Ocean
 - The region between latitudes 40°S and 50°S, where the prevailing westerly winds blow over the open oceans with great regularity and strength
 - None of these
- Ans: (c)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1984**
- 39. The North Atlantic Sea route is regarded as an important international trade route because**
- It is the oldest sea route
 - It connects two industrially developed parts of the world
 - Trade winds will help the shipping
 - There are lesser number of sea storms in this water way
- Ans: (b)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1984**
- 40. Grenada is situated in**
- Pacific Ocean
 - Indian Ocean
 - Caribbean Sea
 - Mediterranean Sea
- Ans: (c)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1984**
- 41. Arrange the following three atmospheric layers starting from the surface of the earth:**
- Stratosphere
 - Ionosphere
 - Troposphere
- Codes :**
- A, B, C
 - C, A, B
 - A, C, B
 - C, B, A
- Ans: (b)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1984**
- 42. Match the following :**
- Argentite : 1. Copper
 - Bauxite : 2. Iron
 - Haematite : 3. Aluminium
 - Cuprite : 4. Silver
- Codes :**
- A B C D
 - 4 3 2 1
 - 1 4 3 2
 - 2 1 4 3
 - 1 2 3 4
- Ans: (a)**
- Civil Services Prelims 1985**
- 43. Which of the following pairs is correct?**
- City — River

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- (a) Baghdad – Tigris
- (b) Bonn – Danube
- (c) Rome – Seine
- (d) Paris – Tiber

Ans: (a)

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44. Trade winds are caused by the

- (a) Revolution of the earth
- (b) Rotation of the earth
- (c) In flowing movement of air along the earth's surface towards the equator
- (d) None of the above

Ans: (c)

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45. Ursa Minor is

- (a) The name of an island
- (b) The name of a satellite
- (c) A group of stars that form the Little Dipper in the most northern constellation
- (d) The name of a disease in U.S.A

Ans: (c)

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46. Which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Northern Ireland is included in U.K. and Southern Ireland is sovereign independent, democratic republic
- (b) Southern Ireland is included in U.K. and Northern Ireland is a sovereign independent, democratic republic
- (c) Both are sovereign, independent, democratic republics
- (d) Both are included in U.K.

Ans: (a)

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47. Isohyets are the lines drawn on a map connecting points having

- (a) Equal temperature
- (b) Equal height
- (c) Equal atmospheric pressure
- (d) Equal rainfall

Ans: (d)

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48. Diego Garcia is

- (a) An American military air base in the Indian Ocean
- (b) U.K. Navy base in the Pacific Ocean
- (c) An island in Antarctica
- (d) None of the above

Ans: (d)

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49. Match the columns :

List-I

- A. Southeastern coast of U.S.A.
- B. West coast of South Africa
- C. Southwestern coast of South America
- D. Southeastern coast of Japan

List-II

2. Kuroshio current

3. Beneguella current

4. Peruvian current

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

(a) 2 3 4 1 (b) 1 3 4 2

(c) 1 4 3 2 (d) 2 4 3 1

Ans: (b)

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50. Match the columns :

- A. Magnesium : 1. Mantle
- B. Upper layer of the earth's crust : 2. Sima
- C. Light rocks of the lithosphere : 3. Bill
- D. Small Peninsula : 4. Sial

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

(a) 2 3 4 1 (b) 3 2 1 4

(c) 1 3 4 2 (d) 2 1 4 3

Ans: (*)

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51. Match the columns :

- A. English : 1. Israel
- B. Amharic : 2. Namibia
- C. Swahili : 3. Ethiopia
- D. Hebrew : 4. Kenya

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C D

(a) 3 4 1 2 (b) 4 1 2 3

(c) 2 4 1 3 (d) 2 3 4 1

Ans: (d)

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52. Pumice is derived from

- (a) Volcanic rock
- (b) Sedimentary rock
- (c) Igneous rock
- (d) Acid lava

Ans: (a)

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53. Match the columns:

- A. Australia : 1. Pretoria
- B. Canada : 2. Riyadh
- C. South Africa : 3. Canberra
- D. Saudi Arabia : 4. Ottawa

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C D

(a) 2 4 1 3 (b) 3 4 1 2

(c) 4 3 1 2 (d) 3 4 2 1

Ans: (b)

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54. Mean Sea Level (MSL) is the

- (a) Average level of the sea
- (b) Height of water above ground level

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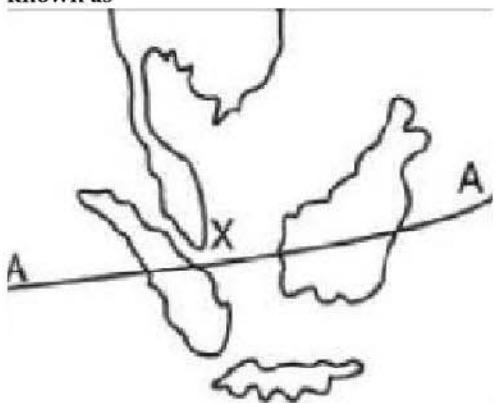
- (c) Average height of waves
(d) None of the above
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 55. High tides at antipodes are caused due to**
(a) Gravitational pull of the moon and the sun
(b) Gravitational pull of the sun
(c) Centrifugal, centripetal and gravitational pull of the sun
(d) Centrifugal, centripetal and gravitational pull of the sun and the moon
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 56. Massive deforestation causes**
(a) Soil erosion (b) Famine
(c) Floods (d) None of these
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 57. Which of the following is the correct order of increasing size of the grains of soil particles?**
A. Clay B. Silt
C. Sand D. Gravel
(a) A, B, C, D (b) D, C, A, B
(c) B, C, A, D (d) C, D, B, A
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 58. At a certain place, the Greenwich Mean Time is ahead by 12 hours. The place is located**
(a) 180°W of GMT (b) 180°E of GMT
(c) 90°W of GMT (d) 90°E of GMT
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 59. Which of the following two continents are just like the mirror images of each other?**
(a) South America and Africa
(b) South America and North America
(c) South America and Australia
(d) Europe and Asia
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 60. Extrusive (Intrusive) rocks are forms of**
(a) Igneous rocks (b) Sedimentary rocks
(c) Metamorphic rocks (d) None of the above
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 61. Which of the following terms is used to denote the heavy rocks of the lithosphere?**
(a) Substratum (b) SIAL
(c) SIMA (d) None of the above
- Ans: (c)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 62. The shape of the Himalayas is like**
(a) An arc
(b) A curvilinear straight line
(c) A straight line
(d) A right angle
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1986**
- 63. Match the columns :**
- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| A. Groundnut | : 1. Leguminosae |
| B. Cotton | : 2. Graminae |
| C. Sugarcane | : 3. Malvaceae |
- Select** the correct answer using the codes given below:
- A B C**
(a) 1 2 3
(b) 1 3 2
(c) 2 1 3
(d) 3 1 2
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1987**
- 64. The trees of spruce, fir, pine, etc. are found in which of the following natural regions of the earth?**
(a) Laurentian type
(b) Alpine type
(c) Taiga type
(d) Siberian type
- Ans: (c)
- Civil Services Prelims 1987**
- 65. The largest producer of woodpulp is**
(a) Canada
(b) U.S.S.R.
(c) U.S.A.
(d) Japan
- Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 1987**
- 66. Seismic waves that vibrate perpendicular to the direction of their path**
(a) Travel through the solid parts of the earth only
(b) Travel through the solid as well as other parts of the earth
(c) Spread on the surface of the earth
(d) None of the above
- Ans: (b)
- Civil Services Prelims 1987**
- 67. Physiological population density is the ratio of**
(a) Total population to total area
(b) Total population to total irrigated land area
(c) Total population to urban land area
(d) Total population to rural land area
- Ans: (b)
- Civil Services Prelims 1987**
- 68. Which of the following are known as coastlines of submergence?**
(a) Uplifted lowland (b) Ria Coasts
(c) Emergent upland (d) None of the above
- Ans: (c)
- Civil Services Prelims 1987**
- 69. Of the total water on the earth, fresh water reserves constitute approximately**
(a) 1.2 % (b) 2.7 %
(c) 4.5 % (d) 5.8%
- Ans: (b)

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70. Seasonal migration of men and animals from lower to higher altitudes during the summer is known as _____



- (a) Nomadism (b) Migration
(c) Transhumance (d) Pastoralism

Ans: (c)

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Directions : The following question, are based on the map given below. Study this map to answer these questions.

71. The location of 'X' in the map represents the port of _____

- (a) Bangkok (b) Hong Kong
(c) Singapore (d) Jakarta

Ans: (c)

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72. Which one of the following is not correctly matched?

- (a) Isopleth : A line joining places of equal height
(b) Isobar : A line joining places of equal pressure
(c) Isohyet : A line joining places of equal rainfall
(d) Isotherm : A line joining places of equal temperature

Ans: (a)

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73. Ordinary dry air consists of the following :

1. Nitrogen 2. Oxygen
3. Argon 4. Carbon dioxide What is the decreasing sequence of these in percentages?
(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 4 and 3
(c) 2, 1, 3 and 4 (d) 2, 1, 4 and 3

Ans: (a)

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74. Fog is common around Newfoundland coast because

- (a) Icebergs melt around the coast
(b) Warm and cold currents meet
(c) The rainfall is heavy
(d) High tides cause storms

Ans: (b)

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75. Corals is/are

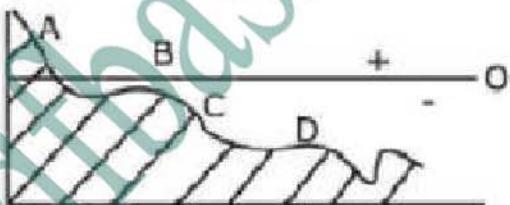
- (a) A particular type of shell found near some of the seacoasts.
(b) A special variety of fish which live in shells.
(c) The tiny animals that live in shells in the sea.
(d) The remains of tiny sea animals resembling shells.

Ans: (d)

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76. Consider the diagram below :

Letters A, B, C and D in the diagram represent sequential arrangement of basic topographical features along a coast. Identify the correct sequence from the codes given below :



- (a) Land, continental shelf, continental slope, deep seaplain
(b) Land, continental slope, continental shelf, deep seaplain
(c) Mountain, sea coast, continental slope, deep sea plain
(d) Hill, continental slope, ocean deep, deep sea plain

Ans: (a)

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77. If there were no atmosphere, what would be the colour of sky?

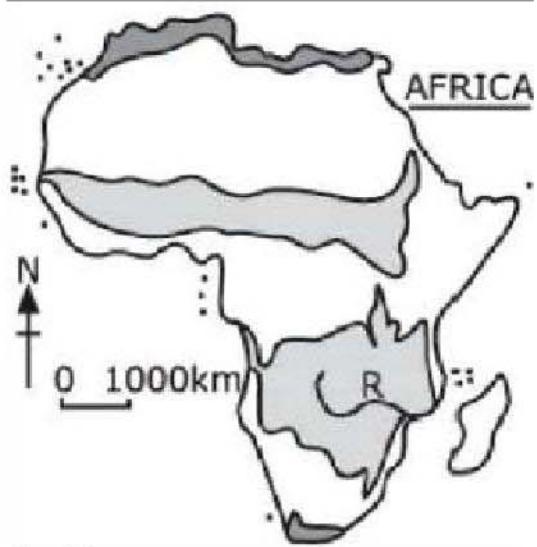
- (a) White (b) Black
(c) Blue (d) Red

Ans: (b)

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Directions (Qs. 78 to 80) : Study the following map to answer these questions:

78. The climate in the shaded area of the map is of



- (a) Cold temperate oceanic type
 (b) Mediterranean type
 (c) Monsoon type
 (d) Temperate Grassland type

Ans: (b)

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79. The vegetation of the area dotted on the map is

- (a) Pampas (b) Prairies
 (c) Savanna (d) Veld

Ans: (c)

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80. The river (R) shown on the map is

- (a) Niger (b) Orange
 (c) Congo (d) Zambezi

Ans: (d)

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81. Which of the following rivers has a 'bird's foot' delta?

- (a) The Amazon (b) The Brahmaputra
 (c) The Mississippi (d) The Nile

Ans: (c)

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82. The international air route from West Europe to East Asia passes through India because

- (a) It is the shortest route.
 (b) India is the only country in Asia providing refueling capacity.
 (c) India is a busy centre situated between the two places.
 (d) None of the above

Ans: (c)

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83. Which of the following is cold ocean current?

- (a) Labrador (b) Gulf Stream
 (c) Kuro Shio (d) None of these

Ans: (a)

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84. Which of the following countries is rich in oil?

- (a) Singapore (b) Thailand
 (c) Pakistan (d) Indonesia

Ans: (d)

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85. 12 constellations referred to as zodiac are
 (a) Imaginary region that encompass the path of the planets.
 (b) Signs of Roman gods.
 (c) A group of stars
 (d) None of the above

Ans: (a)

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86. Which of the following is a block mountain?
 (a) Alps (b) Vosges
 (c) Rocky (d) Andes

Ans: (b)

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87. Savanna grasslands are found in
 (a) North America (b) Africa
 (c) Australia (d) East Asia

Ans: (b)

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88. The leading producer of silver is
 (a) U.S.A. (b) U.S.S.R.
 (c) Mexico (d) South Africa

Ans: (a)

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89. Temperature of four places is given below. Which of the four places has the most continental climate?

Assertion (A): Most of the hot deserts are present on the western margin of the continents close to the zones of trade winds.

Reason (R): Zones of trade winds are characterised by seas having reversal of planetary wind direction.

(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A

(b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A

(c) A is true but R is false

(d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (a)

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90. The maturity of a river course is recognised by the presence of
 (a) V-shaped valley
 (b) Meanders
 (c) Gorges
 (d) High denudational power

Ans: (b)

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91. Which one of the following is not a satellite of Jupiter?
 (a) Io (b) Callisto
 (c) Europa (d) Titan

Ans: (d)

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92. Caldera is a feature associated with

- (a) Volcanoes
- (b) Earthquakes
- (c) Folding of rocks
- (d) Faulting of mountains

Ans: (a)

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Ans: (c)

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93. Sunda Strait separates

- (a) Burma and Celebes
- (b) Java and Sumatra
- (c) Japan and Korea
- (d) Sicily and Italy

Ans: (b)

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94. Eskers and Drumlins are features, formed by

- (a) Running water (b) Underground water
- (c) The action of wind (d) Glacial action

Ans: (d)

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95. Which one of the following is the largest of the inner planets?

- (a) Venus (b) Mercury
- (c) Mars (d) Earth

Ans: (d)

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96. Match list I with list II and select the correct answer using the codes given below them :**List I (City) : List II (Place)**

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------|
| A. Budapest | : 1. Alexander Platz |
| B. Warsaw | : 2. Waleśna Square |
| C. Berlin | : 3. Tiananmen Square |
| D. Beijing | : 4. Ceausescu Square : 5. Parliament Square |

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 4 3 1 5 (b) 3 4 5 2
- (c) 5 2 4 3 (d) 5 2 1 3

Ans: (c)

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97. If the difference in time of the two places is 2 hours and 20 minutes, then the difference in their longitudes will be

- (a) 30° (b) 35°
- (c) 40° (d) 45°

Ans: (b)

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98. Neap tides are produced in the first and third quarters of the Moon. Then,

- (a) The Moon and the Sun are in conjunction with the other planets
- (b) The Moon and the Sun are in opposition with each other
- (c) The attractions of the Sun and the Moon are at right angles to each other
- (d) The Moon and the Sun are in quadrant position to each other

99. The light from the Sun reaches the Earth in about

- (a) 2 min (b) 4 min
- (c) 6 min (d) 8 min

Ans: (d)

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100. Terrace cultivation is practiced mostly

- (a) In urban areas
- (b) On slopes of mountains
- (c) On tops of hills
- (d) In undulating tracts

Ans: (b)

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101. Density of population refers to

- (a) The number of persons living per sq km of land area
- (b) The number of persons living per km of land area
- (c) The number of persons living per village
- (d) None of the above

Ans: (a)

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102. Seasons on the Earth are caused due to

- (a) The elliptical orbit of the Earth
- (b) Alteration/change in the speed of revolution of the Earth
- (c) Inclination of the Earth on its axis of rotation
- (d) Differences in the amount of energy received from the Sun

Ans: (c)

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103. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :**List I : List II Measuring instruments : Which Measure?**

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Anemometer | : 1. Motor power |
| B. Tachometer | : 2. Wind speed |
| C. Dynamometer | : 3. Revolutions per minute |
| D. Barometer | : 4. Atmospheric pressure : 5. Current from a dynamo |

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

- (a) 1 3 5 4 (b) 2 1 3 4
- (c) 2 3 1 4 (d) 1 3 5 2

Ans: (a)

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104. Jupiter completes one circuit of the Sun in

- (a) 13 years (b) 12 years
- (c) 16 years (d) 10 years

Ans: (b)

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105. Barkhan (Barchans) is a

- (a) Crescent shaped sand-dune
- (b) Depositional bar, separated by water from the coast

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- (c) Dark coloured, fine grained rock
 (d) Glacial erosional feature

Ans: (a)

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106. The speed of revolution of the earth in its orbit round the sun is

- (a) Same throughout the year
 (b) Greatest when the earth is nearest to the sun
 (c) Greatest when the earth is farthest from the sun
 (d) Least when the earth is nearest to the sun

Ans: (b)

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107. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I : List II

- A. Deforestation : 1. Vacuoles
 B. Cellular Structure : 2. Maize
 C. Cross Pollination : 3. Soil Erosion
 D. Nitrogen fixation : 4. Legumes

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (a)

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108. Which of the following is the brightest heavenly body in the evening/night sky?

- (a) Jupiter (b) Saturn
 (c) Mars (d) Venus

Ans: (d)

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109. Largest producer of diamond and gem in the world is

- (a) Zaire (b) South Africa
 (c) Botswana (d) Ghana

Ans: (c)

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110. Of the following forest regions, the most suitable wood for paper pulp is available from

- (a) Hot and humid regions of Amazon
 (b) Savanna
 (c) Equatorial forests of Congo basin
 (d) Forests of Burma

Ans: (c)

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111. Which one of the following winds is not a planetary wind?

- (a) Trade (b) Westerly
 (c) Polar Easterly (d) Monsoon

Ans: (d)

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112. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I : List II

- A. Damascus : 1. Taiga
 B. Cassava : 2. City in Syria

C. Pine forest : 3. West Indian Tribe

D. Insequent valley : 4. Wanganui in New Zealand

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (d)

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113. Swamps are seen in the Siberian rivers because

- (a) Freezing of the river near the mouth prevents water to flow to the sea
 (b) Rivers are too narrow
 (c) Rivers are heavily drained by the large network of canals
 (d) Railway bridges built across the rivers obstruct the flow

Ans: (a)

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114. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I : List II

- A. Mushroom Rocks : 1. Fold type
 B. Cape Verde : 2. Low latitude desert
 C. Thar : 3. Volcanic
 D. Vosges : 4. Wind erosion

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (d)

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115. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the Lists :

List I : List II Some Languages : Spoken out of Europe

- A. French : 1. Brazil
 B. Italian : 2. Mexico
 C. Portuguese : 3. Libya
 D. Spanish : 4. Mauritania : 5. Algeria

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below :

A B C D

- (a) 5 3 1 2 (b) 2 5 1 3
 (c) 3 1 5 4 (d) 5 3 2 4

Ans: (d)

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116. Which one of the following has merged with Tanganyika to form the present Tanzania?

- (a) Zimbabwe
 (b) Zaire
 (c) Zanzibar
 (d) Zambia

Ans: (c)

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117. If Amsterdam is X + 1, Montreal is X - 5, Tokyo is

X + 9 and Lisbon is X, X denotes

- (a) GMT
- (b) The temperature as measured by the Kelvin scale to arrive at the temperature as measured by the Celsius scale
- (c) Base from which height and depth from the sealevel is measured
- (d) The figure to be used for converting the Imperial System to the Metric system

Ans: (c)

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118. Match List I with List II and select the answer using the codes given below the lists.

List I : List II Products : Top Producers

- A. Olives : 1. U.S.A
- B. Cotton : 2. Italy
- C. Tomato : 3. Brazil
- D. Coffee : 4. China : 5. Indonesia

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below :

A B C D

- (a) 1 4 3 2 (b) 4 1 5 3
- (c) 2 1 3 4 (d) 2 4 1 3

Ans: (d)

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119. Deserts such as the Sahara are generally found between 20° and 30° latitudes in the western parts of the continents. This is because these regions

- (a) Have off-shore winds throughout the year
- (b) Have warm off-shore currents
- (c) Lie in the belt of the doldrums
- (d) Are very hot throughout the year

Ans: (a)

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120. After the break-up of the USSR the largest country in the world in terms of area is

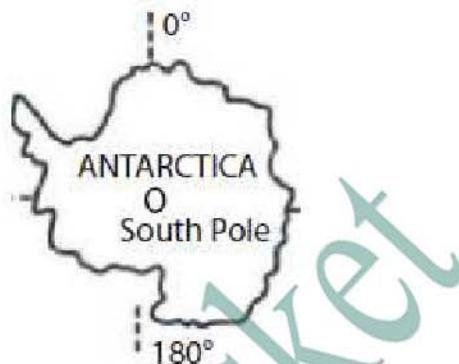
- (a) China
- (b) Russia
- (c) USA
- (d) Canada

Ans: (b)

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121. Consider the map given below :

0° 180° ANTARCTICA South Pole In which one of the following areas is the Indian Ocean located on the map?



- (a) 90° E - 180° (b) 0 - 90° W
- (c) 0 - 90° E (d) 90° W - 180°

Ans: (a)

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122. Which of the following crops are most suitable for cultivation under scanty rainfall conditions?

- 1. Horse gram 2. Rice
- 3. Mustard 4. Wheat

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Ans: (d)

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123. In which one of the following places the 'boiling point' of water is the highest?

- (a) Dead Sea
- (b) Mt. Everest
- (c) Nile delta
- (d) Sunderban delta

Ans: (a)

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124. Which of the following listings are correct?

Cash Crop Plantation Horticulture Crop Crop

- 1. Tobacco Coconut Sugarcane
- 2. Sugarcane Coffee Coconut
- 3. Cotton Tea Cashew
- 4. Coconut Rubber Tobacco

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below :

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

Ans: (a)

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125. A person stood alone in a desert on a dark night and wanted to reach his village which was situated 5 km east of the point where he was standing. He had no instruments to find the direction but he located the polestar. The most convenient way now to reach his village is to walk

- (a) In the direction facing the polestar
- (b) In the direction opposite to the polestar
- (c) In the direction keeping the polestar to his left
- (d) In the direction keeping the polestar to his right

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Ans: (c)

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126. Water cycle refers to

- (a) An integrated attempt to recycle water in relatively arid regions
- (b) Constant movement of water from ocean to land and back to ocean again
- (c) Scientific management of water in areas excessively plagued with water logging
- (d) Planning of water distribution relatively dry areas

Ans: (b)

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127. In which type of rocks are metals like gold and copper mostly found?

- (a) Old igneous
- (b) Old metamorphic
- (c) Old sedimentary
- (d) New metamorphic

Ans: (a)

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128. The best quality of hard wood for the manufacture of furniture is obtained from

- (a) Cedrus deodara
- (b) Pinus longifolia
- (c) Dalbergia sissio
- (d) Mangifera indica

Ans: (c)

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129. The interior regions of Eurasia have a large number of inland seas or lakes. Which one of the following touches the boundary of Iran?

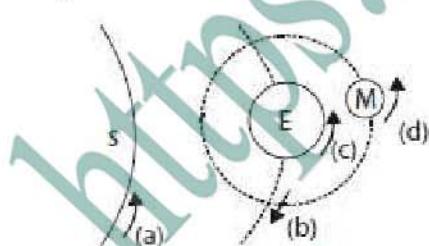
- (a) Aral Sea (b) Lake Balkash
- (c) Lake Baikal (d) Caspian Sea

Ans: (d)

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130. Consider the diagram given below:

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(a) (b) (d) (c) M E → S = Sun, E = Earth, M = Moon
 Direction of Movement Which one of the four directions of movement as shown by arrows (a), (b), (c) and (d) is wrong?

- (a) Direction of the rotation of the Sun
- (b) Direction of the revolution of the Earth
- (c) Defection of the rotation of the Earth
- (d) Direction of the revolution of the Moon

Ans: (b)

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131. The only land-locked country in South-east Asia is

- (a) Laos (b) Thailand
- (c) Malaysia (d) Kampuchea

Ans: (a)

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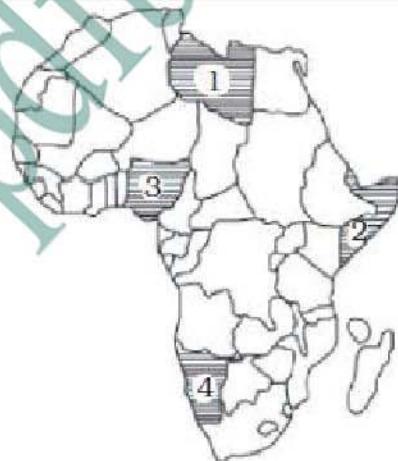
132. Even though Pluto is usually the-farthest planet, its path is highly elliptical, crossing inside the path of some other planet. As a result for a period of twenty years from 1979, the farthest planet is not Pluto but,

- (a) Jupiter (b) Saturn
- (c) Uranus (d) Neptune

Ans: (d)

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133. Consider the map given below: The countries marked 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the map respectively represent 1 2 3 4 Libya, Somalia, Nigeria & Namibia

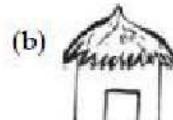


- (a) Libya, Somalia, Nigeria & Namibia
- (b) Egypt, Somalia, Congo and Namibia
- (c) Sudan, Ethiopia, Angola and Botswana
- (d) Algeria, Kenya, Ghana and Zambia

Ans: (a)

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134. Among the four house types shown below, which one represents the house type of the Pygmies?



- (a) (b)
- (c) (d)

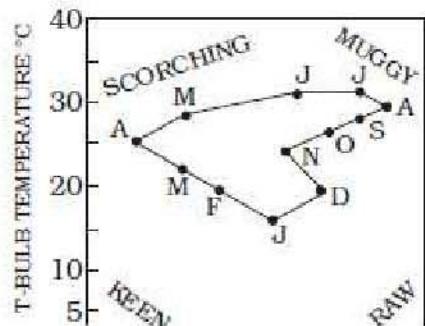
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135. Consider the Climograph given below:

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M J J A S N O D J F M A RAW SCORCHING
 MUGGY KEEN 5 10 20 30 40 T-BULB
 TEMPERATURE °C The above climograph relates to



- (a) North-western region of India
- (b) Southern region of India
- (c) Mid-central region of India
- (d) North-eastern region of India

Ans: (d)

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136. Which of the following places have their standard times, that are the same as GMT?

- 1. Accra
- 2. Dublin
- 3. Madrid
- 4. Lisbon

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Ans: (c)

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137. The solar eclipse achieves totality only in the limited geographical regions because

- (a) the earth is not a smooth flat surface, but has elevations and depressions
- (b) the size of the shadow of the moon on the earth is small compared to the cross section of the earth
- (c) trajectories of the earth around the sun and the moon around the earth are not perfect circles
- (d) sun rays can reach most of the peripheral regions of the shadow of the moon due to a atmospheric refraction

Ans: (b)

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138. The length of its day and the tilt of its axis are almost identical to those of the earth'. This is true of

- (a) Uranus
- (b) Neptune
- (c) Saturn
- (d) Mars

Ans: (d)

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139. Given below is a map of America :

- 1 2 3 4 The shaded (marked 1 and 2), dotted (marked 3) and the plain areas (marked 4) indicate

respectively, the regions where the languages spoken are



- (a) Spanish, French, Portuguese and others
- (b) French, Spanish, Portuguese and others
- (c) French, Portuguese, Spanish and English
- (d) Portuguese, French, Spanish and others

Ans: (a)

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140. Consider the map given below :

1 2 3 4 The numbers marked 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively indicate the islands of

- (a) the Bahamas, Azores, Falkland and Cape Verde
- (b) the Bahamas, Azores, Cape Verde and Falkland
- (c) Azores, Cape Verde, the Bahamas and Falkland
- (d) Cape Verde, the Bahamas, Falkland and Azores

Ans: (c)

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141. Which one of the following regions of Asia is experiencing the highest annual growth rate of population?

- (a) South Asia
- (b) South-East Asia
- (c) Central Asia
- (d) West Asia

Ans: (a)

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142. When it is noon along 82° 30' E longitude along what degree of longitude it will be 6.30 am?

- (a) along 165° E
- (b) along 67°30' W
- (c) 0° E or W
- (d) along 82° 30' W

Ans: (c)

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143. The ideal climatic conditions for the cultivation of

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rice are

- (a) rainfall above 100 cm, temperature above 25°C
- (b) cool and moist climate for the entire crop period
- (c) rainfall below 100 cm, temperature below 25°C
- (d) warm and dry climate during the entire crop period

Ans: (a)

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144. The shortest air-route from Perth to London is

- (a) Perth, Bombay, Rome, London
- (b) Perth, Ankara, Paris, London
- (c) Perth, Aden, Paris, London
- (d) Perth, Mombasa, Rome, London

Ans: (a)

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145. The time taken by the sun to revolve around the centre of our galaxy is

- (a) 25 million years (b) 100 million years
- (c) 250 million years (d) 500 million years

Ans: (c)

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146. The first bird is believed to have appeared on the surface of the earth

- (a) 300 million years (b) 200 million years
- (c) 150 million years (d) 100 million years

Ans: (c)

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147. Farm land tends to erode most rapidly when planted with

- (a) sorghum (b) potato
- (c) wheat (d) clover

Ans: (a)

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148. Given below is a map of some countries which were parts of the erstwhile Soviet Union, with water bodies shown by shaded areas:

The countries marked 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are respectively



- (a) Tajikistan, Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Kazakhstan
- (b) Turkmenia, Kirgizia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan
- (c) Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kirgizia, Turkmenia
- (d) Kazakhstan, Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Tajikistan

Ans: (d)

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149. The original home of the gypsies was

- (a) Egypt (b) Russia
- (c) India (d) Persia

Ans: (c)

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150. Which one of the following is the continent with the highest mean elevation in the world?

- (a) Antarctica (b) North America
- (c) Asia (d) South America

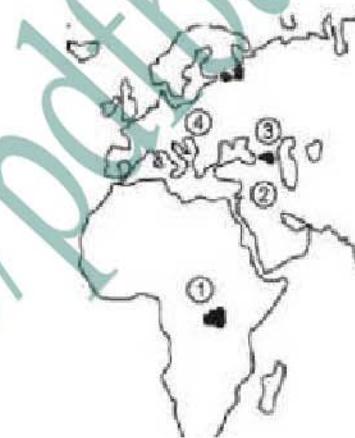
Ans: (a)

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151. Consider the map given below indicating four places frequently figuring in the news :

Which one of them is Chechenya?

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below :



(a) 1 (b) 2

(c) 3 (d) 4

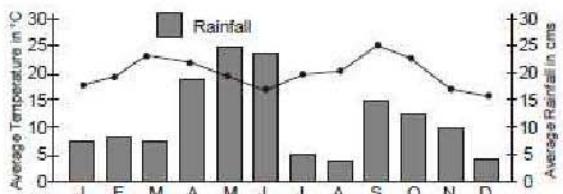
Ans: (c)

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152. The graph given below shows the mean average monthly temperatures (in °C) and mean monthly rainfall (in cms) of a place :

30 25 20 15 10 5 0 30 25 20 15 10 5 0 Average Temperature in °C Average Rainfall in cms Rainfall

J F M A M J J A S O N D This graph is indicative of which one of the climatic zones of the world?



(a) Wet and dry tropical (b) Rainy tropical

(c) Semi-arid tropical (d) Temperate marine

Ans: (a)

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153. The standard time of the following countries is ahead or behind Greenwich Mean Time

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depending on whether they are east or west of the longitude passing through Greenwich :

1. Cuba
2. Greece
3. Iraq
4. Costa Rica

5. Japan Which one of the following sequential orders gives the correct arrangement of the countries according to their standard time from ahead to behind GMT?

- (a) 5, 3, 2, 1, 4
- (b) 2, 4, 1, 3, 5
- (c) 4, 1, 3, 2, 5
- (d) 3, 5, 4, 1, 2

Ans: (a)

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154. Coffee cultivation in Sri Lanka was abandoned because of the disease

- (a) leaf blight
- (b) leaf spot
- (c) leaf rust
- (d) rot

Ans: (c)

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155. Willy-Willy is

- (a) a type of tree grown in temperate regions
- (b) a wind that blows in a desert
- (c) a tropical cyclone of the north-west Australia
- (d) a kind of common fish found near Lakshadweep islands

Ans: (c)

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156. Arakan Yoma is the extension of the Himalayas located in

- (a) Baluchistan
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Kashmir

Ans: (b)

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157. The clouds float in the atmosphere because of their low

- (a) temperature
- (b) velocity
- (c) pressure
- (d) density

Ans: (d)

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158. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists.

List I

- A. European transcontinental railway
- B. Trans-Andean railway
- C. Trans-Siberian railway
- D. Orient Express

List II

1. Paris to Istanbul Warsaw
2. Leningrad to Vladivostok
3. Leningrad to Volgograd
4. Buenos Aires to Valparaiso

5. Paris to Solothurn Codes :

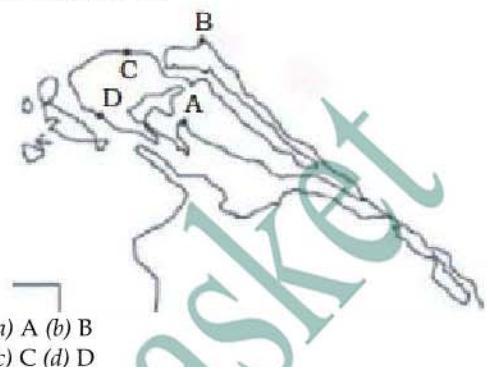
A B C D

- (a) 5 4 2 1
- (b) 1 4 3 2
- (c) 5 1 2 3
- (d) 1 2 3 4

Ans: (a)

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159. A rough outline map of northern Sri Lanka is shown in the figure. Jaffna is located at the point marked **A B C D**



- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans: (d)

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160. Consider the map given below :

AFGHANISTAN BALUCHISTAN
RAJPUTANA PUNJAB The dotted (broken) line in the map is the



- (a) Durand line
- (b) MacMahon line
- (c) line of demarcation between India and Pakistan suggested by the Boundary Commission (1947)
- (d) route followed by the Young husband Expedition

Ans: (a)

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161. Which one of the following layers of the atmosphere is responsible for the deflection of radio waves?

- (a) Troposphere
- (b) Stratosphere
- (c) Mesosphere
- (d) Ionosphere

Ans: (d)

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162. Assertion (A): Areas near the equator receive rainfall throughout the year.

Reason (R): High temperatures and high humidity cause convectional rain in most afternoons near the equator.

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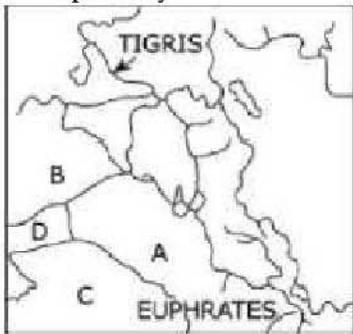
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- In the context of the above two statements, which one of the following is correct?
- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A
 - A is true but R is false
 - A is false but R is true

Ans: (a)

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163. The rough outline map shows a portion of the Middle East. The countries labelled A, B, C and D are respectively :



- Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia
- Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Jordan
- Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan
- Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia

Ans: (c)

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164. About 50% of the world population is concentrated between the latitudes of
 (a) 5°N and 20°N (b) 20°N and 40°N
 (c) 40°N and 60°N (d) 20°S and 40°S

Ans: (a)

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165. "They are people of yellow complexion, oblique eyes, high cheek bones, sparse hair and medium height." The reference here is to
 (a) Nordic Aryans (b) Austrics
 (c) Negroids (d) Mongoloids

Ans: (d)

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166. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists:

List I (Crops) List II (Geographical conditions)

- | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| A. Barley | 1. Hot and dry climate with poor soil |
| B. Rice | 2. Cool Climate with poor soil |
| C. Millets | 3. Warm and moist with high altitude |
| D. Tea | 4. Hot and moist climate with rich soil |

Codes :

A B C D

- 2 4 1 3 (b) 3 4 1 2
- 2 1 4 3 (d) 3 2 4 1

Ans: (a)

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167. "From Archipelago in the far north-west to Torres Strait in the east is 5000 miles, almost as far as from London to Baghdad. The Archipelago has 14,000 islands, some mere equatorial rocks, others some of the largest in the world." This description best fits

- West Indies (b) Japan
- Philippines (d) Indonesia

Ans: (d)

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168. If the earth's direction of rotation is reversed, what would be the 1ST when it is noon at the International Date Line?

- 06.30 hrs (b) 05.30 hrs
- 18.30 hrs (d) 17.30 hrs

Ans: (a)

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169. The group of small pieces of rock - revolving round the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter are called

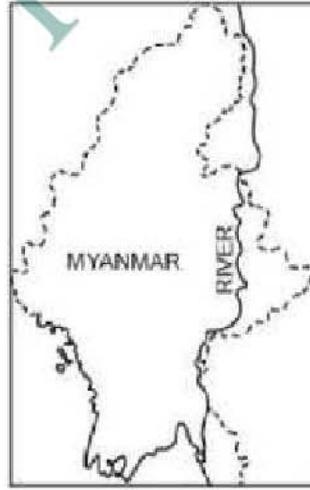
- meteors (b) comets
- meteorites (d) asteroids

Ans: (d)

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- 170.

The river shown on the map is

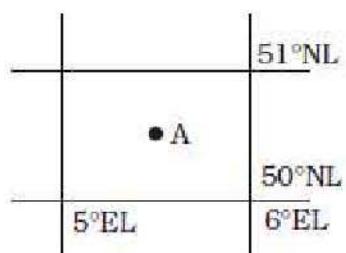


- Irrawaddy (b) Mekong
- Chao Phraya (d) Salween

Ans: (d)

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171. Consider the geographical details given in the following figure 51°NL 50°NL 5°EL 6°EL A The point marked by A in the above figure indicates a country in



- (a) North America (b) South America
(c) Europe (d) Asia

Ans: (c)

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172. Consider the map given below :

1 2 3 4 WORLD CLIMATIC TYPES Of the four shaded areas in the map, one which is characterised by hot dry summers, mild and moist winters and seasonal reversal of winds is the area labelled



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

Ans: (a)

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173. One will NOT have to pass through the Suez Canal while going from Mumbai to

- (a) Alexandria (b) Suez
(c) Port Said (d) Benghazi

Ans: (b)

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174. Which one of the following stars is nearest to the earth?

- (a) Polaris (b) Alpha Centauri
(c) Sun (d) Sirius

Ans: (c)

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175. Daily weather map showing isobars is an example of

- (a) Choropleth map
(b) Isopleth map
(c) Chorochromatic map
(d) Choroschematic map

Ans: (b)

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176. During a flight from Delhi to Tokyo the following are the landing airports:

1. Hong Kong 2. Hanoi
 3. Taipei 4. Bangkok
- The correct sequence of the landing at these airports during an onward journey

is

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

Ans: (b)

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177. Which one of the following is present in the largest amount in terms of per cent by mass in the earth's crust ?

- (a) Silicon (b) Oxygen
(c) Carbon (d) Calcium

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1997

178. Which one of the following countries is the largest producer of fuelwood in the world?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1997

179. Estuaries possess distinct blooms of excessive growth of a pigmented dinoflagellates. These blooms are called

- (a) red tides (b) sea tides
(c) black tides (d) sea flowers

Ans: (a)

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180. When there is noon at G. M. T. meridian people on another place of the Earth are taking their 6 o'clock morning tea. The longitude of the place is

- (a) 17° 30' E (b) 7° 30' W
(c) 172° 30' E (d) 90° W

Ans: (b)

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181. The correct sequence of different layers of the atmosphere from the surface of the Earth upwards is

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Troposphere, Mesosphere | Stratosphere, Ionosphere, |
| (b) Stratosphere, Mesosphere | Troposphere, Ionosphere, |
| (c) Troposphere, Ionosphere | Stratosphere, Mesosphere, |
| (d) Stratosphere, Ionosphere | Troposphere, Mesosphere, |

Ans: (c)

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182. Match rivers labelled A, B, C and D on the given map with their names given in the list and select the correct answer using the codes given below the list:

1. St. Lawrence 2. Orinoco
 3. Mackenzie
 4. Amazon 5. Yukon Rivers
- C B D A A B C D

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- (a) 4 3 2 1 (b) 5 3 1 2
(c) 5 4 1 3 (d) 3 1 4 2

Ans: (b)

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183. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: (Special Characteristic)

- A. Farthest planet from the sun
B. Largest planet of solar system
C. Planet second from the Sun in the solar system
D. Planet nearest to the Sun (Name of Planet)

1. Mercury 2. Venus
3. Jupiter 4. Pluto

Codes :

- A B C D

- (a) 2 3 5 1 (b) 3 5 1 2
(c) 4 1 2 3 (d) 4 3 2 1

Ans: (d)

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184. Consider the following climatic conditions (northern hemisphere):

Temperature °C Rainfall Cm.

J 3.9	4.7	F 4.4	5.7	M 8.3	8.2	A 14.4	9.2	M 20.0	9.2	J 23.3
17.7	J 27.8	14.5	A 27.8	14.0	S 22.3	12.7	O 18.3	7.0	N 12.2	

These are most likely to be found in the natural regions of

- (a) China type
(b) Equatorial Type
(c) Hot desert type
(d) Monsoon type

Ans: (a)

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185. A ship sailing from the eastern extremity of the Aleutian Islands to Dutch harbour crosses 180° meridian at 23.30 hrs on January 1, 1999. What time and date will be recorded by the captain of the ship in his diary after one-hour journey from the point of crossing of the meridian?

- (a) January 1, 0030 hrs
(b) January 2, 0030 hrs
(c) January 3, 0030 hrs
(d) January 4, 0030 hrs

Ans: (b)

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186. Match the cities labelled as A, B, C and D in the

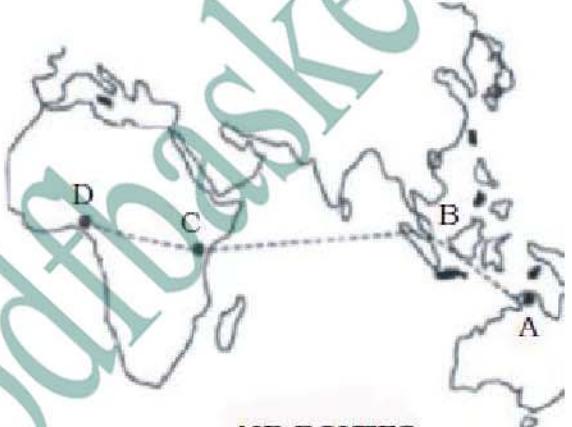
given map with the names of cities and select the correct answer using the codes given below the names of cities:

Name of Cities :

1. Darwin
2. Kuala Lumpur
3. Lagos
4. Nairobi

5. Singapore AIR ROUTES D C B A Codes :

- A B C D



- (a) 1 2 4 3 (b) 2 1 4 3
(c) 1 4 5 2 (d) 4 3 5 2

Ans: (a)

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187. Which one of the following port cities in Venezuela has been developed as an oil port?

- (a) Caracas
(b) Maracaibo
(c) Maracay
(d) Carupano

Ans: (b)

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188. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I List II (Volcanic Mountain) (Country)

- A. Mt. Rainer : 1. Italy

- B. Etna : 2. Mexico

- C. Paricutin : 3. Philippines

- D. Taal : 4. U.S.A.

Codes :

- A B C D

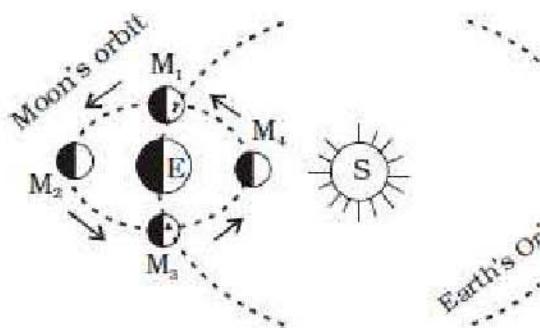
- (a) 4 2 1 3 (b) 4 1 2 3
(c) 2 1 4 3 (d) 4 3 2 1

Ans: (b)

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189. At which one of the following positions shown in the diagram will the height of the ocean tide be maximum?

S M4 M1 M2 M3 E Earth's Orbit Moon's or bit



- (a) M1 (b) M2
(c) M3 (d) M4

Ans: (d)

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190. In the given map, which one of the following pairs of ocean currents is shown?



- (a) Benguela and Falkland
(b) Canary and Humboldt
(c) Agulhas and Guinea
(d) Benguela and Guinea

Ans: (d)

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191. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I (Timber) List II (Country)

- A. Cedar : 1. Myanmar
B. Douglas Fir : 2. Canada
C. Mahogany : 3. Mexico
D. Teak : 4. Honduras

Codes :

A B C D

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

Ans: (c)

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192. Consider the following temperature and rainfall

data:

Month	Temperature °C	Rainfall cm
January	6.7	
February	14.0	13.2
March	7.2	11.4
April	8.9	9.4
May	11.1	8.1
June	13.9	8.1
July	15.0	9.6
August	15.0	
September	12.2	
October	13.9	10.4
November	11.1	
December	8.9	14.0

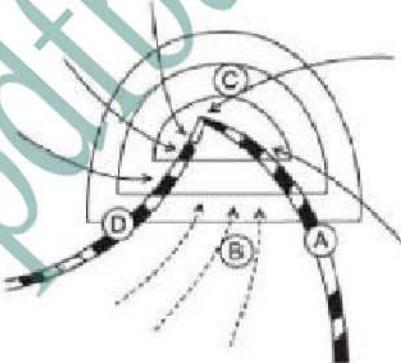
The climate to which this data pertains is

- (a) St. Lawrence type
(b) China type
(c) West European type
(d) Mediterranean type

Ans: (c)

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193. Which one of the areas marked as A, B, C and D in the given figure of the cyclone, witnesses heavy torrential short-duration rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms?



- (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D

Ans: (d)

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194. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List-I List-II

- A. Cotton 1. Rainfall 1000-1500 mm; Temperature 40° - 60°C
B. Flax 2. Rainfall 1500-2000 mm; Temperature 25° - 35°C
C. Sugarbeet 3. Rainfall 600 - 800 mm; Temperature 5° - 18°C
D. Jute 4. Rainfall 500 - 1000 mm; Temperature 18° - 22°C
5. Rainfall 500 - 600 mm; Temperature 18°- 22°C

Codes :

A B C D

- (a) 1 3 4 2 (b) 2 3 5 4
(c) 4 5 2 1 (d) 4 3 5 2

Ans: (d)

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195. Which one of the countries labelled as 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the given map was granted membership of G - 15 in its VII Summit at Kuala Lumpur?

AFRICA 1 2 3 4



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

Ans: (a)

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196. The physical regions marked as 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the given map are respectively 4 3 2 1



- (a) Andes, Brazilian Shield, Guyana Highlands and Amazon Basin
 (b) Andes, Guyana Highlands, Brazilian Shield and Amazon Basin
 (c) Amazon Basin, Guyana Highlands, Brazilian Shield and Andes
 (d) Guyana Highlands, Brazilian Shield, Andes and Amazon Basin

Ans: (a)

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197. Assertion (A): Chile continues to be an important producer of copper in the world.

Reason (R): Chile is endowed with the world's largest deposit of porphyry copper.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
 (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not a correct explanation of A
 (c) A is true, but R is false
 (d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (a)

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198. Which one of the following scholars suggests the earth's origin from gases and dust particles?

- (a) James Jeans (b) H. Alfven

- (c) Hoyle (d) O. Schmidt

Ans: (d)

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199. Which one of the following agricultural practices is eco-friendly?

- (a) Organic farming
 (b) Shifting cultivation
 (c) Cultivation of high-yielding varieties
 (d) Growing plants in glass-houses

Ans: (a)

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200. Which one of the following types of coal contains a higher percentage of carbon than the rest?

- (a) Bituminous coal
 (b) Lignite
 (c) Peat
 (d) Anthracite

Ans: (d)

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201. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I List II (Oceanic Trench) (Location)

- A. Aleutian 1. Indian Ocean
 B. Kermadec 2. North Pacific Ocean
 C. Sunda 3. South Pacific Ocean
 D. S. Sandwich 4. South Atlantic Ocean

Codes : A B C D

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

Ans: (b)

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202. Match the drainage basins labelled as A, B, C and D with the names listed below and select the correct answer using the codes given below the names of the drainage basins. Names of drainage basins:

1. Ganga-Brahmaputra 2. Indus

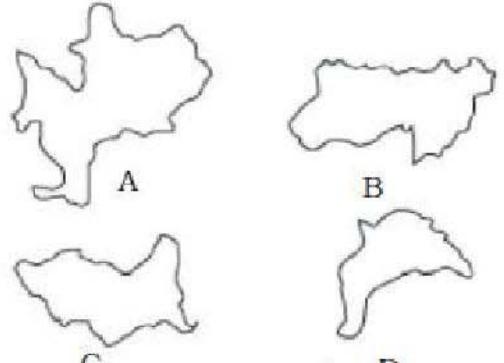
3. Parana 4. Zambezi

DRAINAGE BASINS A B C

D Note to Scale Codes :

- A B C D

DRAINAGE BASINS



Note to Scale

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

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Ans: (d)

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203. Consider the following provinces of former Yugoslavia :

1. Bosnia
 2. Croatia
 3. Slovenia
 4. Serbia
- The correct sequence of these provinces from the east to the west is
- (a) 4, 1, 3, 2
 - (b) 3, 2, 1, 4
 - (c) 1, 4, 3, 2
 - (d) 1, 4, 2, 3

Ans: (b)

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204. Which one of the following lakes forms an international boundary between Tanzania and Uganda?

- (a) Chad
- (b) Malawi
- (c) Victoria
- (d) Zambezi

Ans: (c)

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205. Assertion (A): In Australia, cattle rearing is done more for meat than for milk.

Reason (R): Australians are traditionally nonvegetarians.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not a correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true, but R is false
- (d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (a)

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206. Which one of the following is known as the "Coffee port" of the world?

- (a) Sao Paulo
- (b) Santos
- (c) Rio de Janeiro
- (d) Buenos Aires

Ans: (b)

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207. Consider the following statements about the 'Roaring Forties':

1. They blow uninterrupted in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
2. They blow with great strength and constancy.
3. Their direction is generally from North - West to East in the Southern Hemisphere.
4. Overcast skies, rain and raw weather are generally associated with them.

Which of these statements are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

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208. Match List I with List II and select the correct

answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I (Minerals) List II (Major producer)

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| A. Mineral Oil | 1. Zambia |
| B. Copper | 2. Guyana |
| C. Manganese | 3. Venezuela |
| D. Bauxite | 4. Gabon |
- (a) 3 1 4 2
 - (b) 3 1 2 4
 - (c) 1 3 2 4
 - (d) 1 3 4 2

Ans: (a)

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209. The temperature and rainfall of a meteorological station are given below :

Temperature (°C) Rainfall (cm) J 9.4 12.2 F 10.6 9.1
M 11.7 7.9 A 12.2 2.5 M 13.3 1.8 J 13.9 0.3 J 13.9 – A
14.4 – S 15.6 0.8 O 15.0 1.5 N 13.3 6.1 D 10.6 11.7

Average Temperature: 12.8 °C **Average Rainfall:** 54.9 cm per annum Identify the region having the above climatic pattern from amongst the following :

- (a) Mediterranean region
- (b) Monsoon region
- (c) Steppe region
- (d) N.W. European region

Ans: (d)

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210. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists :

List I List II (Local Wind) (Region)

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| I. Fohn | A. Argentina |
| II. Samun | B. Kurdistan |
| III. Santa Ana | C. California |
| IV. Zonda | D. Alps |

- Codes :**
- (a) I-B, II-D, III-A, IV-C
 - (b) I-D, II-B, III-C, IV-A
 - (c) I-B, II-D, III-C, IV-A
 - (d) I-D, II-B, III-A, IV-C

Ans: (b)

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211. Assertion (A): Anti-cyclonic conditions are formed in winter season when atmospheric pressure is high and air temperatures are low.

Reason (R): Winter rainfall in Northern India causes development of anticyclonic conditions with low temperatures.

- (a) Both A and R are individually true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are individually true, but R is NOT a correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true, but R is false
- (d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (a)

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212. The given map shows four towns of Central Asian region marked as 1, 2, 3, and 4. Identify these from the following list and select the correct answer using the codes given below :

Towns:

- (A) Bishkek (B) Ashkhabad

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- (C) Tashkent (D) Dushanbe 1 4 2 3 Codes :



- (a) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4 (b) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
(c) A-1, B-3, C-2, D-4 (d) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2

Ans: (a)

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- 213. Assertion (A):** During the Neap Tides, the high tide is lower and the low tide is higher than usual.

Reason (R): The Neap Tide, unlike the Spring Tide, occurs on the New Moon instead of on the Full Moon.

- (a) Both A and R are individually true, and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) Both A and R are individually true, but R is NOT a correct explanation of A
(c) A is true, but R is false
(d) A is false, but R is true

Ans: (c)

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- 214. Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Project is**

- (a) an irrigation project involving India and Myanmar
(b) a joint tourism initiative of some Asian countries
(c) a hydroelectric power project involving India, Bangladesh and Myanmar
(d) a defence and security agreement of India with its eastern neighbours

Ans: (b)

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- 215. Volcanic eruptions do not occur in the**

- (a) Baltic Sea
(b) Black Sea
(c) Caribbean Sea
(d) Caspian Sea

Ans: (a)

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- 216. Consider the following statements:**

- I. Most magmas are a combination of liquid, solid and gas.
II. Water vapour and carbon dioxide are the principal gases dissolved in a magma.
III. Basaltic magma is hotter than the silicic magma.
IV. The magma solidified between sedimentary rocks in a horizontal position is known as dike.

Which of these statements are correct?

- (a) I, II and III (b) II, III and IV
(c) I and IV (d) I, II and IV

Ans: (a)

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- 217. The high density of population in Nile Valley and Island of Java is primarily due to**

- (a) intensive agriculture
(b) industrialization
(c) urbanization
(d) topographic constraints

Ans: (a)

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- 218. Consider the following statements regarding the earthquakes:**

- I. The intensity of earthquake is measured on Mercalli scale.
II. The magnitude of an earthquake is a measure of energy released.
III. Earthquake magnitudes are based on direct measurements of the amplitude of seismic waves.
IV. In the Richter scale, each whole number demonstrates a hundredfold increase in the amount of energy released.

Which of these statements are correct?

- (a) I, II and III (b) II, III and IV
(c) I and IV (d) I and III

Ans: (a)

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- 219. Quartzite is metamorphosed from**

- (a) Limestone (b) Obsidian
(c) Sandstone (d) Shale

Ans: (c)

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- 220. Who amongst the following was the first to state that the Earth was spherical?**

- (a) Aristotle
(b) Copernicus
(c) Ptolemy
(d) Strabo

Ans: (a)

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- 221. If the stars are seen to rise perpendicular to the horizon by an observer, he is located on the**

- (a) Equator (b) Tropic of Cancer
(c) South Pole (d) North Pole

Ans: (a)

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- 222. Consider the following statements made about the sedimentary rocks :**

1. Sedimentary rocks are formed at Earth's surface by the hydrological system.
2. The formation of sedimentary rocks involves the weathering of preexisting rocks.
3. Sedimentary rocks contain fossils.
4. Sedimentary rocks typically occur in layers.

Which of these statements are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

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223. Consider the following climatic and geographical phenomena :

1. Condensation
 2. High temperature and humidity
 3. Orography
 4. Vertical wind Thunder Cloud development is due to which of these phenomena?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2, 3 and 4
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (c)

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224. Which one of the following statements is correct with reference to our solar system?

- (a) The Earth is the densest of all the planets in our solar system
 (b) The predominant element in the composition of Earth is silicon
 (c) The Sun contains 75 per cent of the mass of the solar system
 (d) The diameter of the Sun is 190 times that of the Earth

Ans: (a)

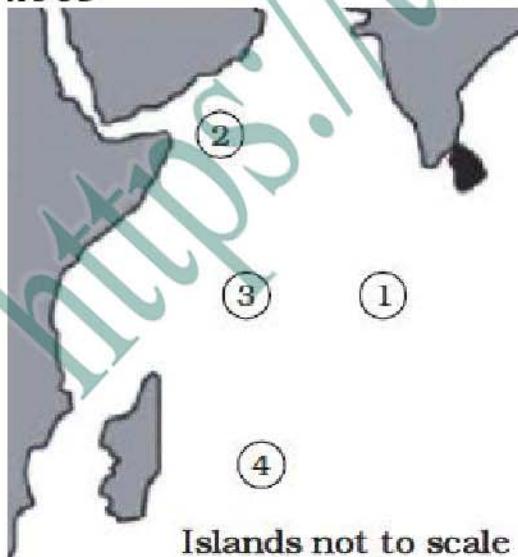
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225. In the map given below, four islands of Indian Ocean region i.e. (a) Seychelles, (b) Chagos, (c) Mauritius and (d) Socatra are marked as 1, 2, 3 and

4. Match them and select the correct answer from the codes given below Islands not to scale 4 3 1 2

Codes :

A B C D



Islands not to scale

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

Ans: (d)

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226. Consider the following statements:

1. Ocean currents are the slow-surface movement of water in the ocean.
 2. Ocean currents assist in maintaining the Earth's heat balance.
 3. Ocean currents are set in motion primarily by prevailing winds.
 4. Ocean currents are affected by the configuration of the ocean.
- Which of these statements are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2, 3 and 4
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

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227. Consider the following countries :

1. Albaina
 2. Bosnia Herzegovina
 3. Croatia
 4. Macedonia Which of these countries has/have Adriatic Sea as a boundary?
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2 and 3
 (c) 4 only (d) 3 and 4

Ans: (b)

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228. Consider the following countries :

1. Brazil 2. Indonesia
3. Japan 4. Russia What is the descending order of the size of the following countries population wise?
 (a) 1, 2, 4, 3 (b) 2, 3, 1, 4
 (c) 2, 1, 4, 3 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4

Ans: (a)

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229. Assertion (A): 60°-65° latitudes in both the hemispheres have a low pressure belt instead of high pressure.

Reason (R): The low pressure areas are permanent over oceans rather than on land.

- (a) Both A and R are individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
 (b) Both A and R are individually true but R is not a correct explanation of A
 (c) A is true but R is false
 (d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (c)

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230. Assertion (A): The surface winds spiral inwards upon the centre of the cyclone.

Reason (R): Air descends in the centre of the cyclone.

- (a) Both A and R are individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
 (b) Both A and R are individually true but R is not a correct explanation of A
 (c) A is true but R is false
 (d) A is false but R is true

Ans: (a)

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231. Consider the following statements:

1. In equatorial regions, the year is divided into four main seasons
 2. In Mediterranean region, summer receives more rain
 3. In China type climate, rainfall occurs throughout the year
 4. Tropical highlands exhibit vertical zonation of different climates Which of these statements are correct?
- (a) 1,2, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

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232. Assertion (A): The weight of a body decreases with the increase of latitude on earth.

Reason (R): The earth is not a perfect sphere.

Ans: (d)

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233. Assertion (A): The amount of moisture in the atmosphere is related to latitude.

Reason (R): The capacity to hold moisture in the form of water vapour is related to temperature.

Ans: (a)

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234. Assertion (A): Unlike temperate forests, the tropical rain forests, if cleared, can yield productive farmland that can support intensive agriculture for several years even without chemical fertilizers.

Reason (R): The primary productivity of the tropical rain forest is very high when compared to that of the temperate forests.

Ans: (d)

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235. Assertion (A): Areas lying within five to eight degrees latitude on either side of the equator receive rainfall throughout the year.

Reason (R): High temperatures and high humidity cause convectional rain to fall mostly in the afternoons near the equator.

Ans: (a)

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236. Which one of the following countries does NOT border the Caspian Sea?

- (a) Armenia (b) Azerbaijan
(c) Kazakhstan (d) Turkmenistan

Ans: (a)

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237. Israel has common borders with:

- (a) Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt
(b) Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Jordan
(c) Cyprus, Turkey, Jordon and Egypt
(d) Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Yemen

Ans: (a)

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238. Which one of the following countries is land

locked?

- (a) Bolivia
(b) Peru
(c) Suriname
(d) Uruguay

Ans: (a)

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239. Among the following which planet takes maximum time for one revolution around the Sun?

- (a) Earth (b) Jupiter
(c) Mars (d) Venus

Ans: (b)

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240. The waterfall 'Victoria' is associated with the river:

- (a) Amazon (b) Missouri
(c) St. Lawrence (d) Zambezi

Ans: (d)

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241. Which one among the following covers the highest percentage of forest area in the world?

- (a) Temperate Coniferous forests
(b) Temperate Deciduous forests
(c) Tropical Monsoon forests
(d) Tropical Rain forests

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

242. Consider the following statements :

1. In Macedonia, ethnic Albanians are a minority.
2. In Kosovo, Serbians are a majority.

Which of these statements is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

243. Which one among the following States has the highest female literacy rate as per the Census 2001?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
(b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Orissa
(d) Rajasthan

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

244. Which amongst the following States has the highest population density as per Census-2001?

- (a) Kerala
(b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) West Bengal

Ans: (d)

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245. Life expectancy is highest in the world in:

- (a) Canada (b) Germany

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- (c) Japan (d) Norway

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

246. Which among the following countries has the largest population?

- (a) Indonesia (b) Japan
(c) Pakistan (d) Sudan

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2002

247. The great Asian river Mekong does not run through:

- (a) China (b) Malaysia
(c) Cambodia (d) Laos

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

248. Latvia does not share its borders with which one of the following countries?

- (a) Russia (b) Estonia
(c) Lithuania (d) Poland

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

249. Match List-I (Sea) with List-II (Country) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists:

List-I (Sea) List-II (Country)

A. Black Sea 1. Bulgaria

B. Red Sea 2. China

C. Yellow Sea 3. Eritrea

D. Caspian Sea 4. Kazakhstan

Codes:
A B C D

(a) 1 4 2 3 (b) 2 3 1 4

(c) 1 3 2 4 (d) 2 4 1 3

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

250. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Cirrus clouds are composed of ice crystals
(b) Cirrus clouds exhibit a flat base and have the appearance of rising domes
(c) Cumulus clouds are white and thin, and form delicate patches and give a fibrous and feathery appearance
(d) Cumulus clouds are classified as high clouds

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

251. Which one of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) Gulfs with narrow fronts and wider rears experience high tides
(b) Tidal currents take place when a gulf is connected with the open sea by a narrow channel
(c) Tidal bore occurs when a tide enters the narrow and shallow estuary of a river
(d) The tidal nature of the mouth of the river Hooghly is of crucial importance to Kolkata as port.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

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(d) A is false but R is true

252. Assertion (A): The thickness of the atmosphere is maximum over the Equator.

Reason (R): High insolation and strong convection currents occur over the Equator.

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

253. Consider the following geological phenomena:

1. Development of a fault
2. Movement along a fault
3. Impact produced by a volcanic eruption
4. Folding of rocks Which of the above cause earthquakes?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 4

(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

254. Which one of the following does not border Panama?

(a) Costa Rica (b) Pacific Ocean

(c) Colombia (d) Venezuela

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

255. Match List-I (State/Province/Overseas Territory) with List-II (Country) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the Lists:

List-I List II (State/Province/ (Country) Overseas Territory)

A. British Columbia 1. USA

B. Bavaria 2. UK

C. Gibraltar 3. Canada

D. Rhode Island 4. Germany

5. Denmark

Codes :
A B C D

(a) 1 2 5 3 (b) 3 4 2 1

(c) 1 4 2 3 (d) 3 2 5 1

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2004

256. Itaipu Dam built on the River Parana is one of the largest dams in the world. Which one of the following two countries has this as a joint project?

(a) Brazil and Peru

(b) Paraguay and Ecuador

(c) Brazil and Paraguay

(d) Colombia and Paraguay

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Ans: (c)

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257. Consider the following statements :

1. Total land area of Earth is approximately 1475 lakh square kilometers.
 2. Ratio of land area to water area of Earth is approximately 1: 4
 3. Maximum percentage of water on Earth is in the Pacific Ocean.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 Only (d) 3 Only

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

258. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given Continents in the decreasing order of their percentage of Earth's land?

- (a) North America - Africa - South America - Europe
(b) Africa - North America - South America - Europe
(c) North America - Africa - Europe - South America
(d) Africa - North America - Europe - South America

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

259. Consider the following statements:

1. The axis of the earth's magnetic field is inclined at $23\frac{1}{2}$ ° to the geographic axis of the earth.
 2. The earth's magnetic pole in the northern hemisphere is located on a peninsula in northern Canada.
 3. Earth's magnetic equator passes through Thumba in South India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 2 only (d) 3 only

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

260. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) Bahamas - Nassau
(b) Costa Rica - San Jose
(c) Nicaragua - Belmopan
(d) Dominican Republic - Santo Domingo

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

261. Where are the Balearic Islands located?

- (a) Mediterranean Sea (b) Black Sea
(c) Baltic Sea (d) North Sea

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

262. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given towns of Pakistan while moving from the North towards the South?

- (a) Islamabad - Gujarawala - Peshawar - Multan
(b) Peshawar - Gujarawala - Multan - Islamabad
(c) Peshawar - Islamabad - Gujarawala - Multan
(d) Islamabad - Multan - Peshawar - Gujarawala

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

263. Which one of the following countries does not border Lithuania?

- (a) Poland (b) Ukraine
(c) Belarus (d) Latvia

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

264. Consider the following statements :

1. Great Britain comprises England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
 2. England covers less than 60% of the total area of the United Kingdom.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

265. Where is the volcanic mountain, Mount St. Helens located?

- (a) Chile
(b) Japan
(c) Philippines
(d) United States of America

Ans: (d)

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(d) A is false but R is true

266. **Assertion (A):** The same face of the Moon is always presented to the Earth.

Reason (R): The Moon rotates about its own axis in $23\frac{1}{2}$ days which is about the same time that it takes to orbit the Earth.

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

267. **Assertion (A):** Wind patterns are clockwise in the northern hemisphere and anti-clockwise in the southern hemisphere.

Reason (R): The directions of wind patterns in the northern and the southern hemisphere are governed by the Coriolis Effect.

Ans: (a)

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- 268. Assertion (A):** Existence of human life on Venus is highly improbable.

Reason (R): Venus has extremely high level of carbon dioxide in its atmosphere.

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 269. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists :**

List I (City) : List II (River)

- (a) Washington D.C. : 1. River Manzanares
- (b) Berlin : 2. River Seine
- (c) Paris : 3. River Spree
- (d) Madrid : 4. River Potomac A B C D

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 270. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?**

Current Name -- Old Name

- (a) Harare -- Salisbury
- (b) Ethiopia -- Abyssinia
- (c) Ghana -- Dutch Guiana
- (d) Kinshasa -- Leopoldville

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

- 271. In which one of the following oceans is Diamantine Trench situated?**

- (a) Pacific Ocean
- (b) Atlantic Ocean
- (c) Indian Ocean
- (d) Arctic Ocean

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 272. Other than India and China, which of the following groups of countries border Myanmar?**

- (a) Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam
- (b) Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia
- (c) Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia
- (d) Thailand, Laos and Bangladesh

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 273. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?**

Well-known Place : Country

- (a) Baikonur : Russia
- (b) Kourou : French Guiana
- (c) Borobudur : Indonesia
- (d) Cannes : France

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 274. Through which one of the following groups of countries does the Equator pass?**

- (a) Brazil, Zambia and Malaysia
- (b) Colombia, Kenya and Indonesia
- (c) Brazil, Sudan and Malaysia

(d) Venezuela, Ethiopia and Indonesia

Ans: (b)

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- 275. What is the approximate mean velocity with which the Earth moves round the Sun in its orbit?**

- (a) 20 km/s (b) 30 km/s
- (c) 40 km/s (d) 50 km/s

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 276. Consider the following statements:**

1. Length of a terrestrial mile is lesser than that of a nautical mile.
2. Harmattan is a dusty land-wind of the East African Coast.
3. Greece and Albania form a part of the Iberian Peninsula.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 277. Consider the following statements :**

1. The Richter scale is a logarithmic scale and so an increase of 1 magnitude unit represents a factor of 10 times in amplitude.
2. Each integer reading of the Richter scale has an energy 100 times that of the previous integer reading.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 278. Bermuda triangle extends up to which of the following places?**

- 1. Southern Florida
- 2. Puerto Rico
- 3. Hawaii Islands

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 279. Which one of the following countries is the leading producer of uranium?**

- (a) United States of America
- (b) Canada
- (c) Germany
- (d) Zambia

Ans: (b)

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- 280. Huangpu River flows through which one of the**

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following cities?

- (a) Beijing (b) Ho Chi Minh City
- (c) Shanghai (d) Manila

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

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- (d) A is false but R is true

- 281. Assertion (A):** To orbit around the Sun, the planet Mars takes lesser time than the time taken by the Earth.

Reason (R): The diameter of the Planet Mars is less than that of the Earth.

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

- 282. Consider the following statements :**

1. The annual range of temperature is greater in the Pacific Ocean than that in the Atlantic Ocean.
2. The annual range of temperature is greater in the Northern Hemisphere than that in the Southern Hemisphere.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 283. Through which one of the following Straits, does a tunnel connect the United Kingdom and France?**

- (a) Davis Strait (b) Denmark Strait
- (c) Strait of Dover (d) Strait of Gibraltar

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 284. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists :**

List I (City) List-II (River)

- | | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| A. Bangkok | 1. Irrawaddy |
| B. Phnom-penh | 2. Mekong |
| C. Hanoi | 3. Menam (chao Phraya) |
| D. Yangon | 4. Red River |
- A B C D**
- (a) 3 2 4 1 (b) 4 1 3 2
 - (c) 3 1 4 2 (d) 4 2 3 1

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 285. Which one among the following rivers is the longest?**

- (a) Amazon (b) Amur
- (c) Congo (d) Lena

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 286. Consider the following statements :**

1. Either of the two belts over the oceans at about 30 to 35 N and S Latitudes is known as Horse Latitude.
2. Horse latitudes are low pressure belts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

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- 287. Where is Copacabana Beach located?**

- (a) Buenos Aires
- (b) Hawaiian Islands
- (c) Rio de Janeiro
- (d) Valletta

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 288. Which one of the following countries is planning to construct a rival to the Panama Canal to link the Pacific and Atlantic oceans?**

- (a) Colombia
- (b) Costa Rica
- (c) Guatemala
- (d) Nicaragua

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 289. The largest coral reef in the world is found near the coast of which one of the following countries?**

- (a) Australia
- (b) Cuba
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Philippines

Ans: (a)

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- (d) A is false but R is true

- 290. Assertion (A):** There are no tea plantations in any African country.

Reason (R): Tea plants need fertile soil with high humus.

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

- 291. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?**

- Theory/Law : Associated Scientist
1. Continental Drift : Edwin Hubble

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2. Expansion of Universe : Alfred Wegener

3. Photoelectric Effect : Albert Einstein

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

292. Which one of the following cities is nearest to the equator?

- (a) Colombo (b) Jakarta
- (c) Manila (d) Singapore

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

293. Which one of the following straits is nearest to the International Date Line ?

- (a) Malacca Strait (b) Bering Strait
- (c) Strait of Florida (d) Strait of Gibraltar

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

294. Which of the following countries share borders with Moldova?

- 1. Ukraine 2. Romania
- 3. Belarus

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

295. In order of their distance from the Sun, which of the following planets lie between Mars and Uranus?

- (a) Earth and Jupiter (b) Jupiter and Saturn
- (c) Saturn and Earth (d) Saturn and Neptune

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

296. In the structure of planet Earth, below the mantle, the core is mainly made up of which one of the following?

- (a) Aluminum
- (b) Chromium
- (c) Iron
- (d) Silicon

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

297. Consider the following countries :

- 1. Australia
 - 2. Namibia
 - 3. Brazil
 - 4. Chile Through which of the above does the Tropic of Capricorn pass?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2,3 and 4
 - (c) 1,2 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

298. Which one among the following South Asian countries has the highest population density?

- (a) India
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Srilanka

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

299. Cape Canaveral, the site from which space shuttles are launched is located on the coast of

- (a) Florida
- (b) Virginia
- (c) North Carolina
- (d) South Carolina

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

300. Consider the following statements :

- In the world, the tropical deserts occur along the western margins of continents within the trade wind belt.
 - In India, the East Himalayan region gets high rainfall from northeast winds.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

301. Which one of the following is not correctly matched?

- | | |
|--------------|----------|
| City | River |
| (a) Berlin | : Rhine |
| (b) London | : Thames |
| (c) New York | : Hudson |
| (d) Vienna | : Danube |

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

302. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists :

List I List II (Geographic feature) (Country)

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| A. Great Victoria Desert | : 1. Australia |
| B. Grand Canyon | : 2. Canada |
| C. Lake Winnipeg | : 3. New Zealand |
| D. Southern Alps | : 4. U.S.A |

A B C D

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

303. Which one of the following can one come across if one travels through the Strait of Malacca?

- (a) Bali
- (b) Brunei
- (c) Java
- (d) Singapore

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Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

304. A geographic area with an altitude of 400 metres has following characteristics :

- Month Avg. Temperature Rainfall °C (mm)
Maximum Minimum J 31 21 51 F 31 21 85 M 31 21 188 A 31 21 158 M 30 21 121 J 30 21 121 J 29 20 134 A 28 20 168 S 29 20 185 O 29 20 221 N 30 20 198 D 31 20 86 If this geographic area were to have a natural forest, which one of the following would it most likely be?
 (a) Moist temperate coniferous forest
 (b) Montane subtropical forest
 (c) Temperate forest
 (d) Tropical rain forest

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

305. Consider the following statements :

1. On the planet Earth, the fresh water available for use amounts to about less than 1% of the total water found.
2. Of the total fresh water found on the planet Earth 95% is bound up in polar ice caps and glaciers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

306. A geographic region has following characteristics:

1. Warm and dry climate
 2. Mild and wet winter
 3. Evergreen oak trees The above features are the distinct characteristics of which one of the following regions ?
- (a) Mediterranean
 - (b) Eastern China
 - (c) Central Asia
 - (d) Atlantic coast of North America

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

307. Though coffee and tea both are cultivated on hill slopes, there is some difference between them regarding their cultivation. In this context, consider the following statements :

1. Coffee plant requires a hot and humid climate of tropical areas whereas tea can be cultivated in both tropical and subtropical areas.
2. Coffee is propagated by seeds but tea is propagated by stem cuttings only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

308. What causes wind to deflect toward left in the Southern hemisphere?

- (a) Temperature
- (b) Magnetic field
- (c) Rotation of the earth
- (d) Pressure

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

309. La Nina is suspected to have caused recent floods in Australia. How is La Nina different from El Nino?

1. La Nina is characterized by un-usually cold ocean temperature in equatorial Indian Ocean whereas El Nino is characterized by unusually warm ocean temperature in the equatorial Pacific Ocean.
2. El Nino has adverse effect on south-west monsoon of India, but La Nina has no effect on monsoon climate.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

310. Westerlies in Southern Hemisphere are stronger and persistent than in Northern Hemisphere. Why ?

1. Southern hemisphere has less landmass as compared to northern hemisphere.
2. Coriolis force is higher in southern hemisphere as compared to northern hemisphere.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

311. Between India and east Asia, the navigation-time and distance can be greatly reduced by which of the following ?

1. Deepening the Malacca straits between Malaysia and Indonesia.
2. Opening a new canal across the kra isthmus between the gulf of Siam and Andaman sea.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

312. What could be the main reason/reasons for the formation of African and Eurasian desert belt ?

1. It is located in the sub-tropical high pressure cells.
2. It is under the influence of warm ocean currents.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct in this context?

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

Ans: (a)

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

313. The Brahmaputra, Irrawaddy and Mekong rivers originate in Tibet narrow and parallel mountain ranges in their upper reaches. Of these rivers, Brahmaputra makes a "U" turn in its course to flow into India. This "U" turn is due to ?

- (a) Uplift of folded Himalayan series.
 (b) Syntaxis bending of geologically young Himalayas.
 (c) Geo-tectonic disturbance in the tertiary folded mountain chains.
 (d) Both (a) and (b) above.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

314. Which one of the following is the characteristic climate of the Tropical Savannah Region?

- (a) Rainfall throughout the year
 (b) Rainfall in winter only
 (c) An extremely short dry season
 (d) A definite dry and wet season

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

315. Consider the following agricultural practices:

1. Contour bunding
 2. Relay cropping
 3. Zero tillage In the context of global climate change, which of the above helps/help in carbon sequestration/ storage in the soil?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 (b) 3 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 3
 (d) None of them

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

316. Which of the following is the chief characteristic of 'mixed farming'?

- (a) Cultivation of both cash crops and food crops
 (b) Cultivation of two or more crops in the same field
 (c) Rearing of animals and cultivation of crops together
 (d) None of the above

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

317. Consider the following factors :

1. Rotation of the Earth
 2. Air pressure and wind
 3. Density of ocean water
 4. Revolution of the Earth Which of the above factors influence the ocean currents?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 4
 (d) 2, 3 and 4.

318. Normally the temperature decreases with the increase in height from the earth's surface, because

1. the atmosphere can be heated upwards only from the Earth's surface
 2. there is more moisture in the upper atmosphere
 3. the air is less dense in the upper atmosphere
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

319. The acidification of oceans is increasing. Why is this phenomenon a cause of concern?

1. The growth and survival of calcareous phytoplankton will be adversely affected
 2. The growth and survival of coral reefs will be adversely affected
 3. The survival of some animals that have phytoplankton larvae will be adversely affected
 4. The cloud seeding and formation of clouds will be adversely affected Which of the statements are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

320. Variations in the length of daytime and nighttime from season to season are due to

- (a) the earth's rotation on its axis
- (b) the earth's revolution round the sun in an elliptical manner
- (c) latitudinal position of the place
- (d) revolution of the earth on a tilted axis

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

321. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

Geographical Feature Region

- (a) Abyssinian Plateau Arabia
 (b) Atlas Mountains North-Western Africa
 (c) Guiana Highlands South-Western Africa
 (d) Okavango Basin Patagonia

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

322. On the planet earth, most of the freshwater exists as ice caps and glaciers. Out of the remaining freshwater, the largest proportion

- (a) is found in atmosphere as moisture and clouds
- (b) is found in freshwater lakes and rivers
- (c) exists as groundwater
- (d) exists as soil moisture

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

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- 323. Contour bunding is a method of soil conservation used in**
- desert margins, liable to strong wind action
 - low flat plains, close to stream courses, liable to flooding
 - scrublands, liable to spread of weed growth
 - None of the above

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

- 324. The most important fishing grounds of the world are found in the regions where**
- warm and cold atmospheric currents meet
 - rivers drain out large amounts of fresh water into the sea
 - warm and cold oceanic currents meet
 - continental shelf is undulating

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

- 325. Which of the following is/are unique characteristic/ characteristics of equatorial forests?**
- Presence of tall, closely set trees with crowns forming a continuous canopy
 - Coexistence of a large number of species
 - Presence of numerous varieties of epiphytes
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

- 326. The annual range of temperature in the interior of the continents is high as compared to coastal areas.**

What is / are the reason / reasons?

- Thermal difference between land and water
 - Variation in altitude between continents and oceans
 - Presence of strong winds in the interior
 - Heavy rains in the interior as compared to coasts
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

- 327. "Climate is extreme, rainfall is scanty and the people used to be nomadic herders." The above statement best describes which of the following regions?**

- African Savannah
- Central Asian Steppe
- North American Prairie
- Siberian Tundra

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

- 328. Turkey is located between**

- Black Sea and Caspian Sea

- Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea
- Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea
- Gulf of Aqaba and Dead Sea

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

- 329. The seasonal reversal of winds is the typical characteristic of**
- Equatorial climate
 - Mediterranean climate
 - Monsoon climate
 - All of the above climates

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

- 330. What is the correct sequence of occurrence of the following cities in South-East Asia as one proceeds from south to north?**

- Bangkok
- Hanoi
- Jakarta
- Singapore

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 4-2-1-3
- 3-2-4-1
- 3-4-1-2
- 4-3-2-1

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

- 331. Which of the following phenomena might have influenced the evolution of organisms?**

- Continental drift
- Glacial cycles

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

- 332. Consider the following statements**

- The winds which blow between 30 degrees N and 60 degrees S latitudes throughout the year are known as westerlies.

- The moist air masses that cause winter rains in North-

Western region of India are part of westerlies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

- 333. Which one of the following countries of South-West Asia does not open out to the Mediterranean Sea?**

- Syria
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Israel

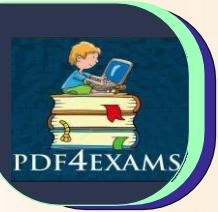
Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

- 334. "Each day is more or less the same, the morning is clear and bright with a sea breeze; as the sun climbs high in the sky, heat mounts up, dark**

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clouds form, than rain comes with thunder and lightning. But rain is soon over." Which of the following regions is described in the above passage?

- (a) Savannah
- (b) Equatorial
- (c) Monsoon
- (d) Mediterranean

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

335. In the South Atlantic and South Eastern Pacific regions in tropical latitudes, cyclone does not originate. What is the reason?

- (a) Sea Surface temperature are low
- (b) Inter Tropical Convergence Zone seldom occurs
- (c) Coriolis force is too weak
- (d) Absence of land in those regions

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

336. What can be the impact of excessive/inappropriate use of nitrogenous fertilizers in agriculture?

1. Proliferation of nitrogen-fixing microorganisms in soil can occur.
2. Increase in the acidity of soil can take place
3. Leaching of nitrate to the ground-water can occur.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

337. What explains the eastward flow of the equatorial counter-current?

- (a) The Earth's rotation on its axis
- (b) Convergence of the two equatorial currents
- (c) Difference in salinity of water
- (d) Occurrence of the belt of calm near equator

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

338. The area known as 'Golan Heights' sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to:

- (a) Central Asia
- (b) Middle East
- (c) South-East Asia
- (d) Central Africa

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

339. Mediterranean Sea is a border of which of the following countries?

- 1. Jordan
- 2. Iraq
- 3. Lebanon
- 4. Syria

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2017

Ecology & Environment

1. Which one of the following plants is effective in reducing water pollution and is also useful for producing biogas?

(a) Eucalyptus (b) Water hyacinth
(c) Salvinia (d) Lotus

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1987

2. Consider the following statements regarding 'biomedication'. It involves the use of bacteria and fungi to

1. Clean up aquifers.
 2. Clean up toxic dumps
 3. Clean up oil spills
 4. Cure bacterial and fungal disease Of these statements:
- (a) 1 and 2 are correct
(b) 1 and 3 are correct
(c) 1, 2 and 3 are correct
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 are correct

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1987

3. Which of the following parks/ sanctuaries is/are correctly matched with their location:

1. Gharana – Assam 2. Gir – Rajasthan
3. Manas – Assam 4. Corbett – M.P.
5. Periyar – Kerala 6. Dudwa – U.P.

Codes:

- (a) 1 only
(b) All of the above
(c) 5 and 4 only
(d) 3 and 5 only

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

4. Match the columns:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| A. Kaziranga National Park : | 1. Gujarat |
| B. Gir National Park : | 2. Madhya Pradesh |
| C. Bandipur National Park : | 3. Assam |
| D. Kanha National Park : | 4. Karnataka |

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

A B C D

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1988

5. Why DDT is banned in western countries?

- (a) It remains in environment for a long time
(b) The insects are immunised
(c) It is a highly poisonous insecticide
(d) None of the above

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1989

6. Of the various wildlife and forest observation schemes undertaken with world aid funds in

India, which one has been the most successful project?

- (a) Project Tiger
(b) Mangroves arid wetland development
(c) Development of national parks
(d) protection/conservation of forests in Terai region

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1991

7. Within biological communities, some species are important in determining the ability of a large number of other species to persist in the community.

Such species are called

- (a) Keystone species
(b) Allopatric species
(c) Sympatric species
(d) Threatened species

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1992

8. Which one of the following chemicals is responsible for the depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere?

- (a) Chlorofluorocarbons
(b) Nitrous oxide
(c) Sulphur dioxide
(d) Carbon dioxide

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1993

9. What proportion of geographical land area is under actual forest cover in India?

- (a) One-fifth
(b) One-fourth
(c) One-third
(d) Two-fifths

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 1993

10. Which of the following strongly threatens biodiversity?

- (a) Fragile ecosystems such as mangroves and wetlands
(b) Inaccessible habitats in Himalayas
(c) Destruction of natural habitats and vegetation and shifting cultivation
(d) Creation of biosphere reserves

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1994

11. Acid precipitation is now regarded as a serious problem in some European and Asian countries. Its major cause or source is

- (a) discharge of acidic effluents onto neutral or slightly alkaline land where the acidic components precipitate
(b) emissions of sulphur oxides and nitrogen oxides from thermal power plants and burning of fossil fuels; these oxides dissolve in atmospheric water vapour and fall back on earth as acid rain

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(c) natural carbon dioxide released during respiration of living organisms dissolves in water, forming carbonic acid which is the chief contributor to acidity in rain water

(d) chloro-fluoro-carbons readily react with various chemicals near the earth's surface, producing acidic intermediates which cause acid precipitation.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1994

12. Which one of the following does provide the best estimate of world's biological diversity?

(a) Of about ten million species probably alive today, some 20 species are lost everyday, most of them unknown because no more than half a million have yet not been actually identified by scientists.

(b) Of about thirty million living species, some 50 are lost everyday, most of them unknown because no more than one million have been actually identified.

(c) Of about forty five million living species, some 100 are lost every day, most of them unknown because no more than 1.5 million have been actually identified.

(d) Of about seventy five million living species, some 500 are lost every day, most of them unknown because no more than 3 million have been actually identified.

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1994

13. The greatest diversity of animal and plant species occurs in

(a) temperate deciduous forests

(b) tropical moist forests

(c) heavily polluted rivers

(d) deserts and savannas

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

14. If water pollution continues at its present rate, it will eventually

(a) stop water cycle

(b) prevent precipitation

(c) make oxygen molecules unavailable to water plants

(d) make nitrate unavailable to water plants

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

15. In recent years, there has been some concern over the threat posed by the Mathura Oil Refinery and the thermal power plants to the TajMahal in Agra. The scientific basis of any possible damage to the Taj is mainly

(a) stratospheric ozone and the chlorofluorocarbons which destroy it

(b) acid precipitation and tropospheric ozone

(c) increasing levels of atmospheric CO₂ which produce the greenhouse effect

(d) ultraviolet radiation (240-260 nanometers wavelength) and the fumes from the heavily polluted Yamuna river.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1995

16. Which one of the following regions of India is now regarded as an 'ecological hot spot'?

(a) Western Himalayas (b) Eastern Himalayas

(c) Western ghats (d) Eastern ghats

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 1996

17. Consider the following programmes:

1. Afforestation and development of wastelands.

2. Reforestation and replantation in existing forests.

3. Encouraging the wood substitutes and supplying other types of fuel.

4. Promotion of wide use of insecticides and pesticides to restrict the loss of forest area from degradation caused by pests and insects.

The National Forest Policy of 1988 includes

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 2 and 4

(c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1996

18. Consider the following statements:

Most international agencies which fund development programmes in India on intergovernmental bilateral agreements, mainly provide

1. Technical assistance.

2. Soft loans which are required to be paid back with interest.

3. Grants, not required to be paid back.

4. Food assistance to alleviate poverty.

Of these statements

(a) 2 and 4 are correct

(b) 1, 2 and 3 are correct

(c) 1, 2 and 4 are correct

(d) 3 and 4 are correct

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 1996

19. Indonesian forest fire in 1997 was caused by

(a) greenhouse effect

(b) depletion of ozone layer

(c) El Nino effect (d) None of the above

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1998

20. World Environment Conference to discuss global warming was held in 1997 in

(a) Stockholm (b) Rio de Janeiro

(c) Paris (d) Kyoto

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 1998

21. A tree species in Mauritius failed to reproduce because of the extinction of a fruit-eating bird. Which one of the following was that bird

(a) Dove (b) Dodo

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- (c) Condor (d) Skua
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1998
- 22.** The minimum land area recommended for forest cover to maintain proper ecological balance in India is
(a) 25% (b) 33%
(c) 43% (d) 53%
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1999
- 23.** "India has the largest population of the Asian X. Today, there are just about 20,000 to 25,000 X in their natural habitat spreading across the evergreen forests, dry thorn forests, swamps and grasslands. Their prime habitats are, however, the moist deciduous forests. The X population in India ranges from North-West India where they are found in the forest divisions of Dehradun, Bijnor and Nainital districts of UP to the Western Ghats in the states of Karnataka and Kerala and in Tamil Nadu. In Central India, their population is distributed in southern Bihar and Odisha. In the East, they are seen in North-Bengal, Assam and a few other states." The animal 'X' referred to in this quotation is
(a) Lion (b) Elephant
(c) Tiger (d) One-horned rhinoceros
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1999
- 24.** The first marine sanctuary in India, having within its bounds coral reefs, mollusca, dolphins, tortoises and various kinds of sea birds, has been established in
(a) Sundarbans
(b) Gahirmatha marine sanctuary
(c) Gulf of Kachch
(d) Lakshadweep
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 1999
- 25.** Which one of the following legislations does not deal with the protection of environment?
(a) The Water (Cess) Act, 1977
(b) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
(c) The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
(d) The Port Laws Amendment Act, 1997
Ans: (c)
Civil Services Prelims 1999
- 26.** Within biological communities, some species are important in determining the ability of a large number of other species to persist in the community.
Such species are called
(a) Keystone species (b) Allopatric species
(c) Sympatric species (d) Threatened species
Ans: (a)
- Civil Services Prelims 2000**
- 27.** Consider the following statements regarding environment issues of India :
I. Gulf of Mannar is one of the biosphere reserves.
II. The Ganga Action Plan, phase II has been merged with the National River Conservation Plan.
III. The National Museum of Natural History at New Delhi imparts Non-Formal education in environment and conservation.
IV. Environmental Information System (ENVIS) acts as a decentralised information network for environmental information.
Which of these statements are correct?
(a) I, II and IV (b) I, II, III and IV
(c) II and III (d) I, III and IV
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 2001
- 28.** A class of animals known as Marsupials is a characteristic feature of
(a) Africa (b) Australia
(c) South America (d) South-East Asia
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 2001
- 29.** Consider the following statements :
1. Kyoto Protocol came into force in the year 2005
2. Kyoto Protocol deals primarily with the depletion of the Ozone layer.
3. Methane as a greenhouse gas is more harmful than carbon dioxide Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 1 Only (d) 3 Only
Ans: (c)
Civil Services Prelims 2005
- 30.** Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists :
List I (National Park/Wild-life Sanctuary)
(a) Bondia Wildlife Sanctuary
(b) Kangerghat National Park
(c) Orang Sanctuary
(d) Ushakothi Wildlife Sanctuary
List II (State)
1. Orissa 2. Assam
3. Chhattisgarh 4. Goa
5. Tripura A B C D
(a) 2 1 5 3 (b) 4 3 2 1
(c) 2 3 5 1 (d) 4 1 2 3
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 2005
- 31.** Which one of the following is not a Biosphere Reserve?
(a) Agasthyamalai
(b) Nallamala
(c) Nilgiri
(d) Panchmarhi
Ans: (b)
Civil Services Prelims 2005
- 32.** Consider the following statements :

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1. Silent Valley National Park is in the Nallamala range.
 2. Pathrakkadavu Hydroelectric Project is proposed to be built near the Silent Valley National Park.
 3. The Kunthi river originates in Silent Valley's rainforests.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

33. Which one of the following statements is correct?
 (A) The First Meeting of the Parties (MOP 1) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held in Philippines in the year 2004.
 (B) India is not a signatory to the Biosafety Protocol/ Convention on Biological Diversity.
 (C) The Biosafety Protocol deals with genetically modified organisms.
 (D) The United States of America is member of the Biosafety Protocol/ Convention on Biological Diversity.
 (a) Only A (b) Only A and B
 (c) Only C (d) All of the above

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2005

34. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists :
List-I List-II (National Park/ (Nearby Town Wildlife Sanctuary)
 A. Chandra Prabha 1. Jaipur
 B. Karera 2. Jhansi
 C. Jaisamand 3. Agra
 D. Nahargarh 4. Varanasi
 5. Udaipur **A B C D**
 (a) 4 1 5 2 (b) 5 2 3 1
 (c) 4 2 5 1 (d) 5 1 3 2

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

35. Which one of the following countries is the first country in the world to propose a carbon tax for its people to the address global warming?
 (a) Australia
 (b) Germany
 (c) Japan
 (d) New Zealand

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

36. Where is Bundala Biosphere Reserve which has been recently added to the UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) network, located?
 (a) Russia
 (b) India
 (c) Sri Lanka
 (d) Bangladesh

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2006

37. Consider the following statements :
 1. In India, Red Panda is naturally found in the Western Himalayas only.
 2. In India, Slow Loris lives in the dense forests of the North East.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

38. Which one of the following is located in the Bastar region?
 (a) Bandhavgarh National Park
 (b) Dandeli Sanctuary
 (c) Rajaji National Park
 (d) Indravati National Park

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

39. Which one of the following is also known as Top Slip?
 (a) Simlipal National Park
 (b) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
 (c) Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary
 (d) Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2007

40. Which one among the following has the maximum number of National Parks?
 (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 (b) Arunachal Pradesh
 (c) Assam
 (d) Meghalaya

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

41. Among the following, which one is not an ape?
 (a) Gibbon (b) Gorilla
 (c) Langur (d) Orangutan

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

42. Where was the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10) held?
 (a) Davos (b) Nova Scotia
 (c) Johannesburg (d) Shanghai

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

43. Consider the following statements :
 1. Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in respect of carbon credits in one of the Kyoto Protocol Mechanisms.
 2. Under the CDM, the projects handled pertain only to the Annex-I countries.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 Only (b) 2 Only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 44.** Out of all the Biosphere Reserves in India. Four have recognized on the World Network by UNESCO.

Which one of the following is not one of them?

- (a) Gulf of Mannar (b) Kangchenjunga
(c) Nanda Devi (d) Sundarbans

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 45.** Consider the following statements :

1. Salt-water crocodile is found in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. Shrew and papir are found in the Western Ghats of the Malabar region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 46.** Which one of the following is not essentially a species of the Himalayan vegetation?

- (a) Juniper (b) Mahogany
(c) Silver fir (d) Spruce

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 47.** Consider the following :

1. Rice fields
2. Coal mining
3. Domestic animals
4. Wetlands Which of the above are sources of methane, a major greenhouse gas ?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2008

- 48.** In India, which one of the following States has the largest inland saline wetland?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Haryana
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 49.** Which one of the following Union Ministries implements the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety?

- (a) Ministry of Science and Technology
(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(c) Ministry of Environment and Forests
(d) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 50.** The marine animal called dugong which is vulnerable to extinction is :

- (a) Amphibian (b) Bony fish
(c) Shark (d) Mammal

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 51.** Consider the following regions :

1. Eastern Himalayas 2 Eastern Mediterranean region

3. North-western Australia Which of the above is/are Biodiversity Hotspot(s)?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 52.** The Panda belongs to the same family as that of
(a) Bear (b) Cat
(c) Dog (d) Rabbit

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 53.** In the contest of Indian wild life, the flying fox is
a:

- (a) Bat (b) Kite
(c) Stork (d) Vulture

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 54.** The concept of carbon credit originated from
which one of the following?

- (a) Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro
(b) Kyoto Protocol
(c) Montreal Protocol
(d) G- 8 Summit, Heilgendorf

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 55.** In the context of CO₂ emission and Global Warming, what is the name of a market driven device under the UNFCCC that allows developing countries to get funds/incentives from the developed countries to adopt better technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

- (a) Carbon Footprint
(b) Carbon Credit Rating
(c) Clean Development Mechanism
(d) Emission Reduction Norm

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

- 56.** Consider the following statements :

1. Biodiversity hotspots are located only in tropical regions.

2. India has four biodiversity hotspots i.e., Eastern Himalayas, Western Himalayas, Western Ghats and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

- 57.** Consider the following statements :

1. The boundaries of a National Park are defined by legislation.

2. A Biosphere Reserve is declared to conserve a few specific species of flora and fauna.

3. In a Wildlife Sanctuary, limited biotic interference is permitted.

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- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

58. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is an international treaty drawn at
 (a) United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 1972
 (b) UN Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
 (c) World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2002
 (d) UN Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen, 2009

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2010

59. India is a party to the Ramsar Convention and has declared many areas as Ramsar Sites. Which of the following statements best describes as to how we should maintain these sites in the context of this Convention ?
 (a) Keep all the sites completely inaccessible to man so that they will not be exploited
 (b) Conserve all the sites through ecosystem approach and permit tourism and recreation only
 (c) Conserve all the sites through ecosystem approach for a period without any exploitation, with specific criteria and specific period for each site, and then allow sustainable use of them by future generations
 (d) Conserve all the sites through ecosystem approach and allow their simultaneous sustainable use.

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

60. Other than Jatropha curcas, why is Pongamia pinnata also considered a good option for the production of bio-diesel in India?
 1. Pongamia pinnata grows naturally in most of the arid regions of India.
 2. The seeds of Pongamia pinnata are rich in lipid content of which nearly half is oleic acid.
 Which of the statements given above is /are correct?
 (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (c)

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61. Due to their extensive rice cultivation, some regions may be contributing to global warming. To what possible reason/reasons is this attributable?
 1. The anaerobic conditions associated with rice

cultivation cause the emission of methane.

2. When nitrogen based fertilizers are used, nitrous oxide is emitted from the cultivated soil.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

62. Given below are the names of four energy crops. Which one of them can be cultivated for ethanol?
 (a) Jatropha (b) Maize
 (c) Pongamia (d) Sunflower

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

63. Consider the following pairs :
 Protected area Well known for
 1. Bhiterkanika, Water Crocodile Orissa Salt
 2. Desert National Park, Rajasthan Great Indian Bustard
 3. Eravikulam, Kerala Hoolock Gibbon Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

64. Consider the following statements :
 1. The Taxus tree naturally found in the Himalayas.
 2. The Taxus tree is listed in the Red Data Book.
 3. A drug called "taxol" is obtained from Taxus tree is effective against, Parkinson's disease.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

65. What are the possible limitations of India in mitigating the global warming at present and in the immediate future?
 1. Appropriate alternate technologies are not sufficiently available.
 2. India cannot invest huge funds in research and development.
 3. Many developed countries- have already set up their polluting industries in India.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2009

66. Consider the following which can be found in the ambient atmosphere :
 1. Soot
 2. Sulphur hexafluoride
 3. Water vapour Which of the above contribute to the warming up of the atmosphere?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

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Ans: (d)

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- 67. Biodiversity forms the basis for human existence in the following ways:**

1. Soil formation
2. Prevention of soil erosion
3. Recycling of waste
4. Pollination of crops

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

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

Ans: (d)

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- 68. Which one of the following is not a site for in-situ method of conservation of flora ?**

- (a) Biosphere reserve
- (b) Botanical garden
- (c) National park
- (d) Wildlife sanctuary.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 69. Two important rivers- one with its source in Jharkhand (and known by a different name in Odisha), and another, with its source in Odisha- merge at a place only a short distance from the coast of Bay of Bengal before flowing into the sea. This is an important site of wildlife and biodiversity and a protected area.**

Which one of the following could be this?

- (a) Bhitarkanika
- (b) Chandipur-on-sea
- (c) Gopalpur-on-sea
- (d) Simlipal

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 70. Consider the following :**

1. Carbon dioxide
2. Oxides of nitrogen

3. Oxides of Sulphur Which of the above is/are the emission/emissions from coal combustion at thermal power plants?

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 71. The formation of ozone hole in the Antarctic region has been a cause of concern. What could be the reason for the formation of this hole?**

- (a) Presence of prominent tropo-spheric turbulence; and inflow of chlorofluorocarbons.
- (b) Presence of prominent polar front and stratospheric clouds; and inflow of chlorofluorocarbons.
- (c) Absence of polar front and stratospheric clouds; and inflow of methane and chlorofluorocarbons.
- (d) Increased temperature at polar region due to global warming.

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 72. Consider the following :**

1. Photosynthesis
2. Respiration
3. Decay of organic matter
4. Volcanic action.

Which of the above add carbon dioxide to the carbon cycle on earth?

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

Ans: (c)

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- 73. Regarding "carbon credits", which one of the following statements is not correct?**

- (a) The carbon credit system was ratified in conjunction with the Kyoto protocol.
- (b) Carbon credits are awarded to countries or groups that have reduced greenhouse gases below their emission quota.
- (c) The goal of the carbon credit system is to limit the increase of carbon dioxide emission.
- (d) Carbon credits are traded at a price fixed from time to time by the United Nations environment programs.

Ans: (d)

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- 74. A sandy and saline area is the natural habitat of an Indian animal species. The animal has no predators in that area but its existence is threatened due to the destruction of its habitat. Which one of the following could be that animal?**

- (a) Indian wild buffalo
- (b) Indian wild ass
- (c) Indian wild boar
- (d) Indian gazelle

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 75. The 2004 Tsunami made people realize that mangroves can serve as a reliable safety hedge against coastal calamities. How do mangroves function as a safety hedge?**

- (a) The mangrove swamps separate the human settlements from the sea by a wide zone in which people neither live nor venture out.
- (b) The mangroves provide both food and medicines which people are in need of after any natural disaster.
- (c) The mangrove trees are tall with dense canopies and serve as an excellent shelter during a cyclone or Tsunami.
- (d) The mangrove trees do not get uprooted by storms and tides because of their extensive roots.

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 76. The "Red Books" published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) contain lists of ?**

1. Endemic plant and animal species present in the biodiversity hotspots.
2. Threatened plant and animal species.
3. Protected sites for conservation of nature and

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natural resources in various countries.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Ans: (b)

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- 77. Three of the following criteria have contributed to the recognition of Western Ghats , Sri Lanka and Indo-Burma regions as hotspots of biodiversity :**

1. Species richness
2. Vegetation density
3. Endemism
4. Ethno-botanical importance
5. Threat perception
6. Adaption of flora and fauna to warm and humid conditions Which three of the above are correct criteria in this context?

- (a) 1,2, and 6. (b) 2,4 and 6.
- (c) 1,3 and 5. (d) 3,4 and 6.

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2011

- 78. Human activities in the recent past have caused the increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, but a lot of it does not remain in the lower atmosphere because of**

1. Its escape into the outer stratosphere.
 2. The photosynthesis by phytoplankton in the oceans.
 3. The trapping of air in the polar ice caps.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

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- 79. If a tropical rain forest is removed, it does not regenerate quickly as compared to a tropical deciduous forest. This is because**

- (a) The soil of rain forest is deficient in nutrients.
- (b) Propagules of the trees in a rain forest have poor viability.
- (c) The rain forest species are slow-growing.
- (d) Exotic species invade the fertile soil of rain forest.

Ans: (a)

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- 80. The Himalayan Range is very rich in species diversity. Which one among the following is the most appropriate reason for this phenomenon?**

- (a) It has a high rainfall that supports luxuriant vegetative growth.
- (b) It is a confluence of different bio-geographical zones.
- (c) Exotic and invasive species have not been invasive species have not been introduced in this region
- (d) It has less human interference.

Ans: (b)

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- 81. With reference to India, consider the following Central Acts:**

1. Import and Export (Control) Act, 1947.
2. Mining, and Mineral Development (Regulation) Act, 1957.
3. Customs Act, 1962.
4. Indian Forest Act, 1927.

Which of the above acts have relevance to/bearing on the biodiversity conservation in the country?

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

Ans: (c)

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- 82. Consider the following statements :**

1. Biodiversity is normally greater in the lower latitudes as compared to higher latitudes
2. Along the mountain gradients, biodiversity is normally greater in the lower altitudes as compared to the higher altitudes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

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- 83. In the context of ecosystem productivity, marine upwelling zones are important as they increase the marine productivity by bringing the**

1. Decomposer microorganisms to the surface.
2. Nutrients to the surface.
3. Bottom-dwelling organisms to the surface.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only.

Ans: (c)

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- 84. Consider the following protected areas:**

1. Bandipur 2. Bhitarkanika
3. Manas 4. Sundarbans Which of the above are declared Tiger Reserves?

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

Ans: (b)

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- 85. In which one among the following categories of protected areas in India are local people not allowed to collect and use the biomass?**

- (a) Biosphere reserves
- (b) National parks
- (c) Wetlands declared under Ramsar convention
- (d) Wildlife sanctuaries

Ans: (b)

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- 86. Which one of the following groups of animals belongs to the category of endangered species?**

- (a) Great Indian bustard, Musk Deer, Red Panda

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- and Asiatic Wild Ass
 (b) Kashmir Stag, Cheetah, Blue Bull, Great Indian Bustard
 (c) Snow Leopard, Swamp Deer, Rhesus Monkey, Saras (Crane)
 (d) Lion Tailed Macaque, Blue Bull, Hanuman Langur, Cheetah

Ans: (a)

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87. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment describes the following major categories of ecosystem servicesprovisioning, supporting, regulating, preserving and cultural. Which one of the following is supporting service?
 (a) Production of food and water
 (b) Control of climate and disease
 (c) Nutrient Cycling and crop pollinator
 (d) Maintenance of diversity

Ans: (c)

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88. What is the difference between the antelopes Oryx and Chiru?
 (a) Oryx is adapted to live in hot and arid areas whereas Chiru is adapted to live in steppes and semi-desert areas of cold high mountains
 (b) Oryx is poached for its antlers whereas Chiru is poached for its musk
 (c) Oryx exists in western India only whereas Chiru exists in north east India only.
 (d) None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) given above is correct.

Ans: (a)

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89. Which of the following can be threats to the biodiversity of a geographical area?

1. Global warming
2. Fragmentation of habitat
3. Invasion of alien species
4. Promotion of vegetarianism

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Ans: (a)

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90. Consider the following :

1. Black necked crane 2. Cheetah
 3. Flying squirrel 4. Snow leopard
- Which of the above are naturally found in India?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1,3 and 4 only
 (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2,3 and 4

Ans: (b)

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91. Vultures used to be very common in Indian countryside some years ago are rarely seen nowadays.

This is attributed to

- (a) the destruction of their nesting sites by new invasive species
 (b) a drug used by cattle owners for treating their diseased cattle
 (c) scarcity of food available to them
 (d) a widespread, persistant and fatal disease among them

Ans: (b)

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92. How does National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) help in protecting the Indian agriculture?
 1. NBA checks the biopiracy and protects the indigenous and traditional genetic resources.
 2. NBA directly monitors and supervises the scientific research on genetic modification of crop plants.
 3. Applications for intellectual property rights related to genetic/ biological resources cannot be made without the approval of NBA.
 Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1,2 and 3

Ans: (c)

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93. If National Water Mission is properly and completely implemented how will it impact the country?
 1. Part of the water needs of urban areas will be met through recycling of waste water.
 2. The water requirements of coastal cities with inadequate alternative sources of water will be met by adopting appropriate technologies that allow for the use of ocean water.
 3. All the rivers of Himalayan origin will be linked to the rivers of peninsular India.
 4. The expenses incurred by farmers for digging bore wells and for installing motors and pump sets to draw groundwater will be completely reimbursed by the Government.
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (b)

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94. Consider the following statements:
 Chlorofluorocarbons, known as ozone depleting substances are used
 1. In the production of plastic foams
 2. in the production of tubeless tyres
 3. In cleaning certain electronic components
 4. As pressurizing agents in aerosol cans Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1,2 and 3 only (b) 4 only
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2,3 and 4

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Ans: (d)

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- 95. With reference to the wetlands of India, consider the following statements:**

1. The country's total geographical area under the category of wetlands is recorded more in Gujarat as compared to other states.

2. In India, the total geographical area of coastal wetlands is larger than that of inland wetlands.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2012

- 96. Consider the following :**

1. Star tortoise 2. Monitor lizard

3. Pygmy hog 4. Spider monkey Which of the above found in India?

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

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 97. Consider the following animals:**

1. Sea cow 2. Sea horse

3. Sea lion Which of the above is/are mammal/mammals?

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

Ans: (b)

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- 98. Consider the following pairs:**

1. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve : Garo Hills

2. Logtak (Loktak) Lake : Barail Range

3. Namdapha National Park : Dafla Hills Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 99. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of ecosystems in the order of decreasing productivity?**

(a) Oceans, lakes, grasslands, mangroves

(b) Mangroves, oceans, grasslands, lakes

(c) Mangroves, grasslands, lakes, oceans

(d) Oceans, mangroves, lakes, grasslands

Ans: (c)

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- 100. Due to improper / indiscriminate disposal of old and used computers or their parts, which of the following are released into the environment as ewaste?**

1. Beryllium 2. Cadmium

3. Chromium 4. Heptachlor

5. Mercury 6. Lead

7. Plutonium

Select the correct answer using the codes given

below.

(a) 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 only

(b) 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 only

(c) 2, 4, 5 and 7 only

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Ans: (d)

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- 101. Acid rain is caused by the pollution of environment by**

(a) carbon dioxide and nitrogen

(b) carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

(c) ozone and carbon dioxide

(d) nitrous oxide and sulphur dioxide

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 102. With reference to food chains in ecosystems, consider the following statements :**

1. A food chain illustrates the order in which a chain of organisms feed upon each other.

2. Food chains are found within the populations of a species.

3. A food chain illustrates the numbers of each organism which are eaten by others.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only

- (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 103. Consider the following organisms :**

1. Agaricus 2. Nostoc

3. Spirogyra Which of the above is / are used as biofertilizer / biofertilizers

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only

- (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only

Ans: (a)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 104. Which of the following adds / add nitrogen to the soil?**

1. Excretion of urea by animals

2. Burning of coal by man

3. Death of vegetation

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only

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

Ans: (c)

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- 105. In which of the following States is lion-tailed macaque found in its natural habitat?**

1. Tamil Nadu 2. Kerala

3. Karnataka 4. Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2 only

- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

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- 106.** Which one of the following terms describes not only the physical space occupied by an organism but also its functional role in the community of organisms?

- (a) Ecotone (b) Ecological niche
(c) Habitat (d) Home range

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 107.** Photochemical smog is a resultant of the reaction among

- (a) NO₂, O₃ and peroxyacetyl nitrate in the presence of sunlight
(b) CO, O₂ and peroxyacetyl nitrate in the presence of sunlight
(c) CO, CO₂ and NO₂ at low temperature
(d) High concentration of NO₂, O₃ and CO in the evening

Ans: (a)

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- 108.** With reference to the food chains in ecosystems, which of the following kinds of organism is / are known as decomposer organism/organisms?

1. Virus 2. Fungi
3. Bacteria

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 109.** Consider the following fauna of India :

1. Gharial
2. Leatherback turtle
3. Swamp deer Which of the above is/are endangered?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2013

- 110.** Consider the following statements:

1. Animal Welfare Board of India is established under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. National Tiger Conservation Authority is a statutory body.
3. National Ganga River Basin Authority is chaired by the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

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- 111.** With reference to 'Eco-Sensitive Zones', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Eco-Sensitive Zones are the areas that are declared under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. The purpose of the declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones is to prohibit all kinds of human activities, in those zones except agriculture.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (d)

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- 112.** Consider the following pairs :

Wetlands Confluence of rivers

1. Harike Wetlands : Confluence of Beas and Satluj/Sutlej
2. Keoladeo Ghana Confluence of Banas National Park : and Chambal
3. Kolleru Lake : Confluence of Musi and Krishna
Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (a)

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- 113.** The most important strategy for the conservation of biodiversity together with traditional human life is the establishment of

- (a) biosphere reserves (b) botanical gardens
(c) national parks (d) wildlife sanctuaries

Ans: (a)

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- 114.** The scientific view is that the increase in global temperature should not exceed 2 °C above preindustrial level. If the global temperature increases beyond 3 °C above the pre-industrial level, what can be its possible impact/impacts on the world?

1. Terrestrial biosphere tends toward a net carbon source
2. Widespread coral mortality will occur.
3. All the global wetlands will permanently disappear.
4. Cultivation of cereals will not be possible anywhere in the world.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (b)

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- 115.** If you travel through the Himalayas, you are likely to see which of the following plants naturally growing there?

1. Oak 2. Rhododendron
3. Sandalwood

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (a)

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- 116.** Which of the following are some important pollutants released by steel industry in India?

- Oxides of sulphur
- Oxides of nitrogen
- Carbon monoxide
- Carbon dioxide

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1, 3 and 4 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

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- 117.** With reference to Neem tree, consider the following statements :

- Neem oil can be used as a pesticide to control the proliferation of some species of insects and mites.
- Neem seeds are used in the manufacture of biofuels and hospital detergents.
- Neem oil has applications in pharmaceutical industry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

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- 118.** Consider the following international agreements :

- The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
 - The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
 - The World Heritage Convention
- Which of the above has / have a bearing on the biodiversity?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

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- 119.** Consider the following statements regarding 'Earth Hour':

- It is an initiative of UNEP and UNESCO.
- It is a movement in which the participants switch off the lights for one hour on a certain day every year.
- It is a movement to raise the awareness about the climate change and the need to save the planet.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- 1 and 3 only
- 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

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- 120.** Which one of the following is the correct sequence of a food chain?

- Diatoms-Crustaceans-Herrings
- Crustaceans-Diatoms-Herrings
- Diatoms-Herrings-Crustaceans
- Crustaceans-Herrings-Diatoms

Ans: (a)

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- 121.** If a wetland of international importance is brought under the 'Montreux Record', what does it imply?

(a) Changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring or are likely to occur in the wetland as a result of human interference.

(b) The country in which the wetland is located should enact a law to prohibit any human activity within five kilo metres from the edge of the wetland

(c) The survival of the wetland depends on the cultural practices and traditions of certain communities living in its vicinity and therefore the cultural diversity therein should not be destroyed

(d) It is given the status of 'World Heritage Site'

Ans: (a)

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- 122.** With reference to 'Global Environment Facility', which of the following statements is/are correct?

(a) It serves as financial mechanism for 'Convention on Biological Diversity' and 'United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change'

(b) It undertakes scientific research on environmental issues at global level

(c) It is an agency under OECD to facilitate the transfer of technology and funds to underdeveloped countries with specific aim to protect their environment.

(d) Both (a) and (b)

Ans: (a)

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- 123.** Consider the following pairs

1. Dampa Tiger Reserve : Mizoram

2. Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary : Sikkim

3. Saramati Peak : Nagaland Which of the above pairs is / are correctly matched?

- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

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- 124.** With reference to a conservation organization called 'Wetlands International', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is an intergovernmental organization formed by the countries which are signatories to Ramsar Convention.

2. It works at the field level to develop and mobilize knowledge, and use the practical experience to advocate for better policies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

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125. Other than poaching, what are the possible reasons for the decline in the population of Ganges River Dolphins?

1. Construction of dams and barrages on rivers
 2. Increase in the population of crocodiles in rivers
 3. Getting trapped in fishing nets accidentally
 4. Use of synthetic fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals in crop-fields in the vicinity of rivers
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (c)

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126. Brominated flame retardants are used in many household products like mattresses and upholstery.

Why is there some concern about their use?

1. They are highly resistant to degradation in the environment.
 2. They are able to accumulate in humans and animals.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Ans: (c)

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127. Which of the following adds/add carbon dioxide to the carbon cycle on the planet Earth?

1. Volcanic action
2. Respiration
3. Photosynthesis
4. Decay of organic matter

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (c)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

128. If you walk through countryside, you are likely to see some birds stalking alongside the cattle to seize the insects, disturbed by their movement through grasses.

Which of the following is/are such bird/birds?

1. Painted Stork
2. Common Myna
3. Black-necked Crane

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (b)

Civil Services Prelims 2014

129. Which one of the following National Parks has a climate that varies from tropical to subtropical,

temperate and arctic?

- (a) Khangchendzonga National park
- (b) Nandadevi National Park
- (c) Neora Valley National Park
- (d) Namdapha National park

Ans: (d)

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130. ‘Bio Carbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes’ is managed by the

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) United Nations Environment Programme
- (d) World Bank

Ans: (d)

Civil Services Prelims 2015

131. With reference to ‘Forest Carbon Partnership Facility’, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is global partnership of governments, businesses, civil society and indigenous peoples
2. It provides financial aid to universities, individual scientists and institutions involved in scientific forestry research to develop eco-friendly and climate adaptation technologies for sustainable forest management
3. It assists the countries in their ‘REDD+ (Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation+)’ efforts by providing them with financial and technical assistance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Ans: (c)

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132. With reference to an organization known as ‘Birdlife International’ which of the following statements is/ are correct?

1. It is a Global Partnership of Conservation Organizations.
2. The concept of ‘biodiversity hotspots’ originated from this organization.
3. It identifies the sites known/referred to as ‘Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas’.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (c)

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133. Which one of the following is the best description of the term “ecosystem”?

- (a) A community of organisms interacting with one another
- (b) That part of the Earth which is inhabited by living organisms

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- (c) A community of organisms together with the environment in which they live.
 (d) The flora and fauna of a geographical area.

Ans: (c)

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- 134. Which of the following National Parks is unique in being a swamp with floating vegetation that supports a rich biodiversity?**
 (a) Bhitarkanika National Park
 (b) Keibul Lamjao National Park
 (c) Keoladeo Ghana National park
 (d) Sultanpur National park

Ans: (b)

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- 135. With reference to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. IUCN is an organ of the United Nations and CITES is an international agreement between governments
2. IUCN runs thousands of field projects around the world to better manage natural environments.
3. CITES is legally binding on the States that have joined it, but this Convention does not take the place of national laws.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (b)

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- 136. With reference to 'dugong', a mammal found in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. It is a herbivorous marine animal.
2. It is found along the entire coast of India
3. It is given legal protection under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (c)

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- 137. What is Rio+20 Conference, often mentioned in the news?**

- (a) It is the United nations Conference on Sustainable Development
- (b) It is a Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization
- (c) It is a Conference of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change
- (d) It is a Conference of the Member Countries of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Ans: (a)

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- 138. Which one of the following is associated with the issue of control and phasing out of the use of ozonedepleting substances?**

- (a) Bretton Woods Conference
 (b) Montreal Protocol
 (c) Kyoto Protocol
 (d) Nagoya Protocol

Ans: (b)

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- 139. Which of the following statements regarding 'Green Climate Fund' is/are correct?**

1. It is intended to assist the developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.
2. It is founded under the aegis of UNEP, OECD, Asian Development Bank and World Bank.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (a)

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- 140. The term Intended Nationally Determined Contribution is sometimes seen in the news in the context of :**

- (a) Pledge made by the European countries to rehabilitate refugees from the war-affected Middle East.
- (b) Plan of nation outlined by the countries of the world to combat climate changes.
- (c) Capital contributed by the member countries in the establishment of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- (d) Plan of action outlined by the countries of the regarding Sustainable Developments Goals.

Ans: (b)

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- 141. What is/are the importance/importances of the 'United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification'?**

1. It aims to promote effective action through innovative national programmes and supportive inter-national partnerships.
2. It has a special/particular focus on South Asia and North Africa regions, and its secretariat facilitates the allocation of major portion of financial resources to these regions.
3. It is committed to bottom-up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating the desertification.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (c)

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142. In which of the following regions of India are you most likely to come across the 'Great Indian Hornbill' in its natural habitat?

- (a) Sand deserts of northwest India
- (b) Higher Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Salt marshes of western Gujarat
- (d) Western Ghats

Ans: (d)

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143. Which of the following are the key features of 'National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA)'?

1. River basin is the unit of planning and management.
2. It spearheads the river conservation efforts at the national level.
3. One of the Chief Ministers of the State through which the Ganga flows becomes the Chairman of NGRBA on rotation basis.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (a)

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144. Consider the following pairs :

Terms sometimes seen in the news Their origin

1. Annex-I Countries : Cartagena Protocol
2. Certified Emissions Reductions : Nagoya Protocol

3. Clean Development Mechanism : Kyoto Protocol
Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Ans: (c)

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145. Which of the following best describe the aim of 'Green India Mission' of the Government of India?

1. Incorporating environment benefits and costs into the Union and State Budgets thereby implementing the 'green accounting'.
2. Launching the second green revolution to enhance agriculture output so as to ensure food security to one and all in the future.
3. Restoring and enhancing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures.

Select the correct answer using the code given

below:

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

Ans: (c)

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146. What is/are unique about 'Kharai camel' a breed found in India?

1. It is capable of swimming up to three kilometers in seawater.
2. It survives by grazing on mangroves.
3. It lives in the wild and cannot be domesticated.

Selected the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (a)

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147. With reference to an initiative called 'The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is initiative hosted by UNEP, IMF and World Economic Forum.
2. It is a global initiative that focuses on drawing attention to the economic benefits of biodiversity.
3. It presents an approach that can help decision-makers recognize, demonstrate and capture the value of ecosystems and biodiversity.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (c)

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148. With reference to 'Red Sanders', sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a tree species found in a part of South India.
2. It is one of the most important trees in the tropical rain forest areas of South India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

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149. Recently, our scientists have discovered a new and distinct species of banana plant which attains a height of about 11 metres and has orange-coloured fruit pulp. In which part of India has it been discovered?

- (a) Anadaman Islands
- (b) Anamalai Forests
- (c) Maikala Hills
- (d) Tropical rain forest of northeast

Ans: (a)

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150. Which of following statements is/are correct?

Proper design and effective implementation of UNREDD+ Programme can significantly contribute to

1. Protection of biodiversity
2. Resilience of forest ecosystems
3. Poverty reduction

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Ans: (d)

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151. What is 'Greenhouse Gas Protocol'?

- (a) It is an international accounting tool for government and business leaders to understand, quantify and manage greenhouse gas emissions
(b) It is an initiative of the United Nations to offer financial incentives to developing countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adopt eco-friendly technologies
(c) It is an inter-governments agreement ratified by all the member countries of the United Nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to specified levels by the year 2022.
(d) It is one of the multilateral REDD-initiatives hosted by the World Bank.

Ans: (a)

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152. With reference to 'Agenda 21', sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a global action plan for sustainable development.
2. It originated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a)

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153. 'Gadgil Committee Report' and 'Kasturirangan Committee Report', sometimes seen in the news, are related to

- (a) Constitutional reforms
(b) Ganga Action Plan
(c) Linking of rivers
(d) Protection of Western Ghats

Ans: (d)

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154. With reference to the Agreement at the UNFCCC Meeting in Paris in 2015, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Agreement was signed by all the member countries of the UN and it will go into effect in 2017.

2. The Agreement aims to limit the greenhouse gas emissions so that the rise in average global temperature by the end of this century does not exceed 2°C or even 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

3. Developed countries acknowledged their historical responsibility in global warming and committed to donate US \$ 100 billion a year from 2020 to help developing countries to cope with climate change.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Ans: (b)

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155. Consider the following statements:

1. The Sustainable Development Goals were first proposed in 1972 by a global think tank called the 'Club of Rome'.
2. The Sustainable Development Goals have to be achieved by 2030.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

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156. According to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, which of the following animals cannot be hunted by any person except under some provisions provided by law?

1. Gharial
2. Indian wild ass
3. Wild buffalo

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (d)

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157. If you want to see gharials in their natural habitat, which one of the following is the best place to visit?

- (a) Bhitarkanika Mangroves
(b) Chambal River
(c) Pulicat Lake
(d) Deepor Beel

Ans: (b)

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158. Consider the following statements:

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1. Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants is a unique initiative of G20 group of countries.

2. The CCAC focuses on methane, black carbon and hydrofluorocarbons.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (b)

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159. From the ecological point of view, which one of the following assumes importance in being a good link between the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats?

- (a) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- (b) Nallamala Forest
- (c) Nagarhole National Park
- (d) Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve

Ans: (a)

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160. In the context of solving pollution problems, what is/are the advantage/advantages of bioremediation technique?

1. It is a technique for cleaning up pollution by enhancing the same biodegradation process that occurs in nature.
2. Any contaminant with heavy metals such as cadmium and lead can be readily and completely treated by bioremediation using microorganisms.
3. Genetic engineering can be used to create microorganisms specifically designed for bioremediation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (d)

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161. Due to some reasons, if there is a huge fall in the population of species of butterflies, what could be its likely consequence/consequences?

1. Pollination of some plants could be adversely affected.
2. There could be a drastic increase in the fungal infections of some cultivated plants.
3. It could lead to a fall in the population of some species of wasps, spiders and birds.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

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162. In the context of mitigating the impending global warming due to anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide, which of the following can be the potential sites for carbon sequestration?

- 1. Abandoned and uneconomic coal seams
- 2. Depleted oil and gas reservoirs
- 3. Subterranean deep saline formations

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (d)

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163. In India, if a species of tortoise is declared protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, what does it imply?

- (a) It enjoys the same level of protection as the tiger.
- (b) It no longer exists in the wild, a few individuals are under captive protection; and now it is impossible to prevent its extinction.
- (c) It is endemic to a particular region of India.
- (d) Both (b) and (c) stated above are correct in this context.

Ans: (a)

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164. Recently there was a proposal to translocate some @ of the lions from their natural habitat in Gujarat to which one of the following sites?

- (a) Corbett National Park
- (b) Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Sariska National Park

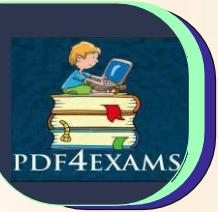
Ans: (b)

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