

100 With reference to the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, consider the following statements.

1. The forum works under the auspices of the OECD and G20.
2. Members must commit to at least implement the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) standard for tax purposes.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

99 Consider the following statements.

1. Feminism is a political doctrine of equal rights for women and men.
2. Feminists believe that inequality between men and women in society is due to their biological differences.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

98 Special provisions (under Part XXI) of the Constitution are applicable to the States of

1. Maharashtra
2. Gujarat
3. Jharkhand
4. Chattisgarh
5. Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 5 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

97 Consider the following statements.

1. Storage Area Network (SAN) is a high-speed special-purpose network that interconnects different data storage devices with associated servers and other computing devices.
2. National Informatics Centre (NIC) offers access to a high performance, high availability Storage Area Network (SAN) to servers located in its Data Centre to both public and private sector organizations.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

96 Which of the following words are attached to the term "Republic" in the Preamble?

- 1. Sovereign
- 2. Parliamentary
- 3. Secular
- 4. Federal

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

95 Which of these are constitutional provisions?

- 1. Duties of prime minister to furnish required information to the president
- 2. Power of president to consult Supreme Court
- 3. Special provisions with respect to Delhi

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

94 As you go through the constitution, you are likely to find specific provisions for the following in which order?

- 1. Legislative Powers of the President
- 2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- 3. High courts
- 4. Citizenship

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 4312
- B. 1234
- C. 4123
- D. 1324

93 RIMPAC, or the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise. Which of these countries participate in the exercise?

- 1. India
- 2. China
- 3. Russia
- 4. Australia
- 5. USA

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 4 and 5 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

92 Global Findex Report is released by

- A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. World Economic Forum

91 The Fundamental Rights promote the idea of political democracy as

- 1. They limit the authority of the Central government.
- 2. They secure vital political rights to the citizens of India.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

90 Consider the following statements.

- 1. Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) is a not for profit industry body registered under the Societies Act.
- 2. The Payments Council of India was formed under the aegis of IAMAI in 2001.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

89 The Cabinet Mission included which of these as members?

- 1. MK Gandhi
- 2. Mountbatten
- 3. Stafford Cripps

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. None of the above

88. The 'August Offer' of 1940 accepted which of these important demands of the Indian freedom movement leadership?

- A. Rejection of the idea of partition of India
- B. Establishing a system of provincial elections and giving them greater autonomy
- C. Constituent Assembly of India elected on the basis of adult franchise
- D. Withdrawal of involvement of Indian troops in the Second World War

87 With reference to the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES), consider the following statements.

- 1. The idea of RIMES was conceived in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

2. RIMES helps members in hazard monitoring, forecasting and application of tailored risk information in decision-making.

3. RIMES operates from its regional early warning center located in Mumbai.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 1 and 3 only

86 The Constitution of India declares it as "fundamental in the governance of the country"

- A. Judicial review
- B. Fundamental Rights
- C. Universal Adult Franchise
- D. Directive Principles of State Policy

85 The only operational trade agreement linking China and India is

- A. The Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)
- B. Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- C. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
- D. Extended South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)

84 The first member of the Buddhist Monastic Sangha to gain Arhatship was

- A. Ananda
- B. Sariputta
- C. Kondanna
- D. Mahakassapa

83 With reference to the Decennial Census exercises in India, consider the following statements.

- 1. The first Census of India was conducted in 1901.
- 2. Census exercises are backed by a law of the Parliament.
- 3. It is conducted under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

82. United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) mainly

- A. Monitors the ceasefire in the disputed Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Enforces the Karachi Agreement between India and Pakistan
- C. Submits analytical reports on the Aksai Chin region
- D. Looks after the refugees and illegal immigrants from both sides of the border

81 Consider the following statement.

1. The OECD has maintained a 'blacklist' of countries it considers "uncooperative tax havens" in the drive for transparency of tax affairs and the effective exchange of information.
2. The OECD blacklist is issued by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

80 Polavaram Project is a multi-purpose irrigation project which has been accorded national project status by the central government. It is being built across which of the following rivers?

- A. Krishna
- B. Godavari
- C. Cauvery
- D. Mahanadi

79 Consider the following statements.

1. There are many articles in the Constitution, which mention that these articles can be amended by a simple law of the Parliament.
2. The President cannot disagree with a constitution amendment bill as passed by the Parliament; he can only send it back once for reconsideration.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

78 Behdienkhlam is a major festival of the people in the Hills of

- A. Jaintia
- B. Mizo
- C. Khaso
- D. Garo

77 The boundary commission headed by Radcliff demarcated

- A. Provincial areas of Bihar and Assam post Bengal Partition 1905
- B. Boundaries between the two Dominions of India and Pakistan
- C. Burmese Enclaves in the north-eastern frontier of India
- D. North-west frontier of India post-Soviet invasion

76 Consider the following statements about some of the major constitutional amendments.

1. The 38th and 39th Amendment Acts were made in the background of the internal emergency in India.
2. The 42nd Amendment Act restricted the powers of Judicial Review.
3. The 52nd Amendment Act introduced the anti-defection provisions in the Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

75 Consider the following statements.

- 1. Women in India were allowed to vote for the first time immediately following the 1909 Morley Minto Act.
- 2. Universal adult suffrage for Indian Women was allowed right from the first general elections after the independence of India in 1947.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

74 Which of the following states in India are Left-Wing Extremisms (LWE) affected states?

- 1. Bihar
- 2. Karnataka
- 3. Rajasthan
- 4. Punjab
- 5. Uttar Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 5 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- D. 3 and 4 only

73 What does the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) do?

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- 1. It provides a range of credit risk insurance covers to exporters against loss in export of goods and services.
- 2. It offers Export Credit Insurance covers to banks and financial institutions to enable exporters to obtain better facilities from them.
- 3. It provides Overseas Investment Insurance to Indian companies investing in joint ventures abroad in the form of equity or loan.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

72 The idea of Residuary powers in the Indian Constitution was borrowed from the Constitution of

- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. UK
- D. Canada

71 Consider the following statements.

- 1. The Solar Charkha Mission will generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the green economy.
- 2. The digital platform 'Sampark portal' will be useful in creating a skill pool of workers and connecting trained youth with job opportunities.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

70 In the Constituent Assembly, which of the following provisions were passed without any or little debate?

- A. Secularism
- B. Universal Suffrage
- C. Federalism
- D. Emergency provisions

69 With reference to the Mountbatten Plan, consider the following statements.

- 1. The plan was announced after the agitation by the Muslim League demanding partition of the country.
- 2. The plan was rejected by the Congress and the Muslim League.
- 3. Immediate effect was given to the plan by enacting the Indian Independence Act.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 2 only

68 Which of the following is/are the major objectives of the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd.?

- 1. To plan and execute an integrated programme on development and implementation of renewable energy projects
- 2. To carry on business of generation and trading in power products and services in India and abroad

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

67 India has opposed the international treaties aimed at non-proliferation because

1. India was kept out of all the negotiations leading to these agreements.
2. Nations that were not part of the treaties were not allowed to enrich Uranium.
3. India believed that these treaties were discriminatory in nature and biased towards the major nuclear powers.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1 and 2 only

66 Government proposes to set up 3000 Van Dhan Kendras involving 30,000 SHGs across the country.

The Van Dhan Vikas Kendras initiative

1. Aims to promote Minor Forest Produce (MFP) centric livelihood development of tribal gatherers and artisans
2. Guarantees daily wage employment to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
3. Provides for establishment of warehousing facility in Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) areas

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1 only

65 The India-Pakistan Indus Waters Treaty was negotiated and signed

- A. Immediately after India's independence
- B. After the Indo-Pak 1965 War
- C. After the 1999 Kargil War
- D. In the year 1960

64 The notion of 'Freedom', in a society, implies

1. Absence of external constraints
2. All decisions are made collectively
3. Conditions in which people can develop their abilities

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

63 The Airports Authority of India has proposed to set up a water aerodrome in an Indian lake for starting amphibious aircraft operations. This is planned to be set up in the state of

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

62 The Constitution establishes an independent judiciary to

- 1. Protect the integrity and supremacy of the Constitution
- 2. Settle the disputes between federal organs
- 3. Check abuse of authority by legislature and executive

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

61 The Indian National Army (INA) was created by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose near the

- A. Swadeshi Movement
- B. First World War
- C. Second World War
- D. Civil Disobedience Movement

60 Which of the following principles related to international peace and security are found in the Constitution?

- 1. Maintain just and honourable relations between nations
- 2. Provide required assistance to Least Developed Nations (LDCs)
- 3. Encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 1 and 3 only

59 Consider this statement made in August 1947.

"Today you have worn on your heads a crown of thorns. The seat of power is a nasty thing. You have to remain ever wakeful on that seat....you have to be more humble and forbearing...now there will be no end to your being tested."

The statement was made by

- A. M.K Gandhi
- B. Jawahar Lal Nehru
- C. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- D. Mohammed Ali Jinnah

58 Consider the following statements.

1. In the Nagpur session of Congress in 1920, the linguistic principle was recognised as the basis of the reorganisation of the Indian National Congress party.
2. A few days after Independence, the Maharaja of Manipur, signed the Instrument of Accession with the Indian government on maintaining the internal autonomy of Manipur.
3. The Nizam of Hyderabad did not immediately enter an Instrument of Accession with India right after independence and instead signed a Standstill Agreement in 1947.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1 only

57 The procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as laid down in Article 368 includes

1. An amendment of the Constitution can be initiated only in the Lok Sabha.
2. All constitutional bills are to be deemed as public bills and must be introduced by a minister.
3. Prior Presidential recommendation is not necessary to introduce the bill.
4. The bill must be passed in each House by a special majority.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 3 and 4 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

56 During the suzerainty of the British crown, princely States covered what portion of the land area of the British Indian Empire?

- A. one-third
- B. one-tenth
- C. one-fifth
- D. two-third

55 Three stamps were issued in 1950 to mark the first Republic Day on 26 January 1950. These stamps contain the images of

1. Ashokan wheel spoke of Dharma
2. Trumpets and Indian flag
3. The Charkha of Gandhi
4. A majestic Elephant

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

54 Consider the following statements.

1. The Scheme of Banking Ombudsman is mandated to look into systemic issues with a view to enforcing a prescribed quality of service in Indian banks
2. Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI) is a wing of the Reserve Bank of India which ensures that banks treat their consumers fairly.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

53 Suhaili, recently seen in news, was a

- A. Major non-governmental organization (NGO) working for the rights of differently abled that closed down its operations
- B. Form of Martial arts recently recognized as an intangible heritage by the Government
- C. Tribal group that became extinct following the decline of indigenous culture
- D. Indian built boat used for global circumnavigation

52 Globular clusters, recently in news, are densely packed collections of ancient stars. What are some of the major features of such clusters?

1. The density of stars in a globular cluster is much greater than the density of stars around the sun.
2. These clusters are made largely of gas, of which helium is predominant.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

51 India's longest-range ballistic missile is

- A. Aakash II
- B. Agni V
- C. Naag Missile that was recently inducted in the Indian Army
- D. BrahMos

50 The Basic Structure doctrine of the Constitution implies that

1. All constitutional amendments that seek to change the basic structure must be initiated and approved by the Judiciary.
2. An amendment can violate the basic structure of the Constitution only when it seeks to give effect to Article 14 or Article 19 of the Constitution.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

49 India has World Heritage Inscriptions in which of the following categories?

- 1. Cultural sites
- 2. Mixed sites
- 3. Natural sites

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 1 and 2 only

48 Consider the following statements.

- 1. Vishishtadvaita school of Hindu philosophy believes that Brahman alone exists, and is characterized by sheer unity.
- 2. Turiya in Hindu philosophy is the background that underlies and transcends the common states of consciousness.
- 3. Bhedābheda Vedānta teaches that the individual self is completely identical to Brahman.
- 4. Advaita Vedānta claims that the individual self is both different and not different from the ultimate reality known as Brahman.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

47 Consider the following statements.

- 1. Under the leadership of Pandit Nehru, India convened the Asian Relations Conference right after its Independence.
- 2. India was one of the participants in the Bandung Conference that over the years led to the establishment of the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM).

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

46 RemoveDebris is research project to develop and fly a low cost in-orbit demonstrator mission that aims to de-risk and verify technologies needed for future ADR (Active Debris Removal) missions. It was launched by

- A. Space X
- B. European Union
- C. NASA
- D. Russian Space Agency

45 Which of the following are some of the important provisions of the Government of India Act of 1919?

1. The central and provincial legislatures were authorised to make laws on their respective list of subjects.

2. It introduced the dual scheme of governance, 'dyarchy', with regard to provincial subjects.

3. It ended the trend of bicameral legislatures.

4. It granted franchise to a limited number of people on the basis of property, tax or education.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1, 2 and 4 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 2 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

44 "Women in Prisons" report was recently published by

A. National Association for Women (NAW)

B. United Nations Women Commission (UNWC)

C. Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)

D. Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)

43 With reference to the Sramana movements in Ancient Northern India, consider the following statements

1. Purana Kassapa taught that there is no virtue or sin, no merit or demerit, whatever one does.

2. Ajita Kesakambali taught a form of materialism, that there is no future life for us let alone repeated rebirth.

3. Pakudha Kaccayana held the view that earth, water, fire, air, joy, sorrow, and life are stable and unproductive, independent primordial substances.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 2 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 1, 2 and 3

D. 1 and 3 only

42 The major points of the Objectives Resolution introduced in the Constituent Assembly were

1. Territories forming the Union shall be autonomous units and exercise all powers and functions of the Government except those assigned to the Union

2. All powers and authority of sovereign and independent India shall flow from its Constitution

3. All people of India shall be guaranteed and secured equality of status and opportunities alongwith equality before law

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1, 2 and 3

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 2 and 3 only

41 Which of the following organizations serves as trustee of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) funds?

A. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. World Bank
- D. International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

40 A Democratic constitution would lose its credibility if

- A. It is heavily based on the Constitution of another nation.
- B. The people behind framing the Constitution were unelected.
- C. It centralizes power from the federal units into the Union government.
- D. It is not based on secular ideas.

39 Consider the following statements.

- 1. It made the Governor-General of Bengal as the Governor-General of India and vested in him all civil and military powers.
- 2. It ended the activities of the East India Company as a commercial body, which became a purely administrative body.
- 3. It provided that the company's territories in India were held by it 'in trust for His Majesty, His heirs and successors'.

The Act that provided for the above was?

- A. Charter Act of 1853
- B. Charter Act of 1833
- C. Pitt's India Act, 1784
- D. Government of India Act of 1858

38 With reference to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's recent order regarding the restriction of manufacture of Oxytocin formulations for domestic use, consider the following.

- 1. Private sector hospitals are not allowed to use oxytocin.
- 2. The drug is misused in the dairy industry where livestock is injected with Oxytocin to make them release milk at a time convenient to farmers.
- 3. Oxytocin is used to increase the size of vegetables such as pumpkins.
- 4. Import of Oxytocin and its formulations have been banned.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only

37 The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) contains provisions regarding?

- 1. Destroying all existing chemical weapons under international verification by the OPCW.
- 2. Monitoring chemical industry to prevent new weapons from re-emerging.
- 3. Providing assistance and protection to States Parties against chemical threats.
- 4. Fostering international cooperation to strengthen implementation of the Convention and promote the peaceful use of chemistry.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only

- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

36 Bru tribes, recently seen in news, mainly span the states of

- 1. Mizoram
- 2. Tripura
- 3. Nagaland
- 4. Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

35 Which of these constitutional provisions can be amended by a simple majority?

- 1. Salaries and allowances of the members of Parliament
- 2. Privileges of the Parliament and its members
- 3. Directive Principles of State Policy
- 4. Citizenship—acquisition and termination

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

34 With reference to the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme, consider the following statements.

- 1. The program will focus on the strength of each district and identify low-hanging fruits for immediate improvement.
- 2. It aims at the convergence of Central and State Schemes.
- 3. The programme will be implemented entirely by the Gram Panchayat machinery with directions from the Centre.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

33 According to Marxian theory, class conflict arises in capitalist societies due to

- A. Production for satisfying human needs rather than the creation of private profits
- B. Disguised employment and large scale unemployment that perpetuates slavery of the capitalists
- C. Organization of production lines for mass consumption in an industrial setup
- D. Contradictions between the material interests of the oppressed proletariat and ruling capitalist class

32 The Parliament can redraw the political map of India according to its will. Which of these arguments or statements support this view?

1. Parliament is not bound by the views of the state legislature and may either accept or reject them.
2. The constitution must be amended under Article 368 to accommodate new states, in which states do not play any decisive role.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

31 Consider the following statements. For a democracy to function effectively

1. Equal citizenship to all the members of the state should be given leading to political equality.
2. It is important to minimise the effects of social and economic inequalities and guarantee certain minimum conditions of life to all the members of the society.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

30 Which of the following ideas do NOT coincide with the greater ideology of liberalism?

- A. Principle of Competition
- B. Equality of Opportunity
- C. Rule of Law
- D. Command Economy

29 As per the views of Subhash Chandra Bose, freedom implies not only emancipation from political bondage but also

1. Equal distribution of wealth
2. Destruction of communalism and religious intolerance

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

28 Consider the following with reference to the Indianization of Colonial British administration.

1. Following Lord Macaulay's Report of the Select Committee of British Parliament, the concept of a merit based modern Civil Service in India was introduced in 1854.
2. It was following the Charter Act of 1891 that the Indian Civil Service Examination began to be held in India apart from being held in London.
3. Entry into Imperial Police was thrown open to Indians only with the passing of the Government of India Act of 1858.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

27 The Long Walk to Freedom is an autobiography of

- A. Martin Luther King
- B. Mazzini
- C. Garibaldi
- D. Nelson Mandela

26 Based on the NITI Aayog's Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) for India, consider the following statements.

- 1. Around 75% of households do not have drinking water on premise.
- 2. Over two-thirds of the water resources in the country are contaminated.
- 3. Water-scarce states have performed the worst in Index performance.
- 4. Gujarat is the leader in CWMI index performance.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 4 only

25 Which of these provisions of the Constitution reveal the secular character of the Indian State?

- 1. Preamble
- 2. Directive Principles of State Policy
- 3. Fundamental Rights

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

24 With reference to MSMEs in India, consider the following statements.

- 1. They contribute nearly one third of Gross Value Added (GVA) in the economy.
- 2. They receive over fifty per cent of the total credit flow from scheduled banks.
- 3. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is aimed at generating selfemployment opportunities by establishing micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector.
- 4. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises covers collateral free credit facility for MSMEs.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 3 and 4 only

23 The major features of parliamentary government in India is/are?

- 1. Collective responsibility of the executive to the legislature
- 2. Leadership of the prime minister
- 3. Complete separation of the legislature and the executive organs

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

22 The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently validated which of these South Asian countries for having eliminated trachoma as a public health problem?

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

21 With reference to Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) consider the following statements.

- 1. ALIMCO is a "Not For Profit" organization working under the administrative control of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- 2. It is 100% owned Govt. of India Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprise.
- 3. The Corporation is the only manufacturing company producing various types of assistive devices under one roof to serve all types of disabilities across the country.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

20 A Constitution usually does NOT serve this function:

- A. Ensuring some kind of coordination between members of a nation
- B. Specifies allocation of power in the nation in a skeletal form
- C. Brings in Rule of Law in a society
- D. Distributes economic resources within the population

19 How are ideas of private property treated in capitalist and socialist economies?

- 1. Private property is more tightly regulated in a socialist economy than in a capitalist economy.
- 2. The state owns major means of production in a socialist economy, unlike a capitalist economy.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

18 For a Fundamental right to be amended in the Lok Sabha, how many members, at least, should be present; assuming that all of them vote in favour of the bill?

- A. 100
- B. 273
- C. 364
- D. The bill cannot be passed in any of the above quorums

17 Consider the following statements.

- 1. The system of Budget was introduced in British India in 1833 by the then Finance Minister of India, James Wilson.
- 2. The first Union budget of independent India was presented by Liaquat Ali Khan, the first Finance Minister in the Interim Government, on 26 November, 1949.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

16 India was declared a sovereign state from

- A. January 26, 1950 with the coming of the Constitution in force
- B. November 26, 1949 with the completion of the Constitution
- C. August 15, 1947 with India's Independence
- D. September 2, 1946 with the formation of the first interim Cabinet from the newly elected Constituent Assembly

15 Ukraine, Georgia, Romania and Turkey enclose which of the following seas?

- A. Caspian Sea
- B. Black Sea
- C. Red Sea
- D. Mediterranean Sea

14 The Tashkent Agreement contained the provisions of:

- 1. A no-war pact between India and Pakistan
- 2. Non-interference in each other's internal affairs

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

13 Consider this statement.

"The Policy of His Majesty's Government, with which the Government of India are in complete accord, is that of increasing association of Indians in every branch of the administration and the gradual development of self-governing institutions with a view to the progressive realisation of responsible government in India as an integral part of the British Empire". This statement coming from the then Secretary of State is closely associated with which of these events

- A. Sepoy Mutiny, 1857
- B. First World War (1914-18)
- C. Second World War (1939-45)
- D. Incoming of the Simon Commission, 1929

12 With reference to the Portfolio system in Colonial India consider the following statements.

- 1. It was introduced by the Act of 1833 transforming the Viceroy of India's executive council into a cabinet run on the portfolio system.
- 2. Lord Canning was the figure associated with the establishment of this system.
- 3. The Act took away ordinance making powers of the Viceroy.
- 4. The portfolio system was repealed by the Government of India Act, 1935.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 4 only

11 As per the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) and the rules issued therein, consider the following statements.

- 1. Under LRS, all resident individuals can freely remit a certain amount of money overseas every financial year for a permissible set of current or capital account transactions.
- 2. Individuals cannot open, maintain or hold foreign currency accounts with overseas banks for carrying out transactions.
- 3. Remittances cannot be sent for trading on the foreign exchange markets.

Select the correct

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only

- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

10. Which of the following factors make Helium – 3 a fuel for the future?

- 1. It is not radioactive and waste-free nuclear energy can be generated using Helium
- 2. It can be used for fusion reactions without obtaining dangerous nuclear by-products.
- 3. Helium – 3 is abundant on earth, similar to other emerging fuels like Thorium.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

9 Consider the following statements about the role of various members in the Constituent Assembly and the interim government of India.

- 1. On the advice of Mahatma Gandhi, Ambedkar was asked at Independence by Congress to join the Union Cabinet as law minister.
- 2. As the President of the Constituent Assembly, Rajendra Prasad moved the objectives resolution in the Assembly.
- 3. Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer, who served as the then Attorney General of India, was also a member of the Constituent Assembly.
- 4. B. N. Rau, a civil servant, served as the Constitutional Advisor to the Government of India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 3 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 1, 3 and 4 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

8 The

Karakoram pass, a mountain pass between India and China, is closest to

- A. Tawang
- B. Kargil
- C. Srinagar
- D. Kathgodam

7 'Swaraj' is an analogous concept to Freedom in Indian political thought is. Which of the following are the ideas related to Swaraj, as outlined by Gandhiji?

- 1. It is swaraj when we learn to rule ourselves.
- 2. Swaraj is not just freedom but liberation in redeeming one's self-respect and capacities for self realisation from institutions of dehumanisation.
- 3. Understanding the real 'Self', and its relation to communities and society, is critical to the project of attaining Swaraj.
- 4. Sacrificing oneself for a larger cause is Swaraj.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

6 Avadi session of Indian National Congress was famously known for

- 1. Adopting a resolution to establish a 'socialistic pattern of society'
- 2. Publishing the 'Magna carta' of a libertarian democratic framework for India

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

5 Which of the following are in line with the larger ideology of 'Pacifism'?

- A. Opposition to war or violence as a means of settling disputes
- B. Sticking to principle rather than pragmatism
- C. Aversion to modern nation-states' military institutions and their intrusion in other nations
- D. Both (a) and (c)

4 With reference to Zoonosis, consider the following statements.

- 1. A zoonosis is any disease or infection that is naturally transmissible from vertebrate animals to humans.
- 2. Zoonosis can be caused only by either virus or protozoa.
- 3. Zoonotic diseases create obstacles to international trade in animal products.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

3 How the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will be useful for China?

- 1. CPEC project will allow Chinese energy imports to circumvent the Straits of Malacca and South China Sea routes thus avoiding potential confrontation with the USA.
- 2. CPEC will provide China an alternative and shorter route for energy imports from the Middle East, thereby reducing shipping costs and transit times.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

2 Consider the following statements.

1. Pitts Act of 1784 was the first step taken by the British Government to control and regulate the affairs of the East India Company in India.
2. In 1858, in the wake of the 'sepoy mutiny', the British Crown assumed direct responsibility for the governance of India.
3. Various features of the Indian Constitution and polity have their roots in the British rule.
4. A Supreme Court at Calcutta was setup following the Charter Act of 1833.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

1 "Arctic greening" is attributed to which of the following reasons?

- A. More regular commercial ship sailing
- B. Global Warming
- C. Ozone Hole formation
- D. Erratic ocean current flow