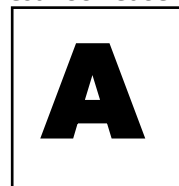


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1. Which of the following statements are correct about the Preamble to the Indian Constitution?

1. It contains the enacting clause which brings the Constitution into force.
2. It serves as a challenge to the people to adhere to the ideals enshrined in it.
3. The Preamble can override the express provisions of an Act.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

2. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1) The power to acquire or cede territory is expressly conferred by the Constitution.
- 2) According to the Constitution, the cession of territory is similar to the settlement of a boundary dispute.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

3. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Constitutionalism?

- 1) Constitutionalism connotes in essence the limited government.
- 2) It is the antithesis of arbitrary power.

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

4. Consider the following statements about "freedom":

1. Freedom is said to exist when external constraints on the individuals are absent.
2. Freedom helps in expanding the ability of the people to freely express themselves and develop their potential.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Acceptance of constraints does not necessarily limit the enjoyment of freedom.
2. Reasonable restraint on freedom is the price paid by the society to ensure tolerance and peace.

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

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The essence of federalism is the distribution of the power of the states among its coordinate bodies.
2. The term 'Federation' is used in the Constitution.

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

7. Which of the following statements are correct about the Regulating Act, 1773?

1. It provided for the establishment of a Supreme Court, comprising one Chief

Justice and 10 other judges.

2. It prohibited the servants of the Company from engaging in any private trade, or accepting presents or bribes from the 'natives'.
3. It strengthened the control of the British Government over the Company, by requiring the Court of Directors to report on its revenue, civil and military affairs in India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding the term 'Veil of Ignorance'?

1. It is a decision-making mechanism by which people can come to a social contract without biases.
2. John Rawls developed this theory.

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

9. Consider the following statements about political ideas of Mahatma Gandhi:

1. Swaraj for Gandhi was limited to political freedom from British rule.
2. The principle of trusteeship believes that capital and labour are in conflict with each other.
3. The idea of Oceanic Circle highlights the need for a bottom-up political organisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

10. Consider the following statements about rights:

1. Natural Rights are rights that are endowed to human beings before state came into existence.
2. Fundamental rights are all the rights that Indian Constitution endow on citizens.

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

11. With respect to the "Government of India Act, 1858", consider the following statements:

1. It abolished the East India Company and transferred the powers of the Government, territories and revenues to the British Crown.
2. It initiated the process of decentralization by restoring the legislative powers to the Bombay and Madras Presidencies.
3. It ended the system of 'Double Government', by abolishing the Board of Control and Court of Directors.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. Consider the following statements the Charter Act, 1813:

1. It asserted the sovereignty of the British Crown over the Company's territories in India.
2. It allowed the Christian missionaries to come to India for the purpose of

enlightening the people.

3. It authorised the Local Governments in India to impose taxes on persons.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 13. Consider the following pairs regarding the Interim Government, 1946:**

S.N.	Member	Portfolio Held
1.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	Information and Broadcasting
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru	External Affairs
3.	Liaquat Ali Khan	Commerce

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

- 14. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. For the first time, the idea of a Constituent Assembly for India was put forward by M.N. Roy in 1934.
- 2. In 1935, the Indian National Congress (INC), for the first time, officially demanded a Constituent Assembly to frame the Constitution of India.
- 3. The demand for the Constituent Assembly was finally accepted in principle by the British Government in the Cripps Mission, 1942.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 15. With respect to the “Objectives Resolution”, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It was moved by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in 1946.
- 2. Its modified version forms the Preamble to the present Constitution.

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

- 16. The Rule of Law and constitutionalism incorporate which of the following?**

- 1. Limited government
- 2. Absence of arbitrariness
- 3. Restraining freedom of the citizens
- 4. Independent Judiciary

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 17. Which of the following Directive**

Principles of State Policy ensure “Social Justice”?

- 1. State to secure a social order for the promotion of the welfare of the people.
- 2. Providing Uniform Civil Code for the citizens.
- 3. Promotion of educational and economic interests of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections.
- 4. Separation of judiciary from executive.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. The phrase 'Union of States' in Article 1 of the Indian Constitution highlights which of the following?

- 1. Indian polity is the result of an agreement among the states.
- 2. States in India have no right to secede.

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

19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. In the original Constitution of 1950, all the States were given equal powers.
- 2. The concept of Union Territories was there in the original Constitution of 1950.

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

20. Consider the following statements about Democracy:

- 1. In direct democracy, citizens directly participate in their decision making.
- 2. In representative democracy, elected representatives participate in decision making.
- 3. Substantive democracy focuses on elections in a democracy.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. H.V.R. Iyengar was appointed as the constitutional advisor to the Constituent Assembly.
- 2. Elephant was adopted as the symbol of the Constituent Assembly.

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

22. Consider the following statements about Indian Councils Act of 1861:

- 1. It initiated the process of decentralisation by restoring the legislative powers to the Bombay and Madras Presidencies.
- 2. It gave recognition to the 'portfolio' system.
- 3. It empowered the Viceroy to issue ordinances, without the concurrence of the legislative council, during an emergency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements about citizenship by Naturalization :

- 1. For a person to be eligible for citizenship by Naturalization, he has to reside or be in service of the Government of India for a period of at least 11 years.
- 2. The requirements for citizenship by Naturalization has been relaxed by the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
- 3. Stateless people cannot get Citizenship by Naturalization in India.

Which of the following statements given above are correct ?

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

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

24. Which of the following Act provided for the establishment of a public service commission ?

- (a) Indian Councils Act, 1861
- (b) Indian Councils Act, 1892
- (c) The Government of India Act, 1909
- (d) The Government of India Act, 1919

25. Consider the following statements about the Pitt's India Act of 1784:

1. The Company's territories in India were, for the first time, called the 'British possessions in India'.
2. The British Government was given the supreme control over the Company's affairs and its administration in 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

26. Consider the following statements about the Fundamental Rights of the Indian Constitution:

1. All of them are available against the arbitrary action of the state, but are not available against the action of private individuals.
2. They are not absolute but qualified.
3. They are justiciable.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Which of the following comes/come within the meaning of the 'State', under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution?

1. Legislature of the States
2. Panchayats
3. Life Insurance Corporation of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

28. Which of the following statements is/are correct in the context of the Indian polity?

1. Before the 42nd Constitutional Amendment, 1976 no duties for the citizens existed.
2. Non-performance of duties by the citizens is not punishable by law.

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

29. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution?

1. There is no restriction on the Parliament to enforce them legally.
2. These Duties include the civic duties of the citizens.

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

30. Which of the following Fundamental Duties has/have been enshrined in Part IVA of the Indian Constitution?

1. To promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood.
2. To preserve secular character of the society.
3. To make use of Universal Adult Franchise.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

31. Consider the following pairs:

S.N.	Category of the Fundamental Rights	Consists of
1.	Right to equality	Articles 14–18
2.	Right to freedom	Articles 19–22
3.	Right against exploitation	Articles 23–25

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

32. The 'Doctrine of Eclipse' is related to which of the following?

- (a) Fundamental Duties
- (b) Fundamental Rights
- (c) Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)
- (d) None of the above.

33. Which of the following Fundamental Rights is/are available to both the citizens and the foreigners?

- 1. Equality before law and equal protection of laws.
- 2. Equality of opportunity in the matters of public employment.
- 3. Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

34. Which of the following are the elements of Basic Structure?

- 1. Separation of powers between the legislature, the executive and the judiciary
- 2. Principle of equality
- 3. Secular character of the Constitution
- 4. Judicial review

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

35. Which of the following statements is/are correctly related to 'Doctrine of Harmonious Construction'?

- 1. The doctrine aims to save a part of a statute, when some section of statute has been found void by the Supreme Court.
- 2. The doctrine has been invoked to create a balance between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.

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

36. With respect to the "Seventy-Fourth Amendment Act, 1992", consider the following statements:

- 1. It added a new Part IX-A, entitled as "the Municipalities" and the Twelfth Schedule to grant constitutional status and protection to the urban local bodies.
- 2. According to the Amendment, the Parliament will provide the manner of election of the Chairperson of a Municipality.

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

37. With respect to the "One Hundred and

Third Amendment Act, 2019”, consider the following statements:

1. It conferred a constitutional status on the National Commission for Backward Classes, which was set-up in 1993 by an Act of the Parliament.
2. It provides for 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions for the economically weaker section in the unreserved category.

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

38. With respect to the features of the Directive Principles of State Policy, consider the following statements:

1. These are the constitutional instructions or recommendations to the State in legislative, executive and administrative matters.
2. They resemble the ‘Instrument of Instructions’ enumerated in the Government of India Act of 1935.
3. They are legally enforceable by the courts for their violation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. Which of the following Directive Principles will fall under the classification of the Gandhian Directive Principles?

1. To promote voluntary formation, autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of the co-operative societies.
2. To organize agriculture and animal

husbandry on modern and scientific lines.

3. To organize village Panchayats and endow them with necessary powers and authority to enable them to function as units of self-government.

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

40. Which of the following provisions of the Indian Constitution can be amended by the Special Majority of the Parliament?

1. Fundamental Rights
2. Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Election of the President and its manner
4. Distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the states

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. The term ‘untouchability’ has been defined in the Constitution.
2. The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, defines civil right as any right accruing to a person by reason of the abolition of untouchability by Article 17 of the Constitution.

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

42. Freedom of speech and expression includes which of the following?

1. Right against tapping of telephonic conversation.
2. Right against bundh called by a political party.
3. Freedom of silence.
4. Right to know about the government activities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

43. With reference to the federalism in India and USA, which of the following is/are correct?

1. India follows a single citizenship while USA has dual citizenship.
2. Both in India and the USA, the residuary powers to make laws lies with the Union legislature.

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

44. Consider the following statement:

A Constitutional Government is one which

1. Places effective restrictions on individual liberty in the interest of State Authority.
2. Places effective restrictions on the Authority of the State in the interest of individual liberty.

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

45. Consider the following statements with reference to the "procedure established by law" and "due process of law"?

1. Doctrine of 'Due process of law' checks for procedural correctness of law only.
2. Doctrine of 'Procedure Established by Law' checks both the procedural correctness as well as fairness of a law.

3. American Constitution provides for 'procedure established by law' against that of 'due process of law' contained in the Indian Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/ are incorrect?

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

46. With reference to Indian form of secularism, consider the following statements:

1. Indian secularism deals only with religious freedom of individual and not of community.
2. Indian secularism allows the state-supported religious reform.
3. Indian secularism focuses on both inter and intra religious equality.
4. Under Indian secularism the state cannot aid any religious institution.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

47. Which of the following functions are served by the Constitution of India?

1. It serves as guide to the state to institute laws and policies to reduce poverty.
2. It provides a set of basic rules for coordination amongst members of a society.
3. It helps judiciary to decide the legality of the laws framed by the legislatures.
4. It helps in ensuring that people with good morals and values reach to power.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

48. Consider the following statements.

1. The Constitution of India guarantees freedom to carry out any occupation, trade or business

with reasonable restrictions in the interests of the general public.

2. The Constitution was amended to allow reservation in private educational institutions and private sector jobs for socially and educationally backward classes and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

3. In the Indra Sawhney case in 1992, the Supreme Court capped reservations in public services at 50%, with exceptions at extraordinary situations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

49. With respect to the "Right to be forgotten", consider the following statements:

1. It allows a person to seek deletion of private information from the internet.

2. There is no law in India that specifically provides for the Right to be forgotten.

3. The Right to be forgotten and the Right to privacy were declared a Fundamental Right by the Supreme Court in the Puttaswamy judgment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. Which of the following statements best defines the true meaning of 'democratic government'?

- a) A government formed through direct elections.
- b) A government where the head of state is elected by the people.
- c) A government which explains its actions and defends its decisions to the people.
- d) A government governing the citizens through a written constitution.

51. Clofazimine, recently seen in the news, is related to which of the following diseases?

- (a) Diabetes
- (b) Malaria
- (c) Dementia
- (d) Leprosy

52. Financial Stability Report is released by:

- A. RBI
- B. World Bank
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. None of the above

53. Consider the following statements regarding freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju:

- 1. He was a political activist who founded the Bombay Presidency Association .
- 2. He led the famous "Rampa Rebellion" or Manyam Rebellion in Madras Presidency.
- 3. He took leadership of the Civil Disobedience Movement from south India .

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following regarding the Large Hadron Collider (LHC):

1. It is a giant, complex machine built to study particles that are the smallest known building blocks of all things.

2. The Compact Muon Solenoid is the largest general-purpose particle detector experiment at the LHC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following statements regarding Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII)

1. It is an initiative by ASEAN nations.

2. It is an infrastructure development project to counter to China's 'Belt and Road Initiative'.

3. Under this, aid will be provided to underdeveloped countries to develop critical infrastructure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. In India, Internal Debt comprises

- 1. Loans raised in the open market

- Treasury bills issued to State Governments and Commercial Banks.
- Non-interest bearing rupee securities issued to International Financial Institutions.

Select the correct answer code:

- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

57. Consider the following statements about Sunflower:

- It is a photo-insensitive crop and is not affected with the season.
- Karnataka is the largest producer of Sunflower in India.
- Russia and Ukraine are the largest producers of Sunflower in the world.
- The production of Sunflower has fallen by more than 70% in India in the last 10 years.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 2, 3 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

58. Consider the following statements.

- Low-pressure zones tend to draw air toward them.
- Changes in the jet stream can increase the frequency and intensity of heat waves in Europe.
- As the Arctic warms at a faster rate, the temperature differential between it and the equator increases.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

59. With reference to the Athelia rolfsii, consider the following statements:

- It is perhaps the first time that fruit rot caused by the fungus Athelia rolfsii is being reported in jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*) in India.
- A soil-borne fungal pathogen, Athelia rolfsii is a major threat to several crops.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only

- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

60. With reference to the All India Institute of Ayurveda, consider the following statements:

- It is an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- It aims at bringing synergy between the traditional wisdom of Ayurveda and modern tools and technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

61. Consider the following statements regarding Non fungible tokens (NFTs) sometimes seen in news.

- A non-fungible token (NFT) is an interchangeable unit of data.
- NFT works on blockchain.
- Anything that can be converted into a digital form can be an NFT.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 2, 3
- 1, 3
- 1, 2, 3

62. Which of the following statement/s are correct regarding critical minerals?

- Australia is the largest producer of cobalt.
- Critical minerals are used in electric vehicle (EV) batteries

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- 1 Only
- 2 Only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

63. Recently seen in the news, Verstehen is related to:

- A type of cookie that can infect computers with malware or viruses.
- A mission of NASA for human exploration of the planet Mars.
- Sociological concept that tells about the rationale behind human action.
- A part of the gene which controls the traits of the living being.

- 64. With reference to Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act' (CAATSA), consider the following statements:**
1. It was passed by a Republican-controlled U.S. Congress in July 2017.
 2. It is meant to punish countries having deep engagements with Russia, North Korea, and China using economic sanctions

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

- 65. Consider the following statements**

1. India's Forex reserves have been on an increasing trend in the last decade.
2. The country which has the highest forex reserves in the world is the US.
3. Gold, Special drawing rights from the IMF, Reserve Tranche Position are part of Forex reserves.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

- 66. Which of the following are the possible impacts of the Sri Lankan economic crisis in India?**

1. Reduction in India's exports
2. Stress on India's southern port
3. Migration of Sri Lankans in India
4. Reduction in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) sales in India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 67. Consider the following statements regarding Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020:**

1. It will apply to factories where manufacturing activity is carried out and employs more than 20 workers.
2. Recognition is also given to transgender rights through this code.

3. It allows women to work in all establishments except at hazardous factories.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 68. Which among the following agencies are associated with development of the James Webb Space Telescope?**

1. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
2. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
3. European Space Agency (ESA)
4. Canadian Space Agency (CSA)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 69. With reference to Red Pandas, consider the following statements:**

1. They live in high-altitude forests of India and China only .
2. They are currently listed as Vulnerable species by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

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

- 70. Consider the following statements regarding Global Gender Gap Index, 2022:**

1. It is published by UN's Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE).
2. India's score is above the global average in Political Empowerment dimension.
3. India is ranked the last among all the countries in Health and Survival dimension.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 71. With reference to Gravitational Lensing, consider**

the following statements:

1. It is an effect of Stephen Hawking's Theory.
2. The phenomenon occurs when a huge amount of matter creates a gravitational field that distorts and magnifies the light from objects behind it.

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

72. With reference to Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, consider the following statements

1. It is implemented by states with 100% central assistance.
2. There is a provision of direct benefit transfer in the scheme.
3. Nearly 80 percent of funds for the scheme has been used for advertising.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following statements:

1. Casual workers are engaged in non-farm enterprises and receive wages according to the terms of the daily work contract.
2. Contractual Workers are persons who are hired, supervised and remunerated by a contractor.

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

74. Which of the following is/are provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021?

1. It decreases the gestation period of women seeking abortion up from 24 weeks to 20 weeks.
2. It allows unmarried women to terminate a pregnancy in case of failure of the contraceptive method or device.

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

75. With reference to the 30×30 target, consider the following statements:

1. The 30×30 target implies protection of at least 30 % the of world's land and ocean by 2030.
2. High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People has been formed in 2021 to promote an international agreement on 30×30 target.
3. Recently, India officially joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People.

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

76. The Foreign exchange reserves of India consist of which of the following?

1. Foreign Currency Assets
2. Gold
3. SDR

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding Non fungible tokens (NFTs) sometimes seen in news.

1. A non-fungible token (NFT) is an interchangeable unit of data.
2. NFT works on blockchain.
3. Anything that can be converted into a digital form can be an NFT.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3.

78. With reference to the Flag Code of India, consider the following statements:

1. The government has amended the Flag Code of India to allow the tricolour to be displayed in the open and on individual houses or buildings through day and night.

2. The Flag Code of India was earlier amended on December 30, 2021, allowing the use of polyester, apart from cotton, wool, silk and khadi for making hand-spun, hand-woven and machine-made flags.

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

79. Consider the following statements.

1. Low-pressure zones tend to draw air toward them.
2. Changes in the jet stream can increase the frequency and intensity of heat waves in Europe.
3. As the Arctic warms at a faster rate, the temperature differential between it and the equator increases.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

80. With reference to the monkeypox, consider the following statements:

1. World Health Organization (WHO) has declared monkeypox a global health emergency.
2. The classification is the highest alert that the WHO can issue and follows a worldwide upsurge in cases.

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

81. With reference to the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022, consider the following statements:

1. The Bill seeks to give effect to the Antarctic Treaty, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, and the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.
2. The provisions of the Bill will apply to any person, vessel or aircraft that is a part of an Indian expedition to Antarctica under a permit issued under the Bill.

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

82. The multiple rocket launcher produced in India and developed by the Defence Research and Development

Organisation (DRDO) for the Indian Army is named as

- A. Pralay
- B. Pinaka
- C. Python
- D. Pratyush

83. India Innovation Index, 2022, recently seen in news, is published by:

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. World Bank
- C. WEF
- D. None of the above

84. Consider the following statements about Puri Jagannath Temple::

- 1) It is one of the most revered Shaivism sites of worship in India.
- 2) Its main shrine was built by Anantavarman of the Chodaganga dynasty in the tenth century.

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

85. With reference to the Mission Indradhanush and Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), consider the

following statements:

1. Mission Indradhanush was launched in 2017.
2. The ultimate goal of Mission Indradhanush is to ensure full immunization with all available vaccines for children up to two years of age and pregnant women.

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

86. With reference to the Mission Shakti Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes - Sambal and Samarthyaa.
2. The components of the Sambal sub-scheme do not consist of One Stop Centre.

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

87. With reference to the apex committee for Performance and Efficiency Audit, consider the following statements:

1. Defence Ministry has set up an apex committee with Defence Secretary as Chairman to conduct a Performance and Efficiency Audit into various aspects of its activities.
2. It is a major shift from the existing transaction-based compliance audit to carry out an outcome-based Performance and Efficiency Audit aimed at enhancing overall efficiency.

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

88. With reference to the mascot Jagriti, consider the following statements:

1. The Department of Consumer Affairs has launched "Jagriti", a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights.
2. Jagriti mascot shall be shown along with tagline "Jago Grahak Jago" in all its media campaigns.

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

89. Consider the following statements regarding Li-Fi Technology.

- 1) Li-Fi is a wireless technology that makes use of High frequency radio waves to transmit data at terabits per second speeds.
- 2) Li-Fi can work underwater, where Wi-Fi fails completely.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 only

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

90. With reference to the heritage trees, consider the following statements:

1. In Chandigarh, a tree with an estimated age of 100 years, or more, is declared a 'heritage property'.
2. The age of Chandigarh's heritage trees are based on old maps and records.

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

91. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Subsidiary Alliance System?

1. It was introduced by the British for the first time in India.
2. The Subsidiary Treaty Negotiation provided for non-interference by the East India Company in the internal affairs of the Subsidiary State.
3. Europeans could be employed by a Subsidiary State only after consultation with the Company.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

92. Which of the following statements are correct about the Maratha administration?

1. The Peshwa's secretariat at Poona, called the Huzur Daftar, was the focus of the Maratha administration.
2. The big provinces of Khandesh, Gujarat and Carnatic were under the officers known as the

Sarsubahdars.

3. The Mamlatdar and the Kamavisdar were the representatives of the Peshwain the district.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

93. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the "Doctrine of Lapse"?

- 1. It was invented and applied by Lord Dalhousie to the Indian states.
- 2. The adopted son had the right to succeed the personal property of the chieftain.
- 3. It was not applicable to those states which were not tributary, and which were not and never had been subordinate to a paramount power.

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

94. Consider the following statements about

Tipu Sultan:

- 1. Tipu Sultan became a member of Jacobian Club.
- 2. He attempted to reduce the hereditary possessions of the poligars.
- 3. He tried to promote trade with Russia and Arabia by setting up state trading institutions in the port towns.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- (d) 1, 2 and 3

95. Who among the following is/are associated with the Permanent Settlement System in India?

- 1. John Shore
- 2. James Grant
- 3. Thomas Monroe

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

96. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Annexation of Mahe by the British.
- 2. Failure of the British to fulfill the terms of the Defensive Treaty with Haider, when he was attacked by the Marathas.
- 3. Haider Ali formed a grand alliance with the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Marathas against the British.

Which of the above are considered the reasons for the Second Anglo-Mysore War?

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

97. The Treaty of Yandaboo (1826) was signed by the British with which of the following?

- a) Tibet
- b) Nepal
- c) Burma
- d) Afghans

98. Cartaz System was a sea-pass in the Indian Ocean region including Bay of Bengal in the early sixteenth century. The cartaz entitled its holder freedom of movement in the Indian Ocean. It was introduced by-

- (a) English
- (b) Dutch

- (c) Portuguese
- (d) French

99. Which of the following are correct about the

Battle of Buxar ?

1. Buxar confirmed the decision of Plassey.
2. Now English power in Northern India became unchallengeable.
3. After the battle, the British faced the Afgans & the Marathas as serious rivals in the final struggle for the Empire of Hindustan.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

100. Which of the following is/are correct about

Battle of Wandiwash ?

1. The Battle of Wandiwash was a battle between the French & the British in 1760.
2. The Battle was the part of 3rd Carnatic War.

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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