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Q1. With reference to the restoration of statehood to Jammu & Kashmir, consider the following statements:

1. The Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 bifurcated the State into two Union Territories.
2. Parliament has the power to convert a Union Territory into a State under Article 3 of the Constitution.
3. Once a State is converted into a Union Territory, it cannot be restored to statehood.

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

Q2. With reference to Cloudbursts in India, consider the following statements:

1. A cloudburst is defined purely on the basis of the intensity of rainfall, not its duration or spatial extent.
2. Cloudbursts are most common in orographic regions where warm moist monsoon winds suddenly rise.
3. IMD defines a cloudburst event as rainfall exceeding 100 mm within an hour over an area of 20–30 sq. km.
4. Cloudbursts can occur only in the Himalayan region of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Q3. With reference to India-China border relations in 2025, consider the following statements:

1. An expert group was established in 2025 to explore early harvest solutions for boundary delimitation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
2. The trade deficit between India and China reached \$85 billion in 2024.
3. The LAC spans approximately 3,488 kilometers across regions including Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

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

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):

1. The SCO was initially formed as the Shanghai Five in 1996 with China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.
2. The headquarters of the SCO Secretariat is in Beijing, while the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is in Tashkent.
3. India and Pakistan became full members of the SCO in 2017.
4. All SCO members are also members of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q5. With reference to India's crude oil imports from Russia, consider the following statements:

1. Russia became India's largest supplier of crude oil after 2022.
2. India pays for Russian crude entirely in rupees under a bilateral rupee-ruble arrangement.
3. Indian refiners import Russian crude mainly because it is lighter and sweeter than Middle Eastern oil.
4. Discounted Russian crude has helped India save billions of dollars in its oil import bill.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q6. Which of the following factors make Afghanistan highly vulnerable to earthquakes?

1. Convergence of Indian and Eurasian plates
2. Existence of major fault lines such as the Chaman fault
3. Predominance of mud-brick housing construction
4. High population density and urbanisation similar to East Asia

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Q7. Which of the following factors influence whether a river remains single-threaded or becomes multi-threaded (braided)?

1. Sediment load
2. Vegetation cover
3. Flow instability
4. Presence of dams

Select the correct answer:

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

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding India-US relations:

1. India and the US conduct a joint military exercise called "Yudh Abhyas".
2. India is a member of the US-led NATO alliance.
3. The US is India's largest trading partner in goods and services.

4. The “Lemoa” agreement signed between India and the US relates to logistics and military base access.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q9. With reference to the RTE Act, 2009, consider the following:

1. It mandates 25% reservation in all private unaided schools for children from disadvantaged groups.
2. Minority educational institutions are fully exempt from its provisions.
3. It applies to children in the age group of 6–14 years.

Which of the statements are correct?

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

Q10. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding India’s semiconductor sector?

1. India contributes around 20% of the global chip design workforce.
2. Lithography machines required for chip-making are primarily manufactured in India.
3. The India Semiconductor Mission is a part of the Digital India programme.

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

Q11. Consider the following statements regarding cancer prevalence in India:

1. North-East India reports the highest incidence of stomach and oesophageal cancers in the country.
2. Punjab and Haryana show high prevalence of breast cancer and cervical cancer due to dietary and lifestyle factors.
3. Tobacco-related cancers constitute more than 40% of the total cancer burden in India.

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

Q12. With reference to Theatre Commands in India, consider the following statements:

1. Theatre commands integrate Army, Navy, and Air Force assets under a single commander for a specific geographical region.
2. India currently has no tri-service command in operation.

3. The Strategic Forces Command (SFC), which manages India's nuclear arsenal, is an existing tri-service command.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q13. With reference to the reservation policy in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution originally provided reservations only for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
2. The Indra Sawhney judgment (1992) upheld the OBC quota and introduced the concept of creamy layer.
3. The Supreme Court in the Maratha Quota case (2021) permitted States to breach the 50% ceiling on reservations.

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

Q14. With reference to the semiconductor industry, consider the following statements:

1. The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) was launched in 2021 to develop a sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystem in the country.
2. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) accounts for nearly 60% of the world's semiconductor fabrication.
3. Semiconductors are primarily made from silicon, which is the second most abundant element in the Earth's crust.

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

Q15. With reference to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), consider the following statements:

1. NIRF was launched by the Ministry of Education in 2015 to rank higher educational institutions in India.
2. The framework uses five parameters: Teaching, Learning & Resources; Research & Professional Practice; Graduation Outcomes; Outreach & Inclusivity; and Perception.
3. NIRF rankings cover only Central Universities and Institutes of National Importance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q16. Consider the following statements regarding the misuse of antibiotics in India:

1. Antibiotic misuse can disrupt the gut–brain axis, contributing to mental health disorders.
2. India is among the top global consumers of antibiotics, with widespread over-the-counter sales.
3. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is recognized as a major public health challenge in India.

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

Q17. Consider the following statements regarding the Foreigners Act, 2025:

1. The Act consolidates four earlier legislations including the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 and the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000.
2. Tibetan refugees who entered India after 2003 are eligible for automatic exemption under the Act.
3. The Act introduces a graduated penalty system with fines ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹35,000 for violations such as visa overstays or illegal entry.
4. All foreigners are required to register within 30 days of arrival, without exception.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q18. Consider the following statements regarding the WHO Mental Health Report 2024:

1. In 2021, around 14% of the global population was estimated to be living with a mental disorder.
2. Anxiety and depressive disorders together account for more than two-thirds of all mental health conditions.
3. The UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) calls for a one-third reduction in global suicide mortality by 2030.
4. Dementia is most prevalent among younger adults (20–29 years).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q19. Consider the following factors behind the 2025 Punjab floods:

1. Breaches in embankments and poor maintenance of canal/drainage systems
2. Unregulated construction and urban expansion in floodplains
3. Climate change–induced erratic and extreme rainfall patterns
4. Over-dependence on groundwater recharge structures like ponds and check dams

Which of the above were major contributors to the disaster?

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

Q20. Consider the following statements about India's urbanisation and climate-resilient cities:

1. By 2050, India's urban population is projected to reach nearly 900 million.
2. More than half of India's housing stock needed by 2070 is yet to be built.
3. Nearly 20% of India's road network is directly exposed to flood risk every year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q21. With reference to India's foreign capital inflows, consider the following statements:

1. Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPI) are considered more volatile compared to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
2. In 2024–25, External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) recorded higher net inflows than Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during April–June.
3. Non-Resident Indian (NRI) deposits are part of India's current account in the Balance of Payments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q22. Consider the following statements about Nilgiris Tea:

1. Nilgiris Tea has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
2. INDCOSERVE is India's largest tea cooperative federation based in Tamil Nadu.
3. TANTEA is a private association of tea planters in the Nilgiris.

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

Q23. Consider the following statements regarding Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR):

1. MMR is defined as the number of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births.
2. India's MMR has already achieved the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of below 70 per 1,00,000 live births.

3. Post-partum hemorrhage and high blood pressure are among the leading direct causes of maternal deaths in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q24. Consider the following statements regarding India–Iran relations:

1. The Chabahar Port developed by India in Iran is located on the Gulf of Oman.
2. The International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) connects India with Iran, Russia, and Europe.
3. Iran became a full member of BRICS in 2024.

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

Q25. Consider the following statements regarding Adaptive Learning in India:

1. It refers to the use of AI-driven software that adjusts content and pace according to individual student learning levels.
2. Andhra Pradesh recently piloted a Personalised Adaptive Learning (PAL) programme which showed learning gains of nearly two additional years of schooling.
3. Adaptive learning is included as a key component under the NIPUN Bharat Mission.

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

Q26. With reference to *Transhumanism*, consider the following statements:

1. It advocates using technology to overcome human biological limits.
2. It is associated with genetic engineering, AI, and regenerative medicine.
3. Posthumanism, a strand of it, seeks to preserve human uniqueness against machines.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q27. With reference to Rare Earth Elements (REEs), consider the following statements:

1. They are found only in very limited parts of the Earth's crust and are among the rarest naturally occurring minerals.
2. Neodymium and Dysprosium are used in manufacturing permanent magnets for electric vehicles and wind turbines.
3. In India, Monazite found in coastal sands is a major source of rare earths.

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

Q28. With reference to the Vice-President of India, consider the following statements:

1. He/she is elected by an Electoral College consisting of members of both Houses of Parliament, including nominated members.
2. The Vice-President can be removed by a resolution of the Rajya Sabha, passed by a simple majority, and agreed to by the Lok Sabha.
3. The Vice-President is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha but does not have a casting vote in case of a tie.

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

Q29. With reference to the Harappan Script, consider the following statements:

1. It has been fully deciphered, with most scholars agreeing on its Proto-Dravidian origin.
2. Estimates of the number of signs in the script vary widely, from around 60 to more than 600.
3. The script is found mainly on seals, terracotta tablets, and metals, often with pictograms and animal motifs.

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

Q30. With reference to the Himalayan Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos isabellinus*), consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest mammal found in the high-altitude Himalayan regions between 3,000–5,500 meters.
2. It is listed as *Endangered* under the IUCN Red List.
3. In India, it is found only in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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

Q31. With reference to the Nepal crisis, consider the following statements:

1. Nepal adopted its republican Constitution in 2008, immediately after the abolition of monarchy.
2. The Kalapani-Lipulekh-Limpiyadhura region is a border dispute area between India and Nepal.
3. Remittances constitute more than one-fourth of Nepal's GDP.

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

Q32. With reference to Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Naxalite movement originated in Andhra Pradesh in 1967.
2. The "SAMADHAN" doctrine adopted by the Government of India combines both security and development measures.
3. The Forest Rights Act, 2006 is often considered relevant in addressing grievances of tribal communities affected by LWE.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q33. Consider the following statements about literacy in India:

1. According to Census 2011, literacy is defined as the ability to read, write, and perform basic arithmetic in any language.
2. The ULLAS programme aims to achieve universal literacy in India by 2030.
3. A State is declared 'fully literate' when it crosses the 95% literacy rate.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q34. Consider the following statements regarding the **Adi Sanskriti initiative:**

1. It was launched by the **Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs** in 2025.
2. It aims to create a digital platform for preserving and promoting tribal art, culture, and heritage.
3. Its components include **Adi Vishwavidyalaya, Adi Sampada, and Adi Haat**.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

- a) 1 and 2 only

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

Q35. Bandipur Tiger Reserve, part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, shares its borders with which of the following protected areas?

1. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary
2. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
3. Nagarhole Tiger Reserve
4. Periyar Tiger Reserve

Options:

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

Q36. The Shompen communities, affected by the Great Nicobar Project, are classified as:

- a) Scheduled Castes (SCs)
- b) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
- c) Scheduled Tribes (STs) under Sixth Schedule
- d) Denotified Tribes

Q37. Consider the following statements about the Indus Waters Treaty (1960):

1. The Treaty was brokered by the United Nations between India and Pakistan.
2. Under the Treaty, India got exclusive control over the three eastern rivers — Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej.
3. Pakistan received rights over the western rivers — Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab, with limited rights to India for non-consumptive uses.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q38. With reference to shipbuilding in India, consider the following statements:

1. India allows 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in shipbuilding under the automatic route.
2. The Shipbuilding Finance Assistance Scheme provides capital support to promote the sector.
3. The Shipbreaking Credit Note Scheme is meant to encourage recycling of ships.

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

Q39. Which of the following statements about Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (AME) is/are correct?

1. It is caused by *Naegleria fowleri*, a free-living amoeba.
2. Transmission occurs through direct person-to-person contact.
3. The amoeba enters the body through nasal passages and reaches the brain via the olfactory nerve.
4. Fatality rate is over 95% despite treatment.

Options:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 1, 3, and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q40. Consider the following statements about Vembanad Lake:

1. It is the longest lake in India and the largest in Kerala.
2. It is fed by the rivers Meenachil, Periyar, Pampa, and Manimala.
3. The lake hosts the famous Vallam Kali (Nehru Trophy Boat Race) every August.
4. It is recognized as a Ramsar Wetland and comes under the National Wetlands Conservation Programme.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 3, and 4 only
- C) 2 and 3 only
- D) All of the above

Q41. Consider the following statements regarding India–Mauritius ties:

1. India signed its first Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) with Mauritius in 2021.
2. India has supported Mauritius' sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago in line with its anti-colonial stance.
3. Mauritius is the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India.

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

Q42. With reference to the *Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025*, consider the following statements:

1. The Act completely prohibits the offering, advertising, or facilitation of online money games in India.
2. E-sports are recognized as a legitimate sport under the Act, to be promoted through guidelines framed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
3. The Act empowers the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the sole national regulator to categorize and register online games.

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

Q43. Consider the following statements regarding the idea of “Ease of Doing Science” in India:

1. It emphasizes not only increasing the number of scientists but also improving the quality of research and innovation ecosystems.
2. Focused Research Organisations (FROs) are proposed as a mechanism to drive sovereign capability in critical technologies.
3. Compensation for globally competitive researchers in India is already at par with international benchmarks.

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

Q44. Which of the following are classified as atomic minerals in India?

1. Uranium
2. Thorium
3. Monazite
4. Bauxite

Select the correct answer:

- A) 1, 2, 3
- B) 1, 2, 4
- C) 2, 3, 4
- D) 1, 3, 4

Q. Coal gasification is in news because it:

- A) Converts coal into liquid fuel only
- B) Produces syngas for power, fuels, and chemicals
- C) Is being banned due to environmental concerns
- D) Reduces coal reserves

Q45. With reference to the recent Manipur conflict, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The “Free Movement Regime” (FMR) allowed tribal communities to travel up to 16 km across the India–Myanmar border without a visa.
2. The “Suspension of Operations (SoO)” agreement is between the Government of India and insurgent groups in Manipur to maintain ceasefire conditions.
3. Manipur shares its international border with both Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Options:

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

Q46. Consider the following statements about case pendency in the Supreme Court of India (as of 2025):

1. The Supreme Court is functioning with its full sanctioned judicial strength of 34 judges.
2. The number of pending criminal cases in the Supreme Court is higher than civil cases.
3. In 2025 (till August), the Court disposed of nearly 88% of the total cases filed.

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

Q47. Consider the following statements regarding global plastic pollution:

1. According to OECD, nearly two-thirds of global plastic waste has a lifespan of less than 5 years.
2. Plastics contribute to global greenhouse gas emissions by releasing methane and CO₂ during their lifecycle.
3. UNEP has set an ambitious goal of reducing plastic waste by 80% within the next two decades.

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

Q48. Consider the following statements regarding *Katchatheevu Island* and the *Palk Strait*:

1. The Palk Strait connects the Palk Bay with the Arabian Sea.
2. Katchatheevu Island was ceded to Sri Lanka under the 1974 India–Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Agreement.
3. Indian fishermen have traditional rights to dry fishing nets and attend the St. Antony's Church festival on Katchatheevu.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q49. With reference to *Erra Matti Dibbalu*, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a unique red sand dune formation located in Andhra Pradesh.
2. It is estimated to be around 12,000 years old.
3. It has been declared a National Geo-heritage site and is included in UNESCO's Tentative List of Natural Heritage Sites.

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

Q50. With reference to Similipal Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It is part of the Deccan Peninsular biogeographic zone and lies in the Mahanadian Region.
2. The reserve harbours the only known population of wild melanistic tigers in the world.
3. The Mahanadi River originates from this reserve.
4. Its forests are a mix of sal, moist deciduous, and semi-evergreen types, supporting species like sambar, gaur, and mouse deer.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q51. Carlsberg Ridge is located between which tectonic plates?

- A. Indian Plate & Australian Plate
- B. Somali Plate & Indian Plate
- C. African Plate & Arabian Plate
- D. Indian Plate & Eurasian Plate

Q52. Consider the following statements regarding the "Pink Tax":

1. It is a government-imposed tax on goods and services targeted at women.
2. The term originated in the United States in the 1990s.
3. In India, there is no specific law prohibiting gender-based price discrimination, but NCDRC mandates fair pricing.

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

Q53. Consider the following statements about the Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*):

1. Koalas are marsupials native to Australia and are primarily folivorous.
2. Their closest living relatives are wombats.
3. Koalas are currently classified as Endangered by the IUCN.
4. They possess two opposing thumbs on their paws to aid in climbing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q54. Consider the following statements about the Ho tribe:

1. They are an Austroasiatic Munda ethnic group primarily found in the Kolhan region of Jharkhand.
2. The traditional Manki–Munda system deals with socio-political disputes and revenue collection.
3. Most Ho people follow Sarnaism, and sacred groves play an important role in their religious practices.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q55. Which of the following statements about Sabarimala Temple is/are correct?

1. It is located within the Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala.
2. The temple is dedicated to Lord Ayyappa, also known as Hariharaputra.
3. The Pamba River, a tributary of the Periyar, flows adjacent to the temple.

Options:

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

Q56. Consider the following statements regarding the Raj Gonds:

1. They are a sub-group of Gonds, one of the largest tribal groups in India.
2. Gondi language spoken by them belongs to the Dravidian family and is mostly unwritten.
3. Their staple diet includes millets like *kodo* and *kutki*.
4. They are classified as a Scheduled Caste in central India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q57. The Almatti Dam, which is part of the Upper Krishna Project, is built across which river, and what is its primary purpose?

- a) Godavari River – Hydroelectric Power
- b) Krishna River – Irrigation
- c) Cauvery River – Flood Control
- d) Narmada River – Drinking Water Supply

Q58. Which of the following statements about the Khajuraho Temples is/are correct?

1. They were constructed by the Chandela Dynasty between 950–1050 AD.

2. They are built in the Dravidian style of architecture.
3. They are located on the banks of the Ken River in Madhya Pradesh.
4. Both Hindu and Jain temples are present within the complex.

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

Q59. Which of the following statements about Sarnath is/are correct?

1. It is the site of Buddha's first sermon, marking the start of the Buddhist Sangha.
2. The Ashokan Pillar at Sarnath, with the Lion Capital, is the inspiration for India's National Emblem.
3. The Dhamek Stupa was built by Emperor Ashoka to commemorate Buddha's enlightenment.
4. Sarnath flourished as a center of Buddhist art during the Gupta period.

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

Q60. Consider the following statements regarding Periyar Tiger Reserve:

1. It harbors tropical evergreen, semi-evergreen, and moist deciduous forests.
2. The Periyar and Pamba rivers drain the reserve.
3. Nilgiri Tahr is the flagship species of the reserve.
4. Bamboo is one of the important flora species found here.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

- A) 1, 2, and 4 only
- B) 1, 2, and 3 only
- C) 2, 3, and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q61. Consider the following statements about Kuno National Park:

1. It is located in the Vindhyan Hills of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Kuno River flows through the park.
3. It is the site of India's Asiatic Lion Reintroduction Project (currently implemented).
4. African Cheetahs were reintroduced here in 2022.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

- A) 1, 2, and 4 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q62. Which of the following statements about Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary are correct?

1. It is located in northwestern Madhya Pradesh, bordering Rajasthan.
2. The sanctuary is bifurcated by the Chambal River and houses Gandhi Sagar Dam.
3. Its ecosystem resembles Kenya's Maasai Mara, making it suitable for cheetahs.
4. It forms part of the metapopulation strategy for 60–70 cheetahs across the Kuno–Gandhi Sagar landscape.

Options:

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

Q63. Consider the following statements regarding Asiatic and African Cheetahs:

1. The Asiatic Cheetah is critically endangered and currently survives only in Iran.
2. The African Cheetah is vulnerable and has a broader prey base across diverse habitats.
3. Asiatic Cheetah has larger and sturdier legs compared to the African Cheetah.
4. India has reintroduced African Cheetahs under Project Cheetah.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

- A) 1, 2, and 4 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 2, 3, and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q64. Which of the following statements about the Frontier 50 Initiative are correct?

1. Launched by NITI Aayog under Frontier Tech Hub.
2. Deploys frontier technologies across 50 Aspirational Districts/Blocks.
3. Frontier Tech Repository focuses exclusively on Agriculture and Healthcare.
4. Frontier Tech Hub evaluates AI, quantum, and biotech for Viksit Bharat@2047.

Options:

- A) 2 and 3 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 1, 2, and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q65. Consider the following statements about Fentanyl:

1. Fentanyl is a naturally occurring opioid derived from the poppy plant.
2. It is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine.
3. In India, its production and use are regulated under the NDPS Act.

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

Q66. Which of the following statements about Lothal are correct?

1. Lothal was an important port city of the Indus Valley Civilisation.
2. It is located in Rajasthan near the Aravalli hills.
3. The site is famous for bead-making, seals, and shell objects.
4. The National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is being developed there to showcase India's maritime legacy.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q67. Consider the following statements about the Moran community of Assam:

1. The Morans had an independent kingdom at Bengmara, present-day Tinsukia, before the advent of the Ahoms.
2. Their original language belongs to the Indo-Aryan linguistic family.
3. The community initially followed Shakta tradition and later adopted the Vaishnava Moamoria sect.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q68. Consider the following statements about Hathei Chilli (Sirarakhong Chilli):

1. It is grown in Sirarakhong village, Manipur, under the jhum cultivation system.
2. The chilli received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2021.
3. It is naturally found across the entire North-East India.
4. It has a very high ASTA colour value and is rich in antioxidants, calcium, and Vitamin C.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q69. Consider the following statements regarding Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD):

1. HFMD primarily affects children under 5 years and is caused by a virus.
2. It is the same as foot-and-mouth disease that affects cattle, sheep, and swine.
3. The disease spreads through saliva, mucus, feces, or fluid from blisters.
4. There is no specific vaccine for HFMD; treatment is generally supportive.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 3 and 4 only

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

Q70. Javari Temple, recently in news due to its headless Vishnu idol, is known for which of the following?

1. It is part of the Khajuraho Group of Monuments in Madhya Pradesh.
2. It was built during the Chandella dynasty around 1075–1100 AD.
3. It is built in the Dravidian style of temple architecture.
4. It contains erotic sculptures along with depictions of Hindu deities.

Select the correct answer:

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

Q71. Consider the following statements regarding Aflatoxins:

1. They are produced by *Aspergillus* fungi, mainly *A. flavus* and *A. parasiticus*.
2. They can contaminate crops both before and after harvest.
3. Aflatoxins are only harmful to humans, not to animals.
4. Groundnuts, maize, and rice are commonly affected by aflatoxin contamination.

Select the correct answer:

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

Q72. Consider the following statements about the NE-SPARKS Programme:

1. It aims to promote space science awareness among students of North Eastern states.
2. Students get exposure visits to ISRO Centres to learn about space technology.
3. The programme is funded entirely by the Ministry of Science & Technology.

Select the correct answer:

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

Q73. Which of the following statements about the Kurmi community is/are correct?

1. They are traditionally an agrarian caste found mainly in the lower Gangetic plains.
2. Kurmis are classified as Scheduled Tribes across all states of India.
3. Historically, their work ethic and farming practices were praised by both Mughal and British administrators.

Select the correct answer:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1 and 3 only

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

Q74. Consider the following statements about the Global Innovation Index (GII):

1. It is published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
2. India ranked 38th in GII 2025, showing significant improvement from 2015.
3. Switzerland has been consistently among the top five innovators since the inception of GII.

Select the correct answer:

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

Q75. Consider the following statements about Bagram Air Base:

1. It is the largest airbase in Afghanistan, located north of Kabul.
2. It was originally built by the United States during the Cold War.
3. It served as a key hub for air operations during the US-led war against the Taliban and Al Qaeda.
4. The US formally vacated Bagram Air Base in 2021, ending a 20-year military presence in Afghanistan.

Which of the above statements are correct?

Options:

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
B. 1, 3, and 4 only
C. 2, 3, and 4 only
D. All of the above

Q76. Consider the following statements about the Baltic Sea:

1. It is a semi-enclosed inland sea of the Atlantic Ocean, separating the Scandinavian Peninsula from continental Europe.
2. The Kiel Canal connects the Baltic Sea to the North Sea.
3. The Neva is the largest river that drains into the Baltic Sea.
4. The Baltic Sea has high salinity due to limited freshwater inflow from surrounding rivers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 4 only
D. All of the above

Q77. Consider the following statements about the Sawalkote Hydropower Project:

1. It is a 2,185 MW run-of-the-river project on the Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir.
2. The project was first conceptualised in the 1980s but was stalled due to the Indus Waters Treaty.
3. It features a 192.5-metre roller-compacted concrete gravity dam and is expected to generate ~7,000 million units annually.

4. The project is being implemented by the Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) without any involvement of central public sector units.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Q78. Consider the following statements about *Lactifluus khasianus*:

- 1. It is a newly discovered edible mushroom species found in East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.
- 2. It grows in association with Khasi pine (*Pinus kesiya*) at altitudes around 1,600 metres.
- 3. It is locally known as "Tit iongnah" among Khasi tribal communities.
- 4. It is the first confirmed species of the *Lactifluus* genus in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Q79. Consider the following statements about Mozambique:

- 1. It is located in Southern Africa with a coastline on the Indian Ocean and separated from Madagascar by the Mozambique Channel.
- 2. The Zambezi is the largest river flowing through Mozambique, and Lake Malawi (Nyasa) is its major lake.
- 3. Its capital is Matola, while the largest city is Maputo.
- 4. The country is rich in natural resources, including coal, natural gas, hydropower, and potential oil.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

- A. 1, 2, and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Q80. Which of the following statements about the Bonnet Macaque (*Macaca radiata*) is/are correct?

- 1. It is primarily found in northern India and the Himalayas.
- 2. It lives in multi-male, multi-female groups and exhibits both arboreal and terrestrial behaviour.
- 3. Its diet includes fruits, leaves, insects, and occasionally bird eggs.
- 4. It is classified as Vulnerable by the IUCN.

Select the correct answer:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2, 3, and 4 only

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

Q81. Consider the following statements about the Fishing Cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*):

1. It is primarily found in mangroves, swamps, and wetlands of South and Southeast Asia.
2. It is strictly a freshwater species and cannot tolerate saltwater habitats.
3. It is classified as 'Vulnerable' under the IUCN Red List.
4. It is the state animal of West Bengal.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

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

Q82. Consider the following statements about Barren Island:

1. It is the only active volcano in the Indian subcontinent.
2. It is located in the Bay of Bengal, about 138 km southwest of Port Blair.
3. It is a stratovolcano composed of lava, rocks, and volcanic ash.
4. The island lies above the subduction zone of the Indian and Burmese plates.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

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

Q83. Consider the following statements about Project Vijayak of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO):

1. It was launched in 2010 to provide road connectivity in Kargil and Zaskar regions.
2. It manages the Zojila–Kargil–Leh and Nimmu–Padam–Darcha axes.
3. The project primarily focuses on railway infrastructure development in Ladakh.
4. Welfare measures include insulated shelters, winter clothing, and health camps for workers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

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

Q84. Consider the following statements about the National Archives of India (NAI):

1. It was originally established as the Imperial Record Department in Kolkata in 1891.
2. It is the nodal agency for implementing the Public Records Act, 1993 and Public Records Rules, 1997.
3. NAI keeps classified government documents along with historical records.

4. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, with a regional office in Bhopal and record centers at Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, and Puducherry.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Options:

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

Q85. Consider the following statements about the Indian Rock Python (*Python molurus*):

1. It is a venomous snake found in India and Southeast Asia.
2. It is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. It kills its prey primarily by constriction.
4. Its habitat includes grasslands, forests, swamps, and river valleys.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1, 2, and 3
- B) 2, 3, and 4
- C) 1 and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q86. Which of the following statements about Betla National Park is/are correct?

1. It is located in Jharkhand and forms part of the Palamau Tiger Reserve.
2. The Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary is located within its boundaries.
3. It is known for tropical wet evergreen, alpine, and mixed deciduous forests.
4. The Ganges River flows through the park.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2, 3, and 4 only
- C) 1, 2, and 3 only
- D) All of the above

Q87. Consider the following statements regarding *Impatiens selvasinghii*:

1. It is a newly discovered flowering plant from the Kudremukh range of the Western Ghats.
2. It is named after a renowned Indian ecologist.
3. The genus *Impatiens* has over 280 taxa in India, with a significant proportion endemic to the Western Ghats.
4. Small insects are dependent on this plant for pollination.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 3 only
- B) 1, 3, and 4 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q88. Consider the following statements about the Adi Yuva Fellowship:

1. It is a 12-month paid fellowship for tribal youth supported by the United Nations in India.
2. Fellows receive monthly allowances, insurance benefits, and access to UN and commercial learning platforms.
3. The fellowship is linked to national schemes like PMKVY 4.0, NAPS, and PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana.
4. Fellows are placed exclusively in tribal development NGOs at the district level.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1, 2, and 3 only
- B) 1 and 2 only
- C) 2, 3, and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q89. Which of the following statements about the Adi Karmayogi Volunteers Programme are correct?

1. It is supported by UNFPA and aims to empower tribal youth as grassroots change agents.
2. Volunteers are deployed for a two-year engagement across tribal districts in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
3. Activities include supporting Village Vision 2030, awareness drives, outreach, and improving access to schemes.
4. 82 volunteers have been deployed across 82 blocks in 13 districts.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A) 1 and 3 only
- B) 1, 3, and 4 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) All of the above

Q90. Which of the following statements about cloud seeding is correct?

- A. Silver iodide is mainly used to induce rainfall in warm clouds.
- B. Cloud seeding was first experimented with in the 1960s in India.
- C. Cloud seeding can help mitigate droughts and reduce hail damage.
- D. Calcium chloride is primarily used for supercooled clouds.

Q91. Consider the following statements about the Direct Broadcast Network (DBNet) initiative in India:

1. DBNet enables near real-time acquisition of data from Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites.
2. National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) and New Space India Limited (NSIL) plan to set up DBNet stations in Delhi/NCR and Chennai.
3. DBNet data supports Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) and cyclone monitoring.
4. DBNet primarily acquires data from geostationary satellites.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Q92. The SPARSH Pension System, recently in news, is associated with:

- A. Defence pension administration for Armed Forces and civilians
- B. Centralized civil service pension management
- C. State government employee pensions
- D. Private sector employee pension scheme

Q93. Consider the following statements regarding the Subansiri River and the Oju Hydroelectric Project:

1. The Subansiri River originates from the Kangig glacier range in Tibet and is a right-bank tributary of the Brahmaputra.
2. The Oju Hydroelectric Project, with a capacity of 2,220 MW, is located in Assam near the India-China border.
3. The river enters India through the Gerukamukh gorge in Arunachal Pradesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

Q94. Which of the following statements about the Tripura Sundari Temple is/are correct?

1. It is located in Udaipur, Tripura, and was established in 1501 A.D. by Maharaja Dhanya Manikya.
2. It is one of the 51 Shakti Peethas and is also revered as Kurma Pith.
3. The temple's rituals involve participation from Hindus, Muslims, and tribal communities.
4. The temple is dedicated exclusively to Goddess Chandi.

Select the correct answer:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Q95. Which of the following statements about Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is/are correct?

1. HPV is a group of over 200 viruses, of which around 40 are sexually transmitted.
2. Persistent HPV infection is responsible for over 95% of cervical cancer cases.
3. HPV vaccination is most effective when administered before infection, ideally between ages 9–26.
4. HPV can be transmitted through sexual contact as well as skin-to-skin contact.

Options:

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

Q96. Consider the following statements about India's Agni missile series:

1. Agni-P is a next-generation, two-stage, solid-fuel ballistic missile with a range of 1,000–2,000 km.
2. Agni-P can be launched from road- and rail-mobile platforms, enhancing India's second-strike capability.

3. Agni-VI is currently operational with a range of 8,000–10,000 km and MIRV capability.
4. Agni-I was India's first missile in the series, with a range of 700–1,000 km.

Options:

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

Q97. "Nightmare bacteria" are a cause of global concern because they:

1. Belong to Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) family.
2. Carry the NDM-1 gene, making them resistant to last-resort antibiotics.
3. Are effectively treated by standard carbapenem antibiotics.

Options:

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) Only three
- D) All of the above

Q98. Consider the following statements about Mahendragiri Hills in Odisha:

1. Mahendragiri Hills, located in Gajapati district, are part of the Eastern Ghats and were declared a Biodiversity Heritage Site in 2022.
2. The hills are home to tribal communities including Saora (Saura) and Kondh tribes.
3. The Godavari River originates from Mahendragiri Hills.

Options:

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

Q99. Consider the following statements about Pallikaranai Marshland:

1. It is a freshwater and partly saline wetland located near Chennai and serves as a buffer for flood-prone areas.
2. The marshland has been designated as a Ramsar Site.
3. The Cauvery River originates from Pallikaranai Marshland.

Options:

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) Only three
- D) All of the above

Q100. Which of the following statements about BRICS is/are correct?

1. BRICS originally consisted of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
2. The New Development Bank (NDB) was established to fund sustainable development projects in emerging markets and developing countries.

3. Each member of BRICS has veto power in the New Development Bank.

Options:

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

Q101. Consider the following statements about the MiG-21 fighter aircraft:

- 1. It was first inducted into the Indian Air Force in 1963.
- 2. The MiG-21 was designed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in India.
- 3. Its NATO reporting name is *Fishbed*.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

Options:

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

Q102. Which of the following statements about the Khoe-San peoples of Southern Africa is/are correct?

- 1. They include the San (hunter-gatherers) and Khoekhoe/Khoi (pastoralists).
- 2. They represent one of the earliest divergent human lineages with high genetic diversity.
- 3. The Dutch East India Company (VOC) brought enslaved men primarily from South Asia and Africa to the Cape between 1652–1808.

Options:

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

Q103. Consider the following statements about the National Initiative on Water Security in India:

- 1. It has been launched under the MGNREGA Act, 2005, which was amended to make water conservation mandatory.
- 2. In over-exploited blocks, at least 65% of MGNREGA funds are allocated for water-related works.
- 3. The initiative primarily focuses on urban water supply infrastructure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

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

Q104. Which of the following statements about India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) are correct?

- 1. Qatar is the 8th country to adopt UPI globally.

2. UPI is built on Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) and integrates Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS).
3. UPI handles more than 50% of India's digital payments.

Options:

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



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