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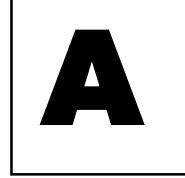


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GENERAL STUDIES
Paper II

C-A-20-2026

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Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Social protection and jobs creation and retention are the only refuge for the large segments of society with no financial buffers, and are crucial tools for reducing and preventing poverty, in particular when crises hit. During the pandemic, many Governments rapidly expanded social protection coverage or benefits, often with digital tools, but many were one-time payments or short-term solutions. Most of those additional social protection and job retention measures were implemented in advanced economies with the resources to do so. In developing countries, many Governments now face the prospect of having to roll back those measures in response to compounding fiscal pressures. In addition, social protection coverage often excludes those who need it the most, such as informal workers, in particular women. For instance, only 28 percent of persons with significant disabilities have access to disability benefits globally, and only 1 per cent in low-income countries. The current global economic slowdown is also likely to force more workers to accept lower quality and poorly paid jobs that lack job security and social protection.

1. Based on the passage, consider the following statements:

1. Social protection and job retention programs are essential for reducing poverty as they provide a financial buffer for vulnerable populations.
2. Expansion of social protection during the pandemic was mainly effective in developing countries with greater fiscal capacity to support long-term solutions.
3. While governments increased social protection during the pandemic, the measures were typically temporary and more common in advanced economies.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) None of the above

2. Based on the passage, consider the following statements:

1. The global economic slowdown is expected to push more workers into lower quality, poorly paid jobs that lack both job security and social protection.
2. Only a small proportion of people with significant disabilities globally have access to disability benefits, with the lowest coverage found in low-income countries.

Choose the correct answer:

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

PASSAGE 2

In a matter of years, the Sundarban might become the most frightening humanitarian calamity of the world since Partition. India has lost 60% of the delta, leaving only 4262 km² of Sundarban and 102 islands intertwined in a maze of creeks, rivers and channels. According to the census statistics from 1951, 1.1 million people lived in the Indian part of the Sundarban. In 1984, the Indian portion of the Sundarban, which covers 1330 km², was classified as a tiger reserve. The extra islands, which totalled less than 3000 km² and were already congested owing to continual relocation, were stuffed with people living in this area. According to the 2011 Indian Census, 4.4 million people lived in a little more than 2000 km² of habitable land. The Sundarban would be flooded considerably more quickly than other coastline locations because it is more vulnerable to increasing sea levels than other waterfront areas.

3. Which statement best encapsulates the central argument of the passage regarding the Sundarban crisis?

- (a) The Indian Sundarban classified as a tiger reserve has effectively managed ecological challenges despite significant population growth and habitat reduction.
- (b) Rising sea levels pose a greater threat to the Sundarban than to other coastal areas, yet the region has shown resilience in accommodating its growing population.

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(c) Sundarban's transformation into a tiger reserve has worsened the humanitarian crisis by limiting habitable land for its growing population.

(d) Sundarban faces an unprecedented humanitarian and ecological catastrophe due to multi-modal causes and effects of anthropogenic pressures.

4. Based on the passage, consider the following assumptions:

1. Sundarban's population increase despite the shrinking landmass suggests a growing reliance on relocation as a coping mechanism for the residents.
2. The Indian Sundarban being classified as a tiger reserve implies that its ecological preservation will take precedence over the livelihood needs.

Choose the correct answer:

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

5. 1 unit of A% alcohol is mixed with 4 units of B% alcohol to give 70% alcohol. If $A > B$ and A and B are integers, then how many two digit integer values can A take?

- (a) 7
- (b) 11
- (c) 13
- (d) 17

6. The average salary of each trainee in a startup is Rs.80. The average salary of 20 trainees is Rs.600, and the average salary of the rest is Rs.70. How many trainees does the startup have?

- (a) 950
- (b) 1060
- (c) 1120
- (d) 1254

7. The simple interest on a certain sum of money at the rate of 10% p.a. for 16 years is Rs.1680. At what rate of interest, the same amount of interest can be received on the same sum after 10 years?

- (a) 4%
- (b) 8%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 16%

8. Two varieties of Dal at Rs.20/kg and Rs.24/kg are mixed together in ratio 1:3. What is the price of the resulting mixture?

- (a) Rs.12/kg
- (b) Rs.16/kg
- (c) Rs.17/kg
- (d) Rs.20/kg

9. Ananya exits from the backdoor of her east-facing house and walks 30 meters straight. She then takes a left turn and walks 40 meters, followed by another left turn and walks 50 meters. She makes one final left turn and walks 40 meters. How far and in which direction is she from her house now?

- (a) 20 meters East
- (b) 10 meters West
- (c) 20 meters West
- (d) 10 meters East

10. If P, Q, R, S, T, U and V are consecutive positive even integers and D, E, F, G and H are consecutive positive odd integers, If the average of all the given integers is K, then the value of 4K is

- (a) An odd positive integer divisible by 3.
- (b) An even positive integer divisible by 5.
- (c) An odd positive integer divisible by 7.
- (d) An even positive integer divisible by 4.

11. A clock is started at noon. By 14 minutes past 7, the hour hand has turned through how many degrees?

- (a) More than 90° but less than 120°
- (b) More than 120° but less than 180°
- (c) More than 180° but less than 220°
- (d) More than 220° but less than 300°

Directions for the following 3 (three) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Delivering change at the speed and scale required by the Sustainable Development Goals demands more than ever before from public institutions and political leaders. It requires bold decisions, the transfer of resources from one sector to another, the creation of a

new regulatory environment, the appropriate deployment of new technologies, the advancement of longer-term holistic perspectives, the mobilizing of a wide range of actors and the capacity to advance disruptive change while strengthening trust and social cohesion. Each of those dimensions presents challenges for political leadership and public governance systems. Together, they constitute a set of demands for which contemporary governance systems were not built. It is essential therefore to take action to equip governance systems for transformation.

12. Which of the following statements best represents the crux of the passage?

- (a) Governance systems should focus solely on implementing new technologies to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- (b) Achieving SDGs requires definite decision-making as well as robust governance structures to manage disruptive change while fostering trust.
- (c) The SDGs can be achieved within the same framework of current governance systems without significant changes or disruptions.
- (d) Political leaders should prioritize short-term solutions over long-term perspectives to meet the demands of SDGs.

13. Based on the above passage, which of the following factors are demanded more than ever from political leaders and public institutions?

- 1. New regulatory framework
- 2. New technologies
- 3. Transferable decision-making
- 4. Building long-term perspectives
- 5. Synergy between multiple stakeholders

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 4 and 5
- (d) All of the above

PASSAGE 2

Successful emergency response requires a timely and efficient coordinated response. In the event of a ship in difficulty at sea, effective intervention at an early stage can prevent severe consequences. In January 2007, the container ship MSC Napoli was beached off the Dorset

and East Devon coast to prevent an environmental catastrophe. If left to drift in one of the world's busiest shipping channels, the ship and its cargo could have caused additional accidents or sunk with the loss of the full cargo and a large tonnage of fuel oil. The national Coastal Pollution Clearance Plan was used to respond to the impact on the shore. The Salvage Control Unit of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency assessed the beaching and monitored the MSC Napoli, directing the response operation when cargo was unexpectedly released. An established generic emergency planning response was adapted to outline the multi-agency working arrangements and deal with pollution from the vessel.

14. Based on the above passage, consider the following statements:

- 1. Early intervention in MSC Napoli case may have been driven by the anticipation that delays could lead to further maritime accidents or environmental damage.
- 2. Success of the response operation suggests that established emergency response plans are often adaptable to specific incidents.
- 3. Use of the NCPC Plan indicates that the UK was more concerned with the immediate impact on the ship's cargo than with potential environmental consequences.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) All of the above

15. If two buses, moving in opposite directions, cross each other in 24 seconds, then consider the following statements and a question:

Statement I: The difference between their speeds is 15 meters per second.

Statement II: The sum of their speeds is 54 meters per second.

Question: What is the difference between the lengths of the buses?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the Statements and the Question?

- (a) Statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question.

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- (b) Statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.
(c) Statement I and Statement II together are required to answer the question.
(d) Statement I and Statement II together are not sufficient to answer the question.

16. If A and B are two natural numbers whose product is 1828 and the sum of whose squares is 3400, then consider the following statements:

Statement I: The sum of A and B is exactly divisible by 5.

Statement II: The value of $(A + B)/4$ is exactly divisible by 9.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) I only
(b) II only
(c) Both I and II
(d) Neither I nor II

17. A Question is given followed by two statements I and II. Consider the Question and the statements.

Question: What are the unique values of A, B and C, where A, B and C are distinct odd numbers and $A < B < C$?

Statement I: The value of $(A \times B \times C)$ is less than 21.

Statement II: The value of $(A + B + C)$ is less than 11.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Question and the statements?

- (a) The Question can be answered by using one of the statements alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
(b) The Question can be answered by using either statement alone.
(c) The Question can be answered by using both the statements together, but cannot be answered using either statements alone.
(d) The Question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

18. If P and Q represents two distinct positive natural numbers such that the value of $(PP)^Q$ is $PQQP$, then consider the following statements:

Statement I: The value of $[(P^A \times Q^A) + (Q^P \times P^Q)]$ is less than 10.

Statement II: The value of (Q/P) is an even number.

Which of the above-mentioned statements is/are correct?

- (a) I only
(b) II only
(c) Both I and II
(d) Neither I nor II

19. Three positive numbers are P, Q and R. If the average of any two them is added to the third number, the sums obtained are 516, 648 and 540, then which among the following is correct?

- (a) The average of P, Q and R is divisible by 71 and 2 but not 3.
(b) The sum of P, Q and R is not divisible by 71.
(c) The average of P, Q and R is divisible by 3 and 2 but not 71.
(d) The sum of P, Q and R is not divisible by 3.

20. A clock is set right on Tuesday 3 PM. The clock losses 15 minutes in 24 hours. What will be the true time if the clock indicates 9 AM on the 6th day?

- (a) 10 : 12 AM
(b) 10 : 44 AM
(c) 11 : 00 AM
(d) 11 : 23 AM

Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **three passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Tamil Nadu, which records at least 150 cases of mumps in a month, had requested the Government of India to consider adding the mumps vaccine to the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP). The Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine requested the GoI to advise of any possibility of supplying the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine under routine immunisation to control all three diseases in the State. Under UIP in Tamil Nadu, 11 vaccines are provided to children and pregnant women against 12 vaccine preventable diseases - tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis B, haemophilus influenzae, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, rota virus, pneumococcal and Japanese encephalitis (in 14 select endemic districts). Every year, around 10 lakh pregnant

women and 9.15 lakh children/infants are covered under UIP in the State. The Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine was included in the UIP from April 2017. However now, mumps cases are on the rise. Number wise, it is not significant considering the population of the state. However, in view of high infectivity, these cases may become a cluster.

21. Which statement best encapsulates the central focus of the passage concerning Tamil Nadu's immunisation policies and challenges?

- (a) Despite numerical insignificance, proposal for incorporating additional vaccines reflects proactive stance in addressing emerging public health concerns.
- (b) Existing UIP underscores its comprehensive approach though it may inadequately address certain rapidly emerging epidemiological patterns.
- (c) Inclusion of the Measles-Rubella vaccine highlights the state's capacity for policy adaptation, but fails to pre-empt the rise in mumps cases.
- (d) While immunisation programme covers a wide spectrum of preventable diseases, the increasing prevalence of mumps reveals limitations of the programme's current scope.

22. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The inclusion of the mumps vaccine in the UIP could reflect a shift toward a more comprehensive approach to disease prevention in Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The limited number of mumps cases relative to the state's population undermines the rationale for introducing the MMR vaccine under routine immunisation.
- 3. The rising number of mumps cases, despite their current insignificance, highlights the potential for localized outbreaks in the absence of targeted immunisation measures.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) All of the above

PASSAGE 2

Developing countries need support to build productive capacity and infrastructure to connect with regional and global production and supply chains, by meeting

environmental requirements and using digital trade infrastructures for e-commerce. Approaches should be inclusive of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, and women-owned enterprises, with progress measured by sex-disaggregated trade and business statistics. Developing countries also need the policy space to implement coherent industrial, innovation, trade and investment policies to mainstream trade into national and sector strategies in support of the Goals. Collaboration at the multilateral level is also essential to address vulnerabilities in supply, transport, distribution chain infrastructure, and trade finance for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises to reduce disruptions from climate change, conflict and future pandemics.

23. Based on the above passage, consider the following logically inferred statements:

- 1. For developing nations to effectively integrate into global production systems, they may forego environmentally compliant and technologically advanced trade systems.
- 2. Inclusive economic strategies that integrate MSMEs and women entrepreneurs are crucial to fostering equitable trade growth in developing countries.
- 3. Ability to implement integrated trade and industrial policies without external constraints is key to achieving sustainable economic development.
- 4. Strengthened global cooperation is optional for mitigating disruptions in supply chains caused by external exigencies.

Choose the correct answer:

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

PASSAGE 3

In order to transform the workplace from a setting filled with antagonism into a "school of sympathy" that would enable workers to feel a part of something greater than themselves —thereby mitigating the rampant selfishness encouraged by industrial society — Mill recommends "industrial co-operatives." Mill thought that these co-operatives had the advantage over communes or other socialist institutions because they were able to compete against traditional firms.

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These co-operatives can take two forms: a profit-sharing system in which worker pay is tied to the success of the business or a worker co-operative in which workers share ownership of capital. The latter was preferable because it turned all the workers into entrepreneurs, calling upon many of the faculties that mere labour for pay left to atrophy.

24. Which of the following best encapsulates the main idea of the passage?

- (a) Mill advocated for industrial co-operatives as a means to reduce individualistic tendencies and foster solidarity among workers.
- (b) By integrating workers into the ownership structure of firms, industrial co-operatives could counteract the alienating effects of industrial capitalism.
- (c) Industrial co-operatives, according to Mill, were superior to communes due to their competitive advantage and potential for economic viability.
- (d) Worker co-operatives were seen by Mill as the ideal model, as they promoted entrepreneurial skills and minimized the passive role of wage labour.

25. In the series: psq_pr_sp_rssrq_sqr_rqs_

Fill in the six blanks () using one of the following given four choices such that the series follows a specific order.

- (a) qrrqpp
- (b) rqqppp
- (c) qqrpss
- (d) rrrqpp

26. How many numbers are there less than 100 that cannot be written as multiple of a perfect cube greater than 1?

- (a) 86
- (b) 85
- (c) 84
- (d) 83

27. If the six digit number 1402XY is divisible by 3, 11 and 13, then what is the value of $X^3 - Y^3 - 3XY$?

- (a) 361
- (b) 413
- (c) 540
- (d) 611

28. If the sum of n terms of the series $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + \dots$ is more than 510, then what is the minimum value of n?

- (a) 9
- (b) 10
- (c) 11
- (d) 12

29. In a fraction, if 2 is subtracted from the denominator, the fraction becomes 1. If 1 is subtracted from both the numerator and the denominator, the fraction becomes $\frac{3}{4}$. What is the denominator for the fraction?

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

30. If $x+y-z=m$ and if $x-y+z=n$, then x is equal to

- (a) $\frac{(m+n)}{2}$
- (b) $m-n$
- (c) $2m+n$
- (d) $m+n$

31. It is required to change a rupee coin into 2 paise and 5 paise coins with the total number of coins equal to 26. Find the number of each type of coins.

- (a) 10 and 16
- (b) 12 and 14
- (c) 10 and 20
- (d) 14 and 14

32. $24.315 \times 256.2 \times 0.0019$ is the same as

- (a) $243.15 \times 2.562 \times 0.019$
- (b) $24.315 \times 25.62 \times 0.00019$
- (c) $2.4315 \times 2.562 \times 0.019$
- (d) $0.24315 \times 25.62 \times 0.019$

33. Which fraction amongst $\frac{25}{52}$, $\frac{67}{76}$, $\frac{34}{43}$ and $\frac{89}{98}$ is the lowest?

- (a) $\frac{25}{52}$
- (b) $\frac{34}{43}$
- (c) $\frac{67}{76}$
- (d) $\frac{89}{98}$

Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **three passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Although freshwater aquaculture has potential, it is threatened by climate change. Although coastal aquaculture is more vulnerable than inland aquaculture, future climate change is also predicted to severely affect inland fish production. The vulnerability of fishery-based livelihoods to climate change has increased over time. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its assessment report has highlighted the issue of accelerated sea level rise and the increased frequency of extreme events such as coastal flooding, cyclones and storm surges in the low-lying deltaic regions. These in turn are responsible for salinity-mediated water stress on inland freshwater aquaculture. Saline water inundation due to breaches of river embankments, sea-level rise and subsequent erosion coupled with frequent extreme weather events affect freshwater fish culture. There have been a number of studies on climate change and its impacts on marine fisheries and coastal aquaculture in particular. However, studies of climate change impacts on freshwater aquaculture are few.

34. Which of the following statements best encapsulates the central argument of the passage regarding the challenges faced by freshwater aquaculture?

- (a) Rise in extreme climatic events and sea-level acceleration has disproportionately impacted coastal regions, however consequences for inland fishing remain marginal.
- (b) Although research exists on impacts of climate change on coastal aquaculture, the effects on freshwater aquaculture are underexplored despite its growing vulnerabilities.
- (c) IPCC has primarily highlighted the risks of extreme events and rising sea levels to marine ecosystems, neglecting the interconnected challenges of freshwater aquaculture.
- (d) Freshwater aquaculture while less vulnerable than coastal aquaculture is increasingly at risk due to salinity intrusion and extreme weather linked to climate change.

35. Based on the above passage, consider the following logical assumptions:

- 1. Indirect impacts of climate change on freshwater aquaculture may stem from complex interplay between environmental stressors and socio-economic vulnerabilities.
- 2. Relationship between extreme weather events and freshwater fish production demonstrates a unidirectional causality that oversimplifies broader ecological dynamics.

Choose the correct answer:

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

PASSAGE 2

To manage the wasps and hornets problem in beekeeping, beekeepers are advised to adopt methods such as bait-trapping, trapping at the hive entrance and using protective screens. Locating hornet nests by following flight passes of individual wasps back to their nests and then destroying the nests may be very time consuming and, if too many of these nests are in the area, not very efficient. Where labour costs are not prohibitive, beekeepers have resorted to capturing and killing individual hornets foraging in the vicinity of their apiaries. In some areas, this approach has proved to be quite effective, largely because the period of most intense hornet attacks is only two to three months. It has been seen that the real damage inflicted by hornet attacks on honey bee colonies occurs during the slaughter and occupation phases. Killing hornets in the early stage of predation has the effect of disrupting the hunting phase and preventing the predation process from reaching the more destructive phases. Mass destruction of the colonies is thus prevented or, at the least, minimized.

36. Which of the following statements logically follow from the passage?

- 1. Preventing the escalation of hornet predation phases requires interventions that disrupt the initial stages of predation.
- 2. Reliance solely on nest destruction for managing hornet problems in beekeeping can prove both resource-intensive and strategically insufficient.

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3. The seasonal nature of hornet predation makes the implementation of long-term beekeeping protective measures redundant.

Choose the incorrect answer:

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

PASSAGE 3

The importance of inclusive growth is widely recognized as an essential part of India's quest for development. It reiterates our firm commitment to include those sections of the society in the growth process, which had hitherto remained excluded from the mainstream of development. In line with this national endeavour, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) was conceived as an instrument for integrating social, environmental and human development concerns in the entire value chain of corporate business. Ministry of Corporate Affairs had issued 'Voluntary Guidelines on Corporate Social Responsibility, 2009' as a first step towards mainstreaming the concept of Business Responsibilities. This was further refined subsequently, as 'National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business, 2011'. However, taking into account the national and international developments in the arena of sustainable business since 2011, the NVGs have been updated and released as 'National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct' (NGRBC) in March 2019 to reveal alignments with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights (UNGPs), UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Paris Agreement on Climate change etc.

37. Which of the following best summarizes the evolution of India's approach to Corporate Social Responsibility and its alignment with global standards?

- (a) India's CSR initiatives have remained stagnant with no significant updates since the initial guidelines were introduced in 2009.
- (b) Corporate businesses have consistently resisted integrating social and environmental concerns into their operations despite governmental efforts.

(c) MCA has consistently refined CSR guidelines but emphasis has shifted primarily to economic development, leaving social and environmental considerations aside.

(d) Evolution of CSR began with voluntary guidelines in 2009 followed by refinement and alignment with global sustainability frameworks in 2019 through the NGRBC.

38. Consider the following Question and the following Statements:

Question: What is the total capacity of the tank?

Statement-1: One-third of the tank holds 80 litres of water

Statement-2: Four-fifth capacity of the tank is 192 litres

Statement-3: Thickness of the tank is 1 cm

Which one of the following is correct is respect to the above Question and Statements?

- (a) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are sufficient to answer the question
- (b) Either Statement-1 and Statement-3 or Statement-2 and Statement-3 are sufficient to answer the question
- (c) Either Statement-1 and Statement-2 or Statement-2 and Statement-3 are sufficient to answer the question
- (d) Either Statement-1 or Statement-2 is sufficient to answer the question

39. A test of 52 questions was conducted. Five points were deducted for each wrong answer and eight points were credited for each correct answer. If all the questions were answered, how many were correct if the score was zero?

- (a) 9
- (b) 10
- (c) 20
- (d) 13

40. Consider the following statements and a question:

Question: Is $34222131X$ exactly divisible by 99?

Statement I: X is a single digit natural number less than 5.

Statement II: X is the smallest prime number.

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Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above question and the statements?

- (a) The question can be answered by using one of the statements alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- (b) The question can be answered by using either statement alone.
- (c) The question can be answered by using both the statements together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- (d) The question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

41. By what least number 2450 be multiplied to obtain a perfect cube number?

- (a) 130
- (b) 140
- (c) 150
- (d) 180

42. What is the unit digit in the expression of $625^{7.5} \times 3125^{2.5} \div 125^{1.5}$?

- (a) 3
- (b) 5
- (c) 7
- (d) 9

43. What is the total number of factors in the following expression, $4^{11} * 7^5 * 11^2$

- (a) 400
- (b) 410
- (c) 414
- (d) 418

44. Two fair dice are rolled together. Find the probability that the LCM and the HCF of the numbers on the dice are composite numbers.

- (a) 1/6
- (b) 1/12
- (c) 1/18
- (d) 1/3

45. What is the missing number X in the series: 9, X, 23, 33, 45?

- (a) 12
- (b) 13
- (c) 14
- (d) 15

46. The average price of three different appliances is Rs.1500. With reference to appliances consider the following statements and the question:

Statement I: The lowest price of the appliance is Rs. 1000.

Statement II: The price of one of the appliances is Rs. 1700.

Statement III: The highest price of the appliance is less than Rs. 2000.

Question: Is the highest price of the product greater than Rs. 1850?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statements and the Question?

- (a) Statement I and Statement II together are sufficient to answer the Question.
- (b) Statement II and Statement III together are sufficient to answer the Question.
- (c) Either Statement I and statement II together or statement II and statement III together are sufficient to answer the Question.
- (d) Statement I, statement II and Statement III together are insufficient to answer the Question.

47. In a Mock CSAT at the EDUCRAT IAS, a student was asked to multiply a two-digit number with another two-digit number. However, while doing the multiplication, she reversed the digits (i.e., tens to units and units to tens) of each number, and still, her answer was correct. Which of the following pairs of numbers satisfies this condition?

- (a) 18, 36
- (b) 26, 46
- (c) 24, 54
- (d) 12, 63

Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

A major constraint in the achievement of profitable agriculture is the lack of access to finance by farmers. Concerning access to credit, government crop loans, other specialized schemes financed through nationalized and regional banks were available and

accessible to meet the credit needs of farmers. While formal and informal credit facilities were available for all the farmer categories, the large and medium farmers accessed more credit from the banks while the small and marginal farmers relied on the informal credit system; as farmers with larger acreage of land and assured irrigation facilities were perceived positively by lenders while disbursing loans. In both study sites, large and medium farmers (mostly upper caste groups) accessed most of the loans, incidents of non-repayment by some farmers, due to crop loss coupled with crop loan waivers by the government, rendered banks unable to sanction loans to small and marginal farmers.

48. Which of the following best encapsulates the central issue related to financial access for farmers as discussed in the passage?

- (a) Farmers with smaller landholdings and limited irrigation are systematically excluded from financial assistance, while those with larger farms received favourable terms.
- (b) Disparities in financial access are evident with wealthier farmers obtaining most credit while less resourceful farmers turn to informal channels due to multifaceted challenges.
- (c) Government-backed loan forgiveness programs have had the unintended effect of preventing smaller farmers from accessing financial support.
- (d) Both well-established and smaller-scale farmers face similar barriers in obtaining financial backing due to the inadequacies of nationalized lending initiatives.

49. Consider the following assumptions:

1. The formal credit system tends to favour farmers with substantial resources, perpetuating inequalities in financial access across farming communities.
2. Loan disbursement practices in agricultural finance are influenced by perceptions of risk associated with specific farmer profiles, sidelining the marginalized sections.

Choose the incorrect answer:

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

PASSAGE 2

If the aviation sector was a country, it would be among the world's top 10 greenhouse-gas emitting nations. Air travel is one of the most polluting modes of travel for its relatively higher carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions and the effects of vapour trails and gases it deposits in the atmosphere. But even within air travel, private jets and chartered planes have a higher carbon footprint per passenger. According to a 2021 report of the European Federation for Transport and Environment, private jets are five- to 14-times more polluting per passenger than commercial flights and 50-times more than trains. Private aviation contributed at least about 3.6 tonnes CO per flight. As of March 2024, 112 private planes were registered in India. India has very few aircraft per lakh population (0.01) compared to Malta (46.51), the U.S. (5.45), Switzerland (3.76), the U.K. (0.78), Brazil (0.43), France (0.36), and Russia (0.1). But India is actually among the top 20 countries in terms of private aircraft ownership and the highest among low-middle-income countries. This isn't surprising because India has the third highest number of billionaires in the world and also has a rapidly growing millionaire population.

50. Which of the following best reflects the core argument of the passage about aviation carbon emissions?

- (a) Private planes, despite their limited numbers, contribute disproportionately to atmospheric pollution due to their elevated per-passenger emissions.
- (b) While India's private aircraft ownership per capita is lower than many affluent nations, its expanding wealthy class has placed it among the leading countries in private aviation.
- (c) Airborne travel remains among the most environmentally harmful modes of transportation, with elite air services further compounding the problem through their outsized emissions.
- (d) The aviation industry as a whole is a major contributor to global emissions, with luxury air travel significantly intensifying its per-person environmental impact.

51. Based on the above passage, consider the following logical assumptions:

1. Environmental impact of private aviation is significantly more detrimental per passenger

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compared to commercial aviation owing to the greater emission intensity.

2. Carbon footprint per capita of private aviation in India is disproportionately higher considering the nation's relatively small proportion of private jets.

3. Concentration of wealth among the rising billionaire populations in India is a contributing factor to the country's higher number of private aircraft registrations.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) All of the above

52. With reference to six girls A, B, C, D, E and F, consider the following statements and a question:

Question: Who is the shortest among six girls A, B, C, D, E, and F?

Statement I: A is shorter than D and F but taller than B.

Statement II: C is taller than B but shorter than D.

Statement III: E is not taller than D and C.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statements and the Question?

- (a) Statement I and Statement II together are sufficient to answer the Question.
- (b) Statement II and Statement III together are sufficient to answer the Question.
- (c) Statement I, statement II and statement II together are sufficient to answer the Question.
- (d) Statement I, statement II and Statement III together are insufficient to answer the Question.

53. A train normally covers a certain distance at a speed of 80 km/hr. However, if it were to halt for a fixed time interval in each hour, its average speed would be reduced to 70 km/hr. What is the time interval for which the train halts in each hour?

- (a) More than 10 minutes
- (b) Less than 10 minutes
- (c) 10 minutes
- (d) Cannot be determined

54. Reema wanted to divide a cubical chocolate block into 180 identical pieces using the "m" minimum number of cuts. Later, she realized that she needed to

divide the block into the maximum number of identical pieces, which is 216. How many cuts did she need to make?

- (a) m
- (b) m + 1
- (c) m + 2
- (d) m + 5

55. In a certain code, BAT is written as 5 and TEN is written as 12, then TAG can be written as:

- (a) 15
- (b) 10
- (c) 6
- (d) 18

56. A wristwatch is 10 minutes behind at 12 noon on a Monday and becomes 20 minutes fast by 12 noon the next Monday. At what time will the watch show exactly 5 minutes ahead of the actual time?

- (a) In 1 day
- (b) In 1.5 days
- (c) In 2 days
- (d) In 3.5 days

57. Consider the following statements and a question:

Question: Is it currently 8 o'clock?

Statement I: In 40 minutes, the minute and hour hands of the clock will form a right angle (90°) with each other.

Statement II: Exactly 10 minutes ago, the minute and hour hands of the clock were overlapping.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the Statements and the Question?

- (a) Statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- (b) Statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- (c) Statement I and Statement II together are required to answer the question.
- (d) Either Statement I alone or Statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.

58. Consider the following statements and a question:

Statement I: The value of $(A+3) \times (B+3)$ is even.

Statement II: The value of $(A) \times (B + 5)$ is odd.

Statement III: The value of $(A)^2 + (B)^2$ is odd.

Question: Are A and B both even integers?

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Which one of the following is correct regarding the above Statements and the Question?

- (a) Statement I alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (b) Statement II alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (c) Statement III alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (d) Either Statement I, Statement II, or Statement III alone is sufficient to answer the Question.

59. When a number M is divided by a proper divisor D , it leaves a remainder of 12. If twice that number, i.e., $2M$, is divided by the same divisor D , the remainder comes out to be 10. Again, if four times the same number, i.e., $4M$, is divided by D , what will be the remainder?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

60. Car Y starts from point P and travels in a straight line towards the north for 10 km and takes a left turn and travels for 15 km. Then it turns right and travels for 8 km before taking another left turn and traveling for 12 km. Finally, it takes a right turn and travels for 18 km to reach point Q, which is 10 km west of point R where car Z stands.

What is the direction of point R with respect to point P?

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

Directions for the following 3 (three) items:

Read the following two passages and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

For Chandrayaan-4, ISRO will launch the mission's modules in two Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3) rockets. At various points during the mission, the modules will undergo a series of docking and

undocking manoeuvres before finally transporting a canister of lunar soil safely back to the earth. Docking is a crucial technology for India to master for Chandrayaan-4 as well as its forthcoming orbital Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), expected to be ready by 2035, and for its goal to send an Indian astronaut to the moon. Docking is important for all future missions of ISRO because one cannot launch everything in one go. So, one needs docking of modules in space. There will be five modules in BAS, all of which require docking. This technology is crucial for bringing back the lunar soil samples and for India's constant presence in space. The two satellites in the current SpaDeX mission are in a circular orbit 475 km above the earth. At that height, the two satellites will be moving at a speed of 28,000 km an hour.

61. Based on the above passage, consider the following assumptions:

1. The lunar soil retrieval process in Chandrayaan-4 will require docking of multiple modules at various stages, a complex task to ensure the safe return of samples.
2. SpaDeX mission will involve satellites in low Earth orbit, traveling at speeds slower than typical orbital velocities for similar missions, due to their lower altitude.

Choose the correct answer:

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

PASSAGE 2

India's real gross domestic product slowed sharply to near two-year low of 5.4 per cent in July-September quarter of the current fiscal. This slowdown was primarily due to weak manufacturing growth and muted investments, including government capital expenditure. India Inc's performance in July-September quarter has remained weak. While there has been some pick up in rural consumption, urban consumption has been slackening. Inflation has been a cause of concern, with the October print surging to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent. However, consumer price-based inflation (CPI) eased to a three-month low of 5.48 per cent, helped by a fall in food inflation. At a time when growth has been sluggish and inflation

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remains high, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) should prioritize and maintain a balance between growth and inflation. Indian rupee has been on a downward spiral amid strong dollar and outflows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). How big a concern is a depreciating rupee?

62. Which of the following most accurately captures the central argument of the passage regarding India's economic situation?

- (a) India's economic challenges are attributed to weak government capital expenditure and rural consumption with inflation having minimal effect on overall growth.
- (b) Despite weak economic growth, the decrease in food inflation has significantly alleviated concerns making rupee's depreciation the most urgent issue.
- (c) Slowing growth and rising inflation present a dilemma with the need to balance the two conflicting economic forces while managing depreciation of the rupee.
- (d) Economic slowdown and inflation concerns are secondary to the problem of the rupee's depreciation, which should be the primary focus of India's monetary policy.

63. Which of the following statements logically follow from the passage?

- 1. Persistent decline in growth indicators despite an uptick in rural consumption suggests that urban consumption patterns do not play a more pivotal role.
- 2. Uptick in inflation alongside weaker growth and a depreciating rupee may point to systemic challenges that cannot be addressed in isolation.
- 3. Performance of India's manufacturing sector has little impact on the country's overall economic trajectory particularly when juxtaposed with consumption trends.

Choose the incorrect answer:

- (a) 1 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 2
- (d) All of the above

64. Among P, Q, R, S and T, T is shorter than S but taller than Q who is taller than R. P is taller than T. If all are

standing according to their height and we start counting from the tallest who would be fourth?

- (a) R
- (b) Q
- (c) T
- (d) Cannot be determined

65. On what dates of April, 2001 did Friday fall?

- (a) 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th
- (b) 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
- (c) 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
- (d) 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

66. If P + Q means P is brother of Q; P - Q means P is sister of Q and P x Q means P is father of Q. Which of the following means that R is the son of S?

- (a) $S - T \times R + V$
- (b) $V - R + T \times S$
- (c) $S \times T - R + V$
- (d) $T + S - V \times R$

67. A family has 6 members - A, B, C, D, E and F among 3 generations, Both the grandparents and parents of F are alive.

Consider the following statements and a question:

Question: How is A related to F?

Statement I: A is the son-in-law of B.

Statement II: E who is unmarried and uncle of F, has a sister.

Statement III: D is the grandmother of F and wife of B.

How many statement/s is/are required to solve the question?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Directions for the following 3 (three) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

"This history enables us to understand Mill's invocation of the principle of utility in its polemical context—Mill's support of that principle should not be

taken as mere intellectual exercise. In the realm of politics, the principle of utility served to bludgeon opponents of reform. First and foremost, reform meant extension of the vote. But it also meant legal reform, including overhaul of the common law system and of legal institutions, and varieties of social reform, especially of institutions that tended to favour aristocratic and moneyed interests. Though Bentham and Godwin intended it to have this function in the late eighteenth century, utilitarianism became influential only when tied with the political machinery of the Radical party, which had particular prominence on the English scene in the 1830's."

68. Which of the following statements most accurately characterizes the crux of the passage?

- (a) An exercise in philosophical speculation aimed at refining the theoretical underpinnings of social reform rather than a strategic tool for political advocacy.
- (b) Overhaul established legal frameworks, specifically focusing on the critique of feudal structures and the legal codifications that disproportionately benefit the aristocracy.
- (c) Strategic lever to mobilize support for political and social reforms focusing on extension of democratic rights and dismantling entrenched institutional biases.
- (d) The utility principle in its original conception lacked the requisite political rigour to address contemporary reformist issues.

PASSAGE 2

Although heritage is usually not taken into account in global statistics concerning disaster risks, cultural and natural properties are increasingly affected by events which are less and less 'natural' in their dynamics, if not in their cause. The progressive loss of these properties as a result of floods, mudslides, fire, earthquakes, civil unrest and other hazards has become a major concern, partly because of the significant role that heritage plays in contributing to social cohesion and sustainable development, particularly at times of stress. In the face of these challenges, the number of World Heritage properties that have developed a proper disaster risk reduction plan is surprisingly low. This is often due to a series of misperceptions. On the one hand, there is a widespread belief that disasters are events beyond human will and control, against which little can be done. On the other hand, heritage managers and

policy-makers tend to concentrate their attention and resources on what they perceive as the real priorities for their properties, i.e. pressure from development and the daily wear and tear of sites as a result of slow, cumulative processes that can be 'seen'.

69. Which of the following best captures the primary argument regarding the challenges faced by heritage properties in relation to disaster preparedness?

- (a) The prevailing focus on immediate threats often results in the insufficient integration of risk mitigation strategies for sudden catastrophic events.
- (b) Heritage sites are overlooked in disaster preparedness as they are immune to damaging effects of modern calamities, leading to underestimation of their vulnerability.
- (c) Natural heritage remains unprotected from emerging hazards due to the belief that traditional risk management approaches are sufficient to address potential threats.
- (d) Failure to incorporate disaster prevention measures for heritage properties stems from an overemphasis on observable degradation overshadowing urgent concerns.

70. Which of the following statements logically follow from the passage?

- 1. The underrepresentation of heritage properties in global disaster risk statistics exacerbates the challenges in mitigating their vulnerabilities.
- 2. A prevalent perception among heritage managers is that immediate and visible threats outweigh the importance of disaster preparedness.
- 3. The natural dynamics of disasters are the primary cause of the increasing loss of cultural and natural heritage properties.

Choose the incorrect answer:

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

71. A tank is filled by three pipes with uniform flow. The first two pipes operating simultaneously fill the tank in the same time during which the tank is filled by the third pipe alone. The second pipe fills the tank 10 hours faster than the first pipe and 8 hours slower

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than the third pipe. The time required by the first pipe is:

- (a) 12 hours
- (b) 20 hours
- (c) 30 hours
- (d) 60 hours

72. Six persons A, B, C, D, E and F are sitting around a circular table facing the center not necessarily in the same order. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: A sit next to D and E.

Statement II: B sits diametrically opposite to A.

Statement III: The shortest distance between D and C is equal to the shortest distance between E and F.

Based on the above statements, which of the following persons are neighbor of B?

- (a) C and F
- (b) D and F
- (c) C and E
- (d) A and D

73. A work is completed by P, Q and R in 30 days 24 days and 40 days respectively. If they together earn Rs.90000 for the whole work, then which among the following is certainly true?

- (a) The amount earned by Q and R collectively is twice of the amount earned by P.
- (b) The amount earned by P and R collectively is twice of the amount earned by Q.
- (c) The amount earned by P and Q collectively is less than Rs.60000.
- (d) None of the above.

74. The 11th term of an AP is 180 less than the first term. If the second term is 198, then consider the following statements:

Statement I: The 13th term of the given AP is 0

Statement II: The third term of the given AP is 10 times of the 12th term of AP.

Statement III: The first term of an AP is a perfect cube.

Which of the above-mentioned statement/s is/are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III

Directions for the following 2 (two) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Post-1991 reforms included liberalization of the trade and industrial policy, automatic approval of FDI, privatization of industries, and disbanding of the licensing system. Liberalization has had a major, positive effect on GDP growth, but agricultural performance has been mixed. Private investment in agriculture increased rapidly from the mid-1990s, accounting for more than 80 percent of the investment in agriculture. Investment consisted largely of on-farm investments, primarily in irrigation pumps, and to a lesser degree, in machinery. Overall, investment on the farm remains low, and farmers prefer to allocate more of their disposable incomes to financial savings and expansion of business capital. After almost two decades of sustained expansion (with growth peaking in the early 1990s, at about 3.6 percent), growth decelerated from 1996–97 to 2004–05, largely due to poor rains, resuming again to 3.5 percent per year before deteriorating again in 2011, also due to poor rains.

75. Which of the following statements best captures the central argument of the passage?

- (a) The reforms created a robust framework for sustained agricultural growth, with private investment driving modernization and productivity gains.
- (b) Despite fostering GDP growth and private investments, the reforms left agriculture vulnerable to structural and external contingencies.
- (c) Post-reform policies prioritized industrial and trade liberalization, with agriculture benefiting marginally due to farmers' conservative investment choices.
- (d) Economic liberalization after 1991 transformed agriculture into a growth driver, balancing private investments with consistent policy support.

PASSAGE 2

A groundbreaking technology that has already started to influence the internet is augmented reality (AR). It may have a strong impact on social media apps in the coming years. It lies between the virtual and real world,

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and is gradually gaining popularity as the virtual elements brought into the real world provide an immersive experience for the user. With the help of AR, 3D content will replace 2D content on social networks. A strong usage of interactive content will reshape social media as 3D content has the power to take the users to an entirely new and unimaginable world. Several social media players are quickly joining AR and VR such as Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook.

76. What is the central argument of the passage regarding the role of Augmented Reality in social media?

- (a) Integration of AR in social media is an inevitable consequence of technological trends with overstated transformative potential.
- (b) Primary value of AR in social media lies in its ability to emulate the virtual world without altering traditional user interaction.
- (c) AR enables platforms to create immersive and interactive experience that redefine how users engage with content.
- (d) Social media platforms adopting AR reflect a broader effort to prioritize technology driven innovation over user centric enhancement.

77. If S is the sum of all the three-digit numbers which are divisible by both 20 and 25, then consider the following statements:

- Statement I:** S is divisible by only three prime numbers.
Statement II: The value of $(S/5)$ is a perfect square.

Which of the above-mentioned statements is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

78. A seller mixes 52 kg rice of a price of Rs. 60/kg, with 60 kg of different variety rice of a price of Rs. 72/kg. He sells both the mixed rice at Rs. 70/kg. What will be the profit in percentage?

- (a) More than 4% but less than 5%
- (b) More than 5% but less than 6%
- (c) More than 6% but less than 7%
- (d) More than 8% but less than 10%

79. A cylindrical rod whose height is 16 times of its radius is melted and re-casted into spherical balls of same radius. The number of balls will be:

- (a) 4
- (b) 6
- (c) 12
- (d) 16

80. P and Q begin a 1600-meter circular race at the same time and from the same starting position, moving at speeds of 20 m/sec and 32 m/sec, respectively. After how much time will they meet for the first time at the starting point when running in the same direction?

- (a) 4 minutes 20 seconds
- (b) 5 minutes 36 seconds
- (c) 6 minutes 40 seconds
- (d) 7 minutes 30 seconds

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