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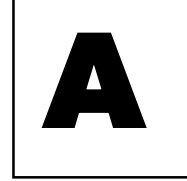


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Paper I

**G-A-24-2026**

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**1. Consider the following statements about Special Leave Petition under Article 136 of the Constitution:**

1. The Constitution of India authorizes the Supreme Court to grant special leave to appeal from any Court or Tribunal in India.
2. Special Leave Petition cannot be filed without a certificate of fitness obtained from the High Court.
3. A certificate from Advocate on Record is necessary to file Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court.

**How many statement(s) given above is/are correct?**

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

**2. Consider the following statements regarding Judicial Activism:**

1. It has democratized the judicial system by giving access to the Courts to all individuals irrespective of their locus standi.
2. It has forced executive accountability.
3. It has overburdened the Courts.
4. It has also made an attempt to make the electoral system much more free and fair.

**How many of the above statement(s) is/are not correct?**

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

**3. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Constitution of India defines civil and criminal contempt under Article 129 and Article 215 respectively.
2. The Supreme Court and High Courts are empowered to punish not only for contempt of themselves but also those of subordinate courts.
3. Truth is a valid defense in contempt proceedings if it is in the public interest and the request for invoking it is bona fide.

4. Parliament alone has the power to make laws on Contempt of Court in India

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**4. Consider the following statements about the reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India:**

1. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes in Lok Sabha elections.
2. None of the Union Territories have seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes.
3. Odisha has the highest number of seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes in Lok Sabha elections.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**5. Which one of the following is not a feature of Indian federalism?**

- (a) There is an independent judiciary in India.
- (b) Powers have been clearly divided between the Centre and the States.
- (c) The federating units have been given unequal representation in the Rajya Sabha.
- (d) It is the result of an agreement among the federating units.

**6. Consider the following statements regarding Graphene:**

1. It has a 3D-dimensional structure of carbon atoms arranged in an octagonal pattern.
2. It demonstrates an extraordinary strength while being less denser than steel.

3. It can store energy, and can also be used for drug delivery, and manufacturing of strong armors for defense.

**How many of the above statement(s) is/are correct?**

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

**7. Consider the following statements regarding Alzheimer's Disease:**

- 1. It is characterized by sudden and complete loss of long-term memory.
- 2. Early intervention can halt the progression of Alzheimer's disease completely.
- 3. CT scans are more effective than MRI in detecting Alzheimer's disease as they help detect amyloid plaques.

**Which of the statement(s) given above is/are not correct?**

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

**8. Consider the following statements about patent regime in India:**

- 1. There was no legislation in India regarding patents before independence.
- 2. Only the Central Government can grant patents under Patents Act, 1970.
- 3. The term of every patent granted is 20 years from the date of filing of application.

**How many statement(s) given above is/are correct?**

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

**9. Consider the following statements about the writ of Habeas Corpus:**

- 1. The power to issue a writ of habeas corpus is vested only in the Supreme Court and the High Court(s).
- 2. It is limited to the cases of preventive detention under Article 22.
- 3. It retains its potency even during the proclamation of national emergency under Article 352.
- 4. The right to move the High Court for issuance of writ of Habeas Corpus is a fundamental right.

**How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?**

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

**10. Article 371 exemplifies a kind of federal structure that allows certain states special provisions based on historical and cultural contexts. This approach acknowledges and accommodates regional diversities and provides autonomy to states.**

**What kind of federal structure does the above-mentioned paragraph talk about?**

- (a) Asymmetric Federalism
- (b) Co-operative Federalism
- (c) Competitive Federalism
- (d) Quasi-Federal Federalism

**11. Consider the following statements about Advocates Act, 1961:**

- 1. Senior Advocates are defined under the Advocates Act, 1961.
- 2. Only the Supreme Court and High Courts have the power to designate any advocate as "Senior Advocate".
- 3. Any advocate eligible to be declared as "Senior Advocate" in the Supreme Court shall at least have 10 years of practice as Advocate, mainly in the Supreme Court.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only

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

**12. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to organize a State function and issued a notification to all the officials to follow an order of precedence as prescribed by the President Secretariat while attending the dignitaries.**

**What should be the descending order of precedence with respect to the following dignitaries:**

1. Sachin Tendulkar
2. Governor of Andhra Pradesh
3. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh
4. Speaker of Lok Sabha

**Select the correct answer from the codes given below:**

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

**13. What is the position of the Right to Property in India?**

- (a) Legal right available to the citizens only.
- (b) Legal right available to any person.
- (c) Fundamental right available to citizens only.
- (d) Neither Fundamental nor a legal right.

**14. Consider the following statements regarding the Privileges of the State Legislature:**

1. The Constitution extends Privileges of State Legislature to all those individuals who are entitled to speak and take part in the proceedings of a House.
2. The Governor of a State is also entitled to the same privileges as the members of the State Legislature.
3. The members cannot be arrested during the session of the State Legislature and 60 days before and after the end of such session.

**How many of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?**

- (a) Only one

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

**15. With reference to Article 16 of the Constitution of India, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. Nothing in this Article shall prevent the State from making any provision for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of any backward classes of citizens.
2. The State can deny a woman to be appointed as a doctor in the Army Medical Institutes on account of pregnancy.
3. Creamy layers amongst the backward classes of citizens are determined by income criteria only.

**Select the answer using the code given below.**

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

**16. With reference to the impact of inflation in India, consider the following:**

- I. An individual who has borrowed a certain sum of money from a bank at a fixed interest rate.
- II. An individual holding Treasury Bills (T-Bills).

**Which of the above is/are likely to benefit from inflation in the economy?**

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

**17. Asha gets an additional \$20 in income for working an additional hour, but she has to pay \$25 in child care costs. Based on this information, we can say that Asha should \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) Work more hours; marginal costs exceed marginal benefits
- (b) Work fewer hours; marginal costs exceed marginal benefits

(c) Work more hours; the opportunity cost of working is \$45

(d) Continue working the same amount; the opportunity cost of not working exceeds the opportunity cost of working

**18. Which of the following situations are associated with stagflation in an economy?**

- I. High levels of unemployment
- II. Deflationary conditions
- III. Sluggish or low economic growth

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

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

**19. With reference to taxation, 'double dividend of tax' refers to:**

- (a) a tax restructuring which helps in reducing the fiscal deficit at the same time increasing public expenditure to achieve social benefits.
- (b) a tax system in which decrease in indirect taxes simultaneously decreases inflation and increases the purchasing power of the poor.
- (c) a situation where higher tax rates leads to increased government revenue but results in lower aggregate demand in the economy.
- (d) a tax policy whereby green taxes are increased in proportion to a decrease in traditional taxes like income tax thus improving environmental quality and improved social benefits.

**20. In the context of India, consider the following:**

- I. Custom Duty
- II. Stamps and Registration Fees
- III. Securities transaction Tax
- IV. Minimum Alternate Tax

**How many of the above are examples of direct taxes?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three

(d) All the four

**21. In the context of taxation in India, consider the following scenario:**

**A mobile phone company has its manufacturing facility located in State X. The company supplies mobile phones from State X to State Y, where these goods are ultimately sold to consumers. In this scenario, under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the tax will be levied in the:**

- (a) state Y, but the revenue is shared between state X and the Central government.
- (b) state X, but the entire revenue is transferred to state Y.
- (c) state Y, but the revenue is shared between state X and Y
- (d) state Y, and the revenue is shared between the State Y and the Central Government.

**22. With reference to External Sector of India, consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** When foreigners buy goods from India, it results in leakage in the circular flow of income of the domestic economy.

**Statement II:** India's exports to foreign countries may lead to an increase in aggregate demand for goods produced within the domestic economy.

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

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II explains Statement I
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct
- (d) Statement I is not correct but Statement II is correct

**23. With reference to Balance of Payments (BOP) of India, consider the following:**

I. A foreigner visiting India buys a ticket worth Rs.1300 to watch Taj Mahal.

II. An NRI working in Saudi Arabia sends ₹10 lakh to his family in Telangana via a remittance service.

III. A German automobile company sets up a manufacturing plant in Gujarat.

IV. An Indian software company exporting IT services to a UK based client and receiving payment for their service

V. An Indian student paying tuition fees to a university in the United States.

**How many of the above transactions are classified as “invisibles” under the Current Account of Balance of Payments (BOP) of India?**

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

**24. If the Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) of a country increases, then it indicates that:**

- I. there has been depreciation of that country's currency.
- II. the export commodities of that country have become more competitive in the global market.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**25. With reference to an economy, which of the following best describes Marginal Propensity to Import (MPM)?**

- (a) The change in the volume of imports based on the prevailing import tariff structure in the economy.
- (b) The maximum level of imports the economy can undertake without stressing its Balance of Payments.
- (c) The change in the quantity of imports due to variations in the value of the domestic currency of the economy in the international market.
- (d) The change in the volume of imports resulting from a unit change in national income in the economy.

**26. With reference to the Indian economy, which of the following statements best describe the term ‘Downstream investment’?**

- (a) An investment made by an Indian company in its overseas wholly owned subsidiary company.
- (b) A direct investment made by a foreign company into an Indian company under the automatic route.
- (c) A subsidiary company in India making investment in its foreign owned parent company through subscription or acquisition.
- (d) An investment made by an Indian company which has total foreign investment in it, or an Investment Vehicle in the capital instruments or the capital, of another Indian company.

**27. With reference to the waste treatment techniques, consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Pyrolysis is considered environmentally more friendly than incineration.

**Statement II:** Unlike incineration, Pyrolysis involves the thermal decomposition of waste in the absence of oxygen.

**Statement III:** Pyrolysis is usually carried out at a higher temperature than incineration.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement I.
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

**28. In the context of Reserve bank of India (RBI), consider the following:**

- I. Loans extended in the form of Ways and Means Advances and Overdraft to the Central Government.
- II. Contingency Fund (CF) and Asset Development Fund (ADF)
- III. Purchasing and discounting of commercial bills
- IV. Deposits of Scheduled commercial banks with RBI

How many of the above are considered as assets of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

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

**29. Consider the following:**

**There is a bye-election to be conducted in an assembly constituency in the state capital of state X. The Model code of conduct would generally be enforced:**

- (a) in the whole of the state.
- (b) in the district where the assembly constituency is located.
- (c) in the particular assembly constituency only and not the whole district.
- (d) in the district where the assembly constituency is located as well as all the adjoining districts.

**30. With reference to the 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution, which is often compared to Article 56 and Article 61 of the Indian Constitution regarding the vacancy of the Presidential office, consider the following statements:**

1. Under Section 4 of the 25th Amendment, the Vice President and a majority of the Cabinet can declare the President "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office" without the President's initial consent.
2. If the President contests a declaration of inability made under Section 4, a two-thirds vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate is required to keep the Vice President as Acting President.
3. Unlike the Indian Constitution, where the Vice President succeeds to the Presidency only until a new election is held, the 25th Amendment allows the U.S. Vice President to become President permanently in the event of a resignation or death.
4. The 25th Amendment provides the sole mechanism for the removal of a President for "Gross Misconduct" or "Treason."

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

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

**31. With reference to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India, a private individual sells his personal used car to another individual within the same State at a value lower than its original purchase price. In this scenario, which of the following is correct?**

- (a) Only Central GST (CGST) is levied
- (b) Only State GST (SGST) is levied
- (c) Both CGST and SGST are levied
- (d) GST is not levied on the transaction

**32. Consider the following statements:**

**Other things remaining unchanged, the depreciation of Indian Rupee is likely to occur if:**

- I. there is a significant rise in the general level of prices of goods in India.
- II. the United States Federal Reserve increases the policy interest rates.
- III. the Foreign Institutional Investors bring more capital into India.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**33. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Manas National Park is among the few protected areas that hold multiple global conservation designations.

**Statement II:** It is part of the Terai Arc Landscape spanning across India and Nepal.

**Which one of the following is correct?**

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

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### 34. Consider the following statements:

1. Keibul Lamjao National Park is the only floating national park in the world.
2. Loktak Lake, within which the park lies, is formed entirely due to glacial retreat.

### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

### 35. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

National Park	River
1. Rajiv Gandhi NP	Penna River
2. Nagarhole NP	Kabini River
3. Tadoba NP	Wainganga River

### Select the correct answer using the code:

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

### 36. Arrange the following National Parks from West to East in Assam:

1. Manas NP
2. Nameri NP
3. Orang NP
4. Dehing Patkai NP

### Select the correct answer-

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

### 37. Which of the given pairs are correctly matched?

National Park	Description
1. Simlipal NP	Sal forest and Indian Trogon
2. Eravikulam NP	Neelakurinji and Anamudi Peak

3. Guindy NP	Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest
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### Select the correct answer using the code:

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

### 38. Which of the following National Parks have UNESCO World Heritage designation?

1. Great Himalayan NP
2. Kaziranga NP
3. Keoladeo Ghana NP
4. Kuno NP

### Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

### 39. Which National Park is known for both the Red Panda and Clouded Leopard?

- (a) Neora Valley NP
- (b) Gulf of Mannar NP
- (c) Pench NP
- (d) Bannerghatta NP

### 40. Consider the following statements:

1. It is the only area where Great Indian Bustard and Chinkara coexist in the wild.
2. It contains freshwater lakes formed by glacial melt during the Pleistocene.
3. It is home to Bishnoi communities known for wildlife protection.

### The above given information describes which of the following?

- (a) Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Kutch Bustard Sanctuary
- (c) Desert National Park
- (d) Gangotri National Park

**41. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Dugongs are a key indicator species in several Indian Marine National Parks.

**Statement II:** Dugongs depend exclusively on mangrove forest cover for survival.

**Which one of the following is correct?**

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

**42. Arrange the following Indian Biosphere Reserves in the order of their UNESCO recognition (earliest to latest):**

1. Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
2. Similipal Biosphere Reserve
3. Panna Biosphere Reserve
4. Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve

**Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

**43. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Keoladeo Ghana National Park is the only regular wintering ground in India for the Siberian Crane.

**Statement II:** Keoladeo Ghana National Park lies on the Central Asian Flyway and provides swampy habitat essential for long-distance migratory birds.

**Which one of the following is correct?**

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

**44. Which of the following is India's northernmost marine national park?**

- (a) Gulf of Mannar Marine NP
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi Marine NP
- (c) Rani Jhansi Marine NP
- (d) Marine National Park, Gulf of Kachchh

**45. Which National Park is characterized by limestone caves with stalactite and stalagmite formations, community forest rights, and the Tirathgarh Waterfall?**

- (a) Satpura National Park
- (b) Kanger Ghati National Park
- (c) Rajaji National Park
- (d) Nokrek National Park

**46. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Nilgai has been declared vermin in some parts of Bihar.

**Statement II:** The State Government has the power to declare any wild animal as vermin under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

**Which one of the following is correct?**

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

**47. Can animals listed in Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, be declared as vermin?**

- (a) Yes, all animals in Schedule II can be declared as vermin.
- (b) No, animals in Schedule II are fully protected.
- (c) Yes, but only those not listed in Part II of Schedule II.
- (d) No, only animals in Schedule III and IV can be declared as vermin.

**48. Consider the following pairs:**

Wildlife Authorities	Head
1. National Board for Wildlife	Director of Wildlife Preservation

2. National Tiger Conservation Authority	Prime Minister
3. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau	Minister of MoEFCC

**How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?**

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

**49. With reference to the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), consider the following statements:**

1. No alteration in boundaries of National Parks or Wildlife Sanctuaries can be made without NBWL's approval.
2. It was constituted by an amendment to the Wildlife Protection Act in 2006.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

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

**50. Arrange the following Wildlife Protection Act amendments in chronological order of introduction:**

1. Protection of ST hunting rights in Andaman and Nicobar
2. Provision for capture/transport for scientific reasons
3. Creation of National Board for Wildlife
4. Establishment of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

**Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

**51. How many of the following protected areas are recognized by the Wildlife Protection Act?**

1. Community Reserve
2. Reserve Forest
3. Protected Forest

4. Conservation Reserve

**Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

**52. Consider the following statements:**

1. All activities are prohibited in Protected Forests unless permitted by the State Government.
2. In Reserved Forests, all activities are permitted unless prohibited by the Forest Department.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

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

**53. Consider the following statements with regard to the structure of the heart in vertebrates:**

- I. All vertebrates possess a muscular, chambered heart.
- II. Birds and mammals have a two-chambered heart.
- III. All Amphibians and reptiles have a three-chambered heart.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**54. Consider the following statements with regard to prokaryotic cells:**

- I. Prokaryotic cells are generally smaller in size and reproduce more rapidly than eukaryotic cells.
- II. Unlike eukaryotic cells, prokaryotic cells do not have membrane-bound storage structures.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II

(d) Neither I nor II

**55. The use of aspartame as an artificial sweetener is largely limited to cold foods and soft drinks because:**

- (a) it is highly toxic when heated
- (b) it loses sweetness in acidic media
- (c) it becomes unstable at cooking temperatures
- (d) it reacts with sugar at high temperatures

**56. Which of the following statements are correct with regard to heavy water?**

- I. It is used as a moderator in nuclear reactors.
- II. It is more effective as a solvent than ordinary water.
- III. It exhibits greater intermolecular association.
- IV. It has a lower boiling point than ordinary water.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

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

**57. Consider the following statements:**

- I. Dark matter is an anti-matter and is a repulsive force responsible for the accelerated expansion of the universe.
- II. Dark energy acts like a cosmic glue that holds galaxies together because it interacts with gravity.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**58. The formation of a mirage on a hot tarred road is primarily the result of:**

- (a) diffraction
- (b) dispersion
- (c) reflection
- (d) total internal reflection

**59. With reference to communicable diseases, which one of the following statements is correct?**

- (a) Tuberculosis is caused by a bacterium that only affects the lungs.
- (b) Malaria is transmitted by the bite of female Anopheles mosquitoes infected with the virus.
- (c) Polio can invade the nervous system and lead to irreversible paralysis.
- (d) Dengue fever is caused by a virus and transmitted to humans only through the bite of an infected female Aedes aegypti mosquito.

**60. Consider the following statements with regard to the plant cells and animal cells:**

- I. Plant cells have well-developed centrioles, while animal cells do not.
- II. Animal cells possess a cellulose cell wall, whereas plant cells do not.
- III. Animal cells have well-developed golgi bodies but plant cells do not.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) I only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I, II and III
- (d) None

**61. Consider the following statements with regard to stem cell classification:**

- I. Pluripotent stem cells can become any cell type in the embryo and placenta.
- II. Totipotent stem cells can form all embryonic and extra-embryonic tissues.
- III. Multipotent stem cells can differentiate cell types within a particular lineage or family.
- IV. Unipotent stem cells can form one cell type but cannot self-renew.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**62. An employee at a corporate office opens an email attachment from an unknown sender. Within minutes, access to important files is lost and a message appears on the screen demanding payment in cryptocurrency to unlock the files. The message warns that failure to pay within 48 hours will result in permanent deletion of data.**

**Which of the following best explains the type of cyberattack involved in this situation?**

- (a) Denial-of-service
- (b) Adware
- (c) Spyware
- (d) Ransomware

**63. Consider the following statements with regard to Small Modular Reactors (SMRs):**

- I. They are advanced nuclear reactors with a power capacity of one-third of the generating capacity of traditional nuclear power reactors.
- II. SMR power plants have longer refuelling intervals as compared to conventional reactors.
- III. They utilize nuclear fusion in a controlled manner to generate heat to produce energy.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

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

**64. Consider the following statements with regard to the International Space Station (ISS):**

- I. It is a multinational collaborative project involving space agencies of the USA, Russia, Europe, Japan and Canada.
- II. It orbits the Earth at an altitude of approximately 36,000 kilometers in geostationary orbit.
- III. It is primarily used for scientific research in microgravity and space-based technology development.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

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

**65. 'Akashteer', recently in the news, is:**

- (a) a surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile system
- (b) an anti-satellite missile defence system
- (c) an indigenous loitering munition for precision strike
- (d) an automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System

**66. With reference to stablecoins, consider the following statements:**

- I. The value of stablecoins is typically pegged to a reserve asset such as fiat currency or gold.
- II. Stablecoins guarantee a stable value in secondary markets.
- III. Stablecoins are restricted from being used in purchasing goods or services.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**67. With reference to sodium-ion batteries, consider the following statements with regard to their advantages over lithium-ion batteries:**

- I. Sodium can be extracted from seawater at relatively lower costs than lithium.
- II. They can have a lower environmental impact compared to lithium-ion batteries.
- III. Unlike lithium-ion batteries, they can be stored at zero voltage.
- IV. They can operate efficiently across a wider temperature range than lithium-ion batteries.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three

(d) All the four

**68. With reference to the committees of the Constituent Assembly and their chairmen, which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?**

Chairman	Committee
(a) G.V. Mavalankar	Committee on the Functions of the Constituent Assembly
(b) Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar	Credential Committee
(c) B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya	House Committee
(d) K.M. Munshi	Committee on the Rules of Procedure

**69. With reference to the Government of India Act, 1919, consider the following statements:**

1. It granted limited voting rights to women based on property and education.
2. It introduced bicameralism at the central level for the first time.
3. It separated provincial budgets from the Central budget.
4. It extended separate electorates to Depressed Classes and labour.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**70. With reference to classical Sanskrit literature, which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?**

- (a) Kathasaritsagara – Somadeva
- (b) Svapnavasavadattam – Bhasa
- (c) Kadambari – Banabhatta
- (d) Dashakumaracharita – Vishakhadatta

**71. Consider the following description:**

1. It is a 10th-century Tamil Jain epic authored by the Jain monk Tiruttakkadevar.

2. It is known for its literary merit and for reflecting Jain values like non-violence and spiritual detachment.

3. It is one of the Five Great Epics of Tamil Literature and is also known as Mana Nool (Book of Marriages).

**Which one of the following epics is best described above?**

- (a) Manimekalai
- (b) Jivaka Chintamani
- (c) Cilappatikaram
- (d) Kundalakesi

**72. Consider the following literary works:**

1. Natyashastra
2. Bhagavad Gita
3. Rigveda
4. Maitreyavyakarana

**How many of the above literary works are included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register?**

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

**73. With reference to Modern Indian History, who authored the book "The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and Its Solution"?**

- (a) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (b) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- (c) B.R. Ambedkar
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

**74. Consider the following ancient Indian texts:**

1. Madhyamika Karika
2. Visuddhimagga
3. Netti Pakarana
4. Lalitavistara
5. Suttrakritanga

**How many of the above are Buddhist texts?**

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three

- (c) Only four  
(d) All five

**75. With reference to archaeological sites in India, consider the following information:**

Site	State	Description
I. Musipatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Megalithic burial site
II. Rakhigarhi	Haryana	Indus Valley settlement
III. Parasnath Hill	Rajasthan	Jain pilgrimage site
IV. Muziris	Tamil Nadu	Ancient port city

**In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?**

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

**76. With reference to the Pandyan kingdom, which of the following best describes the terms Bhattavritti and Tattarkani?**

- (a) Types of temple inscriptions  
(b) Titles of military commanders  
(c) Categories of court officials  
(d) Categories of land grants

**77. With reference to the Indian freedom struggle, consider the following revolutionaries:**

- Ram Prasad Bismil
- Ashfaqullah Khan
- Rajendra Lahiri

**How many of the above revolutionaries were directly associated with the Kakori Train Action of 1925?**

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

**78. With reference to the taxation system during the Gupta Empire, consider the following pairs:**

Type of tax	Description
1. Klypta	Tax on the sale and purchase of land
2. Kara	Tax on gold coins
3. Sulka	Tax at customs and tolls
4. Halivakara	Tax on every plough-owning cultivator

**How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?**

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

**79. In the context of Indian history, Wilkinson's Rules (1833) are related to:**

- (a) Revenue settlement in the Madras Presidency  
(b) Administration of tribal areas in the Chotanagpur region  
(c) Codification of judicial procedures in the Bengal Presidency  
(d) Regulation of zamindari estates in the Central Provinces

**80. With reference to places seen in the news, consider the following statements:**

- Zangezur Corridor is the crossing point between Egypt and Palestine's Gaza Strip.
- Morag axis is a corridor situated between Khan Younis and Rafah crossing in Palestine's Gaza Strip.
- The Philadelphi Corridor connects Azerbaijan to the southern part of Armenia.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**81. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement-I:** Import of oils extracted from genetically modified Soyabean is prohibited in India.

**Statement-II:** At present, India prohibits the direct import of Genetically Modified (GM) crops.

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**82. With reference to constitutional provisions regarding languages, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Hindi written in the Devanagari script is the official language of the Union.
- 2. The Constitution provides for a Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities to be appointed by the Parliament.
- 3. A language not listed in the Eighth Schedule can be adopted by the Legislature of the State as the language to be used for all or any of the official purposes of that State.
- 4. All proceedings in the Supreme Court shall be in the English language until Parliament by law otherwise provides.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**83. Consider the following:**

- 1. Kara Sea
- 2. Barents Sea
- 3. Bay of Biscay
- 4. Baffin Bay
- 5. North Sea

**How many of the above water bodies share their boundary with Russia?**

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

**84. Consider the following with reference to the illustrations and artwork in the original manuscripts of the Constitution of India:**

- I. Mohenjo-Daro Seal of Bull
- II. Gurukul Scene from Vedic Ashram
- III. Portrait of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru
- IV. Portrait of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

**How many of the above were illustrated in the original manuscripts of the Constitution of India?**

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

**85. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** India has opposed the "multi-layered" approach proposed by developed nations for the new climate finance target at the United Nations COP29.

**Statement II:** The primary mandate of COP29 was to finalize the New Collective Quantified Goal, replacing the previous target of USD 100 billion per year set in 2009.

**Statement III:** A "multi-layered" finance structure relies on loans and private investment rather than public grants, which risks exacerbating the sovereign debt crisis.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

**86. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below:**

List I (Initiative)	List II (Description)
A. IndiGen Programme	1. Initiative by Department of Biotechnology
B. 'One Day One Genome' Initiative	2. International effort to map entire human genome
C. Human Genome Project	3. Initiative by CSIR for genomic profiling of Indian population
D. 100,000 Genomes Project	4. England's initiative for sequencing large number of genomes
E. International HapMap Project	5. Study of genetic variations across populations

**Codes:**

- (a) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4, E-5
- (b) A-1, B-3, C-2, D-5, E-4
- (c) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4, E-5
- (d) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4, E-5

**87. Which of the following best describes the objective of Gene Drive Technology?**

- (a) To ensure equal inheritance of genes from both parents
- (b) To increase the probability of a selected gene being inherited across generations
- (c) To eliminate all genetic variation in a population
- (d) To replace entire genomes of organisms

**88. Consider the following statements:**

1. Transcription is the process of converting DNA into messenger RNA.
2. Translation is the process of converting messenger RNA into proteins.
3. RNA silencing primarily affects transcription in the nucleus and not translation in the cytoplasm.
4. Proteins regulate transcription, while microRNAs regulate translation and degradation of mRNA.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**89. Consider the following statements regarding microRNA (miRNA):**

1. It is a small non-coding RNA involved in gene regulation.
2. It promotes translation of mRNA into proteins.
3. It can degrade mRNA or inhibit its translation.
4. It functions primarily in the cytoplasm.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**90. Consider the following statements:**

1. Transcription occurs in the cytoplasm and produces mRNA.
2. Translation occurs in the cytoplasm and produces proteins.
3. RNA silencing can affect both transcription and translation.
4. miRNA acts before transcription begins.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**91. The term "S8 tension", sometimes seen in astrophysics, refers to:**

- (a) Sudden explosion of eight stars forming a supernova chain reaction
- (b) Mismatch between different observations of matter clustering in the Universe
- (c) Temperature difference between Sun's surface and core layers

(d) Conflict between eight satellites orbiting Earth in geostationary orbit

**92. With reference to White Noise and Coloured Noise, consider the following statements:**

1. White noise is completely random and does not depend on past values.
2. Coloured noise has memory, meaning its present value depends partly on past values.
3. White noise models successfully explain long-term stable helical movement in microorganisms.
4. The Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process is used to model coloured noise.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**93. With reference to the Loss and Damage Fund (LDF), consider the following statements:**

1. It was established at COP27 under the UNFCCC framework to address climate-related losses.
2. The fund aims to support countries facing both economic and non-economic losses due to climate change.
3. The World Bank serves as the permanent trustee of the fund.
4. The fund primarily focuses on mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**94. With reference to Mission Amrit Sarovar (MAS), consider the following statements:**

1. It was launched in 2022 by the Ministry of Rural Development to promote water conservation.
2. The mission aims to create or rejuvenate 75 water bodies in each district of India.

3. The mission focuses only on urban areas and smart city infrastructure development.

4. Phase II of the mission emphasizes climate resilience and community participation.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**95. With reference to Auroras, consider the following statements:**

1. Auroras are caused by charged particles from the Sun interacting with gases in Earth's upper atmosphere.
2. They are most commonly observed near the equatorial regions of the Earth.
3. The colour of auroras depends on the type of gas and altitude in the atmosphere.
4. Strong solar storms can make auroras visible at lower latitudes than usual.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**96. Which one among the following is not a character of a secular State?**

- (a) It refuses theocracy.
- (b) It separates religion from the State.
- (c) A State in order to be secular must be democratic.
- (d) It must prevent religious conflict and promote religious harmony.

**97. Which one of the following countries does NOT have direct access to the sea/ocean?**

- (a) Syria
- (c) Azerbaijan
- (b) Jordan
- (d) Armenia

**98. What is ecological amplitude?**

- (a) The range of demands and consequent range of tolerance of a species to the fluctuations in environmental conditions
- (b) The range of tolerance of a species in constant environmental conditions
- (c) The range of demands of a species in constant environmental conditions
- (d) The range of ecological conditions found in a biome

**99. Consider the following statements:**

1. The Department of Economic Affairs is a nodal agency of the Government of India to formulate and monitor the country's economic policies and programmes that have a bearing on the domestic and international aspects of economic management.
2. The principal responsibility of the Department of Economic Affairs is the preparation and presentation of the Union Budget (including the Railway Budget) before the Parliament, and the Budgets for Union Territories and States under the President's Rule.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**100. Consider the following historical events:**

1. Gandhi-Irwin Pact
2. Second Round Table Conference
3. Peasant Movement in Bardoli
4. Peasant Movement in Kheda

**Which one of the following is the correct chronological order (starting from the earliest) of the above events?**

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