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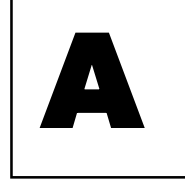


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1. Which of the following correctly differentiates between the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Lakshadweep Islands?

- I. Andaman & Nicobar Islands are in a stable tectonic zone with lower earthquake risk, while Lakshadweep lies in an active tectonic zone, making it more earthquake-prone
II. Lakshadweep has a dense forest cover, whereas Andaman & Nicobar have sparse vegetation.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

2. Which of the following statements about the Lesser Himalayas are correct?

- I. They are also known as Himachal or Lower Himalayas.
II. They lie between the Greater Himalayas in the north and the Shiwaliks in the south.
III. They are composed primarily of crystalline and volcanic rocks.
IV. Famous ranges like Pir Panjal and Dhauladhar belong to this region.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

3. Which of the following statements about Bugyals (Alpine Meadows) are correct?

- I. They are high-altitude grasslands found in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.
II. They remain snow-covered for most of the year and are only accessible in summer.
III. They play a vital role in the transhumance (seasonal livestock migration) practiced by local herders.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

4. Consider the following statements

- I. Alaknanda originates from Gangotri Glacier, whereas Bhagirathi originates from Satopanth Glacier.
II. The confluence of Alaknanda and Bhagirathi at Devprayag forms the Ganga River.

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

5. With reference to the Meghalaya Plateau and Chotanagpur Plateau, consider the following statements:

- I. Meghalaya Plateau has higher rainfall and is covered with dense forests, whereas the Chotanagpur Plateau is drier with usually scattered vegetation.
II. Chota Nagpur Plateau is rich in iron ore and coal reserves, whereas Meghalaya Plateau has significant limestone and coal deposits.

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

6. A newly classified agricultural zone exhibits the following characteristics:

- I. The region is covered by thick basaltic lava deposits.
II. The soil is rich in iron and magnesium but deficient in nitrogen and phosphorus.
III. This region is a major producer of cotton and is suitable for dry farming.

Which of the following regions does this best describe?

- (a) Chotanagpur Plateau
(b) Deccan Plateau
(c) Aravalli Hills
(d) Shillong Plateau

7 Arrange the following mountain ranges in India from highest to lowest average elevation:

- I. Western Ghats

- II. Aravalli Range
- III. Himalayas
- IV. Eastern Ghats

Select the correct order using the code given below:

- (a) III → I → IV → II
- (b) III → II → I → IV
- (c) I → III → II → IV
- (d) III → I → II → IV

8. Which of the following statements about Bundelkhand and Baghelkhand Plateaus are correct?

- I. The Baghelkhand plateau is a part of northern India plains, whereas Bundelkhand plateau is a part of peninsular plateau.
- II. The Son River flows through Baghelkhand Plateau, whereas Chambal River is a major river of Bundelkhand Plateau.
- III. These plateaus has primarily red and yellow soil, making them low agricultural productive regions

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

9. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: North India experiences significantly colder winters than South India.

Statement II: The latitudinal position of North India places it farther from the equator, leading to lower solar heating in winter.

Statement III: The presence of Himalayas which helps cold Siberian winds in entering the Indian subcontinent.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and 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 explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

10. Consider the following description:

- I. Salinity levels range between 37 to 41 ppt, among the highest in the world.
- II. It is an enclosed water body located between Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.
- III. Evaporation exceeds precipitation

Which of the following seas matches this description?

- (a) Red Sea
- (b) Mediterranean Sea
- (c) Persian Gulf
- (d) Black Sea

11. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The north–south extent of the Indian mainland is shorter than its east–west extent despite having nearly similar latitudinal and longitudinal spans.

Statement II: The distance between latitudes remains uniform, whereas the distance between longitudes decreases from the equator toward the poles.

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

12. With reference to the formation and physiographic features of the Great Northern Plains, consider the following statements:

- I. These were formed by the filling up of a syncline created during the upliftment of the Himalayas.
- II. These are the oldest geological formations in India.
- III. Reh and Bhur are features associated with the Khadar regions of the Upper Ganga Plain.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Western Ghats receive more rainfall than the Eastern Ghats from the Southwest Monsoon.

Statement II: Unlike the Eastern Ghats, the Western Ghats form a continuous chain of mountains.

Statement III: Western Ghats are higher in elevation than the Eastern Ghats.

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

14. Which one of the following is not a freshwater lake?

- (a) Shivsagar Lake
- (b) Bhojtal Lake
- (c) Pushkar Lake
- (d) Pangong Tso Lake

15. Consider the following statements with regard to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

- I. These are an extension of the submerged Arakan Yoma mountain range of Myanmar.
- II. Mount Saddle is the highest peak of the archipelago.
- III. Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park is the southernmost National Park of India.
- IV. Duncan passage separates the Andaman Islands from the Nicobar Islands.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

16. Arrange the following cities in ascending order of their length of day on the Summer Solstice (21st June):

- I. Nagpur
- II. Bhopal
- III. Bengaluru

IV. Hyderabad

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements:

- I. It rises in the Pulachimalai Hills of the Western Ghats.
- II. It is the third-longest river in Kerala.
- III. It is popularly referred to as the 'Dakshina Bhageerathi' due to its association with the Sabarimala temple.
- IV. The silt deposited by this river and its tributaries has helped form the fertile Kuttanad region, known as the 'rice bowl of Kerala.'

The river described above is:

- (a) Periyar
- (b) Bharathapuzha
- (c) Pamba
- (d) Achankovil

18. With reference to the Central Highlands, consider the following statements:

- I. It is an open rolling plateau.
- II. The Satpura Range forms the southernmost boundary of the highlands.
- III. The Chambal River flows through this region in a rift valley.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following hills:

- I. Anaimalai
- II. Nallamala
- III. Mahendragiri
- IV. Shevaroy
- V. Cardamom

Which of the hills given above are part of the Eastern Ghats?

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

20. Consider the following statements with regard to the Aravalli Range:

- I. They pass through two States and two Union Territories only.
- II. Guru Shikhar in the Arbuda Mountains of Rajasthan is the highest peak of the Aravallis.
- III. The Banas River, a part of the Yamuna River basin, originates from this range.
- IV. They help arrest the eastward spread of the Thar Desert into the Indo-Gangetic plains.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

21. Consider the following:

- I. Bet lands
- II. Gully
- III. Ox-bow lake
- IV. Dhrian

Which of the features given above are associated with the Punjab-Haryana Plains?

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

22. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Himalayas exhibit a marked longitudinal narrowing from west to east.

Statement II: The compressional stress during upliftment was stronger in the eastern sector than in the western sector of the Himalayas.

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

23. A group of trekkers is planning to follow the 'River of Death' from Ladakh toward the Karakoram range. As they trek along the river, they'll pass through the Nubra Valley and eventually reach the Indus River.

Which one of the following rivers are they most likely following?

- (a) Gilgit
- (b) Gomal
- (c) Shyok
- (d) Suru

24. With reference to the Himalayan Range, consider the following statements:

- I. The Himachal Himalayas are the only range of the Himalaya that maintains its continuity from west to east.
- II. The core of the Greater Himalayan range is made up of granite rocks.
- III. The Eastern Himalayas receive more rainfall than the Western Himalayas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. Which one of the following places lies on the watershed between the Indus and Ganga river systems?

- (a) Patiala
- (b) Ambala
- (c) Panipat
- (d) Kurukshetra

26. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The western coast of India provides natural conditions for the development of ports.

Statement II: The western coast of India has a broader continental shelf that extends up to 500 kilometers into the sea.

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

27. Arrange the following hills of the peninsular plateau from east to west:

- I. Rajmahal
- II. Ramgarh
- III. Mahadeo
- IV. Kaimur
- V. Garhjat

Select the correct order using the code given below:

- (a) I- V- II- IV- III
- (b) V- I- IV- III- II
- (c) I- V- III- II- IV
- (d) V- I- II- IV- III

28. Consider the following statements with regard to the rock systems in India:

- I. Dravidian rocks are mostly found in the extra-Peninsular regions of the Himalayas.
- II. The Vindhyan rock system hosts diamond- bearing regions.
- III. Gondwana rocks contain nearly 98% of India's coal reserves.
- IV. Archean rocks are rich in both metallic and non-metallic minerals.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

29. Which one of the following States is popularly referred to as the 'Land of Rolling Mountains'?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Nagaland

30. Consider the following statements:

- I. Yankti Kuti Valley in Uttarakhand is the last inhabited valley of India before the border with Tibet.
- II. The Kishanganga River flows through the Gurez Valley in the Kashmir region.
- III. The Valley of Flowers lies within the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve.
- IV. The Zaskar Valley is known for the winter Chadar Trek, conducted on the frozen Zaskar River.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements with regard to the Thar Desert:

- I. It is considered an extension of the Peninsular Plateau.
- II. The Rajasthan Bagar is a transition zone between the Marusthali and the Aravallis, marked by relatively fertile Rohi tracts.
- III. The Luni and Ghaggar are ephemeral rivers in the region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

32. Consider the following rivers:

- I. Mechi
- II. Teesta
- III. Ghaghara
- IV. Gandaki

How many of the above are transboundary rivers between India and Nepal?

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

33. Consider the following statements with regard to the islands in India:

- I. Umananda or Peacock Island on the Brahmaputra River is the world's smallest inhabited river island.
- II. Hope Island was formed by the deposition of silt carried by the Ganga River into the Bay of Bengal.
- III. Pamban Island is the largest island of Tamil Nadu, separated from the mainland by the Palk Strait.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

34. With reference to the Meghalaya Plateau, consider the following statements:

- I. It is an extension of the Peninsular Plateau, separated from the mainland by the Malda Fault.
- II. An extension of this plateau is seen in the Karbi Anglong Hills of Assam.
- III. It is a mineral-rich region, though uranium deposits are not found here.

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

35. Consider the following pairs of rivers, where both rivers in each pair are required to flow entirely within India:

- I. Beas-Gomati
- II. Barak- Lohit
- III. Teesta- Kishanganga
- IV. Ramganga- Ravi

How many of the pairs given above are correct?

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

36. With regard to the Karakoram Range, consider the following statements:

- I. It is part of the main Himalayan fold system.
- II. Its northwestern extensions reach Afghanistan and Tajikistan.
- III. The Siachen Glacier is located in this range.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements with regard to the Deccan Traps:

- I. Its thickness increases uniformly from west to east.
- II. It is primarily composed of tholeiitic basaltic rocks.
- III. It is spread over only Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements with regard to the major waterfalls in India:

- I. Jog Falls is formed by the Narmada River and is located in Gujarat.
- II. Kunchikal Falls, the highest waterfall of India, is formed by the Sharavati River and is located in Karnataka.
- III. Barehipani Falls is the highest waterfall in Odisha and is situated within the Similipal Tiger Reserve.
- IV. Nohkalikai Falls is the tallest plunge waterfall in India and is located in Meghalaya.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only

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

39. Consider the following statements with regard to the lakes in India:

- I. Wular Lake is India's largest freshwater lake, formed by the Jhelum River.
- II. Vembanad Lake is fed by the Pamba and the Periyar.
- III. Renuka Lake in Himachal Pradesh is a natural wetland sustained by freshwater springs.
- IV. Deepor Beel is a perennial freshwater lake located in Meghalaya.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

40. Consider the following rivers:

- I. Kosi
- II. Satluj
- III. Kaveri
- IV. Banas
- V. Damodar

How many of the rivers given above are antecedent rivers?

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

41. Consider the following statements with regard to the Eastern Ghats:

- I. They are geologically older than the Western Ghats.
- II. They spread across only three Indian States.
- III. Arma Konda in Andhra Pradesh is the highest peak of this mountain range.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following passes:

- I. Pangsau
- II. Niti
- III. Chorla Ghat
- IV. Thal Ghat

Which of the passes given above is/are in the Western Ghats?

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

43. Consider the following statements with regard to the Ganga River:

- I. In India, the main course of the river flows through five States only.
- II. It enters the Indo-Gangetic Plains at Haridwar.
- III. It forms the boundary between Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- IV. Andha Galchi river gorge is carved by one of its tributaries.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

44. Consider the following geographical features:

- I. Mount Girnar
- II. Tosham Hill
- III. Lonar Lake
- IV. Barren Island

How many of the features given above are volcanic in origin?

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

45. Consider the following statements with regard to the Chotanagpur Plateau:

- I. It is a collective geographical term for the Ranchi, Hazaribagh, and Koderma plateaus.

- II. It is predominantly composed of Gondwana rocks.
III. It is located between the Ganga–Son river basin to the north and the Mahanadi River basin to the south.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements:

I. These hills run eastward from the Western Ghats to the Kaveri River.

II. They form a forested ecological corridor connecting the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats.

The hills described above are:

- (a) Nilgiri
(b) Palani
(c) Biligirirangan
(d) Shevaroy

47. Which of the following rivers originate in the Western Ghats and form part of the east-flowing drainage system?

- I. Tunga
II. Hemavati
III. Koyna
IV. Bhima
V. Zuari

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

48. Arrange the following rivers flowing through the Eastern Ghats from north to south:

- I. Rushikulya
II. Vamsadhara
III. Subarnarekha
IV. Brahmani
V. Vaigai

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) IV- III- V- I- II
(b) III- IV- I- II- V
(c) III- I- IV- II- V
(d) II- III- V- IV- I

49. Consider the following hills/ranges of the Himalayas:

- I. Manaslu
II. Indrasan
III. Kedarnath
IV. Mahabharat
V. Nag Tibba

How many of the above form a part of the Greater Himalayas?

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

50. Consider the following statements with regard to Sir Creek:

- I. It is a tidal estuary between Gujarat and the Sindh province of Pakistan.
II. It is considered one of the largest fishing grounds in South Asia.
III. The Thalweg Principle is applied in the Sir Creek dispute for determining the maritime boundary between India and Pakistan.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

51. Consider the following pairs:

Hill Station	Mountain/Peak
I. Lansdowne	Kumaon Himalayas
II. Kodaikanal	Palani Hill
III. Gulmarg	Pir Panjal Range
IV. Munnar	Anamudi Peak

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

52. Consider the following pairs:

Location	Description
I. Ghuar Moti	Western most point of India
II. Kibithu	Easternmost point of India
III. Indira Point	Northernmost point of India
IV. Indira Col	Southernmost point of India

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

53. Match the following mountain ranges with their highest peaks:

Mountain Range	Highest Peak
I. Satpura	a. Kamet
II. Zaskar	b. Buttaid
III. Nilgiri	c. Dhupgarh
IV. Palkonda	d. Doddabetta

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

54. Consider the following information:

Wetland	State	Feature
I. Udaipur Jheel	Rajasthan	It is an oxbow lake.
II. Gokul Jalashaya	Bihar	It is located on the southern edge of the Ganga river.
III. Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	It is on the Central Asian Flyway.

IV. Khecheopalri Lake	Sikkim	It is revered by both Buddhists and Hindus.
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In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

55. Consider the following pairs:

Glacier	Associated River
I. Gaumukh	Alaknanda
II. Bara Shigri	Chenab
III. Zemu	Manas
IV. Bandarpunch	Yamuna

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

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

56. Match the following doabs in India with the rivers forming them:

Doab	Formed by Rivers
I. Raichur	a. Indus and Jhelum
II. Bari	b. Krishna and Tungabhadra
III. Sindh Sagar	c. Ravi and Beas
IV. Rechna	d. Chenab and Ravi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

57. Consider the following pairs:

Grassland	State
I. Khajjiar	Himachal Pradesh
II. Banni	Rajasthan
III. Savanna	Karnataka
IV. Shola	Goa

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

58. Consider the following pairs:

River	Drainage Pattern
I. Ganga	Dendritic
II. Bharathappuzha	Parallel
III. Chambal	Rectangular
IV. Son	Radial

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

59. With reference to the islands of India, consider the following statements:

- I. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands were formed due to collision between the Indian Plate and the Burma Minor Plate.
- II. The Lakshadweep Islands are coral islands formed over submerged volcanic features.

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

60. Which of the following hill ranges form part of the Purvanchal Hills?

- I. Mizo Hills
- II. Patkai Hills
- III. Naga Hills
- IV. Aravalli Hills

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

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

61. Which one of the following statements correctly distinguishes Bhangar from Khadar?

- (a) Bhangar is renewed annually, whereas Khadar is not.
- (b) Bhangar contains kankar (calcareous) deposits, whereas Khadar does not.
- (c) Khadar lies above the floodplains, whereas Bhangar lies below them.
- (d) Khadar is less fertile than Bhangar.

62. With reference to the Bhabar and Terai regions, consider the following statements:

- I. The Bhabar region is characterized by coarse sediments deposited near the foothills of the Himalayas.
- II. The Terai region is marked by marshy and swampy conditions.

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

63. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Meghalaya Plateau is an extension of the Purvanchal Hills (Eastern Himalayas) formed during the Tertiary period.

Statement II: The Meghalaya Plateau was formed due to the north eastward movement of the Indian plate during Himalayan uplift.

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.

64. Consider the following statements regarding the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats:

- I. Western Ghats are older and metamorphic in origin than Eastern Ghats.
- II. Western Ghats receive heavier rainfall and support richer biodiversity than Eastern Ghats.

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

65. Arrange the following west coast plains of India in their correct north-to-south sequence:

- I. Konkan Coast
- II. Malabar Coast
- III. Kathiawar Coast
- IV. Kachchh Coast

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) IV – III – I – II
- (b) III – IV – II – I
- (c) IV – I – III – II
- (d) III – I – IV – II

66. The Brahmaputra, Irrawaddy, and Mekong Rivers originate in Tibet and flow in parallel mountain ranges in their upper reaches. Of these rivers, Brahmaputra makes a “U” turn in its course to flow into India. This “U” turn is due to?

- (a) Uplift of folded Himalayan ranges.
- (b) Syntaxial bending of geologically young Himalayas.
- (c) Geo-tectonic disturbance in the tertiary folded mountain chains.
- (d) Both (a) and (b) above.

67. With reference to river Teesta, consider the following statements:

1. The source of the river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra, but it flows through Sikkim.
2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim, and it is a tributary of the river Teesta.
3. River Teesta flows into the Bay of Bengal on the border of India and Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

68. What are the benefits of implementing the ‘Integrated Watershed Development Programme’?

1. Prevention of soil runoff
2. Linking the country’s perennial rivers with seasonal rivers
3. Rainwater harvesting and recharge of groundwater table
4. Regeneration of natural vegetation

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

69. Consider the following statements:

1. The winds which blow between 30° N and 60° S latitudes throughout the year are known as westerlies.
2. The moist air masses that cause winter rains in North Western region of India are part of westerlies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

70. In India, the problem of soil erosion is associated with which of the following?

1. Terrace cultivation
2. Deforestation
3. Tropical climate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

71. With reference to the 'Narsapuram Lace Craft', recently in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a traditional handmade needle lace technique from the West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh that was recently granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
2. The craft was introduced in the 19th century and is characterized by the use of wool and jute fibers to create indigenous floral patterns.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to the 'Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR 120)', consider the following statements:

1. Developed by the DRDO, it is an indigenous guided rocket artillery system with an enhanced strike range of approximately 120 kilometers.
2. Unlike the original Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system, the LRGR version utilizes a guidance system solely based on the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (NavIC).

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

73. With reference to the 'Kanger Valley National Park', recently in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only National Park located in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh and is named after a tributary of the Godavari river basin.
2. The park is characterized by its limestone caves and serves as a primary habitat for the Bastar Hill Myna, the state bird of Chhattisgarh.
3. Geographically, the park is situated in the Western Ghats and is dominated by dry thorny scrub vegetation.

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

74. With reference to the 'INSV Kaundinya', consider the following statements:

1. It is a dual-masted sail ship equipped with modern diesel propulsion to ensure safety during long-range maritime expeditions.
2. The vessel is constructed using a traditional stitched-plank method that relies on coir rope rather than nails or metal fasteners.
3. The design of the ship is inspired by a 5th-century CE ship depiction found in the Ajanta Caves.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

75. With reference to 'Infrastructure Bonds', consider the following statements:

1. These are long-term debt instruments that can be issued by both Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) and private financial institutions to fund capital-intensive projects.
2. A primary objective of these bonds is to reduce the reliance of the infrastructure sector on traditional bank lending and provide stable funding that matches the long gestation periods of projects.

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

76. With reference to 'Somaliland', which has been in the news for recent diplomatic developments, consider the following statements:

1. Somaliland is a de facto independent state located in the Horn of Africa, bordered by Djibouti to the northwest and the Gulf of Aden to the north.
2. In late 2025, Israel became the first UN member state to formally recognize Somaliland as an independent sovereign state, leading to diplomatic tensions with the African Union.
3. Geographically, it is located along the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, and its strategic Berbera Port is currently managed under a lease by a Chinese state-owned enterprise.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

77. With reference to 'Nanobots (Nanorobots)', recently in the news, consider the following statements:

1. They are microscopic robots typically ranging from 1 to 100 nanometres in size, making them comparable in scale to DNA and proteins.
2. In medical applications, they offer the advantage of deep tissue penetration, allowing them to access dense tumours that are often invisible to conventional scans.
3. To ensure safety within the human body, these nanobots are constructed using biocompatible materials such as silica and iron.
4. Recent Indian research in this field, led by IISc Bengaluru, focused on using magnetic nanobots for targeted cancer therapy.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

78. With reference to 'Sponges', recently highlighted for their role in the Sundarbans ecosystem, consider the following statements:

1. They are primitive multicellular organisms belonging to the phylum Porifera and are characterized by the total absence of true tissues or organs.
2. While most sponges are marine, certain freshwater species found in the Sundarbans act as bioindicators due to their ability to bioaccumulate heavy metals.
3. Their feeding mechanism involves drawing water through large openings called oscula and expelling it through numerous tiny surface pores called ostia.

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

79. With reference to 'Ghost Pairing', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a social-engineering-based cyberattack where an attacker links a victim's messaging account to their own device as a companion, without requiring a SIM swap.
2. The technique relies primarily on exploiting technical vulnerabilities in end-to-end encryption protocols rather than human psychology or trust.
3. This form of attack allows the fraudster real-time access to the victim's chats, media, and contacts even if the victim's phone remains in their possession.

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

80. With reference to the 'Jnanpith Award', consider the following statements:

1. It is India's highest literary honor and is awarded exclusively for an author's outstanding contribution to languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
2. Unlike many other national awards, it is awarded for an author's overall lifetime contribution to literature rather than for a single specific work.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding the Heron Mk II Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV):

1. It is a Medium-Altitude Long-Endurance (MALE) drone developed indigenously by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
2. It features Beyond-Line-Of-Sight (BLOS) operational capabilities through Satellite Communication (SATCOM).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. With reference to the Satellite-based Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system in India, consider the following statements:

1. It utilizes Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) technology to enable distance-based tolling instead of fixed-gate tolling.
2. The GNSS-based system is designed to function as a standalone architecture, completely replacing the existing RFID-based FASTag ecosystem.
3. The implementation of barrier-less free-flow tolling aims to reduce congestion and check toll evasion at plazas.

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

83. With reference to the new Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) rules in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is the primary authority responsible for issuing and enforcing these regulations.

2. Under the updated features, the mandatory continuous weekly rest period for pilots has been set at 24 hours to ensure quick recovery.
3. The "Night Period" has been redefined as the duration between 00:00 and 06:00 to increase protected rest hours for flight crews.

How many of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

84. Consider the following statements regarding the Unified Payments Interface (UPI):

1. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has officially recognized UPI as the world's largest real-time retail payment system by transaction volume.
2. The system is both operated and regulated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

85. With reference to In-vitro Fertilization (IVF) technology, consider the following statements:

1. It is a type of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) where fertilization of the egg takes place within the woman's fallopian tubes.
2. IVF can be used as a medical intervention for infertility caused by conditions such as endometriosis or blocked fallopian tubes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

86. With reference to 'Q-Day', often seen in the news recently, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to the point in time when quantum computers will be able to break widely used public-key encryption standards like RSA and ECC.
2. The "store-now, decrypt-later" strategy is a current cybersecurity threat associated with the anticipation of Q-Day.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding Hybrid Mutual Funds in India:

1. These funds are also referred to as asset allocation funds because they invest in a mix of equity, debt, and other asset classes based on a pre-decided pattern.
2. The primary regulatory authority for these funds is the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. With reference to the Diving Support Craft (DSC) recently inducted into the Indian Navy, consider the following statements:

1. These vessels are indigenously designed and built by the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) under the 'Make in India' initiative.
2. They are primarily used for deep-sea saturation diving and submarine rescue operations.
3. The craft is equipped with a Dynamic Positioning (DP) system to ensure precise station-keeping during underwater missions.

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

89. With reference to the 'Bluebird-6' satellite, consider the following statements:

1. It is the heaviest commercial communication satellite ever to be launched by India using the LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark 3) rocket.
2. The primary objective of the mission is to provide direct-to-cell broadband connectivity to standard smartphones without the need for ground-based towers.
3. The satellite is designed to operate in the Geostationary Orbit (GEO) to provide continuous, high-latency 5G non-terrestrial network (NTN) technology.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

90. With reference to the 'MahaCrimeOS AI' platform, consider the following statements:

1. It is an Artificial Intelligence-based crime analytics platform launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs to map interstate criminal networks.
2. The platform utilizes Predictive Policing and Big Data analytics to identify crime hotspots and suspect profiles based on historical data.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

91. With reference to 'Ozempic', which has been in the news recently, consider the following statements:

1. It is a GLP-1 (Glucagon-Like Peptide-1) receptor agonist primarily used for the management of Type-1 Diabetes Mellitus.
2. The drug works by mimicking a natural hormone to increase insulin secretion and slow down gastric emptying.
3. While designed for glycemic control, it is also used off-label for weight loss because it reduces appetite.

How many of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

92. With reference to Gestational Diabetes in India, consider the following statements:

1. It is a condition of high blood glucose detected for the first time during pregnancy, primarily caused by hormonal changes that lead to insulin resistance.
2. In the Indian clinical context, the DIPSI method is widely used as a single-step, non-fasting diagnostic test for its detection.
3. According to the STRiDE study, early gestational diabetes is a significant health concern in India, affecting approximately one in five pregnant women.

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

93. With reference to the Ramappa Temple in Telangana, consider the following statements:

1. Built during the Kakatiya dynasty, the temple is unique for being named after its chief sculptor, Ramappa, rather than the presiding deity.
2. The structure is known for its earthquake-resistant "sandbox" foundation and the use of lightweight "floating bricks" in its Shikhara.
3. The temple is built on a characteristic star-shaped (stellate) platform and features intricate carvings that depict the Perini Sivatandavam dance form.

How many of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

94. With reference to the Tapanuli orangutans, consider the following statements:

1. They are recognized as the newest great ape species and are endemic to the Batang Toru forest in Sumatra, Indonesia.
2. According to the IUCN Red List, they are categorized as 'Endangered', with a population estimated to be around 2,500 individuals.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

95. With reference to 'Project Suncatcher', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a research initiative aimed at establishing AI data centers in space to utilize near-continuous solar energy for large-scale computation.
2. The project seeks to mitigate the environmental impact of AI on Earth's energy grids and water resources used for cooling terrestrial data centers.
3. As part of its initial phase, prototypes are planned for launch into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) by early 2027 in partnership with Planet Labs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding India's maritime significance:

1. Approximately 95% of India's total trade by volume and 70% by value is transported via sea routes.
2. The Eight Degree Channel is a strategic maritime passage located between the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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

97. Find out which are the reasons for the growth of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in India from the following:

1. Over-the-counter availability of antibiotics without medical prescriptions.
2. Systematic use of antibiotics as growth promoters in the poultry and livestock industry.
3. Strict and uniform enforcement of Schedule H1 Drug Rules across all states.
4. Incomplete adherence to antibiotic courses by patients due to self-medication.
5. Inadequate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure in community settings.
6. Universal access to rapid diagnostic tools in rural healthcare centers.

How many of the reasons given above are correct?

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

98. With reference to the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), consider the following statements:

1. The mission is being implemented jointly by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
2. A key objective of the mission is to establish a national network of supercomputing facilities with a focus on increasing indigenous components over time.

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

99. Consider the following statements regarding the current status of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) in India:

1. The number of districts categorized as "most affected" by LWE has seen a significant decline, reducing to nearly half of its previous count in recent years.

2. Since 2010, there has been an over 80% reduction in the total number of Naxal-related violent incidents across the country.

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. With reference to the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in the Indian healthcare sector, consider the following statements:

1. The government promotes the PPP model primarily to mobilize private capital and expertise to bridge infrastructure gaps in Tier-II, Tier-III, and rural areas.
2. The expansion of PPP hospitals in underserved districts is a key strategy to achieve the objectives of the National Health Policy 2017 and Sustainable Development Goal-3.
3. PPP hospitals are designed to function independently of the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme to avoid financial overlap between public and private funding.

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