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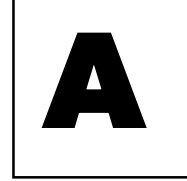


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1. Consider the following incorrect statement regarding a Parliamentary motion:

**“An Adjournment Motion can be introduced in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.”**

**Which single change makes it correct?**

- (a) Replace “Adjournment Motion” with “No-Confidence Motion”
- (b) Replace “both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha” with “Lok Sabha only”
- (c) Replace “urgent public importance” with “financial matter only”
- (d) Replace “introduced” with “voted”

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Estimates committee of Parliament:

- 1. All the members of the Estimates committee are from Lok Sabha.
- 2. It examines the demands for grants of the concerned ministries before they are voted in the Parliament.
- 3. It is conventionally headed by the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha.

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

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

3. Personality Rights are primarily composed of which of the following rights?

- 1. Right to Publicity
- 2. Right to Privacy
- 3. Right to be Forgotten

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

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding Lok Adalat:

- 1. Lok Adalat is an alternative dispute resolution forum where pending or pre-litigation cases are settled amicably through mutual agreement.
- 2. State Lok Adalats are held by Legal Services Authorities to settle cases, both before and after they go to court, based on local needs.
- 3. National Lok Adalats are held annually across India to settle cases at all levels of courts.
- 4. Permanent Lok Adalats are set up in districts to settle disputes related to public utility services before they reach the courts.

**How many of the statements given above is /are correct?**

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

5. The India International Arbitration Centre primarily deals with which of the following?

- (a) Resolution of transnational taxation and investment disputes under bilateral treaties.
- (b) Facilitation of institutional arbitration, mediation, and other alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for commercial disputes.
- (c) Adjudication of environmental and public interest litigations at national level.
- (d) Administration of appointments, transfers, and service conditions of High Court and Supreme Court judges.

6. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the Bills of Lading Bill, 2025, recently passed by both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha?

- (a) It refers to a document issued by a freight carrier to a shipper which contains details such as the type, quantity, condition, and destination of goods being carried.
- (b) It establishes the origin of products and provides duty and origin related benefits under various trade agreements.

- (c) It is filed by the importer or their customs agent upon the arrival of imported goods into a country.  
(d) It is the invoice that is issued by the seller (exporter) to the buyer (importer).

**7. Consider the following statements regarding the offence of abetment of suicide in India:**

1. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita provides a punishment of up to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine for persons involved in abetment of suicide.
2. Recently, the Supreme Court ruled that a person can only be charged with the offence of abetment of suicide if they provided direct encouragement that left the deceased with no option but to commit suicide.

**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

**8. Under Article 19(2) of the Indian Constitution, the State can make any law to impose reasonable restrictions on the exercise of the right to Freedom of Speech and Expression:**

- I. in relation to Contempt of court.
- II. in relation to Defamation.
- III. in relation to Sedition.
- IV. in relation to incitement to an offence.
- V. in the interest of the Security of the state.

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

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

**9. With reference to prison administration in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- I. The time period spent on parole is counted as part of the prisoner's total sentence.
- II. A prisoner upon completion of a minimum years of imprisonment, has an absolute legal right to claim furlough.

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

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

**10. Consider the following situations:**

- I. To enforce a contractual obligation arising out of a private contract.
- II. To compel a public authority to perform a statutory duty that it has failed to perform.
- III. To direct a tribunal to exercise its jurisdiction when it has declined to act.

**In how many of the above situations can a Writ of Mandamus be issued by the Supreme Court of India or any High Court?**

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

**11. In the context of Indian Polity, consider the following statements:**

- I. In the constituent assembly, the Munshi- Iyengar formula was adopted to decide the nature and scope of Uniform Civil Code in India.
- II. As per Indian constitution, both the Parliament and the State Legislature have the power to enact law for implementation of Uniform Civil code.
- III. A legislature of a state cannot introduce a bill relating to a Uniform Civil Code without obtaining prior approval of the President of India.

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

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

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

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1. The Act imposes a complete ban on online money games, including both games of chance and games of skill.
2. The Act is not applicable to online money gaming services operated from outside the territory of India.
3. The Act recognises e-sports as a legitimate competitive sport in India.

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

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

**13. With reference to Certificates of Deposit (CDs) in India, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an unsecured money market instrument.
2. Small Finance Banks and All-India Financial Institutions can issue CDs.
3. The minimum denomination of a CD is ₹10 lakh, and it must be issued in multiples of ₹10 lakh.
4. Mutual funds are the primary investors in CDs.

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

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

**14. With reference to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in India, consider the following financial instruments:**

1. Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
2. Commercial Papers issued by Indian companies
3. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)
4. Units of Mutual Fund Schemes

**How many of the above financial instruments can a Foreign Portfolio Investor invest in?**

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

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

1. Investment income
2. External commercial borrowings
3. NRI deposits in India
4. Remittances sent by Indians from foreign countries
5. Banking services provided by Indian banks to foreign citizens
6. Gifts sent by a foreign national to India

**How many of the above are considered as invisibles under BOP calculation?**

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

**16. Consider the following activities:**

1. A farmer buying a tractor for agricultural use.
2. A private firm buying shares in a foreign company.
3. A factory increases its inventory of unsold goods at the end of the year.

**How many of the above are examples of capital formation?**

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

**17. India has recently signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Which one of the following countries is not a member of EFTA?**

- (a) Iceland
- (b) Liechtenstein
- (c) Finland
- (d) Norway

**18. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement-I:** Masala Bonds are considered less risky for Indian issuers compared to foreign currency-denominated external commercial borrowings.

**Statement-II:** Masala Bonds are denominated in Indian Rupees but usually settled in foreign currency.

**Statement-III:** The currency exchange risk in Masala Bonds is borne by the investor.

**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

**19. If the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducts a US dollar–Indian rupee buy–sell swap auction, what is the likely impact on the economy?**

- 1. The Rupee liquidity in the banking system will increase.
- 2. The foreign exchange reserves of the RBI will decline in the short run.

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

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

**20. Consider the following financial instruments:**

- 1. Equity Shares listed on a recognized stock exchange
- 2. Units of Equity-Oriented Mutual Funds
- 3. Government Securities (G-Secs)
- 4. Corporate Bonds
- 5. Units of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

**On which of the above is the Securities Transaction Tax (STT) typically levied in India?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**21. The SRY gene, recently in the news in the context of eligibility testing in athletics, plays which of the following roles in humans?**

- (a) It increases muscle strength in athletes.

(b) It improves oxygen transport in blood.

(c) It controls release of adrenaline during athletic activity.

(d) It determines the development of male sex characteristics.

**22. With reference to the aircraft ‘Black Box’, consider the following statements:**

- 1. The device is painted shining black to facilitate visual recovery in debris.
- 2. It is usually mounted in the cockpit of the aircraft to ensure the pilots can protect it during a crash.

**Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?**

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

**23. Consider the following statements:**

**Assertion (A):** Solid-state batteries can enable extreme fast charging in electric vehicles.

**Reason (R):** Solid electrolytes remain stable at high current densities and temperatures, unlike liquid electrolytes.

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

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.

**24. With reference to the ‘Ahilyabai Holkar’, consider the following statements:**

- 1. She ruled over Malwa territory within the Maratha Confederacy during the 18th century.
- 2. Somnath temple in Gujarat and Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi was rebuilt under her patronage.

**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

**25. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement-I:** The Paik system enabled the Ahom rulers to maintain a large standing force without a permanent army.

**Statement-II:** Under the paik system, every able-bodied man was liable to render service to the state in exchange of cash salaries from the royal treasury.

**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 is the correct explanation of Statement-I  
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation of Statement-I  
(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct.  
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**26. With reference to the song 'Vande Mataram', which recently marked 150 years since its composition, consider the following statements:**

1. It was originally composed in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and later incorporated into his novel Anandamath.
2. It was sung at the 1896 session of the Indian National Congress by Rabindranath Tagore.
3. The Constituent Assembly adopted it as the 'National Anthem' of India on January 24, 1950.

**How many of the statements given above is/ are correct?**

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

**27. The terms "Safe Water Releasable" and "Safe Minimal Aluminium", sometimes seen in the news, are associated with which one of the following?**

- (a) Bio-degradable plastic packaging materials  
(b) Environment-friendly firecrackers  
(c) Low-emission industrial fuels

- (d) Non-toxic water purification chemicals

**28. Consider the following statements regarding the definition of "State" under Article 12 of the Constitution:**

1. The definition of "State" is inclusive and may cover private bodies if they are working as an agency or instrumentality of the State.
2. The Judiciary, when exercising its judicial functions of adjudication, falls under the definition of "State" for the purpose of issuing writs against it.
3. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has been declared as "State" under Article 12 by the Supreme Court.

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

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

**29. Consider the following differences between 'Gold ETFs' and 'Digital Gold':**

1. A Demat account is mandatory to invest in Gold ETFs, whereas it is not required for investing in Digital Gold.
2. Gold ETFs allow investors to take physical delivery of gold for holding as low as 1 gram, whereas Digital Gold does not allow physical delivery.
3. Gold ETFs are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), whereas Digital Gold is outside SEBI's purview.

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

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

**30. Consider the following water bodies:**

1. Sea of Galilee
2. Dead Sea
3. Mediterranean Sea

How many of the above water bodies are bordered by or connected to Israel?

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

**31. With reference to the Nirguna and Saguna traditions of the Bhakti movement, consider the following statements:**

1. Saguna Bhakti focused on devotion towards God with a definite form and qualities, such as Shiva and Vishnu.
2. Nirguna Bhakti believed in the worship of a formless and quality-less Supreme Being.
3. Sant Kabir Das was associated with the Saguna tradition of Bhakti.

**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

**32. Which of the following best defines "Minor Forest Produce" as per the Forest Rights Act?**

- (a) Timber and firewood sourced from protected areas
- (b) All non-timber forest produce of plant origin
- (c) Minerals, oil, and rock collected from forest land
- (d) Dead and decaying animal matter found in forests

**33. Arrange the following stages of ecological succession in proper sequence:**

1. Stabilization
2. Reaction
3. Nudation
4. Migration

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

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

**34. Consider the following statements about the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL):**

1. Its approval is mandatory for altering boundaries of National Parks.
2. It was constituted under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

**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 statements is/are true about bioaccumulation?**

1. It refers to the buildup of substances in an organism over time.
2. It occurs across multiple trophic levels.
3. It is responsible for increasing toxicity in apex predators.

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

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

**36. This type of protected area is created through voluntary participation of communities or individuals and involves collective conservation of biodiversity on private or community land.**

**Which of the following fits this description?**

- (a) National Park
- (b) Biosphere Reserve
- (c) Community Reserve
- (d) Eco-sensitive Zone

**37. Consider the following statements regarding geostrophic winds:**

1. They blow parallel to isobars due to the balance between pressure gradient force and Coriolis force.
2. They occur only at altitudes below 1,000 meters where frictional force is dominant.

3. The speed of geostrophic winds increases with increasing pressure gradient force.
4. The Coriolis force acts in the same direction as the wind in the Northern Hemisphere.

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

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

**38. Consider the following statements regarding Isthmus and Strait:**

1. An isthmus is a narrow strip of land connecting two larger landmasses, while a strait is a narrow water body connecting two larger water bodies.
2. The Suez Canal was artificially constructed on an isthmus, whereas the Bosphorus Strait is a natural passage.

**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

**39. With reference to global temperature variations, consider the following statements:**

1. The annual temperature range is higher in continental interiors than in coastal regions.
2. Polar regions experience greater seasonal temperature differences than equatorial regions.
3. At the same latitude, eastern coastal areas are generally warmer than western coastal areas in winter.

**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

**40. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) contributes to the uniformity of isotherms in high latitudes.

**Statement II:** The ACC flows uninterrupted around Antarctica, ensuring even heat distribution and minimizing temperature contrasts in the Southern Ocean.

**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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**41. Regarding monsoonal winds, consider the following statements:**

1. They are seasonal winds that reverse direction due to differential heating of land and sea.
2. The Somali jet plays a crucial role in the onset of the Indian monsoon.
3. The Tibetan plateau heating influences the strength of monsoons.

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

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

**42. Which of the following pairs given below correctly matches the local winds with their respective regions?**

Local winds	Region
1. Bardoli Chheerha	Assam
2. Mango Showers	Karnataka & Kerala
3. Andhi	Tamil Nadu
4. Coffee Showers	Punjab & Haryana

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

**43. Which of the following east-flowing rivers drain into the Bay of Bengal?**

1. Sabarmati
2. Vaitarani
3. Pennar
4. Subarnarekha

**Select the correct answer using the codes below:**

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

**44. Consider the following regarding the Van Allen Radiation Belts:**

1. They contain charged particles trapped by Earth's magnetic field.
2. They protect the Earth from solar radiation.
3. They are present only in the Northern Hemisphere.

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

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

**45. Which of the following rivers are perennial, meaning they have continuous flow throughout the year?**

1. Ganga
2. Tapi
3. Mahanadi
4. Brahmaputra
5. Krishna

**Select the correct answer using the codes below:**

- (a) 1 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 4, and 5 only
- (c) 2, 3, and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 4 only

**46. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The troposphere is the most important layer for weather phenomena.

**Statement II:** The tropopause prevents weather disturbances from rising into the stratosphere

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

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**47. Regarding Cyclones and Anticyclones, consider the following statements:**

1. Cyclones are associated with low pressure, while anticyclones are high-pressure systems.
2. Winds in cyclones converge inward, while in anticyclones, they diverge outward.
3. Cyclones bring stormy weather, whereas anticyclones are associated with clear skies.

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

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

**48. Consider the following:**

**Statement 1:** The Westerlies are more powerful in the Southern Hemisphere than in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Statement 2:** The absence of large landmasses in the Southern Hemisphere allows uninterrupted wind flow.

**Statement 3:** The pressure gradient force is weaker in the Southern Hemisphere than in the Northern Hemisphere.

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

- (a) Both statements-2 and statement-3 are correct, and both explain statement-1.
- (b) Both statements-2 and statement-3 are correct, but only one of them explains statement-1.

(c) Only one of the statements 2 and 3 is correct and that explains statement-1.

(d) Neither Statement-2 nor Statement-3 is correct.

**49. The Global Positioning System (GPS), a navigational system, is considered semi-synchronous because:**

(a) Its satellites have an orbital period equal to Earth's rotation period.

(b) Its satellites complete two revolutions per day, synchronizing with Earth's rotation twice a day.

(c) It maintains a fixed position over Earth's equator.

(d) It is partially dependent on ground-based stations for signal correction.

**50. Consider the following statements**

**Statement I:** Cryogenic engines are used in the upper stages of launch vehicles for increased efficiency.

**Statement II:** Cryogenic fuels are easier to store and handle than solid propellants.

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

(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.

(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.

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**51. A hypersonic cruise missile requires propulsion that can sustain speeds above Mach 5 with combustion occurring in supersonic airflow.**

**Which engine should the designers choose?**

(a) Ramjet

(b) Scramjet

(c) Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet

(d) Dual-Mode Ramjet

**52. With reference to the modern history of India, which of the following statements are correct regarding the Maratha Empire?**

1. The Marathas expanded into Bengal and the Deccan after the death of Aurangzeb.

2. The Maratha Confederacy was marked by internal struggles among various factions.

3. The Marathas formed an alliance with the British East India Company to defeat the Nizam of Hyderabad for first time in the fourth Anglo Mysore war.

4. The Marathas were defeated by the British at the Battle of Plassey.

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

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1, 2, and 3 only

(c) 1, 2, and 4 only

(d) 2 and 4 only

**53. The Ghatwali system, prevalent in certain regions of colonial India, was primarily associated with which of the following?**

(a) Land revenue administration under the Ryotwari System

(b) The system of local governance and tax collection in the hilly and forested regions

(c) The role of local zamindars in the Permanent Settlement

(d) The establishment of princely states in the western India

**54. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The establishment of regional powers following the decline of the Mughal Empire led to increased conflict among them during the 18th century.

**Statement II:** Competition for resources often resulted in wars between neighboring states.

**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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

- (c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect  
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**55. Which of the statements correctly describe changes in Indian society during its transition in the 18th century period?**

1. There was an increase in agricultural production due to new farming techniques introduced by European traders.
2. Artisans faced challenges due to competition from British manufactured goods.
3. Women played an increasingly visible role in public life.

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

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

**56. Which commission recommended that the Indian Civil Service (ICS) examination should be held simultaneously in India and England?**

- (a) Islington Commission  
(b) Aitchison Commission  
(c) Lee Commission  
(d) Royal Commission on Decentralization

**57. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The Sikhs, initially a religious sect, transformed into a powerful military force in Punjab during the 18th century.

**Statement II:** Their strong community bonds and military leadership enabled them to resist Mughal authority.

**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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect  
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**58. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The Ryotwari Settlement, introduced by Holt Mackenzie, aimed to preserve India's village communities.

**Statement II:** The Ryotwari Settlement was a tool to consolidate the Company's control in the south by expanding its revenue base.

**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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect  
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**59. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Lord William Bentinck, influenced by Utilitarianism, used legislation as an agent of social change in India.

**Statement II:** The proposed reform of sati was, therefore, grounded in a scriptural logic that its abolition was warranted by ancient Hindu texts.

**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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I  
(c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect  
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**60. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The Government of India Act of 1858 marked a shift from Company rule to Crown rule, but with significant continuity in administrative structure.

**Statement II:** The Act transferred governance from the East India Company to the British Crown, but did not introduce any significant political representation for Indians.

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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**61. With reference to colonial history of India, consider the following statements:**

1. The British Parliament played a minimal role, leaving the governance of India largely to the East India Company.
2. The British Parliament asserted greater control over the Company's affairs in India through a series of acts and regulations.
3. Parliamentary debates and discussions influenced policies related to trade, administration, and territorial expansion in India.
4. The passage of the Pitt's India Act in 1784 marked a significant increase in parliamentary oversight over the Company.

Which of the above statements are correct about the role of the British Parliament in shaping the empire in India?

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

**62. Which of the following were the key features of the Permanent Settlement introduced by Lord Cornwallis in Bengal?**

1. It fixed the land revenue payable by the cultivators to the government in perpetuity.
2. It aimed to create a class of loyal landlords who would support British rule.
3. It resulted in the dispossession of many traditional landholders and cultivators.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**63. In the context of colonial rule in India, the term "sub-imperialism" refers to:**

- (a) The role of British settlers and traders in expanding the empire in India.
- (b) The influence of Indian collaborators in shaping British policies.
- (c) The impact of global events on British rule in India.
- (d) The gradual devolution of power from the central government to local authorities.

**64. The Orientalist-Anglicist debate in the 19th century primarily concerned:**

- (a) The nature and content of education to be provided to Indians.
- (b) The role of religion in Indian society.
- (c) The relationship between the British parliament and the British east India company.
- (d) The relationship between Britain and the princely states.

**65. Arrange the following in correct chronological order**

1. Charak Samhita
3. Sangam Literature
2. Bharata's Natyashastra
4. Ashtadhyayi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**66. Who among the following moved the motion of Secret Sitting Session of the Assembly (1942)?**

- (a) M. S. Aney
- (c) C. M. Stephen
- (b) G. V. Mavalankar
- (d) A. Ayyangar

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**67. The Kumaon Himalayas lie between**

- (a) Indus River and Satluj River
- (b) Satluj River and Kali River
- (c) Chenab River and Satluj River
- (d) Bhagirathi River and Alaknanda River

**68. Which of the following action(s) by the Government would lead to contraction of money supply in the economy?**

- 1. Purchase of Treasury Bills by the central bank from public
- 2. Sale of Treasury Bills by the central bank to public
- 3. Sale of foreign exchange by the central bank
- 4. Purchase of foreign exchange by the central bank

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

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

**69. The Governor of a state may exercise discretionary powers when:**

- 1. He or she is not convinced by the advice of the Council of Ministers.
- 2. The Constitution requires him/her to act in his/her discretion in certain matters.
- 3. He or she is appointed as the administrator of an adjoining Union Territory.

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

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

**70. Arrange the following administrative measures implemented by Lord Curzon in chronological order:**

- 1. Calcutta Municipal Amendment Act
- 2. Partition of Bengal
- 3. Indian Official Secrets Amendment Act

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

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

(c) 1-2-3

(d) 2-3-1

**71. Which of the following best describes the 'Turkani-Chahalgani' system in the context of medieval Indian history?**

- (a) A group of nobles formed by Iltutmish for administrative and military support
- (b) A revenue assessment method introduced by Alauddin Khalji
- (c) A cavalry ranking system introduced during Akbar's reign
- (d) A code of law enforced by Balban for judicial reforms

**72. Consider the following statements with reference to the Rig Vedic period:**

**Statement I:** The Rig Vedic people were predominantly pastoral people.

**Statement II:** The Rig Veda has numerous references to the cows and bulls.

**Statement III:** The grazing land was a well-established private property.

**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 I and Statement II are correct and Statement II 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

**73. Consider the following developments:**

- I. Use of microliths
- II. Use of bone tools
- III. Cultivation of cotton
- IV. Use of earthen pots for cooking

**How many of the above are associated with the Neolithic period?**

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

(d) All the four

**74. In the Mauryan empire, the post of 'Gopa' was primarily associated with which one of the following?**

- (a) Village administration
- (b) Revenue collection
- (c) Minting of currency
- (d) Temple administration

**75. Consider the following:**

- I. Bimbisara
- II. Prasenjit
- III. Kalashoka
- IV. Ajatashatru

**How many of the above rulers were contemporaries of Gautam Buddha?**

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

**76. Consider the following pairs with reference to the Indus Valley Civilisation:**

Site	Major Finding
1. Banawali	Terracotta Model of Plough
2. Kalibangan	Multi Cropping
3. Chanhudaro	Bead-making industry
4. Mohenjodaro	Statue of the priest-king

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

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

**77. The term "Mar-a-Lago Accord", sometimes seen in global economic discussions, refers to:**

- (a) A formal trade agreement signed between the US and European Union

(b) A military pact aimed at strengthening NATO alliances

(c) A conceptual idea of a coordinated U.S.-led global economic and strategic policy reset

(d) A UN-backed agreement to regulate global currency exchange rates

**78. With reference to Ramsar Sites in India, consider the following statements:**

1. India is a contracting party to the Ramsar Convention since 1982.
2. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites in India.
3. Inclusion in the Montreux Record indicates well-conserved and restored wetlands.
4. Designation as a Ramsar Site automatically ensures international financial assistance for conservation.

**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

**79. The Kimberley Process (KP) is primarily aimed at:**

- (a) Regulating trade in precious metals like gold and silver
- (b) Promoting ethical mining of rare earth minerals
- (c) Preventing trade in conflict (blood) diamonds
- (d) Monitoring illegal wildlife trade across borders

**80. The "World Solar Report" is released by:**

- (a) International Energy Agency
- (b) United Nations Environment Programme
- (c) World Bank
- (d) International Solar Alliance

**81. With reference to the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), consider the following statements:**

1. It was established in 1971 as a regional organisation of Pacific Island countries.
2. Its secretariat is located in Suva, Fiji.
3. It includes members such as Australia and New Zealand along with Pacific Island nations.

4. It is a military alliance formed to counter security threats in the Indo-Pacific region.

**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

**82. PI-CHeCK, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Development of indigenous vaccines for infectious diseases
- (b) Long-term study tracking health, genomic and lifestyle data of Indian population
- (c) Establishment of space-based medical research laboratories
- (d) National programme for eradication of genetic disorders

**83. What are “Biochemical Markers”?**

- (a) Large underwater minerals that indicate the presence of marine biodiversity in oceans
- (b) Small molecules produced during metabolic processes that are used to assess disease risks
- (c) Signals emitted by satellites to monitor atmospheric changes in outer space
- (d) Mechanical components in robots used to regulate artificial intelligence systems

**84. The “SHUKR gene”, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Regulation of ocean salinity levels to support marine biodiversity
- (b) Control of genes involved in pollen development in flowering plants
- (c) Development of propulsion systems for interplanetary space missions
- (d) Artificial intelligence algorithms used in genomic data analysis

**85. With reference to the National Biofoundry Network and BioE3 Policy, consider the following statements:**

1. Biofoundries are automated facilities integrating DNA synthesis, gene editing and high-throughput workflows.
2. The National Biofoundry Network aims to scale up proof-of-concept research into viable technologies.
3. The Network is categorized as a component under bio enablers within the BioE3 Policy.
4. The BioE3 Policy has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
5. The BioE3 Policy focuses exclusively on agricultural biotechnology.

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

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

**86. The “DEEP Project”, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Study of how environmental and genomic factors influence disease risk across global populations
- (b) Exploration of deep ocean ecosystems and marine biodiversity in the Indian Ocean region
- (c) Development of satellite-based systems for monitoring climate change from space
- (d) Establishment of interplanetary missions to study genetic evolution in extraterrestrial environments

**87. Consider the following statements about Autonomous District Councils (ADCs):**

1. The ADCs were implemented under the Sixth Schedule on the recommendations of Gopinath Bardoloi Committee.
2. There are 10 ADCs under the Sixth Schedule, with 3 each in Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram and one in Tripura.
3. ADCs have the power to make laws, rules and regulations related to Town Policing, Inheritance, Marriage and Divorces among other issues.
4. ADCs have the power to form Courts to hear cases where both parties are members of the Scheduled Tribes.

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

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

**88. The 44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978 abolished the Constitutional Obligation of the Government to pay compensation regarding compulsory acquisition and requisition of private property except in the case of?**

- (a) When the State acquires property belonging to an educational institution established and administered by a minority.
- (b) When the State acquires any estate belonging to a person in his personal cultivation within the ceiling limits established by law in force.
- (c) When the Union Government acquires any property belonging to that of a State Government.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

**89. Which of the following are regarded as the main feature of "Rule of Law"?**

- 1. Limitation of power
- 2. Equality before the law
- 3. People's responsibility to the Government
- 4. Liberty and civil rights

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**90. Consider the following statements regarding Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF):**

**Statement I:** SAF reduces carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by up to 80% compared to aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

**Statement II:** Till now SAF is produced exclusively from solid waste to ensure large-scale production.

**Statement III:** SAF can be produced synthetically through a process that captures carbon directly from the air.

**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.

**91. Consider the following statements regarding Shukrayaan-1:**

- 1. The mission aims to deploy a lander and a rover on the surface of Venus.
- 2. It will involve India's first attempt at aero-braking, a technique to reduce the spacecraft's speed using atmospheric drag.
- 3. If Shukrayaan-1 is a success, India will be the first country to land on the surface of Venus.

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

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

**92. With reference to the 'R21/Matrix-M', consider the following statements:**

- 1. The vaccine is developed leveraging an adjuvant technology.
- 2. The vaccine targets the Plasmodium falciparum parasite, which causes the most severe form of malaria.
- 3. It is likely to be an universal malaria vaccine that prevents infections from all malaria parasites.

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

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

**93. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement-I:** Recombinant protein production is highly dependent on host cells such as bacteria, yeast, or mammalian cells.

**Statement-II:** Host cells offer the necessary machinery for protein folding and post-translational modifications, critical for the functionality of recombinant proteins.

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

- (a) Both Statements are correct, and Statement – II is the correct explanation of Statement -I.
- (b) Both Statement are correct, but Statement – II is not the correct explanation of Statement - I.
- (c) Statement - I is correct, but Statement - II is not correct.
- (d) Statement - I is not correct, but Statement – II is correct.

**94. With reference to street lighting, how do sodium lamps differ from LED lamps?**

- 1. Sodium lamps produce light in 360 degrees but it is not so in the case of LED lamps.
- 2. As street lights, sodium lamps have a longer lifespan than LED lamps.
- 3. The spectrum of visible light from sodium lamps is almost monochromatic while LED lamps offer significant colour advantages in street lighting.

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

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

**95. With reference to the National Emergency in Operation, consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Proclamation of National Emergency converts the Federal Structure of the Government into a Unitary Structure without a formal Amendment in the Constitution.

**Statement II:** The Central Government attains the power to suspend State Governments if necessary for the security of unity and integrity of India.

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

- (a) Both Statement I and II are correct and Statement I is the correct explanation of Statement II
- (b) Both Statement I and II are correct and Statement I is not the correct explanation of Statement II
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct
- (d) Statement I is not correct but Statement II is correct

**96. Consider the following statements regarding parliamentary privileges under Article 105 of the Indian Constitution:**

- 1. Contempt of court proceedings cannot be initiated for a speech made in the Parliament.
- 2. Parliamentary privileges are available only to the members of Parliament.
- 3. Members of Parliament enjoy freedom from arrest under laws of preventive detention.

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

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

**97. Consider the following statements regarding Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs):**

- 1. RUPPs include political parties that have not contested elections.
- 2. RUPPs must submit audited accounts for the last three financial years to the Election Commission of India.
- 3. Unlike registered political parties, RUPPs cannot nominate star campaigners for election campaigns.

**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

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98. Indigenous to Telangana state, it is a type of Nakashi art. The scrolls are depicted as a continuous story like comics or ballads by the Balladeer community. The common themes are Hindu Epics and Puranic stories. It has been accorded the Geographical Indication status in 2007.

Which of the following folk paintings is described in the above paragraph?

- (a) Manjusha Painting
- (b) Cherial Scroll paintings
- (c) Saura Paintings
- (d) Paitkar Painting

99. In the context of Indian Banking, which of the following factors are used in determining the Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate?

- 1. Negative carry on account of cash reserve ratio
- 2. Operating costs of Bank
- 3. Repo Rate

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

100. Consider the following statements regarding the election petition:

- 1. The Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in case of an election petition filed for challenging election to Parliament.
- 2. The election petition can be filed for non-compliance with the Constitution.
- 3. An election petition can only be filed by other candidates in the concerned constituency.

Which of the statements given above are not correct?

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