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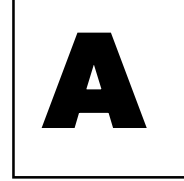


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1. Consider the following information:

'A species whose distribution is restricted to a small geographical area because of the presence of a competitively superior species, is found to expand its distributional range dramatically when the competing species is experimentally removed.'

Which one of the following ecological phenomena is described above?

- (a) Competitive release
- (b) Exploitative competition
- (c) Competitive exclusion
- (d) Interference competition

2. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Despite covering about three-fourths of the Earth's surface, the annual net primary productivity of oceans is lower than that of terrestrial ecosystems.

**Statement II:** The depth up to which sunlight can penetrate and the availability of nutrients are the limiting factors with respect to primary productivity of aquatic ecosystems.

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

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

3. With reference to the grazing food chains, consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** The number of trophic levels in a grazing food chain is restricted.

**Statement II:** The transfer of energy in a grazing food chain is unidirectional in nature.

**Statement III:** In grazing food chain, the availability of the energy decreases from lower trophic level to higher trophic level.

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

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

4. Which one of the following is the correct taxonomic hierarchy?

- (a) Kingdom-Phylum-Order-Genus-Family-Class-Species
- (b) Kingdom-Order-Class-Phylum-Family-Genus-Species
- (c) Kingdom-Class-Order-Phylum-Family-Species-Genus
- (d) Kingdom-Phylum-Class-Order-Family-Genus-Species

5. "India has more than 1000 different varieties of mango." The statement best reflects:

- (a) Species diversity
- (b) Genetic diversity
- (c) Beta diversity
- (d) Habitat diversity

6. Certain plants produce alkaloids such as nicotine and caffeine to:

- (a) enhance mutualistic interactions with pollinating insects.
- (b) enhance the rate of photosynthesis during periods of low sunlight.
- (c) exhibit a natural defence against pathogens, plant diseases, and fungi.
- (d) facilitate the process of nitrogen fixation in the soil.

7. Tundra biome is considered to be a fragile ecosystem and if disturbed may require many hundreds of years to recover.

In this context which of the following is the most appropriate reason for the fragileness of Tundra biome?

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- (a) The presence of the higher number of endemic species which are not found in any other biomes.
- (b) Extremely low precipitation resulting in drought-like conditions throughout the year.
- (c) The floral diversity developed in the region, requires long growing seasons.
- (d) The rate of organic matter decomposition is very slow in the region.

**8. In the grasslands, trees do NOT replace the grasses as a part of an ecological succession because of:**

- (a) Insects and fungi
- (b) Limited sunlight and paucity of nutrients
- (c) Water limits and fire
- (d) None of the above

**9. Which one of the following periodically issues the 'Plastic Overshoot Day' Report?**

- (a) The Nature Conservancy
- (b) EA - Earth Action
- (c) Greenpeace International
- (d) Friends of the Earth

**10. Geography plays a major role in Delhi's air pollution. In this context which of the following factors contribute to Delhi's air pollution especially during winters?**

- I. The city lies in a basin-like formation surrounded by Aravalli hills and other natural barriers.
- II. Reduced wind speed during the post-monsoon period.
- III. Frequent occurrence of temperature inversion during winter months.
- IV. Southward shift of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).

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

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

**11. At a petroleum refinery site, groundwater has been contaminated with hydrocarbons. To remediate the contamination, air is injected below the water table to increase dissolved oxygen levels and enhance the metabolic activity of indigenous aerobic microorganisms that degrade hydrocarbons.**

**Which of the following bioremediation techniques is being used in the above situation?**

- (a) Biosparging
- (b) Bioaugmentation
- (c) Biopiles
- (d) Bioreactor

**12. With reference to the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), consider the following statements:**

- I. Under the programme the target has been set to achieve reduction in PM10 level up to 40% or achievement of national ambient air quality standards by 2025-26 from the levels of 2019-20.
- II. The PRANA portal is a portal for managing and monitoring the implementation of programme.
- III. Swachh Vayu Survekshan is an annual survey conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under NCAP.

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

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

**13. In the context of India, droughts over an area for a time period are classified into different types, in this context consider the following pairs:**

Type of Drought	Meaning
I. Meteorological Drought	A period during which the stream flows are inadequate to supply established use of water under a given water management system
II. Agricultural Drought	It occurs when available soil moisture is inadequate for

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	healthy crop growth and cause extreme stress and wilting.
III. Hydrological Drought	A situation when the seasonal rainfall received over the area is less than 75% of its long term average value.

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

14. With reference to water quality assessment, the Most Probable Number (MPN) parameter is primarily used to indicate:

- (a) The presence of toxic heavy metals such as lead and mercury in water
- (b) The level of dissolved oxygen available for aquatic organisms
- (c) The total quantity of dissolved salts and solids in water
- (d) The extent of coliform (faecal) bacterial contamination in water

15. With reference to Acid rain, consider the following statements:

- I. It refers to precipitation with a pH value more than 7.
- II. The excess of carbon monoxide in the atmosphere is one of the primary causes for acid rain.
- III. It improves crop productivity by increasing the availability of nutrients in the soil.
- IV. It may lead to the discoloration and damage of buildings and other structures made of stone or metal.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

16. Brominated flame retardants are used in many household products like mattresses and upholstery. Why is there some concern about their use?

- 1. They are highly resistant to degradation in the environment.
- 2. They are able to accumulate in humans and animals.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Recently seen in news, the 'carbamates' are:

- (a) persistent organic pollutants released through vehicular emissions.
- (b) catalysers used for removal of pollutants from the environment.
- (c) feedstocks used for the production of Biodiesel.
- (d) organic compounds that are used as pesticides.

18. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the 'Sansad Bhashini' initiative?

- 1. It is a collaborative project between the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- 2. It aims to provide AI-powered multilingual solutions for parliamentary functioning.
- 3. One of its core objectives is to translate parliamentary content into regional languages.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

19. Which of the following features best distinguish Gaia BH3 from other known black holes in the Milky Way?

- (a) It is a rotating magnetized black hole producing strong radio jets.
- (b) It is the closest known black hole to Earth.

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(c) It is the first black hole found in the Milky Way's outer reaches and the largest known stellar mass black hole in the galaxy.

(d) It is an intermediate-mass black hole orbiting a pulsar.

**20. Which one of the following statements is correct with reference to the Law Commission of India?**

(a) It is a constitutional body.

(b) Only a retired judge of the Supreme Court or High Court can be appointed as a member of the commission.

(c) The Union Minister of Law and Justice appoints the Chairperson and members of the commission.

(d) Till date, 23 Law Commissions have been established in India.

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

**The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976:**

1. Inserted new Part IVA related to Fundamental Duties.

2. Made the advice given by the Council of Ministers binding on the President of India.

3. Replaced the term 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion' in Article 352 of the Constitution.

4. Declared constitutional amendments under Article 368 beyond the scope of judicial review.

5. Provided for the establishment of the All India Judicial Service.

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

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(b) 1, 2 and 4 only

(c) 3 and 5 only

(d) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only

**22. Consider the following electoral reforms in India:**

1. Lowering of voting age from 21 years to 18 years for elections to the House of the People

2. Introduction of the Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC)

3. Facility to vote through proxy for those service voters belonging to the Armed Forces

4. Use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the first time

**Which of the following is the correct chronological order of the introduction of the above reforms in India?**

(a) 1-2-4-3

(b) 1-4-2-3

(c) 2-1-4-3

(d) 2-1-3-4

**23. Consider the following information:**

Part of the Constitution of India	Deals with	Added through
1. Part IXA	Municipalities	74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992
2. Part IXB	Co-operative Societies	97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011
3. Part XIV A	Administrative Tribunals	44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978

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

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

**24. With reference to financial relations between the Centre and States as per the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:**

1. Unlike the Central Government, States in India cannot raise loans from abroad on their own.

2. The State governments cannot provide guarantees for any type of loans on their own.

3. No State can raise any loan without the consent of the Central Government if there is an outstanding loan to the Centre.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**25. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009?**

- (a) It exempts private unaided schools from the requirement of constituting a School Management Committee (SMC) for monitoring and managing the school's functioning.
- (b) It mandates 25% reservation in Class I in private unaided schools for children from disadvantaged groups as defined by the respective State government.
- (c) It makes it obligatory for all schools, whether government or private aided and unaided, to admit out-of-school children or dropouts to age-appropriate classes.
- (d) It provides for the protection of the rights of the children through the National and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights.

**26. With reference to the Indian Polity, the nodal ministry for the implementation of the 'The Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950' is:**

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Culture
- (c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**27. With reference to the Estimates Committee of the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Its members are elected according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.
- 2. The Chairperson of the committee is appointed by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha from amongst the members of the committee.
- 3. The term of office of the committee is co-terminus with the term of the Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**28. With reference to the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:**

- 1. His/her election is held on a date fixed by the President.
- 2. If the Deputy Speaker is appointed as a member of a parliamentary committee, s/he automatically becomes its chairperson.
- 3. S/he continues in office even after the Lok Sabha is dissolved.
- 4. The 17th Lok Sabha (2019–2024) is the only Lok Sabha in India's parliamentary history that completed its full term without electing a Deputy Speaker.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**29. Consider the following:**

- 1. Public health
- 2. Decency and morality
- 3. Contempt of court
- 4. Protection of minorities
- 5. Defamation

**On how many of the above grounds can restrictions be imposed on the Freedom of Speech and Expression under the Constitution of India?**

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

**30. With reference to the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) in India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is headed by the Cabinet Secretary of India.

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2. It has a statutory status under the provisions of the Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2025.

3. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) functions under the direct supervision of the NCMC during disasters.

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

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

**31. Which of the following qualifications are required for a person to be elected to the State Legislative Council?**

- 1. S/he must be above 35 years of age.
- 2. S/he must be an elector for any Assembly constituency in the concerned State.
- 3. S/he must not be held under preventive detention.

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

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

**32. With reference to India, consider the following information:**

Organisation	Nature	Headed By
1. National Security Council	Non-constitutional and Non-statutory body	Prime Minister of India
2. Indian Red Cross Society	Statutory body	President of India
3. National Security Advisory Board	Statutory body	Chief of Defence Staff
4. National Commission for Women	Constitutional body	Minister of Women and Child Development

**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

**33. Consider the following:**

- 1. Prime Minister
- 2. Union Home Minister
- 3. Speaker of Lok Sabha
- 4. Chief Justice of India
- 5. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha
- 6. Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha

**How many of the above are members of the committee for the recommendation of the Chairperson and members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to the President of India?**

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

**34. With reference to the removal of the Vice President of India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. The Constitution of India does not prescribe specific grounds for the removal of the Vice President.
- 2. The resolution for his/her removal can be introduced only in the Rajya Sabha and not in the Lok Sabha.
- 3. The resolution for his/her removal requires at least 14 days' advance notice before it can be moved in a House of Parliament.
- 4. In case of the removal of the Vice President, the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha can act as the interim Vice President.

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

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

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**35. With reference to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in India, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a house-to-house survey conducted by Booth Level Officers to verify and update electoral rolls.
2. Under SIR, the Aadhaar card can be used as a document for identity and authentication of electors.
3. Since Independence, SIR has been conducted three times in India.

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

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

**36. Which of the following situations best reflects the "Doctrine of Contributory Negligence"?**

- (a) A person with defective eyesight who causes an accident is always fully responsible.
- (b) A doctor remains liable for any mishap even if the patient was partly negligent.
- (c) If someone contributes money for damage due to an accident, then their liability ends.
- (d) When the injured person's own carelessness also contributes to the accident, the liability is shared accordingly.

**37. Consider the following pairs:**

Type of Good	Feature
I. Normal	Demand for the good increases with a rise in consumer income
II. Club	Non-excludable but rival in consumption
III. Common	Excludable but non-rival in consumption

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

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

**38. Consider the following incomes:**

- I. Income from poultry farming
- II. 100% income from growing tea
- III. Income from the sale of seeds
- IV. Rent received for agricultural land

**How many of the above would be exempted from income tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961?**

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

**39. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** India's economy is currently facing a "rare goldilocks moment".

**Statement II:** India has recorded moderate and sustained real GDP growth, supported by strong domestic demand and policy measures.

**Statement III:** The Indian economy has witnessed rapid disinflation in the recent past, with headline inflation falling to historically low levels.

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

- (a) Both Statements II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statements 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

**40. In the Mauryan Empire, the nature of which one of the following officers was most similar to that of the IAS officers of independent India?**

- (a) Adhyaksha
- (b) Samaharta
- (c) Sannidhata
- (d) Amatya

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41. With reference to the Indus Valley Civilization, match the following materials and their sources:

Material	Source
A. Lapis lazuli	I. Lothal
B. Carnelian	II. Shortughai
C. Steatite	III. South Rajasthan
D. Copper	IV. Ganeshwar

- (a) A - I, B - II, C - III, D - IV  
(b) A - II, B - III, C - IV, D - I  
(c) A - II, B - I, C - III, D - IV  
(d) A - I, B - III, C - II, D - IV

42. In the context of the architectural developments in medieval India, which one of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) The Lodhis introduced the use of double domes.  
(b) The Tughlaqs introduced the use of the 'four-centred arch'.  
(c) The Bahamanis introduced the Charbagh style of architecture.  
(d) The Adilshahis introduced the use of cornices.

43. With reference to early medieval India, the "Manigrama" were:

- (a) port cities  
(b) revenue villages  
(c) silver currency  
(d) trade guilds

44. Consider the following statements with regard to the National Song of India:

- I. It was initially written as a preface to the novel "Anandamath".  
II. It was originally composed in the Bengali prose style.  
III. It was sung for the first time at the Indian National Congress session at Calcutta in 1911.  
IV. It is officially accepted for national use with only the first two stanzas.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

- (d) All the four

45. Consider the following information:

Organization	Formed after	First President
I. Independence for India League	Swadeshi movement	Jawaharlal Nehru
II. Swaraj Party	Non-Cooperation Movement	Motilal Nehru
III. Congress Socialist Party	Civil Disobedience Movement	Acharya Narendra Dev

In which of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

46. Which of the following statements is/are correct with regard to the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India in 1915?

- I. He was admitted as a lifelong member of the Servants of India Society.  
II. He founded the Kochrab Ashram near Ahmedabad.  
III. He agreed to observe a one-year period of political restraint.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

47. In the context of history of India, consider the following events:

- I. Announcement of the Communal Award  
II. Formation of the All India States Peoples' Conference  
III. Foundation of the All India Muslim League at Dacca  
IV. First session of the Indian National Conference at Calcutta

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Which one of the following is the correct chronological order of these events?

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

48. After a devastating airplane crash, DNA fingerprinting was carried out to establish the identity of the victims. During the analysis, forensic experts found two DNA profiles that were exact replicas of each other.

In the above scenario, what can be most reasonably inferred?

- (a) The DNA samples belong to two unrelated individuals who share identical short tandem repeat (STR) markers by chance
- (b) The DNA samples belong to two individuals related in the direct maternal line due to mitochondrial DNA similarity
- (c) The DNA samples belong to identical monozygotic twins
- (d) The DNA samples were amplified from the same biological source due to laboratory contamination during PCR

49. Consider the following pairs:

Disease	Type
I. Trachoma	Viral
II. Scrub typhus	Fungal
III. Leprosy	Bacterial
IV. Visceral leishmaniasis	Protozoan parasitic

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

50. Which of the following materials are used as explosives in Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)?

- I. Potassium chlorate
- II. Hydrogen peroxide
- III. Aluminium powder
- IV. Urea nitrate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

51. Consider the following information:

These combat drones release thermite, a mixture of aluminium and iron oxide which result in a phenomenon described as “fire rain”, marked by cascading streams of molten incendiary material.

Which are these drones?

- (a) Swarm drones
- (b) First-Person View drones
- (c) Dragon drones
- (d) Kamikaze drones

52. Under which of the following Articles of the Constitution of India, has the Supreme Court of India placed the Right against ill effects of climate change?

- (a) Article 20 and 21
- (b) Article 14 and 21
- (c) Article 19 and 20
- (d) Article 14 and 20

53. In which of the following cases does a candidate lose the election security deposit?

- (a) S/he is unable to secure one-sixth of the valid votes secured by the winner.
- (b) S/he is unable to secure one-sixth of the valid votes present in the constituency.
- (c) S/he is a winning candidate but is unable to secure one-third of the valid votes polled in the election.
- (d) S/he is a defeated candidate and is unable to secure one-sixth of the valid votes polled in the election.

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## 54. Consider the following:

- I. Office of the Whip
- II. Leader of the Opposition (LoP)
- III. Lokpal and Lokayuktas
- IV. Attorney General of India
- V. Leader of the House

## How many of the above are constitutional posts?

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

## 55. Consider the following statements with regard to the Padma Awards:

- I. They are awarded on the recommendations of the Padma Awards Committee, subject to approval by the Prime Minister and the President of India.
- II. Recognition under the award extends beyond excellence in a particular field to encompass "excellence plus."
- III. A foreign national is eligible to submit a self-nomination for consideration for the award, without requiring endorsement from any external authority.

## Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

## 56. Which of the following biogeochemical cycles primarily has both sedimentary and gaseous phases?

- (a) Phosphorus cycle
- (b) Oxygen cycle
- (c) Carbon cycle
- (d) Sulfur cycle

## 57. Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Monotremes and marsupials are completely absent from the natural wildlife of India.

**Statement II:** Monotremes are poikilothermic animals that require stable temperatures to incubate their eggs, preventing their survival in diverse climates.

## 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

## 58. What is Green water?

- (a) It is the portion of precipitation that infiltrates the soil and is stored in the unsaturated root zone
- (b) It is the stagnant water body that contains a significant algal bloom, indicating high levels of eutrophication
- (c) It refers to the freshwater waterbodies like lakes, rivers, and aquifers which host huge coral reefs
- (d) It is the wastewater generated from domestic activities that has been treated for reuse in irrigation

## 59. Which one of the following organisms shows the tendency of 'Gerontocracy', a form of rule in which an entity is ruled by the elders?

- (a) Ants
- (b) Honeybees
- (c) Elephants
- (d) Chimpanzee

## 60. With reference to the "far side of the Moon", consider the following statements:

1. It is the hemisphere of the Moon that always faces away from Earth.
2. It remains permanently dark as it does not receive sunlight.
3. It has more craters and fewer lava plains compared to the near side.
4. The phenomenon is due to tidal locking between the Earth and the Moon.
5. Exploration of the far side is easier due to its smooth and flat terrain.

## Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**61. With reference to ISRO's launch vehicles, consider the following statements:**

1. PSLV is a four-stage launch vehicle capable of placing satellites into Sun-synchronous orbit.
2. GSLV is designed to launch heavy satellites of more than 50-ton class into GTO.
3. LVM3 is a heavy-lift vehicle capable of carrying about 10 tons to Low Earth Orbit.
4. SSLV is designed for launching small satellites and uses only solid propulsion stages.
5. PSLV was the first Indian launch vehicle to be equipped with liquid stages.

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

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

**62. With reference to the implications of Solar Flare events, consider the following statements:**

1. They can disturb Earth's magnetic field leading to geomagnetic storms.
2. They can cause radio blackouts and affect communication networks.
3. They directly cause severe harm to humans on Earth's surface.
4. They can damage satellite electronics and affect GPS systems.
5. Astronauts in space missions may be exposed to radiation risks.

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

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

**63. With reference to Vikram-1 launch vehicle, consider the following statements:**

1. It is being developed by a private Indian space start-up.

2. It is designed to launch satellites into Low Earth Orbit and Sun-synchronous Orbit.
3. All stages of the rocket use liquid fuel propulsion.
4. It uses a carbon-fibre structure to reduce weight.
5. Its upper stage uses a liquid-propellant engine for precise orbital insertion.

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

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

**64. Extreme Nuclear Transients (ENTs), recently seen in the news, refer to:**

- (a) Sudden bursts of radiation emitted from neutron stars during nuclear fusion
- (b) Emission of energy when massive stars are torn apart by supermassive black holes
- (c) Formation of new galaxies due to rapid expansion of interstellar matter
- (d) Collapse of white dwarf stars leading to supernova explosions

**65. As per the Constitution of India, the population data of the Census of India 2027 will have a direct impact on which of the following?**

1. Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies
2. Allocation of seats to States in the Lok Sabha
3. Extent of reservation for Scheduled Tribes in government employment
4. Number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes in the Lok Sabha
5. Number of seats reserved for women in Panchayats

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

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

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**66. Consider the following statements regarding the powers of President and Governor in India:**

1. Unlike the President, the Governor is not constitutionally bound to assent to a Bill even after it is re-passed by the State Legislature.
2. Unlike the President, the Governor can return the money bill passed by legislature for its reconsideration.
3. Both President and Governor are answerable to court for the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of their office.

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

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

**67. Consider the following statements regarding the legal framework for Electoral Roll Revision in India:**

1. The superintendence, direction, and control of the preparation of electoral rolls are vested in the Election Commission of India under Article 324.
2. A person can be registered as a voter in more than one constituency if they own property in multiple places.
3. Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides for the conduct of Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.

**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

**68. Provision of public goods is commonly financed through taxation primarily because:**

- (a) Taxation eliminates inefficiencies arising from rivalry in consumption
- (b) Individual users cannot be charged efficiently due to the non-excludable nature of public goods
- (c) Taxation ensures that public goods are produced at zero marginal cost
- (d) Taxation ensures equal consumption of public goods by all sections of society

**69. In a given financial year, the external account of an economy records the following transactions:**

1. Merchandise exports: USD 400 billion
2. Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) inflows: USD 30 billion
3. Net invisibles: USD 80 billion
4. Merchandise imports: USD 520 billion
5. External Commercial Borrowings: USD 40 billion

**Based on the above information, what is the Current Account Balance of the economy?**

- (a) Deficit of USD 120 billion
- (b) Surplus of USD 30 billion
- (c) Deficit of USD 10 billion
- (d) Deficit of USD 40 billion

**70. Consider the following features of the ocean floor:**

1. Continental Rise
2. Continental Shelf
3. Continental Slope
4. Abyssal Plains

**The correct sequence of these features when moving from the coast towards the deep ocean is**

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

**71. Which of the following consequences follow if a bank deposit remains unclaimed for a prolonged period?**

1. Money has to be transferred by banks to the Consolidated Fund of India after a specified period.
2. After the unclaimed deposit is transferred by the bank, the depositor no longer retains the right to claim the amount.

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

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

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## 72. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** An Initial Public Offering (IPO) is conducted in the primary market, whereas a Follow-on Public Offer (FPO) is conducted in the secondary market.

**Statement-II:** An IPO leads to the first-time listing of a company's shares on a stock exchange, whereas an FPO is undertaken by an already listed company.

### 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 not correct
- (d) Statement-I is not correct but Statement-II is correct

**73. Kīlauea volcano, located in the Hawaiian Islands, has erupted frequently in recent times. It is characterised by a broad, gently sloping profile, basaltic lava flows, and low eruptive explosivity.**

### Kīlauea belongs to which one of the following types of volcanoes?

- (a) Flood Basalt Province
- (b) Composite Volcano
- (c) Caldera
- (d) Shield Volcano

## 74. With reference to the Indus river system, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Indus River flows through India and Pakistan, but not through Afghanistan.
- 2. Kabul River flows through Afghanistan, India and Pakistan.
- 3. The Indus Basin extends to three countries only.

### How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

## 75. Consider the following description of a climatic type:

- 1. Rainfall occurs throughout the year
- 2. Annual precipitation varies between 75 to 150 cm
- 3. Characterised by Thunderstorms in summers and frontal rainfall in winter
- 4. Low Diurnal temperature range

### What is this type of climate?

- (a) Tropical Wet Climate (Af)
- (b) Humid subtropical climate (Cfa)
- (c) Tropical Monsoon Climate (Am)
- (d) Mediterranean Climate (Cs)

## 76. With reference to coastal landforms, consider the following statements about creek:

- 1. It is a narrow coastal inlet where tidal water moves in and out regularly.
- 2. It is typically found in low-lying coastal plains and may be associated with mudflats and mangroves.
- 3. It is a freshwater channel that flows permanently from mountains to the sea.

### Which of the statements given above best describe a creek?

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

## 77. Consider the following statements with reference to 22nd December:

- 1. The Indian subcontinent experiences the shortest day of the year on this date.
- 2. The Sun is at its farthest distance from the Earth on this date.

### 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

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78. It is an equatorial crop but can also be grown in tropical and sub-tropical areas. It requires moist and humid climate with rainfall of more than 200 cm and temperature above 25°C.

Identify the crop:

- (a) Paddy
- (b) Rubber
- (c) Tea
- (d) Sugarcane

79. With reference to UDAN 5.0, recently launched under the Regional Connectivity Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The distance restriction applicable to routes under the UDAN scheme has been waived off.
2. The provision of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) has been removed.
3. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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. Which of the following countries is not a member of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC)?

- (a) Cambodia
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Vietnam

81. Consider the following pairs:

Place in news	Country
1. Bagram Airbase	Afghanistan
2. Ayni Airbase	Kazakhstan
3. Nyoma Airbase	India

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

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

- (d) 1, 2 and 3

82. Which of the following best describes the primary objective of Operation Mahadev, recently conducted by the Government of India?

- (a) To carry out cross-border strikes against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.
- (b) To eliminate the terrorists directly involved in the Pahalgam terror attack through a joint security operation
- (c) To disrupt cross-border infiltration routes and logistics networks along the international boundary
- (d) To evacuate the Indian citizens amidst the 2025 Iran-Israel conflict.

83. Which of the following Buddhist monks, who hailed from Kancheepuram, came to be known as Daruma Daishi in Japan and played a fundamental role in the spread of Zen Buddhism?

- (a) Kasyapa Matanga
- (b) Bodhidharma
- (c) Nagarjuna
- (d) Dharmakirti

84. With reference to the first translation of the 'Bhagavad Gita' into English, consider the following statements:

1. Charles Wilkins published the first English translation of the Bhagavad Gita
2. The translation was supported by the then Governor-General Warren Hastings.
3. This translation was the first Sanskrit text to be directly translated into English.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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**85. With reference to the historical accounts of the festival 'Deepavali, consider the following statements:**

1. It is the first religious festival from India to be inscribed on UNESCO's List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
2. The Persian traveller Al-Biruni, in his memoir Tahqiq-i-Hind, mentions the celebration of Deepavali by Indians.

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

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

**86. Which of the following statements regarding Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is not correct?**

- (a) He was the first Deputy Prime Minister of independent India.
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi gave the title of 'Sardar' to him for his leadership in Kheda Satyagraha.
- (c) He presided over the Karachi session of the Indian National Congress in 1931, at which a resolution on Fundamental Rights was adopted.
- (d) Operation Polo was carried out under his leadership for the integration of the princely state of Hyderabad into the Indian Union.

**87. At the UNFCCC COP30 held in Belém, Brazil, the 'Belem Health Action Plan' was launched. What is its primary objective?**

- (a) To eradicate vector-borne diseases like Malaria from the Amazon region by 2030.
- (b) To integrate climate resilience into national health systems to handle climate-induced health crises.
- (c) To impose a 'Carbon Health Tax' on pharmaceutical industries with high emissions.
- (d) To create a global vaccine stockpile for future pandemics caused by melting permafrost.

**88. Why does a person raising their right hand appear to be raising their left hand in a mirror reflection?**

- (a) The mirror rotates the reflected light by 180 degrees along the vertical axis.

(b) The mirror reverses the image along the horizontal plane due to refraction.

(c) The mirror reverses the front-to-back orientation, but the observer mentally interprets this as a left-right reversal based on their own orientation.

(d) The focal length of a plane mirror causes a convergence of light rays that swaps lateral coordinates.

**89. With reference to the world's first 'Genome-Edited' rice varieties recently developed in India, consider the following statements:**

1. They were developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) using the CRISPR-Cas9 technology.
2. Unlike Genetically Modified crops, these rice varieties do not contain any foreign DNA in the final product.
3. 'DRR Dhan 100 (Kamala)' is one such variety developed for higher productivity.

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

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

**90. Which of the following best describes the historical significance of 'Rani Abbakka'?**

- (a) She was the Queen of Kittur who led an armed rebellion against the British East India Company in 1824.
- (b) She was the Tuluva Queen of Ullal who fought against the Portuguese in the 16th century.
- (c) She was the Gond queen of Garha-Katanga who fought against the Mughal forces of Akbar.
- (d) She was a Velama queen who defended the Kakatiya kingdom against the Delhi Sultanate.

**91. Consider the following statements regarding the Maratha Navy:**

1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is credited with establishing the Maratha Navy to protect the Konkan coast.

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2. Kanhoji Angre, known as 'Sarkhel', was a notable admiral who successfully defended the coast against European powers.

3. The new Ensign of the Indian Navy, adopted in 2022, is inspired from the seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji.

**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

**92. With reference to the Kakori Train Action, consider the following statements:**

1. It was planned and executed by the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) under the leadership of Bhagat Singh.
2. The primary objective of the Kakori action was to protest against the Simon Commission.
3. The revolutionaries involved were defended in court by a committee that included Govind Ballabh Pant.

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

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

**93. The First Indian Factories Act, passed in 1881, dealt primarily with:**

- (a) Women labour
- (b) Living conditions of factory workers
- (c) Child labour
- (d) Textile workers

**94. Consider the following statements about Kanaganahalli archaeological site:**

1. It is situated on the bank of Bhima river.
2. The remains of the Kanaganahalli Stupa can be dated between 1st and 3rd centuries CE.
3. Emperor Ashoka's image was found at the site.

**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

**95. Which one of the following is not a classified category of political parties as outlined by the Election Commission of India?**

- (a) National Parties
- (b) State Recognised Parties
- (c) Regional Parties
- (d) Registered Unrecognised Parties

**96. As per Article 371G of the Constitution of India, special provisions have been made with respect to the state of Mizoram. Accordingly, no Act of Parliament shall apply on certain matters unless the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram so decides by a resolution.**

**Which one of the following matters is not covered under this Article?**

- (a) Religious or social practices of the Mizos
- (b) Mizo customary law and procedure
- (c) Administration of civil and criminal justice involving decisions according to Mizo customary law
- (d) Ownership and transfer of natural resources

**97. Which one of the following species disproportionately affects ecosystem dynamics?**

- (a) Umbrella species
- (b) Flagship species
- (c) Priority species
- (d) Keystone species

**98. The AmazonFACE project, recently seen in the news, is a joint initiative supported by which of the following countries?**

- (a) Brazil and India
- (b) Brazil and the United Kingdom
- (c) Brazil and Germany
- (d) Brazil and the United States

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**99. Consider the following statements with reference to Indian wolf (*Canis lupus pallipes*):**

1. They primarily live in semi-arid grassland and shrubland habitats in India and Pakistan.
2. The IUCN Red List of Threatened species classifies them as Near Threatened species.

**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 oceanography, consider the following ocean currents:**

1. Cayenne Current
2. Benguela Current
3. Mozambique Current
4. Humboldt Current
5. Labrador Current

**How many of the above are warm ocean currents?**

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

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