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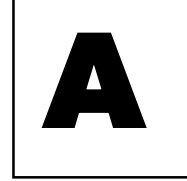


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**1. With reference to the Indian polity, which of the following statements best describes the Principle of Subsidiarity?**

**A principle which states that-**

- (a) all tasks should be performed by higher levels of government to ensure uniform decisions across the country.
- (b) core functions of government should be performed at higher levels and less important functions should be delegated to the lower levels.
- (c) functions of government should be assigned to the lowest possible level of government that can effectively carry them out.
- (d) lower levels of government should act only when higher levels of government cannot manage a task on their own.

**2. With reference to Panchayats at village level (Gram Panchayats) in India, consider the following statements:**

- I. All the seats in a Panchayat at village level shall be filled by persons chosen by direct election from territorial constituencies in the Panchayat area.
- II. As per the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 the Chairperson of the Panchayat at village level shall be elected directly by the Gram Sabha.
- III. It is the executive body of the Gram Sabha, responsible to the Gram Sabha.

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

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

**3. With reference to the Indian polity, consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the President by reason of his/her death, the Vice-President shall act as President for a period not exceeding six months.

**Statement II:** The functions of the office of the Vice-President of India is modelled on the lines of the office of the Vice-President of the United States of America.

**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

**4. Consider the following bodies/ organisations in India:**

- I. National Medical Commission
- II. National Security Council
- III. Inter-State Council
- IV. National Disaster Management Authority
- V. Zonal Councils

**The Prime Minister of India acts as the Chairman of how many of the above bodies/organisations?**

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

**5. Consider the following types of bills passed by both the Houses of the Indian Parliament and presented to the President of India:**

- I. Ordinary Bills
- II. Money Bills
- III. Constitutional Amendment Bills under Article 368 of the Constitution of India.

**For how many of the above types of bills, the President of India can use suspensive veto?**

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

**6. It is a legal principle under which the property of a person who dies without leaving a legal heir or a valid will reverts to the State. The doctrine is based on the idea that the State is the ultimate owner of all property within its territory.**

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**The description given above most appropriately refers to which one of the following doctrines?**

- (a) Doctrine of Eminent Domain
- (b) Doctrine of Lapse
- (c) Doctrine of Escheat
- (d) Doctrine of Eclipse

**7. With reference to the legislative powers of the Governor of a State in India, consider the following statements:**

- I. S/he shall from time to time summon the House or each House of the Legislature of the State to meet.
- II. S/he can nominate one member of the Anglo-Indian community to the State Legislative Assembly.
- III. S/he shall nominate one-sixth of the total number of members of the State Legislative Council in states with Bicameral legislature.

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

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

**8. In India, the limits of the territorial waters, the continental shelf, the exclusive economic zone, and other maritime zones of India shall be specified by the-**

- (a) Parliament
- (b) President of India
- (c) State Legislature of the Coastal states
- (d) Governors of Coastal States

**9. Under the provisions of Article 311 of the Constitution of India, in which of the following situations can a member of a civil service of the Union be dismissed/removed without an appropriate inquiry?**

- I. If the President is satisfied that in the interest of the security of the State it is not expedient to hold such an inquiry.
- II. If the authority empowered to dismiss or remove him/her is satisfied that for some reason which should

be recorded in writing by that authority, it is not reasonably practicable to hold such inquiry.

III. If that person becomes a member or associated with a political party or joins any organization which takes part in politics.

IV. If that person is dismissed or removed on the ground of conduct which has led to his/her conviction on a criminal charge.

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

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

**10. Mrs. Y is a citizen of India and is 27 years old. She is registered as an elector for one of the assembly constituencies as well as one of the parliamentary constituencies in Telangana.**

**In this context consider the following:**

- I. Membership of Lok Sabha
- II. Membership of Rajya Sabha
- III. Membership of Legislative Assembly of Telangana
- IV. Membership of Legislative Council of Telangana

**Mrs. Y would be qualified for the membership of which of the above?**

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

**11. A Urea subsidy scheme was introduced in this year's budget with an appropriation amount of Rs. x. The actual expenditure on the scheme was Rs. x + y.**

**Which of the following types of grant can the Government of India seek from the legislature to cover the over expenditure of amount y on the scheme?**

- (a) Vote of Credit
- (b) Excess Grant
- (c) Additional Grant
- (d) Exceptional Grant

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**12. A Supreme Court Judge cannot be removed from office except by an order of the President passed after his/her removal motion is passed in each house of the Parliament.**

**In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- I. A judge of the Supreme Court can be removed only on the ground of 'violation of the Constitution'.
- II. The presiding officer of Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha is bound to admit the removal motion that is duly signed by the required number of Members of Parliament in the respective House.
- III. A motion to remove a judge must be passed in each House by a majority of total membership of that House and by not less than two-thirds of members present and voting.

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

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

**13. On 26th November 1949, which of the following provisions of the Constitution of India came into effect?**

1. Citizenship
2. Elections
3. Provisional Parliament
4. Fundamental Rights

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

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

**14. In general, which one of the following is a primary function of a Constitution?**

- (a) It ensures complete separation among different organs of the state.
- (b) It provides a set of ideals that reflects the moral and political identity of a country's citizens.

(c) It ensures equal distribution of wealth and resources among the citizens.

(d) It ensures that outcomes of the Parliamentary and assembly elections are always fair and free from disputes.

**15. Consider the following statements:**

**With reference to the Constitution of India, the Preamble constitute limitations upon:**

- I. legislative function.
- II. executive function.

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

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

**16. In the context of the Indian Constitution, 'protective discrimination' refers to:**

- (a) Differentiated treatment based on merit and individual achievements.
- (b) Granting special privileges to certain communities to promote social harmony.
- (c) Excluding certain groups from the application of general laws to protect their customs and traditions.
- (d) Policies aimed at safeguarding the interests of historically disadvantaged groups.

**17. Consider the following statements with reference to the Right to Education (Article 21A) in the Indian Constitution:**

1. It guarantees free and compulsory education to all children until the age of 18.
2. It is applicable only to government educational institutions fully funded by the government.
3. It was added to the Constitution by the 44th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1978.

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

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

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**18. Which of the following situations illustrates the principle of "double jeopardy" as protected by Article 20?**

- (a) A person is acquitted of a crime but faces a civil lawsuit for the same act.
- (b) A person is convicted of a crime and then pardoned by the President.
- (c) A person is tried for a crime in a lower court and then again in a higher court on appeal.
- (d) A person is tried and acquitted of a crime but is later tried again for the same crime based on new evidence.

**19. A group of women from a marginalized community are facing discrimination in accessing property inheritance. They are struggling to afford legal representation to fight for their rights.**

**Which DPSP article supports their claim to receive free legal aid?**

- (a) Article 39
- (b) Article 39A
- (c) Article 45
- (d) Article 48

**20. With reference to the public services in India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. All-India services are common to both Central and state governments.
- 2. The Central government has its own cadre for all-India services.

**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

**21. With reference to 'Neo Bank', consider the following statements:**

- 1. It operates in an entirely online mode without any physical branches.
- 2. It cannot accept deposits or offer lending products on their own.

3. The Ministry of Finance issues licenses to Neo banks in India.

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

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

**22. With reference to Neutrinos, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Ghost particles are high-energy neutrinos which are released from cosmic sources at the Milky Way's edge.
- 2. Nearly 100 trillion neutrinos pass through the human body every second without us noticing.

**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

**23. Which of the following goods/services are exempted from the Goods and Services Tax (GST)?**

- 1. Supply of goods to the Special Economic Zone
- 2. Pulses when sold loose
- 3. Transportation of individuals via public transport
- 4. Newspapers
- 5. Refrigerators
- 6. Contraceptives

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

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (b) 3, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 1, 2, 4 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 only

**24. Which of the following is the aim of the 'NIDHI' programme?**

- (a) Nurturing innovations into successful startups
- (b) Providing financial assistance to rural poor
- (c) Preserving the rich cultural heritage of the country
- (d) Promoting indigenous Defence Production

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**25. Consider the following statements about the First Carnatic War:**

1. Battle of Adyar took place during this war.
2. The war ended with the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle.
3. The British and French agreed to restore each other's captured territories after the war.

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

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

**26. Consider the following statements with reference to World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves:**

1. It was launched in 2009 by UNESCO MAB Programme to foster sustainable development in islands and coastal areas.
2. Gulf of Mannar biosphere reserve from India is also one of the members of World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves.

**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

**27. With reference to ecological succession, which of the following statements best describes the term "Allogenic succession"?**

- (a) It occurs in lifeless regions such as lava flows and sand dunes, where pioneer species initiate colonization.
- (b) It is characterized by the continued dominance of autotrophic organisms like green plants throughout the succession process.
- (c) It involves the replacement of an existing community due to environmental modifications caused by the organisms within the community.
- (d) It involves the replacement of an existing community due to external environmental factors, not influenced by the organisms within the community

**28. Consider the following pairs:**

Industry	Disease
1. Stone Crushers	Silicosis
2. Coal Mining	Black Lung Disease
3. Construction	Asbestosis

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

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

**29. Consider the following statements regarding the relationship between the Indian National Congress and Indian capitalists during the freedom struggle:**

1. Jamnalal Bajaj accepted Congress membership and served as the Treasurer of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) for several years.
2. Purushottamdas Thakurdas and R. D. Tata supported an Anti-Non-Cooperation Association in Bombay during the 1920s.

**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

**30. In the context of ancient history of India, the terms 'Suvarnarupa', 'Tamrarupa', and 'Sisarupa' refers to**

- (a) slaves
- (b) coins
- (c) postal systems
- (d) lands

**31. With reference to the Delhi Sultanate, consider the following pairs:**

Department	Function
1. Diwan-i-Wizarat	Administration of Wizarat justice
2. Diwan-i-Arz	Administration of the army
3. Diwan-i-Insha	Administration of agricultural affairs

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How many of the pairs given above are not correctly matched?

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

**32. With reference to the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- 1. It recommends candidates for the selection of heads of public-sector banks (PSBs) and public-sector insurers (PSI).
- 2. It helps state-run banks and financial institutions in developing business strategies and capital raising plans.
- 3. The Chairperson of the FSIB is nominated by the Reserve Bank of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**33. Why does ice, which is solid and typically floats in water, behave differently in alcohol by sinking to the bottom?**

- (a) Alcohol is denser than water.
- (b) Ice is denser than alcohol but less dense than water.
- (c) Alcohol has a higher surface tension than water.
- (d) Ice absorbs alcohol, causing it to sink.

**34. Consider the following:**

- 1. Water droplets forming a spherical shape
- 2. Movement of water through porous material
- 3. Water striders walking on water

Which of the following scientific principles is responsible for the above phenomena?

- (a) Gravitation
- (b) Friction
- (c) Elasticity
- (d) Surface Tension

**35. With reference to 'Basmati Rice of India', consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is majorly cultivated in the regions of the Himalayan foothills of the Indian subcontinent.
- 2. It requires a cold and dry climate for its growth.
- 3. It should be free from artificial colouring and polishing agents to get certified as Basmati rice.
- 4. India's export of non-basmati rice was higher than the export of basmati rice in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**36. It was the crisis period for architecture during the Delhi Sultanate period. However, some construction works were still undertaken, which used grey sandstone. During this period, the focus was more on the strength of the building and so, there was less emphasis on decoration. The constructions combined both arch and lintel methods of entrance design. They also introduced a style of construction known as "batter" which was characterized by sloping walls to give more strength to the building.**

Which of the following styles of architecture is mentioned in the above passage:

- (a) Slave dynasty architecture
- (b) Khilji dynasty architecture
- (c) Tughlaq dynasty architecture
- (d) Lodi dynasty architecture

**37. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies seeks to boost global fish production by allowing subsidies in a regulated manner.

**Statement II:** The agreement bans subsidies that lead to overfishing and supports environmentally sustainable fishing practices.

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Which of the options given below correctly describes the relationship between the two statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II correctly 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

38. If an economy shows an increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) but this growth is not accompanied by a rise in employment opportunities, which of the following reasons is the most likely explanation?

- (a) Economic growth is mainly taking place in agriculture and allied sectors
- (b) There is a sharp rise in the labour force participation rate
- (c) Economic expansion is largely led by capital-intensive industries
- (d) The country is benefiting from a demographic dividend

39. In economics, the Lorenz Curve is commonly used to illustrate which one of the following aspects?

- (a) The link between tax rates and total tax revenue
- (b) How income or wealth is distributed among different sections of the population
- (c) The relationship between money supply and inflation
- (d) The trade-off between unemployment and inflation

40. Consider the following countries:

1. India
2. United States of America
3. United Kingdom
4. Spain
5. France

How many of the countries listed above are members of both the G20 and the G7 groupings?

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

- (d) All five

41. Begonia nyishiorum, a newly discovered species of flowering plant, has been named after the largest tribal community of which one of the following Indian States?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam

42. With reference to the monetary aggregates released by the Reserve Bank of India, consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** The monetary aggregate M2 is more liquid than M3.

**Statement II:** Unlike M3, M2 includes time deposits held with commercial banks.

Which of the following options correctly describes the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II correctly 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

43. The Dandakaranya region spreads across which of the following Indian States?

- I. Telangana
- II. Odisha
- III. Chhattisgarh
- IV. Maharashtra
- V. Jharkhand

How many of the above States are covered by the Dandakaranya region?

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

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**44. Which of the following options most appropriately explains the doctrine of substantive equality?**

- (a) Applying the same laws uniformly to all citizens
- (b) Eliminating the existence of any privileged group
- (c) Narrowing the disparities between the advantaged and the disadvantaged
- (d) Treating unequal individuals in the same manner under the law

**45. In Jainism, the practice known as 'Sallekhana' is best described as which of the following?**

- (a) Strict practice of meditation to attain enlightenment
- (b) Repentance for past sins along with a vow not to repeat them
- (c) Voluntary acceptance of death through gradual fasting, by slowly giving up food and water
- (d) Giving up property and possessions to control desires

**46. Consider the following community-country pairs that are often mentioned in current affairs:**

I. Alawites	Yemen
II. Uighurs	China
III. Houthis	Iran

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

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

**47. With reference to the recently constituted Payments Regulatory Board (PRB), consider the following statements:**

- I. It is a six-member body headed by the Finance Secretary.
- II. The Board derives its authority from the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- III. It is responsible for regulating both electronic and non-electronic payment systems.

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

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

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

**48. The Global Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance Report is brought out by which of the following organisations?**

- (a) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (b) Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)
- (c) Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP)
- (d) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**49. Which of the following statements correctly describes the nature of acidic lava?**

- (a) It has very high temperatures and flows easily over long distances
- (b) It is dark in colour, rich in iron and magnesium, and low in silica
- (c) Its rapid cooling leads to violent explosions, ejecting volcanic bombs and pyroclastic material
- (d) It forms gently sloping volcanoes with broad bases, creating shield-like structures

**50. Which of the following factors can act as constraints in determining the geographical range of an organism?**

1. Light
2. Rainfall
3. Temperature
4. Atmosphere
5. Altitude
6. Presence of organic compounds

**Which of the above can function as limiting factors for the distribution of an organism?**

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 6 only
- (b) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

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**51. Consider the following statements related to ocean currents:**

1. Ocean currents involve only the transfer of energy across the ocean surface without any actual movement of water.
2. In the Northern Hemisphere, all ocean currents move in a clockwise direction.
3. Cold ocean currents invariably flow from the polar regions towards the equator.

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

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

**52. Arrange the following rivers of the Indus river system in order from north to south:**

1. Ravi
2. Jhelum
3. Satluj
4. Chenab

**Choose the correct sequence using the code given below:**

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

**53. Which of the following factors can lead to the anti-greenhouse effect (cooling of the Earth by reflecting incoming solar radiation)?**

1. Volcanic ash
2. Stratospheric sulphur aerosols
3. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

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

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

**54. Which of the following effects are associated with light pollution?**

1. Disruption of bird migration and foraging behaviour
2. Adverse impact on astronomical observations and research
3. Increased risk of metabolic disorders such as diabetes in humans
4. Light-induced collisions, especially involving birds and insects

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

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

**55. Which of the following statements are true about the ozone layer?**

1. The ozone layer located in the stratosphere protects life on Earth by absorbing harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation.
2. Polar stratospheric clouds help in stopping the expansion of the ozone hole.
3. The thickness or concentration of the ozone layer is expressed in Dobson Units (DU).

**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

**56. With reference to the Indian money market, consider the following statements:**

1. The Call Money Market deals with overnight funds used by banks for interbank lending and borrowing.
2. The Notice Money Market involves funds lent for short durations ranging from two to fourteen days, mainly for liquidity management by banks.

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

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

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(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**57. With reference to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a major multilateral development bank that promotes inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth in the Asia–Pacific region.
2. The headquarters of ADB is located in Manila, Philippines.
3. China is the largest shareholder in the Asian Development Bank.

**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

**58. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** Sterilisation measures undertaken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are used to reduce or neutralise the effect of foreign exchange inflows and outflows on domestic money supply.

**Statement II:** When the RBI buys or sells foreign currency, it directly influences the amount of money circulating in the domestic economy.

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

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II correctly 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

**59. With reference to Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), consider the following statements:**

1. SDRs are an international reserve asset created by the World Bank.
2. The value of an SDR is based on a basket of major currencies, including the US dollar, euro, renminbi, and Indian rupee.

3. SDRs can be held and used by individuals and private companies for international payments.

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

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

**60. Which of the following statements correctly highlights an important difference between the X and Y chromosomes?**

- (a) The Y chromosome is the smallest human chromosome and carries about 100 protein-coding genes.
- (b) The X chromosome accounts for a much larger proportion of the human genome compared to the Y chromosome.
- (c) The Y chromosome is unique as it is the only chromosome that has been completely sequenced from one telomere to the other.
- (d) The SRY gene, responsible for initiating male development, is located near the centromere of the X chromosome.

**61. Consider the following statements related to the 'One Day One Genome' initiative:**

**Statement I:** The genomic data released under the One Day One Genome initiative is designed to be simple and user-friendly, making it easier for researchers, students, and learners to understand and use.

**Statement II:** The initiative seeks to promote applications in human health, biotechnology research, environmental sustainability, and agriculture.

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

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

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**62. With reference to Green Biotechnology, consider the following statements:**

- I. It involves the application of biotechnological techniques in agriculture to achieve improved outcomes.
- II. Its scope is restricted only to pre-harvest agricultural processes.
- III. It is not practiced in India.

**Select the incorrect statement(s) using the code given below:**

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

**63. Consider the following statements related to quantum confinement:**

- I. Quantum confinement arises when electrons are restricted to a very small region of space, leading to the formation of discrete energy levels.
- II. Due to quantum confinement, a material's properties change from being tunable in the bulk form to fixed at the nanoscale.

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

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

**64. During the period of British administration in India, who were referred to as Malgoozars/Malguzars?**

- (a) Officials responsible for managing the State treasury
- (b) Officers appointed to supervise the collection of salt tax in coastal areas
- (c) Landholding revenue intermediaries in the Central Provinces and parts of Northern India
- (d) Officials entrusted with land survey and settlement operations

**65. Under the Government of India Act, 1919, provincial subjects were classified into 'Reserved' and 'Transferred' categories. Which of the following subjects were placed under the Reserved category?**

1. Administration of Justice
2. Local Self-Government
3. Land Revenue
4. Police

**Choose the correct answer using the options below:**

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

**66. With reference to the Chamber of Princes (Narendra Mandal) during the freedom struggle of India, consider the following statements:**

- I. It was set up under the Government of India Act, 1919.
- II. It was the highest decision making body with respect to any internal matters, rights, or freedoms of the subjects of the princely states.

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

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

**67. At which of the following Sessions, did the Indian National Congress pass a resolution directing its provincial committees to promote labour unions throughout India?**

- (a) Lucknow Session of 1916
- (b) Amritsar Session of 1919
- (c) Calcutta Session of 1928
- (d) Karachi Session of 1931

**68. With reference to the Indian National Movement, consider the following personalities:**

- I. Muzaffar Ahmed
- II. S.A. Dange
- III. Shaukat Usmani

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IV. Philip Spratt

**How many of the above personalities were associated with the Meerut Conspiracy Case (1929)?**

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

**69. Consider the following NASA space exploration missions:**

- I. Phoenix
- II. Curiosity
- III. InSight

**How many of these missions were undertaken to explore the planet Mercury?**

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

**70. Recently, the European Space Agency's Solar Orbiter successfully identified the source of energetic particles emitted by the Sun.**

**What is the importance of this scientific finding?**

- (a) It verified the presence of wormholes in space between planets
- (b) It made it possible to use solar particles as fuel for space travel
- (c) It led to the discovery of the Higgs boson within solar plasma
- (d) It can assist scientists in better predicting and understanding space weather

**71. What function does the p47 protein perform in the human body?**

- (a) It helps in storing oxygen within muscle cells
- (b) It regulates cell division to stop the development of tumors
- (c) It safeguards cells from physical stress by assisting in their refolding

(d) It contributes to the structural framework of the body's connective tissues

**72. 'Snapback Mechanism', often seen in the news, is associated with:**

- (a) Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- (b) Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
- (c) Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
- (d) Nuclear Suppliers Group

**73. What is Pink Tax?**

- (a) A tax on cosmetic and beauty products marketed for women
- (b) An indirect tax collected by the government to fund women-oriented welfare schemes
- (c) Higher prices for products and services marketed towards women than similar products for men
- (d) A financial penalty imposed on companies that fail to ensure gender-neutral pricing

**74. The Uttaramerur inscription, issued during the reign of Parantaka I of Chola dynasty, is significant because it provides detailed information regarding:**

- (a) The procedure for revenue collection and land assessment under the Cholas
- (b) The composition and functioning of local self-governing village assemblies
- (c) The organization and hierarchy of the Chola military system
- (d) The architectural design and ritual practices of Chola temples

**75. The idea that all material objects are ultimately composed of indivisible particles called Anu is a core principle of which Indian philosophical school?**

- (a) Samkhya
- (b) Vaisheshika
- (c) Nyaya
- (d) Mimamsa

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76. Consider the following ancient Indian texts and their authors:

1. Brihat Samhita	Varahamihira
2. Lilavati	Aryabhata
3. Ashtanga Hridaya	Charaka

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

77. Which of the following sequences correctly represents the chronological order of the Bhakti saints Kabir, Namdev, Mirabai, and Tukaram?

- (a) Kabir – Namdev – Mirabai – Tukaram
- (b) Namdev – Mirabai – Kabir – Tukaram
- (c) Namdev – Kabir – Mirabai – Tukaram
- (d) Kabir – Mirabai – Namdev – Tukaram

78. Consider the following statements regarding Peninsular Plateau:

- I. The Chotanagpur plateau forms the Easternmost limit of the Peninsular plateau.
- II. The general slope of the Peninsular plateau is from West to East.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone:

- I. It is marked by ascending masses of air.
- II. During summers, it is located south of the Satpura range, while in winters, it is located north of the Himalayas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- (d) Neither I nor II

80. Which one of the following soils is known to be self-ploughing in nature?

- (a) Red Soil
- (b) Laterite Soil
- (c) Alluvial Soil
- (d) Black Soil

81. With reference to the Indus River system, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Beas River is the only river of the Indus system that flows completely within India.
- 2. Wular Lake, one of India's largest freshwater lakes, is drained by the Chenab River.
- 3. The Ravi River originates near the Rohtang Pass in the Kullu Hills of Himachal Pradesh.
- 4. Under the Indus Waters Treaty (1960), India has exclusive rights over the waters of the Indus, Ravi and Beas rivers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

82. With reference to the production of pulses, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. India is the second largest producer and consumer and importer of pulses after China.
- 2. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan are the top three pulses-producing states in the country.

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

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**83. Consider the following statements:**

**Statement-I:** In recent years, the South China Sea has emerged as a major centre of geopolitical tensions.

**Statement-II:** There has been an increase in overlapping territorial claims by countries bordering the South China Sea.

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

- (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

**84. Which one of the following statements related to heat waves in India is correct?**

- (a) Heat waves in India are declared by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- (b) Heat waves have been officially notified as disasters under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- (c) A heat wave is declared when the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40°C in plains and at least 30°C in hilly areas.
- (d) Southern Indian states experience heat waves more frequently than northern and central India.

**85. Consider the following pairs related to certain endangered species and the protected areas where they are naturally found in India:**

Species	Naturally Found In
1. Gharial	National Chambal Sanctuary
2. Dugong	Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park
3. Great Indian Bustard	Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary
4. Lion-tailed Macaque	Balpakram National Park

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

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

(d) All four

**86. Consider the following statements regarding BIRSA-101:**

- 1. It has been developed by CSIR–Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology.
- 2. It is based on enFnCas9 CRISPR technology.
- 3. It has been named after Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- 4. It is intended mainly for agricultural applications.

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

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

**87. Which of the following best describes epigenome editing?**

- (a) Permanent alteration of genetic code
- (b) Regulation of gene activity without altering DNA sequence
- (c) Replacement of defective genes with healthy genes
- (d) Duplication of DNA segments

**88. Assertion (A):** Sickle Cell Disease leads to reduced oxygen delivery to tissues.

**Reason (R):** The shape of red blood cells becomes abnormal, affecting their ability to move through blood vessels.

- (a) Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is correct, but R is incorrect
- (d) A is incorrect, but R is correct

**89. With reference to Genetically Modified (GM) crops and their regulatory status in India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. All transgenic crops are genetically modified organisms, but not all GM crops are transgenic.
- 2. Bt cotton is the only GM crop currently approved for commercial cultivation in India.

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3. Bt brinjal has received approval for commercial cultivation and is currently being cultivated in India.
4. GM mustard (DMH-11) has received unconditional approval for commercial cultivation in India.
5. Regulatory approvals for GM crops in India are not subject to judicial review.

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

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

**90. With reference to the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), consider the following statements:**

1. GEAC is constituted under the Rules for Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Microorganisms, Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. It is responsible for granting approval for large-scale use of genetically engineered organisms.
4. It frames rules related to hazardous microorganisms and genetically engineered organisms.
5. It appraises proposals related to the environmental release of genetically engineered organisms.

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

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

**91. With reference to the proposed PM Kisan Bhai (Bhandaran Incentive) Scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. It aims to provide incentives to small and marginal farmers for storing their produce after harvest.
2. The scheme includes Warehousing Rental Subsidy (WRS) and Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI).
3. The storage incentive is proposed to be provided for up to one year after harvest.

4. The scheme seeks to reduce farmers' dependence on traders by enabling them to sell at better prices later.

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

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

**92. Match List I (Report/Index) with List II (Released by):**

List I	List II
A. World Economic Outlook	1. World Bank
B. Global Economic Prospects	2. IMF
C. World Investment Report	3. UNCTAD
D. Future of Jobs Report	4. World Economic Forum

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

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

**93. With reference to Birsa Munda, consider the following statements:**

1. He launched the Ulgulan movement in 1899 against British rule in the Chotanagpur region.
2. He founded the Birsait sect, promoting monotheism and opposing certain social practices.
3. He led the Santhal Rebellion of 1855–56 against the British.
4. He is revered as "Dharti ka Abba" (Father of the Earth) among tribal communities.

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

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

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94. Match List I (Sufi Saint) with List II (Contribution):

List I	List II
A. Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki	1. Known for teachings and shrine in Delhi
B. Baba Fariduddin	2. Spread teachings in Punjab
C. Nizamuddin Auliya	3. Established Chishti order base in Delhi
D. Chirag Dehlavi	4. Spread Moinuddin Chishti's teachings after his death

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

95. With reference to DNA and protein synthesis, consider the following statements:

1. Transcription is the process by which genetic information from DNA is copied into messenger RNA (mRNA).
2. MicroRNAs (miRNAs) regulate gene expression by binding to mRNA and inhibiting protein synthesis.
3. Protein synthesis occurs in all cells equally, regardless of their function.
4. Genes are segments of DNA that encode functional products such as proteins.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Levallois Technique':

1. It refers to making perforated Harappan pottery.
2. It refers to making prehistoric flake tools.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

97. Which one of the following statements about the British Indian Medical Service (IMS) is not correct?

- (a) IMS began in 1764
- (b) It recruited health professionals by means of a competitive examination
- (c) Indians were never admitted to IMS
- (d) The IMS was at first meant to look after the troops

98. Which of the following associations is/are example/examples of mutualism?

1. Mycorrhizae: Fungi and roots of higher plants
2. Lichens: Fungi and photosynthetic algae
3. Pollination: Mustard flower and honeybees

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

99. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. GDP deflator captures the average price of an unchanging basket of commodities that constitutes the GDP of the country.
2. GDP deflator can be used to measure the real GDP of the economy but not the inflation rate.

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

100. Consider the following lines of Longitude and Latitude:

1. Prime Meridian
2. Tropic of Cancer
3. Equator

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**Which of the above lines is/are a Great Circle?**

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

