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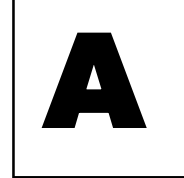


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1. Consider the following statements regarding the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

- I. It is a constitutional body.
- II. The Chief Justice of India is the Executive Chairman of NALSA.
- III. There is no annual income limit for availing free legal aid under the Act.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

2. Which one of the following statements is correct with regard to a Bill proposing the diminution of the area of a Union Territory (UT) of India?

- (a) It can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha.
- (b) Prior recommendation of the President is necessary before presenting the Bill in Parliament.
- (c) Such a Bill must be referred to the concerned UT's Legislature, though the Parliament is not bound by the views of the Legislature.
- (d) Such a Bill must be passed by a special majority in the Parliament.

3. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC):

- I. The appointments are made on the recommendation of a six-member committee headed by the Central Home Minister.
- II. After their tenure, the chairperson and members are ineligible for further employment under the Central or State Government.
- III. It can suo motu investigate negligence by public servants in preventing human rights violations.
- IV. It cannot recommend compensation or prosecution against guilty public servants.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. With reference to the Attorney General of India, consider the following statements:

- I. The Attorney General enjoys all the privileges and immunities available to Members of Parliament.
- II. No court can decline to hear the Attorney General when he or she appears to make an official submission.
- III. A private individual can initiate contempt of court proceedings with the written consent of the Attorney General.
- IV. There is no prescribed age of retirement for the Attorney General of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements with regard to the Central Vigilance Commission:

- I. It lacks the authority to independently order the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate officers holding the rank of Joint Secretary or higher.
- II. It lacks the power to register criminal cases and is confined to dealing with vigilance and disciplinary matters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. With reference to the decision-making process in the GST Council, consider the following statements:

- I. For any meeting of the Council, one-half of its total membership constitutes the quorum.
- II. A decision requires at least three-fourths of the weighted votes of members present and voting.
- III. The Central Government's vote carries two-thirds weightage while the states together carry one-third weightage.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



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

7. Consider the following statements with regard to the 105th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2021:

- I. It empowered Parliament to identify and specify Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs) for both the Central and State Lists.
II. Any addition to or removal from the Central List of SEBCs can be effected only through a Presidential notification.

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

8. Consider the following statements with regard to the administration of the Union Territories:

- I. Parliament can make laws on any subject in all three lists under the Seventh Schedule for Union Territories.
II. The Constitution of India contains separate provisions for the administration of territories that can be acquired in future.
III. The Administrator of a Union Territory functions as the head of the State like a Governor.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Finance Commission is a quasi-judicial body.

Statement-II: The Finance Commission can summon witnesses, examine records, and require the production of documents in connection with its recommendations.

Statement-III: The recommendations of the Finance Commission carry the same weight as a decree of a civil court.

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

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

10. Consider the following statements:

- I. The Constitution of India specifies the official languages of different States.
II. The President of India may direct a language to be officially recognized in a state if a substantial part of the population so desires.

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

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

11. With reference to Article 323A of the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:

- I. It provides for the establishment of tribunals only for matters related to public services.
II. It provides for a multi-tiered system of tribunals to adjudicate the matters referred to them.
III. The jurisdiction of High Courts over matters assigned to these tribunals is completely excluded.

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

12. Consider the following statements with regard to the State Public Service Commission (SPSC):

- I. The chairperson and members of an SPSC can be removed by the President only.
II. The chairperson and members of an SPSC are not eligible for a second term.

III. The Governor can exclude certain posts and services from the SPSC's jurisdiction.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements with regard to the National Investigation Agency (NIA):

- I. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- II. The President appoints the Director General of NIA on the recommendation of a selection committee headed by the Union Home Minister.
- III. It has the power to probe terror attacks in any part of the country without the permission of the State Government.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements with regard to the 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011:

- I. It prescribes the maximum number of Directors in a cooperative society.
- II. Elections to co-operative societies are supervised by the State Election Commission.
- III. No co-operative society board shall remain suspended for over six months, except where there is no government interest or guarantee.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. Which of the following political parties currently hold the status of a National Party in India?

- I. Communist Party of India
- II. Aam Aadmi Party

III. Bahujan Samaj Party

IV. All India Trinamool Congress

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

16. Who among the following constitute the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council as per the Constitution of India?

- 1. The Prime Minister
- 2. The Union Finance Minister
- 3. The Chief Ministers of all States
- 4. The Union Minister of State in charge of Revenue or Finance

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. Consider the following statements:

Statement–I: The recommendations of the Finance Commission are binding on the government.

Statement–II: The Finance Commission is a constitutional body established under Article 280 of the Constitution.

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

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

18. With reference to the Advocate General for the State, consider the following:

- 1. A person qualified to be appointed as a judge of a High Court is eligible to be appointed as the Advocate General of the State.

2. The salary and allowances of the Advocate General are determined by the State Legislature.

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

19. Consider the following statements:

1. A Wards Committee must be constituted in every municipality, regardless of its population size.
2. The State Legislature is empowered to determine the composition and manner of filling seats in Wards Committees.
3. The State Legislature may also constitute other committees, and their chairpersons may be included as members of the municipality.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

20. Consider the following bodies:

1. Finance Commission
2. National Human Rights Commission
3. National Commission for Backward Classes
4. Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council

How many of the above are not Constitutional bodies?

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

21. Consider the following:

1. Establishment of a State Election Commission
2. Reservation of seats for SCs, STs, and women
3. Constitution of a Gram Sabha
4. Reservation for backward classes

How many of the above are not a compulsory provision under the 73rd Constitutional Amendment?

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

22. With reference to the Election Commission of India, consider the following statements:

1. In case of a difference of opinion among the Election Commissioners, the President decides the matter.
2. The Constitution of India debar retiring Election Commissioners from further appointments by the government.
3. The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha is a member of the committee that recommends appointments to the Election Commission.

Which of the statements given above are not correct?

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

23. With reference to the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India includes provisions relating to the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities since its adoption.
2. The Constitution specifies the qualifications, tenure, and service conditions of the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities.

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

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

24. With reference to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), consider the following statements:

1. It was established as a separate body by the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act.

2. It consists of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and three other members.
3. The members hold office for a term of three years.
4. Members are eligible for unlimited reappointment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

25. With reference to the safeguards provided to the members of All-India Services under the Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Members of the All-India Services hold office during the pleasure of the President.
2. Members of the All-India Services cannot be dismissed by an authority subordinate to that by which they were appointed.

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

26. Which of the following statement(s) with reference to the District Planning Committee (DPC) is/are correct?

1. The Constitution of India mandates that the DPC shall be constituted at the district level in every State.
2. All the members of the DPC are elected by the elected members of the Panchayats and of the Municipalities at the district level.

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

27. Which of the following Constitutional office holders is debarred from any further appointment under the Government of India or a State Government after ceasing to hold office?

- (a) Election Commissioners

- (b) Chairman of State Public Service Commission
- (c) Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- (d) Attorney General of India

28. Consider the following institutions/offices:

1. Rajya Sabha
2. State Legislative Assembly
3. State Legislative Council
4. Office of the President
5. Office of the Vice-President

The Election Commission of India is vested with the authority to conduct elections for how many of the above?

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

29. With reference to the provisions of Part IX-A of the Constitution relating to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), consider the following statements:

1. The provisions of Part IX-A do not apply to the Union Territories.
2. The provisions of Part IX-A apply to the Scheduled Areas under the Fifth Schedule.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to the provisions relating to co-operative societies under the Constitution of India:

1. The right to form a co-operative society is a fundamental right under Article 19 of the Constitution.
2. The 97th Amendment Act, 2011 inserted a new Part IXB in the Constitution, dealing with Co-operative Societies.
3. The subject "co-operative societies" is included in the Union List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

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

31. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Gram Sabha as per the Constitution of India?

1. Gram Sabha consists of all persons registered in the electoral rolls of a village.
2. Gram Sabha is the only permanent body in the Panchayati Raj system.
3. The minimum age for a person to be a member of the Gram Sabha is 21 years.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

32. With reference to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in India, consider the following statements:

1. The outcome of mediation is binding on the parties, whereas arbitration is voluntary and non-binding in nature.
2. Mediation in India has a comprehensive statutory framework, whereas arbitration does not have any statutory backing.

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

33. Consider the following elected bodies in India:

1. Lok Sabha
2. Rajya Sabha
3. State Legislative Assembly
4. State Legislative Council
5. Municipalities
6. Panchayats

In how many of the above does the Constitution of India provide for reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs)?

- (a) Only Three
- (b) Only Four
- (c) Only Five
- (d) All Six

34. Under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, disqualification of a candidate can be triggered for conviction in which of the following offences?

1. Promoting enmity between two groups
2. Hoarding or profiteering
3. Adulteration of food or drugs
4. Violation of the Dowry Prohibition Act

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

35. With reference to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), consider the following statements:

1. Union and every State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting Scheduled Tribes.
2. The Commission is vested with the powers of a civil court while investigating matters.

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

36. With reference to the Constitution of India, consider the following pairs:

Subject	List as per the Seventh Schedule
1. Criminal Law	Concurrent List
2. Public Health and Sanitation	State List
3. Agriculture	Concurrent List

How many of the above subjects are correctly matched with their respective lists under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India?

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

37. Which of the following statements about the Bar Council of India (BCI) is not correct?

- (a) It is a statutory body established under the Advocates Act, 1961.
- (b) It regulates legal education and professional standards of advocates in India.
- (c) The Attorney General of India is an ex-officio member of the Bar Council of India.
- (d) The Chairman of the Bar Council of India is appointed by the President of India.

38. With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), consider the following statements:

- 1. He is appointed by the President and holds office for six years or until the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- 2. He can only be removed by the President on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet.
- 3. No minister can represent the CAG in Parliament or take responsibility for his actions.

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

39. The establishment of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 1963 was based on the recommendation of which one of the following committees?

- (a) K. Santhanam Committee
- (b) Dinesh Goswami Committee
- (c) L. M. Singhvi Committee
- (d) Vohra Committee

40. With reference to the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Hindi in Devanagari script is the official language of the Union.
- 2. According to the Constitution, it is the duty of the Union to promote the spread of the Hindi language.

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

41. Consider the following:

- I. Allocation of a common symbol for contesting general elections
- II. Tax exemptions for donations received
- III. Priority access to public venues for rallies and events
- IV. Permission to designate twenty star campaigners

How many of the above benefits are available to the 'registered political parties' in India?

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

42. Consider the following statements with regard to the elections in India:

- I. A person subjected to preventive detention under any law cannot vote in an election.
- II. A person convicted of a criminal offence is permanently disqualified from contesting an election.
- III. A person in judicial custody awaiting trial can neither vote nor contest an election.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements with regard to the Attorney General of India:

- I. He must be qualified to be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.

- II. The Constitution has conferred a fixed term of five years for his office.
III. He can attend but cannot vote in the Parliamentary proceedings.
IV. The Constitution mandates his resignation if the Union Council of Ministers which appointed him resigns.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements with reference to the Election Commission of India:

- I. The Election Commissioners (ECs) are appointed by the President upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
II. In case of difference of opinion between the Chief Election Commissioner and the ECs, the decision of the CEC is considered final.

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

45. In which one of the following scenarios would the party be recognised as the National Party?

- (a) It must receive at least 3 percent of the votes cast in four or more States in Lok Sabha elections
(b) It must have at least 6 members in the Lok Sabha
(c) It must have members in the Lok Sabha at least from four States
(d) It must be recognised as a State Party in at least 4 States of India.

46. Consider the following:

- I. The office of Prime Minister
II. Former Members of Parliament
III. Group C and D officers of the Central Government
IV. Group A officers of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)

How many of the above offices come under the jurisdiction of the Lokpal of India?

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

47. Consider the following statements with regard to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

- Statement I:** The State government does not have an absolute power to withhold the consent for CBI probe.
Statement II: Once granted, the State Government cannot withdraw its consent for a CBI probe.

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

48. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) of India differs from the CAG of Britain with regard to which one of the following functions?

- (a) He can undertake the audits of the secret service expenditure
(b) His approval is not mandatory to draw money from the public exchequer
(c) He cannot conduct supplementary audits of private corporations
(d) He can conduct the audit of the central bank

49. Which of the following justify the asymmetric nature of Indian federalism?

- I. Establishment of Union Territories with Legislative assemblies
II. Establishment of Fifth and Sixth Scheduled areas
III. Granting Special category status to the states
IV. Granting equal legislative powers with all the Union Territories

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

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

50. Consider the following:

- I. Media persons authorised for poll day coverage
II. Cabinet Ministers
III. Senior citizens aged 85+
IV. Paramilitary forces
V. Electors subjected to preventive detention

How many of the above can cast their vote as "Absentee voters" under the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961?

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

51. Consider the following statements with reference to the NOTA option used in elections in India:

- I. It was used for the first time in the Lok Sabha elections of 2009.
II. The votes cast as NOTA are not counted because they are considered 'invalid votes'.
III. It is not available in elections held for Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

52. The Government can consult the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) with regard to which of the following matters?

- I. Making reservations of posts in favour of the backward classes
II. Temporary appointment of an All India Services (AIS) officer to an AIS post for a period of less than one year
III. Disciplinary matters affecting a person serving under the Government of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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

53. Which of the following statements is/are correct with regard to the Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC)?

- I. It is formed under Article 243 ZE of the Constitution of India.
II. Half of its members are elected by the members of the Municipalities.
III. The manner of election of members of MPC is fixed by the State Election Commission.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

54. Consider the following pairs:

Commission / Body	Falls under
I. National Investigation Agency	Ministry of External Affairs
II. North Eastern Council	Ministry of Home Affairs
III. National Disaster Management Authority	Ministry of Law and Justice

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

55. Consider the following statements with regard to the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996:

- I. It mandates the reservation of at least half of the seats in panchayats for Scheduled Tribes.
II. Consultation with the Gram Sabha is mandatory before acquiring land for development projects in Scheduled Areas.
III. Every village-level panchayat must obtain a certification from Gram Sabha to utilise the funds for its approved plans.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. Consider the following:

- I. Slum improvement and upgradation
- II. Food processing industries
- III. Non-conventional energy resources
- IV. Solid waste management

How many of the above functions are assigned to the Urban Local bodies under 12th Schedule of the Constitution of India?

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

57. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the tenure of Panchayats in India?

- I. A prematurely dissolved Panchayat must be reconstituted within six months unless the remaining term is less than one year.
- II. A Panchayat reconstituted after dissolution remains in office only for the remainder of the period.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

58. Consider the following:

- I. Grants recommended by the Finance Commission
- II. Grants from the State Government
- III. Property tax
- IV. Stamp duty

How many of the above can be assigned to the Panchayats in India?

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

59. Cantonment Boards in India are primarily classified on the basis of:

- (a) geographical size and area administered
- (b) civil population residing within the area
- (c) number of defence establishments located in the area
- (d) population of the stationed military troops

60. With reference to National Commission of Women (NCW), consider the following statements:

- I. The Union Minister of Women and Child development is the ex officio chairperson of the NCW.
- II. It has the powers of a civil court while investigating the matters related to safeguards of women.
- III. It submits annual reports to the Central Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. With reference to electoral funding in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Political parties are required to publicly disclose all cash and non-cash donations exceeding ₹20,000.
- 2. Political parties are exempt from paying income tax on the donations they receive.

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

62. Which of the following statements are correct with regard to the National Human Rights Commission:

- I. It has to inquire into any matter within one year from the date of its occurrence.
- II. It can suo motu investigate the cases of the violation of human rights by the armed forces.
- III. It does not charge any fees to file a complaint.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

63. Consider the following:

- I. Chief Election Commissioner
- II. Lokpal
- III. Director of Central Bureau of Investigation
- IV. Central Vigilance Commissioner
- V. Chief Information Commissioner

In India, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha participates in the deliberations of the selection committee for appointing how many of the above functionaries?

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

64. Consider the following:

- I. Offering gift or gratification to influence the vote
- II. Procuring vehicle for the free conveyance of any elector to any polling station
- III. Incurring expenditure in contravention with the approved limit
- IV. Making false promises in the election manifesto

How many of the above are considered as corrupt practices under the Representation of the People Act, 1951?

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

65. With reference to the Model Code of Conduct, consider the following statements:

- I. It is operational from the date on which the nomination for filing the candidature to the election begins.
- II. Announcement of new policies and projects by a party in power at the national level is considered as a violation of MCC.

III. The Election Commission of India uses moral sanction or censure for its enforcement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. In India, which of the following review the independent regulators in sectors like telecommunications, insurance, electricity, etc.?

- 1. Ad Hoc Committees set up by the Parliament
- 2. Parliamentary Department Related Standing Committees
- 3. Finance Commission
- 4. Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission
- 5. NITI Aayog

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

67. In India, other than ensuring that funds are used efficiently and for intended purpose, what is the importance of the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)?

- 1. CAG exercises exchequer control on behalf of the Parliament when the President of India declares national emergency/financial emergency.
- 2. CAG reports on the execution of projects or programmes by the ministries are discussed by the Public Accounts Committee.
- 3. Information from CAG reports can be used by investigating agencies to press charges against those who have violated the law while managing public finances.
- 4. While dealing with the audit and accounting of government companies, CAG has certain judicial powers for prosecuting those who violate the law.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



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

68. Consider the following statements:

Attorney General of India can

1. take part in the proceedings of the Lok Sabha
2. be a member of a Committee of the Lok Sabha
3. speak in the Lok Sabha
4. vote in the Lok Sabha

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements:

In India, a Metropolitan Planning Committee

1. is constituted under the provisions of the Constitution of India.
2. prepares the draft development plans for the metropolitan area.
3. has the sole responsibility for implementing Government sponsored schemes in the metropolitan area.

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

70. Under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006, who shall be the authority to initiate the process of determining the nature and extent of individual or community forest rights or both?

- (a) State Forest Department
(b) District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner
(c) Tahsildar/ Block Development Officer/ Mandal Revenue Officer
(d) Gram Sabha

71. With reference to the New Development Bank (NDB), consider the following statements:

1. NDB operates on a unique "one-country, one-vote" system where no member holds veto power.
2. Head Quarter of NDB is in Sanghai and regional offices are located in South Africa, Brazil.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to the Pallikaranai Marshland, consider the following statements:

1. It is a freshwater and partly saline wetland that serves as a critical flood buffer for the Chennai and Chengalpattu districts of Tamil Nadu.
2. The marshland is bordered by the Buckingham Canal and its waters eventually drain into the Bay of Bengal through outlets such as Kovalam Creek.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

73. With reference to Cloud Seeding technology, consider the following statements:

1. While Silver Iodide and Dry Ice (solid CO_2) are typically used to induce precipitation in supercooled clouds, Calcium Chloride is considered more effective for warm clouds.
2. The process works by introducing substances that act as condensation or ice nuclei, allowing water droplets or ice crystals to form.
3. Concerns remain regarding its high operational costs and the potential long-term environmental risks of the seeding agents used.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

74. With reference to the Indian Rock Python (Python molurus), consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-venomous constrictor that is currently classified as 'Critically Endangered' under the IUCN Red List due to heavy poaching for its skin.
2. In India, it is granted the highest level of legal protection under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding the Fishing Cat (Prionailurus viverrinus):

1. In India, its distribution is primarily linked to wetland ecosystems, including the Sundarbans mangroves, the Ganga and Brahmaputra valleys, and parts of the Western Ghats.
2. It is designated as the State Animal of West Bengal and is specifically adapted to aquatic habitats, being capable of diving to hunt fish.
3. According to the IUCN Red List, the species is currently classified as 'Vulnerable' and is found across both tropical and temperate regions in South and Southeast Asia.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

76. What describes 'NE-SPARKS', a term recently seen in the news?

- (a) A digital literacy mission launched by the Ministry of Education to provide tablets to students in border districts of Northeast India.
- (b) A space science awareness initiative designed to provide meritorious STEM students from the eight North Eastern states with exposure to ISRO's facilities.
- (c) A specialized renewable energy project aimed at electrifying remote villages in the Himalayan belt using solar-wind hybrid systems.

- (d) A cultural exchange programme where artists from the Northeast showcase traditional art forms in South Indian states.

77. With reference to the Khajuraho Group of Monuments, consider the following statements:

1. Built by the Chandela Dynasty between 950 and 1050 AD, these temples exclusively represent Hindu deities and the Nagara style of architecture.
2. The first historical mentions of these temples in travelogues can be traced back to the accounts of Al-Biruni and Ibn Battuta.

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

78. What is 'Pink Tax', a term often discussed in consumer rights and gender economics?

- (a) A mandatory surcharge on all pink-colored consumer electronics to fund breast cancer awareness.
- (b) A formal indirect tax levied by governments on luxury goods specifically imported for women.
- (c) The additional cost women pay for products and services marketed toward them compared to similar versions for men.
- (d) A corporate subsidy provided to companies that manufacture eco-friendly feminine hygiene products.

79. With reference to the AGM-114 Hellfire Missile, consider the following statements:

1. It is a supersonic, long-range cruise missile primarily designed for intercontinental strategic deterrence.
2. It is a laser-guided tactical missile that can be launched from multiple platforms, including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) like the MQ-9 Reaper.

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

80. With reference to 'Exercise MAITREE', consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral military exercise conducted between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army, aimed specifically at enhancing interoperability for counter-terrorist operations in semi-urban terrain.
2. The 14th edition of the exercise (2025) was hosted by Thailand at Fort Vachiraprakan, with the Indian contingent represented by a battalion of the Madras Regiment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. With reference to the Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project, consider the following statements:

1. It is a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project being developed on the Satluj River across the Shimla and Mandi districts of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The project is being implemented by a joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Himachal Pradesh known as SJVN.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. With reference to the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It is located at the junction of the Deccan Peninsula and the Eastern Ghats biogeographic zones in Odisha.
2. The reserve is bisected by the Mahanadi River and includes the Satkosia Gorge and Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. It is primarily characterized by Alpine and Sub-tropical pine forests, providing a habitat for the Gharial and Sloth Bear.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None

83. Recently, Taal Volcano was in the news. The volcano is located in which of the following nations?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Philippines
- (d) Japan

84. The term 'Hyunmoo-5' was recently in news. It is a:

- (a) An advanced hypersonic cruise missile developed by North Korea.
- (b) A joint naval exercise between Japan and the United States.
- (c) A new class of South Korean stealth fighter jets.
- (d) A South Korean powerful short-range ballistic missile designed for deep penetration.

85. With reference to the 'JIMEX 2025' maritime exercise, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise involving the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and the Indian Navy's Shivalik-class stealth frigate, INS Sahyadri.
2. The exercise consists of both a Harbour Phase for professional exchanges and a Sea Phase focusing on Anti-Submarine Warfare and missile defense drills.
3. 'Veer Guardian' and 'Dharma Guardian' are the corresponding biennial maritime exercises conducted between the two nations to strengthen the Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

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

86. Consider the following statements regarding the International Maritime Organization (IMO):

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, responsible for the safety and security of shipping.

2. The Assembly is the supreme governing body of the IMO and meets annually to oversee the budget and elect the Council members.

3. The organization directly contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14, which focuses on 'Life Below Water'.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

87. With reference to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), often called 'Zombie Deer Disease', consider the following statements:

1. It is a fatal neurological disease caused by infectious prions, which are misfolded proteins that lack DNA or RNA.
2. The disease is characterized by a rapid incubation period of less than a week, making it easily detectable in affected populations immediately after infection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. With reference to 'Chiron', a celestial body in our solar system, consider the following statements:

1. It is classified as a Centaur, an object located between Jupiter and Neptune that exhibits characteristics of both asteroids and comets.
2. Recent observations by an international team have confirmed the presence of a ring system around Chiron, consisting of four rings.
3. Unlike typical comets, Chiron is composed entirely of rock and complex organic compounds, with no traces of water ice or gas ejection.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

(d) None

89. What is the primary aim of 'Mission Drishti', recently seen in the news?

- (a) To establish a real-time monitoring system for deep-sea biodiversity in the Indian Ocean.
- (b) To deploy the world's first multi-sensor Earth Observation (EO) satellite for advanced planetary monitoring.
- (c) To provide low-cost satellite-based internet connectivity to remote tribal regions in India.
- (d) To develop an AI-powered early warning system for predicting glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs).

90. Consider the following statements regarding the 'SPARK-4.0' initiative:

1. It is an initiative launched by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences to foster research aptitude among undergraduate students.
2. It targets Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery students, providing them with a financial stipend to undertake short-term independent research projects.
3. It aims to integrate innovation with traditional heritage by training students in research methodology, experimental design, and data analysis under faculty mentorship.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

91. With reference to Vitamin B12 (Cobalamin), consider the following statements:

1. Unlike most other water-soluble vitamins, Vitamin B12 can be stored in the human liver for several years.
2. It is essential for the synthesis of DNA and the formation of Red Blood Cells (RBCs), but it plays no role in the maintenance of the nervous system.
3. Natural unfortified plant-based foods are generally considered rich sources of Vitamin B12 for individuals on a vegan diet.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. With reference to the 'Ningaloo Reef', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is Australia's largest fringing coral reef, located along the East Indian Ocean coast of Western Australia.
2. Due to its unique biodiversity and pristine condition, it has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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

93. With reference to the 'African Grey Parrot' (Psittacus erithacus), consider the following statements:

1. It is native to the rainforests and woodlands of West and Central Africa and is known for its exceptional ability to mimic speech.
2. The species is currently categorized as 'Critically Endangered' under the IUCN Red List due to the impact of the illegal pet trade.
3. In India, there are currently no registered breeders or authorized sellers for this species, making it a highly trafficked bird.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

94. With reference to 'Curaçao', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands located in the South Caribbean Sea, with Willemstad as its capital.
2. It recently gained distinction as the smallest country by population to ever qualify for the FIFA World Cup.

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

95. With reference to the Global Virus Network (GVN), consider the following statements:

1. It is a specialized health agency of the World Health Organization (WHO) tasked with the mandatory reporting of viral outbreaks across its member states.
2. It functions as a voluntary global consortium that unites virologists to address viral threats through cutting-edge research, public education, and advocacy.

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

96. The 'Raulane Festival', which marks the beginning of the traditional New Year and is celebrated with local folk dances and rituals, is primarily associated with which state?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Sikkim

97. With reference to the 'Strait of Hormuz', often described as the world's most critical oil chokepoint, consider the following statements:

1. It is a narrow waterway that connects the Persian Gulf in the west to the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea in the east.
2. Geographically, it is located between Iran to the north and the United Arab Emirates and the Musandam peninsula of Oman to the south.
3. It accounts for the transit of approximately one-quarter of the world's total oil consumption and nearly 30% of global LNG trade.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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



- (c) All three
- (d) None

98. With reference to 'Altermagnets', recently discovered as a new type of magnetism, consider the following statements:

1. They combine the properties of ferromagnets and antiferromagnets, allowing for spin-polarized currents without generating a stray external magnetic field.
2. Unlike traditional magnets, the magnetic moments in altermagnets are aligned in a perfectly parallel orientation, similar to those found in rare-earth permanent magnets.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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

1. It is a research initiative aimed at establishing solar-powered satellite constellations to host space-based AI data centers.
2. The project utilizes satellites equipped with Tensor Processing Units (TPUs) positioned in a dawn–dusk sun-synchronous Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
3. Unlike ground-based centers, early tests for this project have indicated that standard AI processing units cannot function in space due to extreme radiation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

100. Consider the following nations:

1. Kenya
2. Ethiopia
3. Mozambique
4. Zimbabwe
5. Rwanda
6. Zambia

Tanzania shares a land border with how many of the nations mentioned above?

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