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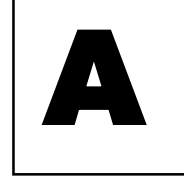


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1. With reference to Ninth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. It was introduced to safeguard laws related to land reforms and the abolition of the zamindari system.
2. It provides absolute immunity from judicial review for all laws placed under it.
3. It can include acts passed by both the Parliament and State legislatures.

How many of the following is/are the characteristic features of the Ninth Schedule of the Indian Constitution?

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The existence of a bicameral legislature.
2. The division of powers between the Union and the states as outlined in the Seventh Schedule.
3. The power of the Parliament to alter state boundaries and create new states.
4. The provision for a single, unified system of courts.

How many of the following provisions illustrate the 'federal' features of the Indian Constitution?

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

3. With reference to the 61st Constitutional Amendment Act of 1988, consider the following statements:

1. It altered the age eligibility for voting in India.
2. It impacted both the Lok Sabha and local bodies elections.

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

4. Consider the following statements about the term:

Statement-I: The 'republican' republic' in the Preamble: nature of the Indian polity, as enshrined in the Preamble, limits the powers of the President of India.

Statement-II: In a republic, the President is not the source of all executive authority.

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

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

5. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Indian Constitution allows the Parliament to unilaterally alter state boundaries or create new states, even without the consent of the affected state(s).

Statement II: India's federal structure, while recognizing state autonomy, prioritizes national unity and grants the central government significant powers in matters of territorial integrity.

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

6. With reference to the citizenship in India, consider the following statements:

1. There is only one citizenship and one domicile.
2. A citizen by birth only cannot be deprived of his/her citizenship under any circumstance.

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

7. With reference to the "Amendability of the Preamble", consider the following statements:

1. For the first time, the amendability of the Preamble was upheld in the Keshavanand Bharti Case.
2. The 42nd Constitutional Amendment added the words "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity" to the Preamble.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The actions of municipalities can be challenged in court for violating Fundamental Rights.

Statement II: A municipality is considered 'State' for the purpose of Fundamental Rights.

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

9. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Factionalism and defections have been common in the Indian political system.

Statement-II: Such practices have strengthened political stability both at the Centre and in the states.

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

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding Article 16 of the Indian Constitution:

1. It ensures that all citizens have equal opportunity in matters of public employment.
2. It prohibits the State from making any special provisions for backward classes.
3. It allows the Parliament to prescribe residence as a condition for certain employment or appointments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11. With reference to macroeconomic cycles, the term 'pent-up demand' is used to describe which of the following situations?

- (a) A rise in market demand caused by oversupply of goods and services.
(b) A rise in aggregate demand that results directly from expansionary government spending.
(c) A sharp rebound in consumer demand after a period of suppressed or postponed spending.
(d) A demand that increases due to aggressive advertising and marketing campaigns.

12. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Transfer payments are excluded from the calculation of national income in an economy.

Statement II: Transfer payments represent transfer of money without any goods or service being exchanged in return.

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.

13. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: National defence is considered as a public good.

Statement II: Public goods are non-excludable and non-rivalrous in consumption.

Statement III: All Public goods are free goods.

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 Statement II and Statement III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

14. With reference to Economic Development, consider the following factors:

- I. A positive GDP growth rate
- II. A high proportion of the working-age population
- III. High investment rates
- IV. Low inflation rate in the economy
- V. High literacy rate among the population

How many of the above factors necessarily lead to economic development?

- (a) Only three
- (b) Only four
- (c) All the five
- (d) None

15. Which one of the following is not correct?

- (a) The average revenue and marginal revenue curves of a perfectly competitive firm are perfectly elastic.
- (b) The marginal revenue curve of the monopoly firm is above its average revenue curve.
- (c) In the long-run a competitive firm earns only normal profits.
- (d) In equilibrium, the marginal cost curve of the monopoly firm may be rising, falling or constant.

16. Consider the following goods:

- 1. Salt
- 2. Petrol/diesel
- 3. Designer cloths
- 4. Anti-diabetic drug
- 5. Mobile phones

With other factors remaining constant, for how many of the above goods is the price elasticity of demand likely to be inelastic?

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

17. The public holds 20% of their money as currency. Banks keep 10% of deposits as cash reserves.

What is the value of the money multiplier?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

18. The following data relate to a government budget:

- Revenue Expenditure = ₹1,10,000 crore
- Capital Expenditure = ₹50,000 crore
- Revenue Receipts = ₹80,000 crore
- Non-debt Capital Receipts = ₹20,000 crore
- Interest Payments = ₹30,000 crore

What are the Fiscal Deficit and Primary Deficit respectively?

- (a) ₹60,000 crore and ₹30,000 crore
- (b) ₹60,000 crore and ₹40,000 crore
- (c) ₹80,000 crore and ₹50,000 crore
- (d) ₹50,000 crore and ₹20,000 crore

19. In context to the income method of calculating national income, which of the following is not treated as the compensation of employees?

- (a) Payment of salaries
- (b) Payment of bonus
- (c) Free Accomodation
- (d) Reimbursement of travelling expenses for a business tour

20. Which one of the following statements is true with regard to an economy which is on its production possibility frontier?

- (a) The economy has to sacrifice some production of one commodity in order to increase the production of another commodity.
- (b) There is no limit or constraint for the economy in the production of goods and services.
- (c) The economy can produce more of one commodity up to a point without reducing the production of any other commodity.
- (d) Its production possibility frontier is an upward-sloping curve.

21. Consider the following statements regarding Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in an economy:

- I. Nominal GDP is measured at current prices, while Real GDP is measured using constant prices at a base-year.
- II. A GDP Deflator value greater than 1 indicates that Nominal GDP is higher than Real GDP.

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

22. In a simple economy with only two producers, wheat producers (farmers) and bread makers (bakers). Farmers produce wheat and they do not need any input other than human labour. Farmers produce ₹100 worth of wheat in a year and sell ₹50 worth of it to bakers. The bakers use this wheat completely and produce ₹200 worth of bread. The bakers do not need any other raw materials besides wheat.

Using this information, what is the aggregate value of goods produced in this economy?

- (a) ₹300
- (b) ₹250
- (c) ₹200
- (d) ₹150

23. One of the major functions of money is that it acts as a standard of deferred payments. What does this imply?

- (a) Money itself holds no intrinsic value
- (b) Money is tied to stable international currencies like the US Dollar
- (c) Money provides a uniform metric for valuing goods and services during transactions
- (d) Money can be used to settle debts that are payable at a future date

24. With reference to Patents in India, consider the following statements:

- I. A patent granted in India can only be enforced in India.
- II. A published or disclosed invention cannot be patented in any case.
- III. The term of the patent is five years from the date of filing for all types of inventions.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

25. Which of the following is not correct about Mural and Miniature paintings?

- (a) Mural paintings are executed directly on plastered architectural spaces, miniature paintings are created on paper and cloth.
- (b) Mural themes are predominantly religious and spiritual, miniature paintings depict a wide range of subjects.
- (c) Murals were painted using refined colours, miniatures are characterized by the use of natural mineral and vegetable pigments.
- (d) Murals emphasize rhythmic movement and idealized human forms, miniature paintings focus on intimacy, precision, and narrative richness.

26. With reference to Samkhya and Yoga philosophies, consider the following statements:

- I. Both explain liberation as union of the individual self with a supreme reality.



II. Samkhya emphasizes practical discipline, whereas Yoga emphasizes theoretical knowledge.

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

27. Which of the following are the basic constituents of reality in Jaina philosophy?

- I. Souls
- II. Matter
- III. Motion
- IV. Rest
- V. Space
- VI. Time

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

28. Consider the following:

- I. It is the largest Harappan site.
- II. It is located in the Ghaggar–Hakra river plain.
- III. Skeletal remains show evidence of dental care.

Which of the following Indus Valley Civilization sites is referred to above?

- (a) Kalibangan
- (b) Banawali
- (c) Rakhigarhi
- (d) Mohanjodaro

29. With reference to the Ain-i-Akbari, consider the following statements:

- I. It was written by Abdul Qadir Badayuni as the concluding volume of the Akbarnama.
- II. It provides a detailed account of Mughal administrative institutions.
- III. It contains a chronological narrative of Akbar's military campaigns and political events.

IV. It portrays Akbar as a just, rational, and tolerant ruler guided by the principle of sulh-i-kul (universal peace).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

30. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Sittanavasal paintings?

- I. These paintings are from Tamil Nadu and developed during the rule of the Pandya dynasty.
- II. The central theme of the paintings is the Samavasarana symbolized through the depiction of a lotus pond.

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

31. Which of the following is correct with reference to the development of painting under Mughals?

- I. Humayun brought Persian painters Mir Sayyid Ali and Abdus Samad to India, introducing Persian miniature techniques.
- II. Tasvir Khana (royal atelier) where Indian and Persian artists collaborated.
- III. Shahjahan preferred naturalism and portraiture, and paintings became more sophisticated.

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, II and III

32. During this period, sculpture attained what art historians describe as classical perfection, as it successfully balanced aesthetic beauty, technical refinement, and spiritual expression. The sculptors moved away from the earlier emphasis on physical robustness and instead evolved a style that

emphasized idealized proportions, inner calm, and transcendental grace, making sculpture a powerful medium for conveying religious and philosophical ideas. The Sarnath Buddha images represent the finest expression of sculptural art of this period.

Which of the following periods has been referred to in the above description?

- (a) Mauryan
- (b) Gupta
- (c) Pala
- (d) Chola

33. In the context of the medieval India, Mahanavami Dibba was:

- (a) structure to conduct ceremonial events in the capital of the Vijayanagar Empire
- (b) place where philosophical discussions among the medieval saints used to take place
- (c) central palace in Shivaji's kingdom where he was coronated
- (d) none of the above

34. Consider the following:

- I. Banned the practice of Sati
- II. Fixed the minimum age of marriage for girls
- III. Couples were required to register their marriages
- IV. Encouraged widow remarriage

Which of the above social reforms were introduced by Akbar?

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

35. With reference to the judicial administration under Shivaji's rule, consider the following statements:

- I. Manusmriti and Mitakshara were referred to as authorities in legal disputes.
- II. Raj Sabha and Dharmasabha were judicial bodies.
- III. All civil cases were decided by people's courts at the local level.

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

36. Consider the following statements with regard to the economy of the Vijayanagar Empire:

- I. In the Hampi Bazaar, merchants openly sold rubies, diamonds, emeralds, and pearls.
- II. Nen pudavai and parum pudavai were handcrafted ornaments.
- III. Pulicat on the Coromandel coast specialized in textile exports to Southeast Asia.
- IV. The gold coin known as the Varaha was the standard for international trade.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

37. With reference to the economic reforms of Sher Shah, consider the following statements:

- I. He introduced a silver coin known as the Rupiya which became the precursor to the modern Indian Rupee.
- II. He introduced written documents Patta, a title-deed defining land area and tax.
- III. He constructed the Grand Trunk road from Bengal to Punjab.
- IV. He introduced the Sikandari Gaz for uniform land measurement.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

38. Which one of the following political developments in medieval India occurred first?

- (a) Establishment of the Gajapati kingdom of Orissa

- (b) Emergence of the Sultanates of Ahmadnagar, Bijapur and Berar
- (c) Conquest of Goa by the Portuguese
- (d) Emergence of the Sultanate of Golconda

39. With reference to climate change, consider the following statements about the National Designated Authority (NDA):

1. Its primary objective is to establish a carbon emissions trading regime within India.
2. The establishment of the NDA is mandatory under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
3. In India, NITI Aayog is the nodal agency responsible for its functioning.

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

40. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: In the stratosphere, temperature generally increases with altitude.

Statement-II: The ozone layer absorbs high-energy ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the Sun.

Statement-III: Due to higher air density at greater altitudes, the temperature rises in the stratosphere.

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

41. With reference to the Earth's movements, consider the following phenomena:

1. Coriolis force
2. Seasonal changes
3. Varying length of day and night
4. Apparent movement of the Sun

How many of the above phenomena are primarily caused by the Earth's revolution around the Sun?

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

42. With reference to climatology, consider the following information:

Pressure Belt	Nature	Feature
1. Equatorial Low-Pressure Belt	Thermally induced	Frequent heavy rainfall (convictional)
2. Subtropical High-Pressure Belt	Dynamically induced	Known as "Horse Latitudes" due to calm, light winds
3. Subpolar Low-Pressure Belts	Dynamically induced	Zone of frequent frontal storms and cyclonic activity
4. Polar High-Pressure Belt	Thermally induced	Cold, dry, stable air which sinks, giving clear, frigid conditions

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

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

43. With reference to Peninsular rivers and their tributaries, consider the following pairs:

River	Tributary
1. Godavari	Manjira
2. Krishna	Koyna
3. Cauvery (Kaveri)	Amravati
4. Mahanadi	Hasdeo

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

44. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Saudi Arabia is the world's largest exporter of crude oil.

Statement-II: Saudi Arabia has the largest proven crude oil reserves in the world.

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

45. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: While travelling from core to crust of the Earth, S-waves disappear at the Gutenberg discontinuity.

Statement-II: S-waves cannot travel through liquids.

Statement-III: The velocity of S-waves is significantly lower than that of P-waves.

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

46. Consider the following:

1. Kara Sea
2. Barents Sea
3. Bay of Biscay
4. Baffin Bay
5. North Sea

How many of the above water bodies share their boundary with Russia?

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

- (c) Only four
- (d) All the five

47. Consider the following information:

Tiger Reserve	State	River
1. Valmiki Tiger Reserve	Bihar	Ramganga
2. Panna Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh	Ken
3. Guru Ghasidas–Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve	Odisha	Vamsadhara
4. Nagarjunasagar–Srisailem Tiger Reserve	Andhra Pradesh	Krishna

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

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

48. With reference to major rivers of the world, consider the following information:

River	Drains into
1. Mekong River	South China Sea
2. Mississippi River	Pacific Ocean
3. Volga River	Caspian Sea
4. Danube River	Black Sea
5. Amu Darya River	Persian Gulf

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

49. With reference to Indian biodiversity, Saunders's Tern, Western Tragopan, and Indian Skimmer are:

- (a) Amphibians
- (b) Birds
- (c) Primates
- (d) Reptiles

50. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: India is the largest producer of plastic waste in the world.

Statement-II: Per capita plastic consumption in India is higher than the global average.

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

51. Consider the following pairs of species and their endemic regions:

Species	Endemic Region
1. Pygmy Hog	Western Ghats
2. Lion-tailed Macaque	Northeast India
3. Jerdon's Courser	Eastern Ghats
4. Flame-throated Bulbul	Western Himalayas

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

52. With reference to the 'Revive Our Ocean' Initiative, consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been launched by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- 2. It aims to support local communities in creating marine protected areas in coastal waters.

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

53. With reference to crocodile species in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Saltwater Crocodile is the largest living reptile in the world.
- 2. The Mugger Crocodile can survive only in freshwater habitats.
- 3. The Gharials are the only visibly sexually dimorphic crocodiles.

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

54. The term "Grey Rhino event", often seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) A completely unpredictable and extremely rare event with catastrophic consequences, occurring without any visible warning signs.
- (b) A routine operational risk that can be addressed through standard procedures and does not escalate into wider crises.
- (c) A highly probable and visible threat with potentially severe consequences that is often ignored until it escalates into a crisis.
- (d) An unexpected breakthrough event that generates widespread opportunities and reshapes the global risk environment in a positive manner.

55. Consider the following reports:

- 1. Food Waste Index Report
- 2. Adaptation Gap Report
- 3. State of the Global Climate Report
- 4. Global Environment Outlook (GEO)

How many of the above reports are published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

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

56. This tree, often referred to as the 'Tree of Life', is capable of storing a large amount of water in its swollen trunk. Though native to Africa, in India it is found mainly around Mandu in Madhya Pradesh, where the Bhil tribe has historically played a role in its preservation.

Which one of the following trees best describes the above passage?

- (a) Baobab Tree
- (b) Silk Cotton Tree
- (c) Indian Coral Tree
- (d) Rain Tree

57. Consider the following organisms:

- 1. Starfish
- 2. Sea cucumber
- 3. Salamander
- 4. Zebrafish

How many of the above mentioned organisms are capable of regenerating their lost body parts?

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

58. Consider the following trees:

- 1. Rosewood
- 2. Axlewood
- 3. Rubber
- 4. Jackfruit

How many of the above trees are predominantly considered as evergreen trees?

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

59. With reference to the denomination of coins in India, consider the following statements:

- I. The first banknote issued in independent India was the ₹1 note in 1949 bearing the Lion Capital of the Ashoka Pillar.

II. Commemorative coins are not for circulation and aren't used to carry out transactions.

III. The 1 rupee coin is the minimum denomination coin acceptable for transactions in India.

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

60. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Creative Destruction acts as a positive force for long-term economic growth and progress.

Statement II: Creative destruction is driven by innovation.

Statement III: Creative destruction encourages competition in an economy.

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

61. In the recent next generation reforms in the Goods and Services Tax (GST), a special rate of 40% has been levied on de-merit goods.

In the above context, which of the following are demerit goods?

- I. Caffeinated beverages
- II. Caramel popcorn
- III. Tobacco products
- IV. Aerated soft drinks
- V. Cheese & Dairy Spreads

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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

62. Arrange the following countries in the correct sequence of India's foreign trade in terms of values in increasing order in the Financial Year 2024–25:

- I. UAE
II. USA
III. China
IV. Russia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

63. Consider the following pairs:

Title	Title
I. Paramabharraka	Chandragupta I, Gupta Dynasty
II. Paramesvara	Pulakesin II, Chalukya dynasty
III. Chakravarti	Ashoka, Maurya dynasty
IV. Vatapikonda	Narasimhavarman I, Pallava dynasty

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

64. 'Balita', a port of considerable commercial importance mentioned in the 1st century AD travelogue The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea, is identified with which one of the following present-day ports?

- (a) Kochin
(b) Deendayal
(c) Mormugao
(d) Vizhinjam

65. Consider the following pairs:

Book	Author
I. Kavyamimamsa	Rajasekhara
II. Lilavati	Hemadri
III. Dayabhaga	Vijnanesvara
IV. Mitakshara	Jimutavahana

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

66. Consider the following statements with regard to the Ayagar System of the Vijayanagara empire:

- I. Under the system, village functionaries were compensated primarily through revenue-free land grants known as manya.
II. The system included both administrative officials and service providers such as artisans and irrigation functionaries.
III. A defining feature of the Ayagar system was the complete replacement of land-based remuneration with uniform cash payments for all village servants.

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

67. The concept of anuvrata is associated with which of the following religions?

- (a) Buddhism
(b) Sikhism
(c) Hinduism
(d) Jainism

68. Which one of the following was the latest to be inscribed on United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

- (a) Kumbh Mela
(b) Deepavali

- (c) Garba
- (d) Durga Puja

69. Consider the following:

- I. Decrease in expenditure on the salaries of civil services
- II. Reduction in rupee-sterling exchange ratio
- III. Abolition of salt tax
- IV. Withdrawal of the Postal Reservation Bill
- V. Decrease the land revenue by 50%

How many of the above demands were made by Mahatma Gandhi to Viceroy Lord Irwin before the launch of the Civil Disobedience Movement in 1930?

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

70. With reference to the developments in British India, consider the following statements:

- I. The Dadni system was an advance-based contract arrangement under which the East India Company provided money to Indian artisans and merchants for the supply of goods.
- II. The Gomasta system replaced the Dadni system and involved Company-appointed agents who exercised greater control.

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

71. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed annually to commemorate:

- (a) the launch of the Non-Cooperation Movement under Mahatma Gandhi
- (b) the adoption of the philosophy of non-violence during the Champaran Satyagraha
- (c) the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) the Dandi March that popularised non-violent mass resistance

72. "I have made a Himalayan miscalculation", was the famous statement given by Mahatma Gandhi at the time of:

- (a) Kheda Satyagraha, 1918
- (b) Rowlatt Satyagraha, 1919
- (c) Civil Disobedience Movement, 1930
- (d) Quit India Movement, 1942

73. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Sunspots are comparatively low-temperature zones embedded within the otherwise hotter solar photosphere.

Statement II: Sunspots originate in regions of the solar photosphere characterized by comparatively weak magnetic field intensity.

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

74. "It is a shared digital space where people appear as avatars, attend meetings in virtual rooms, explore 3D environments, and interact with digital objects that feel almost real. Built using Virtual Reality (VR), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and blockchain, it merges the physical and virtual worlds into a continuous, immersive ecosystem."

The description above refers to:

- (a) Augmented Reality
- (b) Metaverse
- (c) Cloud Computing
- (d) Digital Twin

75. In the context of India's growing emphasis on functional foods as part of its BioE3 nutrition strategy, which of the following would not qualify as functional foods?

- (a) Vitamin enriched rice developed through micronutrient bio-fortification

- (b) Omega-3 fortified milk
- (c) Plant-based meat produced to mimic animal meat
- (d) Iron-rich pearl millet developed through bio-fortification

76. Consider the following statements with regard to the Central Processing Units (CPU), Graphics Processing Units (GPU) and Tensor Processing Units (TPUs):

- I. Unlike GPUs, which evolved primarily from graphics rendering architectures, TPUs are application-specific integrated circuits built to accelerate neural network computations.
- II. CPUs are less efficient than GPUs and TPUs for large-scale machine learning tasks despite supporting a wider instruction set and higher-precision arithmetic.
- III. CPUs, GPUs and TPUs process digital information using binary logic and execute mathematical operations.

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

77. With reference to the role of bacteriophages in combating Multidrug-Resistant (MDR) diseases, consider the following statements:

- I. Bacteriophages can specifically target and lyse pathogenic bacteria without harming human cells.
- II. Phage therapy can be effective against bacterial strains that are resistant to multiple classes of antibiotics.
- III. Bacteriophages replicate only outside host bacteria and therefore cannot evolve in response to bacterial resistance.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

78. Consider the following:

- I. Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG)
- II. Methanol
- III. Ammonia

How many of the above materials can be produced through coal gasification?

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

79. Black hole morsel is associated with the study of:

- (a) dark energy and the accelerated expansion of the universe
- (b) interaction between quantum mechanics and gravitational fields
- (c) nuclear fusion processes occurring in stellar cores
- (d) formation and evolution of planetary systems

80. Which of the following countries share their land boundaries with Venezuela?

- I. Colombia
- II. Brazil
- III. Guyana
- IV. Suriname
- V. Ecuador

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

81. The 'Pax Silica' alliance, recently seen in the media is:

- (a) a US-led strategic initiative aimed at countering China's dominance in advanced silicon technologies and semiconductor supply chains
- (b) an India-led collaborative framework to promote indigenous semiconductor fabrication and reduce import dependence
- (c) a Japan-centric effort to secure the entire silicon ecosystem, including rare earth minerals critical for

chip manufacturing

(d) a multilateral techno-economic grouping of major chip-producing economies aimed at ensuring supply chain resilience and geopolitical stability in the global semiconductor industry

82. In recent years, Guinea-Bissau, Benin and Madagascar have caught international attention for which one of the following reasons is common to all of them?

- (a) Establishment of Chinese military bases
- (b) The occurrence of military coups
- (c) Declaration as global biodiversity hotspots
- (d) Subjected to UN sanctions for nuclear proliferation activities

83. Consider the following statements:

- I. Addis Ababa is the headquarters of the African Union.
- II. The African Union is a permanent member of the G20.
- III. African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is the world's largest free trade area.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

84. The following persons came to India at one time or another:

- 1. Fa-Hien
- 2. I-Tsing
- 3. Megasthenes
- 4. Hieun-Tsang

The correct chronological sequence of their visits is:

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

85. With reference to the history of modern India, which one of the following correctly describes the meaning of the term 'Gantidars'?

- (a) A class of rich peasants involved in lending money and in trade activities.
- (b) A collective term for sharecroppers cultivating land in exchange for agricultural produce.
- (c) A class of soldiers recruited from the Bengal region to serve in the British Indian Army.
- (d) A term used for unpaid labourers employed by the British for the construction of infrastructure.

86. Which of the following are regarded as the main features of the "Rule of Law"?

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

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

87. Which of the following is/are not central tenet(s) of the Constitution of India?

- 1. Prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion.
- 2. Gives official status to certain religions.
- 3. Provides freedom to profess any religion.
- 4. Ensures equality of all citizens within religious communities.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

88. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The albedo of an object determines its visual brightness when viewed with reflected light.
- 2. The albedo of Mercury is much greater than the albedo of the Earth.

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

89. With reference to genes and related concepts, consider the following statements:

1. A gene is a segment of DNA that carries hereditary information.
2. Genome refers only to the coding regions of DNA present in a cell.
3. Chromosomes are thread-like structures composed of DNA.
4. Gametes contain a diploid number of chromosomes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

90. Consider the following applications of genome sequencing:

1. Predictive diagnostics and personalized healthcare
2. Paternity testing
3. Identification of traits for higher agricultural yield and disease resistance

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

91. With reference to gene editing technology, consider the following statements:

1. Gene editing involves the use of enzymes to modify specific DNA sequences within a cell.
2. A guide molecule is used to identify and bind to the target DNA sequence.
3. Gene editing permanently removes the entire chromosome containing the defective gene.
4. The defective DNA sequence can be replaced with a correct sequence.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements:

1. Gene editing always involves insertion of foreign DNA into the genome.
2. Gene editing can occur without introducing any external DNA sequence.
3. All gene editing outcomes are predictable and uniform across cells.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

93. Assertion (A): Germline genome editing is subject to stricter ethical and regulatory scrutiny than somatic genome editing.

Reason (R): Germline modifications can be inherited by future generations.

- (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

94. With reference to the Kyoto Protocol, consider the following statements:

1. It was adopted in 1997 and came into force in 2005 under the UNFCCC framework.
2. It imposed legally binding emission reduction targets on developed (Annex-I) countries, based on 1990 levels.
3. All countries, including developing countries, had binding emission reduction targets under the Protocol.
4. The United States ratified the Kyoto Protocol and complied with its emission targets.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

95. With reference to inequality and its measurement, consider the following statements:

1. The Gini coefficient ranges from 0 to 1, where 0 represents perfect equality and 1 represents perfect inequality.
2. A higher Gini coefficient indicates lower inequality in income distribution.
3. According to recent global assessments, a Gini coefficient above 0.4 generally indicates high income inequality.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

96. Match List I (Water Conflict) with List II (Key Feature):

List I	List II
A. Lake Chad Basin Conflict	1. Dispute over hydropower dam affecting downstream Egypt and Sudan
B. Niger River Basin Conflict	2. Shrinking lake due to climate change causing farmer–herder clashes
C. Nile River Conflict	3. Dams upstream reducing water flow to downstream countries
D. Lake Turkana Conflict	4. Ethiopian dams reducing inflow to a lake in Kenya

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

97. The “Yellow Line”, sometimes seen in news, refers to:

- (a) International boundary between Israel and Egypt
- (b) Temporary military demarcation line in Gaza under a ceasefire arrangement
- (c) Permanent border between Israel and Lebanon
- (d) Maritime boundary in the Mediterranean Sea

98. Match List I (Type of Economic Recovery) with List II (Characteristic):

List I	List II
A. V-shaped recovery	1. Double-dip recession with recovery followed by another downturn
B. U-shaped recovery	2. Quick rebound after sharp contraction
C. W-shaped recovery	3. Sluggish phase before gradual recovery

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

99. Consider the following Parts of the Constitution of India:

- I. Part IV
- II. Part IVA
- III. Part XII
- IV. Part XV
- V. Part XVII

How many of the above explicitly contain provisions related to environmental protection?

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



100. Consider the following statements regarding the eligibility criteria for becoming a member of a State Legislative Council:

1. To be elected to the Legislative Council, a person must be registered as a voter in an Assembly constituency of the concerned State.
2. To be eligible for nomination by the Governor, a person must be ordinarily resident in that State.

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

