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Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI):

1. ASI provides important inputs for the compilation of National Accounts Statistics, but its coverage is not synonymous with the entire manufacturing sector of India.
2. An establishment with 100 or more employees can fall within ASI coverage through the Business Register of Establishments maintained by the State Government, even if it does not fall under the specified factory-registration provisions.
3. ASI is released by Office of Economic Advisor, Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q2. Which one of the following correctly captures the institutional arrangement behind 'CAG–BHASHINI Anuvaad'?
A. CAG developed an independent translation AI under its own statutory powers, with MeitY providing only language datasets.
B. CAG–BHASHINI Anuvaad is a constitutional mechanism under the CAG's mandate for translating audit reports into the Eighth Schedule languages.
C. Digital India BHASHINI Division under Digital India Corporation, MeitY, collaborated with CAG to develop a customised AI-enabled translation solution for official and audit-related documents.
D. It is a private-sector translation platform adopted by CAG under the Digital India programme, without integration into existing institutional processes.

Q3. With reference to Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III), consider the following statements:

1. GEC-III primarily addresses the challenge of evacuating renewable power by strengthening transmission infrastructure within States/UTs.
2. Battery Energy Storage Systems under the scheme can help manage renewable intermittency as well as peak-hour demand and transmission congestion.
3. Under the scheme, greenfield intra-state transmission projects are to be developed on a Cost Plus Basis, whereas brownfield strengthening is undertaken through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME):

1. CHIME is a radio telescope that uses hydrogen as a tracer of the large-scale distribution of matter in the Universe.
2. Hydrogen intensity mapping attempts to detect the aggregate emission from large quantities of hydrogen rather than resolving every individual galaxy.
3. The characteristic 21-cm signal used in hydrogen mapping originates from the hyperfine transition of neutral atomic hydrogen.
4. CHIME is primarily an optical telescope designed to directly image distant galaxies and measure their visible-light spectra.

How many of the statements given above are correct?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. Only three
D. All four

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding AIME-2026:

1. Timor-Leste became the latest observer state of ASEAN.
2. AIME is a maritime exercise involving India and ASEAN member states and is distinct from a bilateral exercise between India and any one ASEAN country.
3. The exercise is consistent with India's Act East Policy and its broader maritime-security engagement in the Indo-Pacific.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 1, 2 and 3
D. 2 and 3 only

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS):

1. Certification under the scheme can extend beyond formally designated forests to tree-based systems such as farms and agroforestry.
2. Chain of Custody certification primarily establishes the traceability of certified forest products through the supply chain rather than assessing the ecological condition of a forest stand itself.
3. Forest Management certification under the scheme is based on the Indian Forest Management Standard

incorporated in the National Working Plan Code, 2023.
4. Certification under PRAMAAN is based on producer self-declaration, with third-party audits being optional.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q7. With reference to the Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC), consider the following:
1. It is being established under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel.
2. The Steel Industry Safety Directorate is intended to provide technical and professional support to the Council.
3. The Council's functions include review of serious accidents as well as near-miss incidents.
4. DGMS, PESO and NDMA are among the institutions represented in its proposed structure.

How many of the above are correct?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. Only three
D. All four

Q8. Which one of the following statements best describes the International Whaling Commission (IWC)?
A. It is a scientific research organisation created under the Convention on Biological Diversity to coordinate marine mammal research.
B. It is the global body established under the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, with a mandate historically centred on whaling management and increasingly encompassing whale conservation.
C. It is a UN specialised agency responsible for regulating international trade in whales and whale products.
D. It is a regional organisation restricted to countries bordering the Southern Ocean.

Q9. Consider the following pairs:

Initiative / Institution	Principal relevance
1. GPDP	Participatory local development planning at Gram Panchayat level
2. Panchayat Advancement Index	Identification of Panchayat-level achievements and development gaps
3. eGramSwaraj	Digital platform for Panchayat-level planning and related processes
4. District Planning Committee	Preparation of the Union-level framework for Panchayat Development Plans

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. Only three
D. All four

Q10. Consider the following statements:
1. Sādhana Shrinkhla seeks to transform government Training Institutes from standalone training providers into strategic Capacity Building Institutions.
2. Capacity Building Plans are intended to translate role-based competency requirements into institutional actions.
3. The UNNATI portal is intended to connect more than 900 Training Institutions and facilitate institutional visibility and collaboration.
4. UXchange is designed primarily as a citizen grievance-redressal platform for beneficiaries of government training programmes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 2 and 3 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q11. Consider the following statements regarding PM E-DRIVE:
1. It is a Central Sector Scheme administered by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, with both demand-side incentives and support for EV-related infrastructure.
2. Under the scheme, the demand incentive reaches the eligible buyer as an upfront reduction in the purchase price, while the corresponding amount is subsequently reimbursed to the OEM by the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
3. The scheme's support for e-3W L5 vehicles continues till March 2028, while support for e-rickshaws and e-carts has already been discontinued after achievement of the targeted sales level.

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

Q12. A financial instrument is issued specifically to mobilise funds for projects intended to generate measurable positive social outcomes, with the use of proceeds earmarked for such activities. Which of the following best describes this instrument?
A. Green Bond

B. Sustainability-Linked Bond
C. Social Bond
D. Sovereign Gold Bond

Q13. Consider the following statements regarding the Great Indian Bustard Recovery Programme:

1. The programme combines captive breeding with interventions aimed at improving the survival and recruitment of birds in their natural habitat.
2. The 'jumpstart' approach involves placing captive-laid eggs in suitable wild nests so that they can be incubated by wild GIB females.
3. Fenced grassland enclosures in Desert National Park are intended to address habitat-related constraints in identified breeding areas.
4. The programme treats power-line collisions primarily as a problem of captive-breeding facilities rather than a threat to wild populations.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 2 and 3 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q14. With reference to the tiger reintroduction programme in Buxa Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. Translocation of a tiger into Buxa is being undertaken after assessment of habitat suitability, prey availability, protection preparedness and population viability.
2. Prey augmentation and grassland restoration are being used alongside animal translocation, reflecting an ecosystem-level approach to species recovery.
3. The release of the tigress from Valmiki Tiger Reserve is intended to replace natural dispersal as the principal mechanism through which genetic exchange between Buxa and neighbouring tiger landscapes can occur.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q15. Consider the following statements regarding the RoDTEP Scheme:

1. Its underlying principle is that domestic taxes and duties that are not otherwise refunded should not remain embedded in the cost of exported goods.
2. The benefit is provided through transferable e-scrips that can be used for payment of specified Basic Customs Duty liabilities.
3. RoDTEP provides a uniform percentage rebate on the value of all exported products, irrespective of the product or applicable value cap.
4. The scheme replaced the earlier Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).

How many of the above statements are correct?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. Only three
D. All four

Q16. Consider the following statements regarding the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) 2025–26:

1. Unlike surveys that primarily measure traffic flows on roads, NHTS adopts a household-based approach, enabling travel behaviour to be examined alongside household and individual characteristics.
2. Under the survey's definition, every journey involving an overnight stay is automatically classified as an overnight trip, irrespective of the distance travelled.
3. Trips of one kilometre or less are excluded from the survey's travel estimates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
A. 1 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q17. Consider the following statements regarding Project Cheetah:

1. Reproduction by Indian-born cheetahs is significant because it indicates that the population is beginning to undergo natural demographic growth within the reintroduction landscape.
2. The introduction of a Botswana-origin male lineage can contribute to maintaining genetic diversity in India's founder population.
3. Project Cheetah seeks merely to establish a fixed population of cheetahs within Kuno National Park and does not envisage a metapopulation approach.
4. The ecological requirements of cheetahs make maintenance of open habitats particularly important because their hunting strategy relies substantially on high-speed pursuit.

How many of the above statements are correct?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. Only three
D. All four

Q18. A State Government wants to introduce SDG budget tagging so that expenditure can be mapped to specific SDG targets, gaps can be identified, and budgetary allocations can be linked with measurable development outcomes.
Which of the following institutional arrangements under NITI Aayog's State Support Mission would most directly support this objective?
A. Replacing the State Finance Commission with a NITI Aayog-appointed fiscal body
B. Strengthening State Institutions for Transformation and State-level monitoring, evaluation and data-analytics capabilities
C. Transferring centrally collected GST revenues directly to departments against SDG performance
D. Making the Sustainable Development Goals enforceable through State legislation

Q19. Consider the following pairs:

Exercise	Correct association
1. MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026	India–UAE
2. KAZIND-2026	India–Kazakhstan
3. NOMADIC ELEPHANT	India–Mongolia
4. VARUNA	India–France

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. Only three
D. All four

Q20. With reference to the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), consider the following statements:
1. NSM seeks to build an indigenous ecosystem covering supercomputing hardware, system software, networking and applications.
2. The National Knowledge Network (NKN) provides high-speed connectivity for accessing supercomputing facilities across institutions.
3. PARAM Rudra systems are built using indigenously designed Rudra servers and an indigenous software stack.

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

Q21. With reference to the SME Growth Fund (SGF), consider the following statements:
1. A small enterprise under the current MSME classification can have investment up to ₹25 crore and turnover up to ₹100 crore.
2. The SGF is intended to address the growth-stage financing gap through equity rather than a credit-guarantee mechanism.
3. An enterprise receiving SGF investment would necessarily cease to qualify as an MSME once its investment exceeds ₹25 crore.

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

Q22. A distant astronomical object shows unusually strong and variable electromagnetic emission because a relativistic jet is oriented close to Earth's line of sight. In this context, consider the following statements:
1. Such an object is termed a blazar, a subclass of active galactic nuclei.
2. The extreme brightness observed from Earth necessarily implies that the object is physically closer to Earth than ordinary active galaxies.
3. OJ 287 is of particular interest because evidence points to two supermassive black holes gravitationally bound in the system.

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

Q23. Consider the following statements regarding India's maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) framework:
1. The Indian Coast Guard is the nodal agency for coordinating maritime search and rescue in India's maritime region.
2. A mass-rescue operation at sea may require coordination between maritime SAR assets and aircraft involved in an aeronautical distress situation.
3. International cooperation in maritime SAR is primarily aimed at replacing national SAR agencies with a single multinational rescue authority.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q24. The significance of Fleet Support Ships (FSS) is best understood in the context of sustained naval operations. Consider the following statements:
1. At-sea replenishment reduces a fleet's dependence on returning to harbour for essential supplies.

2. Fleet support capability becomes particularly important when naval forces operate far from their home bases for prolonged periods.
3. The primary function of an FSS is offensive combat against enemy surface vessels, while logistical support is only incidental.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q25. With reference to India's international cooperation in Science and Technology, consider the following statements:

1. The framework represents India's first formal institutional engagement with Switzerland in Science and Technology.
2. The Indo-Swiss Research Framework seeks to strengthen researcher mobility and research networks in addition to supporting individual research collaborations.
3. The academia–industry component of the framework reflects a shift from knowledge generation alone towards technology transfer and innovation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q26. With reference to environmental-economic accounting in India, consider the following statements:

1. The SEEA framework seeks to integrate environmental information with economic statistics without replacing the System of National Accounts.
2. Material Flow Accounts focus on the physical movement of materials through an economy rather than their monetary valuation alone.
3. Environmental-economic accounting can help incorporate changes in natural-resource assets into economic policy analysis.

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

Q27. The Dhokra works featured in the Chhattisgarh cultural collection are associated with a traditional metal-casting process. Which one of the following correctly describes the underlying technique?
A. Molten metal is directly hammered into a pre-carved stone mould to obtain the final form
B. A wax model is used to create a mould, which is subsequently replaced by molten metal during casting
C. A metal sheet is engraved first and subsequently heated to reproduce the design on another metal surface
D. Clay is permanently retained as the structural core around which successive layers of molten metal are mechanically compressed

Q28. With reference to the High-Altitude Platform System (HAPS) recently tested by DRDO, consider the following statements:

1. HAPS operates in the stratosphere and can provide persistent surveillance over a designated area.
2. Unlike a conventional satellite, a HAPS remains within the atmosphere and can potentially be recovered and redeployed.
3. Its operation at very high altitude eliminates the need for coordination with civil aviation authorities.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q29. Consider the following statements regarding Additive Manufacturing (AM):

1. Because AM is inherently decentralised, its adoption eliminates the need for digital design, quality control and standardisation.
2. Unlike conventional subtractive manufacturing, AM generally builds an object by adding material layer by layer based on a digital design.
3. The ability to manufacture complex geometries with reduced material wastage makes AM relevant to sectors such as aerospace and healthcare.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q30. With reference to the 'Create with AI' programme of IICT and YouTube, consider the following statements:

1. Generative AI can assist creative production by generating or modifying visual and other media content from user-defined inputs.
2. The programme seeks to use AI as part of filmmaking workflows while retaining the filmmaker's role in creative decision-making.
3. The use of generative AI in filmmaking necessarily makes the resulting content independent of human creative direction.

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

Q31. A school identifies a child who may have a disability through the PRASHAST Portal. Consider the following statements regarding the process:

1. PRASHAST facilitates preliminary identification, while subsequent validation and medical assessment involve appropriate specialists and referral mechanisms.
2. The module is available in 22 Scheduled languages and targets school heads, general teachers, special educators and non-teaching staff, including transport and administrative personnel.
3. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 recognises specified disabilities, providing a statutory basis for identifying children who may require support.

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

Q32. A developing country wants to use AI in agriculture and healthcare but lacks the resources to develop frontier AI models. According to the Adopt–Adapt–Advance framework, consider the following statements:

1. Adopting existing AI tools can deliver benefits without developing a domestic frontier model.
2. Adapting AI to local languages, institutions and development needs is distinct from merely importing an existing tool.
3. Advancing AI necessarily requires less infrastructure and specialised expertise than adopting existing solutions.

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

Q33. Consider the following statements regarding wind power development in India:

1. Wind power capacity and actual electricity generation are equivalent measures of energy production.
2. Wind repowering can increase generation from existing sites without necessarily requiring the development of entirely new wind-farm locations.
3. Right-of-Way constraints affecting transmission infrastructure can limit the evacuation of electricity even when generation capacity is available.

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

Q34. The National SC-ST Hub supports SC/ST-owned micro and small enterprises through procurement access, technology support and capacity building. Consider the following statements:

1. The Central Government's public procurement policy provides an overall annual procurement target of 25% from MSEs, with a 4% sub-target for SC/ST-owned MSEs.
2. The Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme provides eligible SC/ST-owned MSEs with a 25% subsidy on plant and machinery, subject to a prescribed ceiling.
3. The Single Point Registration Scheme is primarily a credit-guarantee mechanism that protects banks against default by SC/ST entrepreneurs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 3 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 2 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q35. A company uses biological resources and associated traditional knowledge for commercial research. Under India's biodiversity governance framework, consider the following statements:

1. The Convention on Biological Diversity recognises fair and equitable benefit-sharing as one of its three objectives.
2. Biodiversity Management Committees and People's Biodiversity Registers can support local biodiversity documentation and benefit-sharing processes.
3. The National Biodiversity Authority is a statutory body established under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q36. With reference to the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), consider the following statements:

1. The selection of districts takes into account agricultural productivity, cropping intensity and agricultural credit disbursement, along with each State/UT's share of net cropped area and operational holdings.

2. District Action Plans are intended to converge existing schemes around locally identified agricultural constraints rather than prescribe an identical package of interventions for every selected district.
3. The scheme's monitoring framework distinguishes output indicators from outcome indicators, allowing implementation progress to be assessed separately from improvements in agricultural performance.

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

Q37. With reference to pulse production and procurement in India, consider the following statements:

1. Biological nitrogen fixation can reduce a legume crop's dependence on externally supplied nitrogen, although the extent depends on soil and biological conditions.
2. Procurement at MSP can reduce price risk for participating farmers but cannot, by itself, eliminate production risks arising from adverse weather.
3. Under the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, NAFED and NCCF are designated to procure Tur, Urad and Masoor from willing, registered farmers under the Price Support Scheme.

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

Q38. Consider the following statements about the GST framework:

1. IGST facilitates taxation of inter-State supplies, while CGST and SGST generally apply to intra-State supplies.
2. Input Tax Credit helps reduce cascading taxation by allowing eligible tax paid on inputs to be set off against output tax liability.
3. The destination-based character of GST means that tax revenue is generally attributed to the place of production rather than consumption.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q39. With reference to Exercise KONKAN-26, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom.
2. INS Trishul participated in the exercise on behalf of the Indian Navy.
3. The exercise includes operational activities across air, surface and sub-surface domains.

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

Q40. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise INDRA-2026:

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy.
2. INS Sahyadri arrived at Vladivostok, Russia, to participate in the exercise.
3. The exercise comprises a harbour phase followed by a sea phase.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q41. A researcher modifies a peptide-based fluorescent material by inserting a single methylene spacer without altering its fundamental peptide framework. The material subsequently exhibits a change in fluorescence lifetime and supramolecular chirality.
Which of the following best explains this observation?
A. The spacer necessarily changes the elemental composition of the peptide backbone, producing an entirely new peptide.
B. A small change in molecular geometry can alter intermolecular packing and non-covalent interactions, thereby changing emergent material properties.
C. Fluorescence lifetime is determined exclusively by the chemical composition of a molecule and cannot be influenced by its molecular environment.
D. Supramolecular chirality can arise only when each constituent molecule is itself chiral.

Q42. With reference to the Sun's corona, consider the following statements:

1. Coronal holes are characterised by predominantly open magnetic field lines, which facilitate the escape of solar wind.

2. Microwave polar brightening and coronal holes are related phenomena, but the observed brightening cannot be interpreted simply as evidence that the polar regions contain denser plasma than the surrounding Sun.
3. Coronal holes appear dark in extreme-ultraviolet observations primarily because their plasma is relatively less dense and cooler than that of surrounding regions.

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

Q43. A person ascends rapidly to a high-altitude location and develops headache, nausea and dizziness. Which of the following physiological explanations is most appropriate?
A. The percentage of oxygen in the atmosphere falls sharply with altitude, directly reducing the oxygen fraction in every breath.
B. Atmospheric pressure increases with altitude, raising the partial pressure of oxygen and causing tissue injury.
C. The decline in atmospheric pressure reduces the partial pressure of inspired oxygen, potentially causing hypoxia before adequate acclimatisation.
D. Acclimatisation occurs immediately through increased red blood cell production, preventing acute mountain sickness.

Q44. Consider the following pairs relating to the institutional and digital architecture of PM GatiShakti:
1. Network Planning Group (NPG) — Examines infrastructure proposals for integration and optimisation.
2. Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) — Provides technical expertise through a dedicated Technical Support Unit.
3. Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) — Integrates government logistics systems through APIs.

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
A. Only one
B. All three
C. Only two
D. None

Q45. Consider the following statements regarding IBSAMAR IX 2026:
1. It is a trilateral maritime exercise involving the navies of India, Brazil and South Africa.
2. INS Tarkash represents the Indian Navy and is deployed with an integral Chetak helicopter.
3. The exercise is conducted under the India–Brazil–South Africa (IBSA) framework and has been held biennially since 2008.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q46. Consider the following statements:
1. Seaweeds are photosynthetic organisms but lack the true roots, stems and leaves characteristic of higher plants.
2. Agar, carrageenan and alginates are interchangeable products obtained predominantly from the same group of seaweeds.
3. Seaweed cultivation can support the blue economy by generating coastal livelihoods and supplying industrial raw materials.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q47. Which of the following best explains why an agri-food value-chain approach may improve farmers' income even without a substantial increase in agricultural output?
A. It ensures that higher production automatically results in higher farm-gate prices.
B. It links production decisions with processing, market demand and value addition, potentially improving price realisation.
C. It eliminates the role of intermediaries by requiring all agricultural produce to be sold directly to consumers.
D. It makes agricultural extension unnecessary once market prices are available to farmers.

Q48. Consider the following statements:
1. A person with latent TB infection can develop active disease later, although latent infection generally does not transmit TB.
2. Resistance to both isoniazid and rifampicin is the defining criterion for multidrug-resistant TB.
3. The BPaLM regimen comprises bedaquiline, pretomanid, linezolid and moxifloxacin.

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

Q49. In the wastewater-treatment technology developed by INST Mohali, what is the principal significance of combining photocatalysis with piezocatalysis?
A. It converts the membrane into a conventional adsorbent that traps pollutants without degrading them.
B. It enables the polymer alone to destroy dyes without requiring a catalytic material.
C. It combines light-induced charge generation with vibration-induced polarisation, potentially improving pollutant degradation by reducing charge-carrier recombination.
D. It relies on sedimentation to separate dissolved dyes before the water passes through the membrane.

Q50. Consider the following statements regarding BIMSTEC:
1. Its membership includes both landlocked Himalayan countries and countries with coastlines along the Bay of Bengal region.
2. Its regional cooperation framework includes security issues such as terrorism, trafficking and illicit drug trafficking.
3. All seven member countries are members of ASEAN.

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

Q51. A coastal district wants to develop its coir industry as a source of rural employment while reducing processing waste. Consider the following statements:
1. Converting coir pith into biofertiliser can improve resource utilisation by creating value from a processing by-product.
2. Export promotion alone can address the sector's constraints, even if production technology, product innovation and workers' skills remain unchanged.
3. Formalisation of coir enterprises through Udyam registration can improve their integration into the MSME policy ecosystem, but registration by itself does not guarantee access to every scheme.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q52. With reference to social assistance and the constitutional framework in India, consider the following statements:
1. Article 41 directs the State to provide public assistance in specified circumstances, subject to the limits of its economic capacity and development.
2. Since NSAP is a Centrally Sponsored Programme, the States are constitutionally barred from providing additional pension assistance to beneficiaries.
3. The recognition of benchmark disability at 40% under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, is relevant to disability-pension eligibility, but it does not automatically determine the amount of assistance under every government scheme.

Select the correct answer using the code below.
A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1 and 3 only

Q53. India's proposed accession to SIOFA highlights the distinction between national maritime jurisdiction and governance of fisheries on the high seas. Consider the following statements:
1. An Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) gives a coastal State sovereign rights over specified resources, but it is not equivalent to full sovereignty over the entire water column and seabed as in territorial waters.
2. Accession to a regional fisheries agreement eliminates the need for vessels to comply with its conservation measures and authorisation requirements.
3. SIOFA and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) have identical mandates because both operate in the Indian Ocean region.

Which of the statements given above are incorrect?
A. 1 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q54. The inclusion of advanced chemicals, petrochemicals and material technologies under the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme is intended to strengthen technology-led manufacturing. Which of the following best explains the economic rationale behind this move?
A. Replacing private-sector research with direct government ownership of all advanced-materials industries.
B. Restricting industrial research to technologies that are already commercially mature, thereby avoiding technological risk.
C. Improving access to long-term innovation finance so firms can develop indigenous technologies, commercialise research

and reduce dependence on externally developed high-value technologies.
D. Shifting public research funding exclusively towards basic science, with no role for industrial development or commercial innovation.

Q55. A group of traditional artisans produces high-quality handcrafted goods but struggles to reach buyers beyond local markets. Consider the following statements about the role of BHARAT TULIP in addressing this problem:

1. A common brand and digital marketing can reduce market-discovery barriers, but wider market access does not by itself guarantee higher artisan incomes.
2. Quality assurance, logistics support and buyer–seller interactions can address different constraints along the value chain, rather than merely increasing product visibility.
3. The programme's primary purpose is to replace traditional craftsmanship with standardised, machine-made products for mass production.

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

Q56. With reference to wetland conservation in India, consider the following statements:

1. Designation as a Ramsar site automatically grants a wetland the legal status of a National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary.
2. The Ramsar Convention provides an international framework for recognising wetlands of international importance, while domestic authorities remain important for their management.
3. Wetland conservation can contribute to biodiversity protection, water security and climate resilience simultaneously.

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

Q57. A district administration in a Left-Wing Extremism-affected region is designing a rehabilitation strategy for communities affected by violence. Which approach most closely reflects the approach described under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan?
A. Prioritising security operations while postponing rehabilitation until violence has completely ended.
B. Focusing exclusively on financial compensation for surrendered cadres, without extending services to affected communities.
C. Combining assistive devices and disability rehabilitation with essential services, infrastructure, skill development and livelihood opportunities.
D. Replacing local cultural and sporting initiatives with uniform national programmes administered exclusively by security agencies.

Q58. Consider the following statements regarding the research and digital initiatives associated with the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA):

1. Scientific and clinical validation can help assess the efficacy and safety of traditional healthcare practices.
2. Interdisciplinary collaboration between traditional medicine institutions and scientific bodies can strengthen evidence generation.
3. Digital platforms supporting traditional medicine necessarily establish the clinical efficacy of the treatments they promote.

Select the correct answer:
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. All three statements

Q59. Consider the following pairs:

Sculptural work or tradition	Material/context
1. Harappan Dancing Girl	Bronze
2. Harappan Priest-King	Steatite
3. Khajuraho	Temple sculptural tradition

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
A. Only one
B. Only two
C. All three
D. None

Q60. With reference to NMMSS, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme intended to reduce dropouts after Class VIII among meritorious students from economically weaker sections.
2. The selection examination is conducted by the respective States/Union Territories, while scholarship registration and disbursement are handled through the National Scholarship Portal.
3. The scheme provides an annual scholarship of ₹12,000 to eligible students to support educational continuity up to Class XII.

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

Q61. Consider the following statements about accretion in binary star systems:

1. In an eclipsing binary system, periodic eclipses can help scientists investigate the orbital geometry and surrounding matter.
2. In disk-mediated accretion, matter can move from an accretion disk towards a neutron star, with magnetic fields channelling it towards the poles.
3. Pulsar emissions are caused by the neutron star periodically switching its nuclear fusion on and off.

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

Q62. A state plans to expand solar power generation without significantly reducing the land available for agriculture. Which of the following best captures the distinguishing principle of agrivoltaics?
A. Converting agricultural land entirely into solar parks and compensating farmers through electricity subsidies.
B. Installing solar pumps independently of crop cultivation, with no requirement for agricultural activity to continue on the same land.
C. Integrating solar electricity generation with continued crop cultivation, while adapting panel configuration to local crops and climatic conditions.
D. Replacing decentralised renewable energy generation with large thermal power plants located near agricultural markets.

Q63. With reference to the revised disability pension provisions described under the renamed NSAP, consider the following statements:

1. The benchmark disability threshold has been reduced to 40%, consistent with the definition under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
2. Removing the minimum age criterion means that disability certification and the below-poverty-line household criterion no longer apply.
3. States and Union Territories may supplement central pension assistance through their own contributions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. All three statements

Q64. Consider the following statements regarding regional air connectivity:

1. Viability Gap Funding can support routes that may not initially be commercially viable but are considered important for regional connectivity.
2. Developing aerodromes and helipads can improve access to remote areas, including for emergency services and disaster response.
3. Under the Modified UDAN Scheme, all regional routes must be commercially self-sustaining from the date of commencement, making public support unnecessary.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1 and 2 only

Q65. Consider the following statements about Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026:

1. It is a bilateral military exercise between India and Australia.
2. Its training includes joint planning, surveillance, reconnaissance, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.
3. New Zealand is participating as a full military contingent alongside the Indian and Australian armies.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. All three statements

Q66. With reference to the design of skill-development programmes in India, consider the following statements:

1. Linking a portion of training expenditure to employment outcomes can incentivise training providers to respond to labour-market demand, although placement numbers alone may not establish the quality or durability of employment.
2. Subsuming PM-DAKSH under PMKVY illustrates an approach to reducing duplication where overlapping job roles and delivery platforms exist across schemes.
3. As PM-DAKSH is a Central Sector Scheme, its implementation cannot involve training institutions empanelled under another government skill-development scheme.

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

Q67. The promotion of the Thirukkural through Kashi Tamil Sangamam combines cultural exchange with the dissemination of classical literature. Consider the following statements:

1. The Thirukkural's three divisions—Aram, Porul and Inbam—respectively address virtue, wealth and love.
2. Recognition as a Classical Language is determined solely by the number of native speakers and the language's present-day official status.
3. The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and the recognition of Classical Languages are distinct categories; inclusion in the former does not, by itself, establish the latter.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 2 and 3 only

Q68. Harvest festivals often express the relationship between agricultural cycles, local religious traditions and community identity. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Nuakhai is associated with the offering and consumption of newly harvested rice and is particularly important in Western Odisha.
2. The timing and practices of harvest festivals can vary regionally because agricultural cycles and cultural traditions are not uniform across India.
3. Since Nuakhai is associated with a presiding deity, it is primarily a pan-Indian religious festival rather than a regionally rooted harvest tradition.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Q69. A women-led Self-Help Group produces traditional food products and handicrafts. Despite receiving credit, its members struggle with inconsistent demand, weak branding and limited access to institutional buyers. Which intervention would most comprehensively address these constraints in line with the approach of DAY-NRLM and the SARAS Mela ecosystem?

A. Expand credit availability while leaving marketing, product quality and buyer discovery entirely to individual members.
B. Shift production to a centralised factory so that economies of scale replace community-based enterprise development.
C. Provide temporary exhibition space but discontinue support once the event ends, irrespective of subsequent market access.
D. Combine access to finance and skills with branding, digital commerce, institutional linkages and opportunities for direct market engagement.

Q70. Consider the following statements regarding India–Brazil–South Africa cooperation:

1. IBSAMAR is a trilateral naval exercise, while the IBSA Dialogue Forum provides a broader framework for cooperation among the same three countries.
2. Membership of the IBSA Dialogue Forum necessarily makes each participating country a member of BRICS.
3. Cooperation through naval exercises can improve operational familiarity and interoperability without creating a mutual-defence treaty among the participating countries.

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

Q71. A wetland satisfies one of the ecological criteria for designation as a Ramsar Site. Consider the following statements about the implications of such designation and the broader conservation framework:

1. A wetland may qualify by regularly supporting at least 1% of the population of a waterbird species, even if it does not support 20,000 waterbirds.
2. Inclusion in the Montreux Record indicates that a Ramsar Site has undergone, is undergoing, or is likely to undergo changes in ecological character; it does not itself mean that the site has lost its Ramsar designation.
3. Ramsar designation automatically prohibits all forms of human activity within the designated wetland.
4. The Ramsar Convention's principle of "wise use" extends beyond designated Ramsar Sites to the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands more generally.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1, 2 and 4 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q72. Operation Trident combines narcotics enforcement with investigations into financial transactions and illicit assets. Consider the following statements:

1. The NDPS Act, 1985, provides the principal legal framework for controlling narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, while the PITNDPS Act, 1988, provides for preventive detention in specified cases involving illicit drug trafficking.
2. Freezing bank accounts and attaching properties can disrupt the financial infrastructure of a trafficking network, even where such action does not immediately eliminate the physical routes used for smuggling.

3. The involvement of the Enforcement Directorate in a narcotics-related investigation means that the NDPS Act ceases to apply to the underlying drug offences.
4. Hawala transactions can complicate the tracing of illicit proceeds because they facilitate value transfers through informal channels that may operate outside conventional banking records.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 3 and 4 only
C. 1, 2 and 4 only
D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Q73. The VB-G RAM G framework links wage employment with durable infrastructure and climate resilience. Consider the following statements:

1. The use of Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans, GIS and asset mapping can help identify local development gaps and reduce duplication of infrastructure projects.
2. A statutory rural employment guarantee and the creation of durable community assets are compatible objectives, although their implementation requires balancing immediate employment needs with long-term development priorities.
3. The provision for a seasonal pause in scheme works necessarily reduces the statutory annual employment guarantee from 125 days to the number of days remaining after the pause.
4. Social audits by the Gram Sabha provide a community-based accountability mechanism that complements digital monitoring and administrative inspections.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 2 and 4 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Q74. With reference to Exercise INDRA 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy.
2. The harbour phase includes coordinated manoeuvring, integrated communications and helicopter operations while the sea phase includes subject Matter Expert Exchanges and operational interactions.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Q75. India recorded faster growth in finished steel consumption than in crude steel production during H1 FY 2026–27. Consider the following statements:

1. The difference in their growth rates, by itself, establishes the volume of additional finished steel imports required during the period.
2. Net imports of finished steel can coexist with substantial domestic steel production, including where domestic demand for particular grades exceeds domestic supply.
3. Greater use of scrap can reduce demand for virgin raw materials, but its effect on emissions depends partly on the production route and energy source.
4. An emissions-intensity-based green steel classification assesses environmental performance using emissions relative to steel output.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 3 and 4 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q76. With reference to agrivoltaics in India, consider the following statements:

1. Agrivoltaics allows agricultural production and solar power generation to take place on the same land.
2. The gross cropped area of India represents the total land area sown at least once during an agricultural year, without counting repeated sowing.
3. The suitability of crops for cultivation beneath solar panels depends partly on their response to shading.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q77. Consider the following statements regarding hydrogen peroxide-based green propulsion technology:

1. A catalyst can facilitate the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide to generate hot gases for producing thrust.
2. Achieving Technology Readiness Level 9 indicates successful operation of a technology in its actual operational environment.
3. Replacing hydrazine-based propellants with hydrogen peroxide-based systems eliminates the need for specialised safety measures during handling.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1 and 2 only

Q78. Which one of the following best distinguishes a digital twin from a conventional three-dimensional digital model?
(a) A digital twin represents a real-world system using real-world data to support monitoring and simulation.
(b) A digital twin is primarily a static visual representation, whereas a three-dimensional model continuously incorporates sensor data.
(c) A digital twin can be used for infrastructure planning only when the physical system has already been constructed.
(d) A digital twin differs from augmented reality principally because it requires a virtual-reality headset.

Q79. With reference to the GeM AABHAR Collection, consider the following statements:
1. It provides a dedicated digital storefront for culturally distinctive Indian gifts and hampers.
2. Its product range includes regional handicrafts, handlooms and artisanal products, including ODOP and GI-linked offerings.
3. It functions as a geographical indication registration authority for traditional Indian products.
4. Its promotion through GeM can help connect artisan and regional-product enterprises with institutional government buyers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q80. Consider the following statements regarding the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY):
1. The Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens supports eligible organisations and public bodies in establishing or maintaining facilities for senior citizens, particularly indigent elderly persons.
2. The State Action Plan for Senior Citizens enables States and Union Territories to undertake interventions suited to their local requirements.
3. The Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is one of the components of AVYAY.
4. Regional Resource and Training Centres are concerned exclusively with distributing assistive devices to senior citizens.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 4 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q81. With reference to Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), consider the following statements:
1. Carbon capture at industrial facilities can be combined with shared transport and storage infrastructure under a hub-and-cluster model.
2. The conversion of captured CO_2 into a useful product necessarily ensures its permanent removal from the atmosphere.
3. The suitability of geological formations for CO_2 storage depends on their capacity to retain the injected gas over the long term.
4. Coal gasification produces synthesis gas, which can serve as a feedstock for the production of chemicals and fuels.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q82. Consider the following pairs of traditional crafts and their associated states:

Traditional craft	State
1. Dokra metal craft	Jharkhand
2. Jabalpur Stone Craft	Madhya Pradesh
3. Channapatna toys	Karnataka
4. Kolhapuri chappals	Maharashtra

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
(a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

Q83. With reference to India's maritime engagement with South Korea and Cyprus, consider the following statements:
1. Collaboration with KOMERI and the proposed India Ship Technology Center could contribute to indigenous ship design, testing and certification capabilities.
2. India's discussions with HMM included vessel registration under the Indian flag and the use of Indian ship-recycling facilities compliant with the Hong Kong Convention.
3. Cyprus' support for India's ship-recycling sector was linked to obtaining European Union recognition for eligible facilities.
4. The proposed Maritime Development Fund and Sagarmala Finance Corporation were discussed as potential avenues for Korean maritime investment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q84. Consider the following statements regarding the National Startup Awards 6.0:

1. Its special categories include women-led startups, startups from the North-Eastern region and student innovators.
2. The student award has a total prize pool of ₹25 lakh distributed across four sub-categories.
3. The ₹25 lakh award for each sectoral category is the only support offered to winning startups.
4. The expansion of sectoral categories includes areas such as semiconductors, biomanufacturing and the blue economy.

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

Q85. SIMBEX-2026 is associated with which of the following?
(a) A trilateral naval exercise involving India, Singapore and Thailand, focused primarily on humanitarian assistance.
(b) A bilateral naval exercise between India and Singapore, with harbour interactions followed by operational drills at sea.
(c) A bilateral coast guard exercise between India and Singapore, focused exclusively on maritime law enforcement.
(d) A multilateral exercise led by the Indian Navy to coordinate anti-piracy operations among Indian Ocean littoral states.

Q86. With reference to green hydrogen in India, consider the following statements:

1. Under India's Green Hydrogen Standard, the emissions threshold is assessed on a well-to-gate basis using a 12-month average.
2. The SIGHT Programme supports both domestic electrolyser manufacturing and green hydrogen production.
3. Green hydrogen and green ammonia plants commissioned by 31 December 2030 are eligible for a waiver of inter-state transmission charges for 25 years, subject to the stated policy provisions.
4. The National Green Hydrogen Mission's target of 5 MMT annually by 2030 refers to installed electrolyser manufacturing capacity rather than hydrogen production.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q87. Consider the following statements regarding the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS):

1. Operational Expenditure Assistance is intended to improve the price competitiveness of domestically manufactured containers.
2. Interest Subvention Assistance provides a 3% per annum subsidy on eligible term loans for new facilities and capacity expansion.
3. Testing and Certification Assistance includes support for common facilities undertaking dynamic longitudinal impact testing.
4. The scheme's target of 7.5 lakh TEUs refers to the annual container-handling capacity of Indian ports.

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

Q88. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY), consider the following statements:

1. Its implementation period is aligned with the Sixteenth Finance Commission period.
2. The scheme envisages annual preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans through the eGramSwaraj Portal and online audit plans through AuditOnline.
3. The scheme provides for the creation of permanent posts at Panchayat, Block and District levels to ensure continuity of implementation.
4. Pancham is an AI-enabled, multilingual, two-way communication platform intended to support outreach and communication with citizens.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only
(d) 1, 3 and 4 only

Q89. With reference to the Punah Bharan Mobile Application, consider the following statements:

1. It uses geospatial datasets, including rainfall, slope, drainage and groundwater yield, to support the identification of potential artificial recharge zones.
2. Its associated web portal provides village-level zonation maps for Artificial Recharge Structures.
3. Identification of a potential recharge zone through GIS-based assessment, by itself, establishes that groundwater extraction from that zone will be sustainable.

4. The application supports decentralised, evidence-based planning of groundwater recharge interventions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q90. With reference to the India–Republic of Korea bilateral naval exercise, consider the following statements:

1. The exercise involves the Indian Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy, with INS Sahyadri and ROKS Munmu the Great participating in coordinated maritime activities.
2. The harbour phase includes professional interactions and cross-deck activities, followed by maritime activities at sea to enhance operational interoperability.

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

Q91. With reference to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) framework, consider the following statements:

1. Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) may be recognised outside formally designated protected areas, provided they deliver sustained, long-term in-situ biodiversity conservation outcomes.
2. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regulates the safe handling, transport and use of Living Modified Organisms, particularly in the context of transboundary movements.
3. The Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework provides for four long-term goals for 2030 and 23 targets for 2050.
4. Access and Benefit Sharing seeks to ensure that benefits arising from the utilisation of genetic resources are shared fairly and equitably.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1, 2 and 4 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q92. With reference to the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme seeks to develop integrated manufacturing zones through convergence with the BHAVYA Scheme and NICDC Industrial Parks.
2. Anchor Investment Support provides capital expenditure assistance to investors committing a minimum investment of ₹100 crore.
3. Turnover Linked Support is available to manufacturers investing at least ₹10 crore, with incentives of up to 15%.
4. Certification assistance is intended exclusively for international sports federations and does not extend to domestic manufacturers seeking product certification.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q93. Consider the following statements regarding the NAMASTE Scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme jointly implemented by the Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment and Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. Its coverage was expanded in June 2024 to include waste pickers engaged in solid waste management.
3. Emergency Response Sanitation Units are intended to support hazardous sanitation operations through trained personnel and safety equipment.
4. The scheme seeks to eliminate hazardous sanitation work through mechanisation while promoting alternative livelihoods and entrepreneurship among sanitation workers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q94. With reference to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), consider the following statements:

1. NCDC is a statutory corporation established under the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962.
2. Article 43B directs the State to promote voluntary formation, autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of cooperative societies.
3. Part IX-B of the Constitution applies uniformly to both multi-State and State cooperative societies, without being affected by the Supreme Court's 2021 judgment.
4. Sahakar Navachar Yojana provides grant assistance to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in cooperatives.

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

Q95. With reference to PM-KISAN and the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), consider the following statements:

1. PM-KISAN is a Central Sector Scheme providing income support to eligible landholding farmer families, whereas AIF provides financing support for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets.
2. The development of horticulture clusters under the initiative is intended to promote crop diversification through integrated production, processing, storage and marketing facilities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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