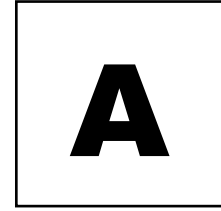


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**Q.1)** Consider the following statements:

1. Sambhar lake in Rajasthan is a freshwater lake.
2. Deepor Beel in Assam is drained by the Brahmaputra River.
3. Lonar lake in Maharashtra is a crater lake.
4. Vembanad lake in Kerala is a brackish water lake.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Q.2)** Consider the following pairs:

Farming Methods	Description
1. Precision farming	Data-driven technologies to improve crop and livestock production.
2. Aquaponics	Closed-loop ecosystem with symbiotic relationship between plants and fishes.
3. Vertical farming	Growing crops in vertically stacked layers in controlled environments

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Q.3)** Consider the following trees:

1. Rubber (*Hevea brasiliensis*)
2. Cinchona (*Cinchona Ledgeriana*)
3. Spruce (*Picea*)
4. Acacia (*Acacia*)

How many of the above are predominant tree species of tropical evergreen forests?

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

**Q.4)** The Ministry of Jal Shakti has recently released the report on the 6<sup>th</sup> census on minor irrigation schemes. In this context consider the following statements:

1. Around three-fourths of India's minor irrigation schemes run on electricity.
2. There has been an improvement in water use efficiency compared to the previous census.
3. More than 95% of the minor irrigation schemes depend on the surface water.
4. Dug wells have the highest share in minor irrigation schemes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.5)** Which of the following habitats has become the second successful breeding site for gharials in India, after the Chambal Sanctuary?

- a) Gandak river
- b) Beas river
- c) Ramganga river
- d) Son river

**Q.6)** In which one of the following kinds of organisms is the phenomenon found wherein the female kills the male after copulation?

- a) Dragonfly
- b) Honeybee
- c) Spider
- d) Pit Viper

**Q.7)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement - I:** Heat waves may cause dizziness, nausea, confusion and hallucinations in humans.

**Statement - II:** The extreme sweating during heat waves causes deficiency of sodium and potassium ions in body, which affects the brain's signaling system.

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

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
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**Q.8)** Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, often seen in news is a matter of conflict between Ethiopia and-

- Chad
- Egypt
- Central African Republic
- Democratic Republic of Congo

**Q.9)** Consider the following statements:

- Malwa plateau lies between Aravali and Vindhyan ranges.
- Mahadev, Kaimur hills and the Maikal range forms the eastern extensions of the Deccan plateau.
- The Barak River originates from the Meghalaya plateau.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

**Q.10)** With reference to the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) Project, consider the following statements:

- It was proposed during the recent summit of the International North-South Transport Corridor.
- It is a component of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII).
- It proposes a dedicated hydrogen pipeline along the corridor.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

**Q.11)** Consider the following Statements:

**Statement - I:** A significant slowdown of the global conveyor belt could lead to colder winters in Europe.

**Statement - II:** The global conveyor belt primarily transports warm water from the poles towards the equator, influencing regional temperatures.

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

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- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.12)** Consider the following Statements:

**Statement - I:** The southern slopes of the Himalayas generally have a thicker vegetation cover compared to the Northern slopes of the Himalayas.

**Statement - II:** The Northern slopes of Himalayas are under rain shadow region.

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

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- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.13)** Which of the following best describes the term “Global dimming”, sometimes seen in news?

- The reduction in the Earth’s albedo due to melting of glaciers and icebergs.
- The natural cycle of the Earth’s climate becoming cooler over a period of thousands of years.
- The decrease in the amount of sunlight reaching Earth’s surface primarily due to the presence of airborne particles and pollutants.
- The shift in the Earth’s magnetic field resulting in changes in solar irradiance.

**Q.14)** Consider the following species:

1. Bats
2. Turtles
3. Alligators
4. Lizards

How many of the above given species exhibit the phenomenon of Brumation?

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

**Q.15)** Which one of the following is the measure of an area of biologically productive land and water that is required to provide the resources that population consumes and to absorb the waste it generates?

- a) Biodiversity Footprint
- b) Ecosystem Health Index
- c) Living Planet Index
- d) Ecological Footprint

**Q.16)** Consider the following chemical substances:

1. Carbon tetrachloride
2. Hydrofluorocarbon
3. Methyl bromide
4. Methyl chloroform

How many of the above are the Ozone depleting substances (ODSs)?

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

**Q.17)** Consider the following statements about various microorganisms:

1. Viruses do not contain any type of genetic material.
2. Viroids are microorganisms that are made of Ribonucleic acid (RNA).
3. Bacteria can survive in extreme environments.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.18)** With reference to Great Indian Bustard (GIB), consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the heaviest flying birds of India.
2. Desert National Park in Rajasthan is well known for GIB population.
3. The poisoning caused by diclofenac is the most significant threat to the GIB.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.19)** The Sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) concluded recently, reaffirming the commitment to tackle the Triple Planetary Crisis. In this context, the Triple Planetary Crisis refers to:

- a) Climate change, Biodiversity loss and Groundwater depletion.
- b) Climate Change, Biodiversity loss and Land desertification.
- c) Climate Change, Biodiversity loss and Overpopulation
- d) Climate change, Biodiversity loss and Pollution.

**Q.20)** Consider the following Tiger reserves of India:

1. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
2. Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve
3. Periyar Tiger Reserve
4. Kali (Dandeli-Anshi) Tiger Reserve
5. Simlipal Tiger Reserve
6. Sariska Tiger Reserve

How many of the above tiger reserves in India have been awarded the Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA | TS) accreditation?

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

**Q.21)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** The majority of India's forex reserves are held in the form of foreign currency.

**Statement II:** There is no cost of holding foreign currency as reserves by a nation.

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

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
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**Q.22)** With reference to the capital market in an economy, which one of the following statements is correct about Social Stock exchange?

It provides a platform:

- a) for companies operating in India to trade their Corporate Social Responsibility credits.
- b) for local government bodies to raise funds for schemes dedicated towards upliftment of vulnerable sections of society.
- c) for enterprises in India to raise capital in the form of equity or debt to implement their social initiatives.
- d) for international Non-profit organizations in India to list and raise funds from Indian market.

**Q.23)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Stratospheric ozone depletion has a negative radiative forcing.

**Statement II:** Stratospheric ozone is directly emitted from vehicular emissions, thermal power plants and agricultural processes.

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

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
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- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
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**Q.24)** Although the primary mandate of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is to maintain price stability and to preserve the value of the rupee, the RBI also generates income through various means. In this context consider the following:

1. Interest on government bonds held for conducting open market operations
2. Income from investment in foreign currency assets
3. Interest on loans provided to commercial banks
4. Seigniorage

How many of the above are sources of income for the Reserve Bank of India?

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

**Q.25)** With respect to the start-up ecosystem, startups are identified with the name of some real life or imaginary animals. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Unicorn is a privately held startup company with a valuation of \$ 1 billion or above.
2. Cheetah is a startup valued between \$500 million and \$1 billion and are most likely to cross \$1 billion in valuation within three years.
3. Gazelles is a startup valued between \$200 million and \$500 million and is most likely to enter the \$1 billion club within five years.
4. Zebra are startups that focus on balancing financial success with creating a positive social impact.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.26)** Which of the following is **not** considered as a Good Agricultural Practice (GAP)?

- Avoid applying pesticides on agricultural fields during strong winds and heavy rain.
- Sowing leguminous green manure crops before the onset of rainy season.
- Applying lime on basic soils.
- Irrigate fields early in the morning, late in the evening or at night.

**Q.27)** With reference to Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.) seeds, consider the following statements:

- It is predominantly cultivated during the rabi season in India.
- It is rich in Phytosterols, which helps in lowering Cholesterol.
- The Government of India provides a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for sesame seeds.
- Punjab is the largest sesame seed-producing state in India.
- Onattukara Sesame of Kerala has been accorded with Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

**Q.28)** With reference to Textile sector in India, consider the following statements:

- In the year 2022-23, India was the largest exporter of textiles and apparels in the world.
- Ludhiana, Surat and Erode are the major textile hubs in India.
- In India, the textile sector is the second largest employer after agriculture.
- The Indian textile sector has been facing tough competition from the import of man-made fibers (MMF) from Nepal and Bhutan in recent years.
- In India, 100% Foreign Direct Investment is allowed in the textile sector under the automatic route.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only two

- Only three
- Only four
- All five

**Q.29)** Consider the following factors:

- Proportion of population in working age.
- Labour force participation rate.
- Per worker productivity
- Rate of savings and investment
- Degree of technological advancement

How many of the above impact the level of per capita GDP of a country?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

**Q.30)** Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Taiwan is one of the leading producers of Semiconductors in the world.

Statement II: Taiwan is the largest producer of germanium and gallium, which are used extensively in semiconductor manufacturing.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

**Q.31)** In the context of India, which one of the following would be the most appropriate definition of equality?

- Everyone receives the same resources regardless of their needs or social circumstances.
- Everyone is entitled to equal opportunities and rewards without any competition.
- Everyone is entitled to the same rights and opportunities to develop their skills and talents.
- Everyone is treated in an identical way by eliminating all forms of differences.

**Q.32)** Consider the following Statements:

**Statement - I:** A Constitutional Amendment bill for the formation of new states in India requires the prior approval of the President.

**Statement - II:** Any bill amending the Constitution requires a prior recommendation of the President of India.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- Statement-I and Statement-II are incorrect

**Q.33)** The Supreme Court of India recently recognized right against the adverse effects of climate change as a distinct right under which Articles of the Constitution of India?

- Articles 14 and 21
- Articles 19 and 21
- Articles 21 and 23
- Articles 16 and 21

**Q.34)** A Constitutional Amendment Bill has been signed by the President of India and has become an Act. Later, the amendment is challenged before the Supreme Court solely on the grounds that it contains provisions that required ratification by at least half of the states, but such ratification was not obtained. In this scenario, what is the most likely action the Supreme Court will take?

- The entire Constitutional amendment act will be held void.
- Only those provisions of the act which required the ratification of the states will be held void.
- It will send the act for ratification of the states.
- It will leave it to the discretion of the President of India.

**Q.35)** Consider the following statements regarding the provisions of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Office and Terms of Office) Act, 2023:

- The Search Committee, headed by the Prime Minister, is tasked with preparing a panel of persons for consideration for appointment as Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners.
- The Selection Committee that recommends appointment of Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners does not include any judicial members.
- The salary of the Chief Election Commissioner will be equivalent to that of a Supreme Court Judge.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

**Q.36)** Consider the following statements:

- No criminal or civil proceedings whatsoever shall be instituted or continued against the President, or the Governor of a state, in any court during his/her term of office.
- A person can be held liable to any civil or criminal proceedings in any court if s/he publishes the proceedings of a secret meeting of any House of Parliament.
- Final judgments or orders passed by civil courts in any part of the territory of India shall be enforceable throughout India.

How many of the statements given above are correct according to the Constitution of India?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None



**Q.37)** With reference to the adjournment motion in Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. It can be moved to discuss a matter of urgent public importance without any prior notice.
2. A Member of Parliament may move an adjournment motion if there has been a serious breach of his/her parliamentary privilege and urgent action by the House is required.
3. It shall not deal with any matter which is under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.38)** Consider the following statements regarding the Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH):

1. They are areas of National Park and Sanctuaries that must be kept inviolate for wildlife conservation.
2. They are notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. They are declared/notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change.
4. The forest rights of Scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers cannot be modified or resettled in any CWH areas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.39)** According to the Constitution of India, consider the following:

If the President is satisfied that a situation has arisen whereby the financial stability or credit of India or of any part of the territory thereof is threatened, s/he may by proclamation:

1. direct State Governments to reserve all bills passed by legislatures for his/her consideration.

2. can issue directions for the reduction of salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Supreme Court.
3. suspend citizens' right to engage in any profession.
4. impose new taxes without Parliamentary approval.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.40)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** In India, documents confiscated during a search and seizure without the accused's consent, cannot be presented in any court as evidence.

**Statement-II:** Article 20(3) of the Constitution of India states that no person accused of any criminal offense shall be compelled to be a witness against himself/herself.

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

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- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

**Q.41)** The head of Shrenis (guilds) at the time of Buddha was known as:

- a) Jyesthak
- b) Bhojak
- c) Ghatikas
- d) Sarthvaha

**Q.42)** With reference to Temples of Khajuraho in India, consider the following statements:

1. A feature of these temples is the presence of Vimana, a stepped pyramid tower.
2. Erotic sculptures are common in the architecture of these Temples.
3. The earliest mention of these temples can be found in the accounts of Abu Rahyan al Biruni.
4. The temples of Khajuraho are dedicated exclusively to Hindu Gods and Goddesses.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.43)** Consider the following pairs regarding various dynasties and their capitals:

Dynasty	Capital
1. Kakatiya	Halebidu
2. Yadavas	Devagiri
3. Chandelas of Jejakabhukti	Khajuraho

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Q.44)** In the context of Ancient History of South India, which one of the following statements is correct?

- a) Uraiyur was famous as a major center of cotton trading.
- b) Tondi was an important port primarily associated with Cholas.
- c) Amaravati and Nagarjunakonda were two famous inland markets on Dakshinapatha.
- d) Arikamedu was an important Indo-Sri Lankan trade Centre.

**Q.45)** With reference to Medieval Indian History, consider the following statements:

1. Jaipal of Hindushahi dynasty formed a federation of Hindu rulers against the attacks of Mahmud Gazni.
2. Dahir was the ruler of Sindh during the attack of Muhammad-Bin-Kasim.

3. Bhim II of Chalukya (Solanki) dynasty was the first Indian ruler to defeat Muhammad Ghori.

4. Changez Khan (Genghis Khan) reached the north-west frontiers of India during the reign of Delhi Sultan Balban.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.46)** With reference to the history of India, consider the following pairs about the literary work and its author:

Literature	Author
1. Prithviraj Raso	Chand bardai
2. Kadambari	Harshavardhana
3. Svapna-vasavadatta	Bhasa
4. Saundarananda	Ashvaghosha

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**Q.47)** Consider the following description about a Buddhist doctrine:

It is a doctrine of dependent origination and is central to Buddhist philosophy. It is also connected to the second noble truth of Buddhism i.e. suffering has a cause (Dukkha Samudaya). According to Buddhism everything in this world has a cause which leads to cycle of existence. The doctrine is said to be a middle path between eternity and annihilation. Which one of the following doctrines is described in the above given paragraph?

- a) Pratitya-Samutpada
- b) Sasvatvada
- c) Uchedvada
- d) Shunyavada

**Q.48)** Many educational centers particularly for Buddhism were established by the Pala Dynasty of Bengal during their reign from ninth to the early twelfth centuries. Which of the following centers of Buddhist education was **not** established by Palas of Bengal?

- Odantpuri
- Vikramashila
- Vallabhi
- Sompura

**Q.49)** With reference to medieval Indian history, which of the following is correct regarding Turkan-I-Chahalgani?

- It was organized by Qutbuddin Aibak.
- The iqtdars in the kingdom were organized into groups called Turkan-I-Chahalgani.
- It advised and assisted the sultan in the administration.
- The power of the Turkan-I-Chahalgani was curtailed by Bahram Shah.

**Q.50)** Which one of the following was the purpose of the British East India Company's Summary Settlement of 1856 in Awadh?

- To check the accumulation of interest to be paid by ryots to the money lenders over time.
- To prevent the imprisonment of peasants in case of failure of re-payment of debt.
- To eliminate intermediaries and institute a direct revenue collection system from the peasantry to maximize government income.
- To impose restrictions on the power of landlords to increase rent or evict tenants.

**Q.51)** Consider the following:

- Unto this last
- Unhappy India
- Hind swaraj
- The Indian states problem
- A Nation in making

How many of the above books were authored by Mahatma Gandhi?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

**Q.52)** Consider the following Programs/Schemes:

- Nari Adalats
- Jananai Suraksha Yojna
- Mahila Samman Certificate
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
- Mission Vatsalya

How many of the above programs/schemes are part of Umbrella scheme of Mission Shakti Programme of Government of India?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- Only five

**Q.53)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Goldene has the potential application in hydrogen production and water purification.

**Statement II:** Goldene has a four-dimensional structure.

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

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- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.54)** Consider the following applications:

The Ultrasound technology can be used-

- in scanners to get images of internal organs of the human body.
- to generate electrical energy in power plants by converting sound waves into electricity.
- to clean parts located in hard-to-reach places of electrical components.
- to detect cracks and flaws in metal blocks.

How many of the above statements are correct regarding the applications of Ultrasound technology?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

**Q.55)** With reference to Emerging Technologies in contemporary times, consider the following statements:

1. Internet of Things (IoT) refers to a network of physically connected electronic devices to collect and exchange data over the Internet.
2. Web of Things (WoT) uses existing web standards for seamless communication between connected devices and web applications.
3. Cloud of Things (CoT) refers to a distributed computing framework in which the data is processed at the periphery network.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.56)** With reference to various astronomical phenomena, consider the following pairs:

<b>Terms</b>	<b>Description</b>
1. Magellanic clouds	A luminous and distant object powered by supermassive black holes.
2. Meteor	A solid piece of debris from a meteoroid that lands on the surface of the Earth
3. Gamma Ray Bursts	Short lived explosion that may occur as a result of merger of two neutron stars into a black hole.
4. Comet	A large object made of dust and ice that orbit the Sun.
5. Quasar	A pair of irregular galaxies observed near the Milkyway Galaxy.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Q.57)** Various nations across the globe have been developing advanced space missions to explore space and to attain scientific knowledge. In this context, which one of the

following is correct regarding global space endeavours?

- a) Currently only the United States, Japan, and China have their own public and/or commercial human spaceflight programs.
- b) Chandrayan-3 is the first successful lunar mission in the world to soft land on the south pole of the Moon.
- c) Japan is the only country to own a space station of its own without any collaboration with other countries.
- d) Falcon 9, world's first reusable rocket was designed and manufactured by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**Q.58)** With reference to recent developments in India's Naval aircraft carriers, consider the following statements:

1. Currently, India possesses only one operational aircraft carrier called "Vikramaditya".
2. The aircrafts from Vikramaditya are launched using the catapults powered by Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS), rather than traditional ski-jumps.

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

**Q.59)** Plastic when burnt in open field release numerous toxic pollutants. With reference to these pollutants, consider the following:

1. Dioxins can disrupt thyroid system in humans.
2. Mercury pollution can lead to chlorosis in plants.
3. Furans can affect reproduction and development in animals.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Q.60)** With respect to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)- Renewable Energy Statistics-2023, consider the following statements:

1. India ranks second globally in Renewable Energy installed capacity.
2. India ranks fourth globally in wind power capacity.
3. India ranks fifth globally in solar power capacity.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.61)** Consider the following countries:

1. Laos
2. Vietnam
3. Indonesia
4. Malaysia
5. Philippines
6. Maldives

How many of the above-mentioned countries border South China Sea?

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

**Q.62)** Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Thermosphere, a layer of Earth's atmosphere?

- a) It is the layer where aurora (aurora borealis and aurora australis) primarily occurs.
- b) It is the layer where temperature decreases with increase in height.
- c) It is the layer where most of the meteoroids burn as they enter Earth's atmosphere.
- d) It is the densest layer of all the atmospheric layers of earth.

**Q.63)** Consider the following statements in relation to Dark Sky Reserves (DSR):

1. It is a designation given to a place that has policies in place to ensure that region has minimal artificial light interference.
2. The designation of Dark Sky Reserves is conferred by the United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

3. Namdapha National Park recently became the India's first Dark Sky Reserve.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.64)** Consider the following statements with reference to Urban Forest:

1. It encompasses all types of green spaces thriving with trees, including those found in parks and gardens within urban and peri-urban areas.
2. Miyawaki method is an innovative solution to create small-scale urban forests, especially in densely populated urban areas.
3. Nagar Van Yojana was introduced by Government of India, with the purpose of creating Urban Forest in the cities of India with the population of atleast 1 million.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.65)** With reference to Tarai regions in India, consider the following statements:

1. It is a zone of porous land where fine sand, silt and clay are deposited by different rivers.
2. It is known for its marshy, swampy, and low-lying terrain.
3. It extends over the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
4. Tharu Tribal Community belongs to the Tarai region.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.66)** Consider the following pairs regarding mountain passes in India and their location:

Mountain Pass	Location
1. Niti Pass	Uttarakhand
2. Sela Pass	Sikkim
3. Bhorghat Pass	Kerala
4. Kongka Pass	Ladakh
5. Rohtang Pass	Himachal Pradesh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Q.67)** Which of the following statements most logically explain the functioning of the Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) earphones/headphones?

- a) They use built-in microphones and speaker sets to analyze and generate opposite sound waves to cancel surrounding noise.
- b) They rely on heavy padding materials to block out external noise passively.
- c) They use an amplification method to amplify internal sounds to improve the listening experience.
- d) They use the echo cancellation method to block unwanted sounds.

**Q.68)** With reference to Cervical Cancer, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV).
- 2. It is one of the most common cancers among women in India.
- 3. India has recently developed its first indigenous vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.69)** Which of the statements given below is **incorrect** regarding the Ethylene Oxide (EtO) that was in the news recently?

- a) It has been classified as a carcinogenic chemical compound by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.
- b) It is used by the spice industry as a fumigant to reduce microbial contamination of spices.
- c) It is a non-flammable, violet colored gas with a pungent odor.
- d) It is used as a chemical intermediate in making an antifreeze substance ethylene glycol.

**Q.70)** How does the fire burning inside an Igloo help in maintaining the temperature inside Igloo without melting the Igloo itself?

- a) The ice of the igloo tends to lose heat to external colder air at a faster rate than the rate at which fire delivers heat to it from inside.
- b) The Igloo's construction materials, such as ice and compact snow, have very high melting point.
- c) The smoke from the fire fills the igloo and acts as a thick blanket, preventing igloo from melting.
- d) The fire heats rocks placed around it, which slowly release heat throughout the night without raising the air temperature enough to melt the ice.

**Q.71)** Consider the following items:

- 1. Uncooked/unfried snack pellets
- 2. Satellite launch services by private operators
- 3. Pencil Sharpener
- 4. Pasteurized milk
- 5. Eggs without shell
- 6. Food preparation of millet flour in powder form and containing at least 70% millets by weight when sold in loose form.

How many of the above items are under zero percent rate of Good and Services Tax (GST)?

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

**Q.72)** The headline inflation in India is generally within the mandated range of 2% to 6% but the food inflation is observed to be on a higher side. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Fluctuations in agricultural production due to unpredictable weather patterns and climatic changes.
2. Increased input costs for farmers, including cost of seeds, fertilizers, labor and energy.
3. The Cobweb Phenomenon, where the current prices of food items influence the production decisions of farmers.

How many of the above factors contribute to high food inflation in India?

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

**Q.73)** With reference to National income accounting, “National Income” can be most closely expressed as?

- a) Gross Domestic Product at market price.
- b) Net National Product at factor cost.
- c) Gross Domestic Product at factor cost.
- d) Net National Product at market price.

**Q.74)** With reference to Indian economy, consider the following deficit trends in last three financial years (2020-21 to 2022-23):

1. Current Account Deficit (CAD) as a percentage of GDP has steadily increased.
2. Fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP has steadily declined.
3. The primary deficit as a percentage of GDP has steadily increased.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Q.75)** Consider the following statements:

Statement I: India's net household savings as a percentage of its gross domestic product (GDP) has been declining in recent times.

Statement II: The share of household borrowing in household (disposable) income has increased in recent times.

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

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.76)** Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Sand mining operations conducted in an area less than 5 hectares do not require environmental clearance.

Statement II: Sand is a minor mineral under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.

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

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.77)** Consider the following statements:

According to the Constitution of India-

1. all contracts made in the exercise of the executive power of the Union shall be expressed to be made by the President of India.
2. Parliament only with the prior consent of the President can make any law which discriminates between states in matters of trade and commerce listed in the seventh schedule.
3. state legislature only with the prior consent of the state's Governor can make any law that imposes reasonable restrictions on trade, commerce, or intercourse within the state in the public interest.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.78)** The Sahel region is often mentioned in news for armed conflict, poverty, climate change, food insecurity and political instability. In this context, which one of the following group of countries is generally considered part of 'Sahel Region'?

- Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso
- Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia
- Somalia, Tanzania and Mozambique
- Angola, Zambia and Botswana

**Q.79)** With reference to Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), consider the following statements:

- It was established under the Biological Diversity Act of 2002.
- It appraises activities involving large scale use of hazardous microorganisms in research and industrial production from an environmental angle.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

**Q.80)** Consider the following:

- The Chairman of Union Public Service Commission
- The Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- The Chief Election Commissioner of India
- The Central Vigilance Commissioner
- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India

The removal process of how many of the above, in certain cases, requires an enquiry by the Supreme Court of India?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- Only five

**Q.81)** In the context of British rule in India, Henry Lawrence, Hugh Rose, John Nicolson, and William Taylor are best identified as:

- Governors of various British provinces.
- British officials who suppressed the revolt of 1857 in different regions.
- Secretaries of State during British India.

d) Judges of the Supreme Court during the British era.

**Q.82)** Consider the following pairs with reference to ancient sites of India:

Ancient Sites	Well known for
1. Darasuram	Sri Suryanarayana Swamy Sun Temple
2. Arsavalli	Airavatesvara temple
3. Pattadakal	Virupaksha temple

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

**Q.83)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** James Mill divided Indian history into the Hindu Period, the Muslim Period, and the British Period.

**Statement II:** According to James Mill's idea of History, the period preceding British rule in India was characterized as a period of darkness.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.



**Q.84)** Consider the following statements with reference to Electric and Hybrid Vehicles:

**Statement I:** The running cost (fuel cost per kilometer) of Hybrid Vehicles (HVs) is much lower than that of equivalent Electric Vehicles (EVs).

**Statement II:** Hybrid Vehicles are equipped with both an onboard electricity storage system and an internal combustion engine.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.85)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** The Constitution of India declares the nature of the Indian State as secular.

**Statement II:** All persons in India are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion, subject to public order, morality, and health.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

**Q.86)** Consider the following statements regarding Payments Banks in India:

- They are registered as a public limited company under the Companies Act, 2013.
- They cannot accept deposits from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).

3. They must invest at least 75% of their demand deposit balances in approved government securities or treasury bills.

4. Deposits made in Payment Banks are not insured under the deposit insurance scheme of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

**Q.87)** Which of the following pair of tribes belong to Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India?

- Bhotia, Onge, Gaddi
- Gaddi, Apatani, Jarawa
- Singpho, Nyishi, Apatani
- Shompen, Jarawa, Onge

**Q.88)** Consider the following statements about Histoplasmosis:

**Statement - I:** It can cause severe respiratory illness in humans

**Statement - II:** The breathable antigen arising from the pigeon's droppings can lead to Histoplasmosis.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.89)** Consider the following statements regarding the “Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD)” agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO):

1. It is a legally binding treaty aiming to make it easier for developing and least-developed countries to attract foreign direct investments (FDIs).
2. It provides for a separate Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism outside WTO to protect the interests of investors.
3. India is a party to this agreement.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Q.90)** Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC):

1. It was established in 1948 with adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nation General Assembly.
2. It receives secretariat support from the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).
3. Currently, all the members of the United Nations are the members of UNHRC, except North Korea.
4. Recently India voted in favour of the UNHRC resolution calling for Israel to be held accountable for possible war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza Strip.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Q.91)** With reference to the Personality rights, consider the following statements:

1. It encompasses an individual’s right to safeguard their distinct persona under the right to privacy or property.
2. In India, these rights were exclusively identified for the first time in the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

3. Violation of personality rights in India can result in legal repercussions under the provisions of the Trademarks Act, 1999.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.92)** Consider the following pairs in relation to various actions and the legislations under which they are governed:

Action	Act under which it is covered
1. Passengers on rear seat of car not wearing seat belt	The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
2. Manipulating the original video of someone using deepfake technology	The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
3. Misleading advertisement by the competitive exam coaching institutes	The Competition Act, 2002

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Q.93)** Consider the following pairs:

Country in news	Reason for being in news
1. Nigeria	Its President declared a state of National emergency to tackle rising food prices and shortages
2. Gabon	Its military officers declared a coup and seized power from the President
3. Mali	A United Nations mission backed Constitutional Referendum took place

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Q.94)** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** Recently, India voted against a resolution of Arab Group regarding admission of Palestine as a 'Full Member' of the United Nations.

**Statement II:** India supports a two-state solution of the longstanding Palestine-Israel conflict.

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

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Q.95)** Consider the following pairs regarding different types of vehicle number plates in India, and the purpose for which they are used:

Different types of Vehicle number plates	Purpose
1. Details of registration number printed in Black on yellow background	Used for commercial passenger of freight vehicles such as taxis and trucks.
2. Details of registration number printed in Black on white background	Used for private, non-commercial vehicles.
3. Details of registration number printed in white on green background	Used for private, non-commercial electric vehicles
4. Details of registration number printed in yellow on black background	Used for vehicles assigned to foreign delegates or ambassadors
5. Details of registration number printed in white on blue background	Used for commercial rental vehicles, such as self-drive rental cars.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only two
- Only three

- Only four
- All five

**Q.96)** Consider the following statements about the administration and recognition of sports in India:

- "Sports" is listed under the concurrent list in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is recognised as a National Sports Federation by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- No Indian cricketer who is currently playing international cricket has been awarded Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award.
- The Arjuna Award is considered as the highest sporting honour.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- None

**Q.97)** With reference to regions mentioned in the news, consider the following pairs:

Region in news	Reason for being in news
1. Tripoli	Establishment of a military base by the Government of India.
2. Paletwa	Renewed ethnic conflict in the region located in Democratic Republic of Congo.
3. Zaranj-Delaram	Highway in Afghanistan constructed by India.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

**Q.98)** The “Darien Gap”, sometimes mentioned in the news, for which of the following reasons?

- a) A strategic waterway being developed by China as an alternative to the Malacca Strait.
- b) A dedicated corridor developed by European nations to supply food grains to Ukraine.
- c) A region between Columbia and Panama which is emerging as a major route for global human migration.
- d) A narrow strip of land in the Red Sea recently captured by the Houthi rebellions in Yemen.

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

**Q.99)** Consider the following statements regarding “Carbon Nanoflorets”:

The carbon nanoflorets:

1. can produce solar energy efficiently than conventional solar panels, by absorbing sunlight across infrared, visible, and ultraviolet frequencies.
2. can be used in producing water heating devices due to their exceptional heat adsorption capacity.
3. can be utilized effectively to remove heavy pollutants such as chromium and mercury from contaminated sources.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q.100)** With reference to recent developments regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), consider the following statements:

1. Kashi (Varanasi) has been declared as the first tourism and cultural capital of SCO.
2. The New Delhi Declaration seeks to develop common principles and approaches to form a unified list of terrorists, separatist and extremist organizations whose activities are prohibited on the territories of the SCO Member States.



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