

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This Test Booklet contains 100 items (Questions). Each item is printed in English. Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response with you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
2. You have to mark all your responses **ONLY** on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See direction in the answers sheet.
3. All items carry equal marks. Attempt all items. Your total marks will depend only on the number of correct responses marked by you in the answer sheet. **For every incorrect response 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the allotted marks will be deducted.**

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*From Dream to Reality*

1. Which of the following is primarily responsible for the current accelerated expansion of the universe?

- (a) Dark Matter
- (b) Dark Energy
- (c) Antigravity
- (d) Cosmic Inflation

2. Arrange the following National Parks in India from North to South:

- 1. Dachigam National Park
- 2. Khangchendzonga National Park
- 3. Gangotri National Park
- 4. Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

3. Which of the following best defines a 'Blue Moon'?

- (a) A phenomenon when the Moon appears blue due to atmospheric dust during a lunar eclipse.
- (b) The occurrence of two new moons within the same calendar month.
- (c) A full moon that appears closest to the Earth and looks larger and brighter than usual.
- (d) The second full moon occurring within the same calendar month.

4. How many of the following tree species depends exclusively on bats for its pollination in nature?

- 1. Baobab
- 2. Dillenia biflora
- 3. Mango
- 4. Guava

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

5. Which of the following rivers primarily contributed to the fertility of the Mesopotamian region within the Fertile Crescent?

- (a) Nile and Jordan
- (b) Tigris and Euphrates
- (c) Indus and Ganges
- (d) Danube and Rhine

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Coral reefs are found in both tropical and deep-sea ecosystems.
- 2. Great Nicobar and Sundarbans are home to some of India's major coral reef formations.
- 3. Coral reefs are primarily composed of calcium phosphate secreted by coralline algae.
- 4. Coral reefs require warm, shallow, and clear waters to thrive in marine ecosystems.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

7. In the context of Bhitarkanika National Park, consider the following statements:

1. The park is famous for having one of the largest populations of saltwater crocodiles in India.
2. It is a dry deciduous forest ecosystem with minimal aquatic biodiversity.
3. The park has been included under UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

8. "Extended Fund Facility" and "Stand-by Arrangement" are related to the provisions of lending by which one of the following?

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative
- (d) World Bank

9. 'Delhi Chalo Movement' is associated with:

- (a) Swadeshi Movement
- (b) Quit India Movement
- (c) Individual Satyagraha
- (d) Bardoli Satyagraha

10. India recently announced a US\$ 100 million fresh line of Credit for the connectivity project which is an infrastructure project to link its capital with its nearby islands of Villingli, Gulhifalhu and Thilafushi. Uthuru Thilafalhu (UTF) atoll is a

major atoll of this country. It is part of the Colombo Security Conclave which envisages peaceful cooperation in the Indian Ocean.

Which of the following country is being described in the above-given passage?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Fiji

11. The IUCN has also raised concerns about frankincense-producing trees (*Boswellia* species).

In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Frankincense trees are endemic to the region of the African continent.
2. Frankincense trees grow best in dense, high-rainfall tropical forests.
3. Frankincense resin has been used as incense, perfume, and medicine.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. Consider the following information:

Species Name	IUCN Status	Distribution in India
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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Malabar Civet   | Critically Endangered | Western Ghats |
| 2. Snow Leopard    | Endangered            | Himalayas     |
| 3. Lesser Florican | Critically Endangered | Western India |

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

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

**13.** The Warrant of Precedence in India, which is an official order that ranks government officials and dignitaries based on their protocol status for ceremonial and state functions, is published by:

- (a) Prime Minister's Office (PMO)
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) President's Secretariat
- (d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

**14.** Consider the following statements regarding the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

1. The CBI is subject to dual supervision by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions.
2. The deputation of police officers to the CBI requires the approval of the respective state government where the officer is serving.
3. The CBI investigates serious and organized crimes, including cases of terrorism.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**15.** Consider the following statements:

1. Police can arrest an accused involved in a cognizable crime only with a warrant from the Court.
2. Non-cognizable offences do not need express permission from courts because of their serious nature.

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

**16.** Consider the following pairs:

Volcanic mountain	Country
1. Spurr:	Russia
2. Lewotobi:	Indonesia
3. Erebus:	Iceland
4. Kanlaon:	Japan

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**17.** Sasaini, Hispar, and Khordopin are best associated with which of the following?

- (a) Seasonal rivers in the Zaskar Valley originating from Himalayan snowmelt
- (b) Mountain passes of the Dhauladhar Range used historically by traders from Ladakh
- (c) Glaciers in the Karakoram region contributing to river systems in the region



(d) Glacier-eroded plateaus in the cold desert region of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh

**18.** Which of the following effects are commonly associated with hyperinflation?

1. Encourages hoarding of goods
2. Erodes real wages and savings
3. Leads to overvaluation of domestic currency
4. Weakens the central bank's credibility

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**19.** Consider the following statements about Warren Hastings:

1. He ended the Dual System in Bengal and made Calcutta the capital of Bengal.
2. He introduced the Ijaredari system in which the right to collect revenue was given to the highest bidder.
3. He established the Board of Revenue for the Company's Diwani work and appointed collectors for revenue collection.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**20.** PolG disease is a genetic disorder that directly affects which of the following organelles, leading

to impaired energy production and cellular dysfunction?

- (a) Ribosomes
- (b) Nucleus
- (c) Mitochondria
- (d) Lysosomes

**21.** Consider the following pairs:

**Indus Valley site**

**Excavators**

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Harappa:     | R D Bannerji   |
| 2. Mohenjodaro: | Dayaram Sahani |
| 3. Lothal:      | J P Joshi      |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

**22.** Consider the following statements:

1. Gujarat is the only state in India that produces agate and chalk.
2. Chhattisgarh is the sole producer of tin concentrate in the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**23.** Delegated legislation means a legislation which is passed by a body to which the power of legislation is delegated by the statute. Where in the Constitution of India we find the

inspiration/source of delegated legislation provisions?

- (a) Article 75
- (b) Article 122
- (c) Article 142
- (d) Article 312

**24.** Consider the following:

1. Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
2. Minamata Convention on Mercury
3. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer
4. Stockholm Convention of Persistent Organic Pollutants

Arrange the above conventions in the correct chronological order from the earliest to the latest.

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

**25.** Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, scientists from the University of California, Berkley, have X-rayed a single atom for the first time.
2. An X-ray's wavelength distribution is similar to an atom's size.
3. Scientists have used the synchrotron X-ray scanning tunneling microscopy method to image a single atom of Iron and Terbium.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

(d) None

**26.** Tri Party Repo Dealing System (TREPS) is a money market platform operated by the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) for repo transactions in government securities, where a third-party agent manages collateral and settlement. In this context,

Which of the following entities are eligible to participate in TREPS?

1. Public Sector Banks
2. Co-operative Banks
3. Mutual Funds
4. Insurance Companies

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**27.** With reference to the GST (Goods and Services Tax) Council, consider the following statements:

1. The 100th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2016 led to the formation of the GST Council.
2. The vote of the central government shall have equal weightage to the votes of all state governments in the council proceedings.

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

**28.** Arrange the following events in chronological order:

1. Launch of Golden Quadrilateral Project
2. Launch of Kisan Credit Card (KCC)
3. Commencement of operations of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**29.** In the context of Sanyasi-Fakir rebellion of 18th century, consider the following statements:

1. The sanyasis were descendants of the 'dasnami' group who were followers of Shankaracharya.
2. It was a combined armed resistance by Sanyasis and Muslim Fakir against the East India Company of India
3. The Sanyasis apart from being religious mendicants acted as traders, moneylenders and mercenaries.
4. They revolted mainly against the reversal of benefits like having tax-free lands and free movement which they received traditionally.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**30.** Consider the following description:

1. It is a high-altitude wetland and an important breeding ground for the Black-necked Crane.
2. The site experiences extreme cold desert conditions, with temperatures dropping below freezing for most of the year.
3. It is located in a rain-shadow region, making it one of the driest wetlands in the country.

Which of the following Ramsar sites is best described by the description given above?

- (a) Loktak Lake
- (b) Wular Lake
- (c) Tso Kar Wetland Complex
- (d) Chandra Taal Wetland

**31.** How many of the following are the characteristics of a mangrove ecosystem?

1. Aerial Roots
2. Exhibit vivipary
3. Saline and Waterlogged Conditions
4. Low Biodiversity

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**32.** Consider the following statements regarding various types of investments in an economy :

1. Induced Investment changes with income levels and economic activity.
2. Autonomous Investment is independent of income and economic fluctuations.

3. Impact Investment aims for both financial returns and positive social or environmental outcomes.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**33.** Consider the following statements regarding initiatives for promoting women entrepreneurship in India:

1. Fifty percent of annual procurement by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) is reserved for women-owned MSMEs.
2. 10 percent of the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) managed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is reserved exclusively for women-led startups.
3. The Indian Patent Act provides for expedited examination of a patent application if at least one applicant is a female.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**34.** Consider the following pairs:

<b>Tectonic Plate</b>	<b>Location</b>
1. Macquarie microplate:	Sits south of Tasmania

2. Capricorn microplate: Separates the Indian and Australian plates

3. Pontous : South China Sea

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**35.** Consider the following pairs:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Description</b>
1. Isohaline:	Same Salinity
2. Isohyte:	Same Sunshine
3. Isohel:	Same Precipitation

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**36.** Consider the following statements regarding the Seagrasses:

1. Seagrasses are flowering marine plants that grow in shallow coastal waters.
2. Antarctica is the only continent without seagrasses.
3. Seagrasses reproduce both asexual clonal growth and sexual reproduction.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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



- (c) All three
- (d) None

**37.** Consider the following statements about the Primary Market:

1. Retail investors cannot participate in Initial Public Offer (IPOs) through the primary market.
2. Rights issues and preferential allotments are part of the primary market operations.

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

**38.** With reference to the joint session of parliament, consider the following statements:

1. A joint sitting of parliament cannot be summoned if the bill under dispute has already lapsed due to the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.
2. In the absence of the speaker and deputy speaker of Lok Sabha, the chairman of Rajya Sabha presides over the joint sitting.
3. The quorum to constitute a joint sitting is one-tenth of the total number of members of the two Houses.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**39.** Consider the following:

1. Green Credit Programme (GCP)
  2. International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
  3. One Trillion Trees Initiative
  4. High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People
- How many of the above initiatives have been launched by India?

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

**40.** Which of the following has been exempted from GST as per recent decisions of the GST?

1. Fortified Rice Kernels
2. Gene Therapy
3. Penal Charges collected by Banks

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**41.** Which of the following best describes 'externalities' in the context of Economics?

- (a) It is the total cost of production incurred by a firm.
- (b) It refers to the impact of government policies on market prices.
- (c) It is the revenue generated by firms from international trade.
- (d) It is the unintended side effects of an economic activity on third parties.

**42.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement I:** The Global Methane Pledge, launched at COP26, aims to reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels.

**Statement II:** Methane is a long-lived climate pollutant with a high global warming potential (GWP).

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, but 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

**43.** Consider the following statements regarding 'Jalvahak' scheme:

1. It incentivizes the movement of long-haul cargo via NW-1 (River Ganga), NW-2 (River Brahmaputra), and NW-16 (River Barak).
2. It offers reimbursement upto 100% of total operating expenditure incurred while transporting cargo through waterways.

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

**44.** Expedition 72, recently seen in the news, is related to which of the following?

- (a) A joint Indo-Pacific naval exercise conducted in the South China Sea.
- (b) A scientific research voyage to Antarctica under the Indian Antarctic Programme.
- (c) A long-duration crewed mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- (d) A SpaceX mission involving the first commercial space station module launch.

**45.** Recently, a new species was identified in Meghalaya named Channa nachi, this species marks the rich biodiversity of the region. This species is related to which of the following?

- (a) Snake
- (b) Fish
- (c) Bamboo
- (d) Butterfly

**46.** Consider the following statements regarding yakshas:

1. In some traditions they were worshipped as the God of fertility.
2. They were regarded as demonic creatures in some Brahmanical and Buddhist texts.
3. They were worshipped in some regions as the God of merchants and travelers.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**47.** Consider the following statements with respect to Rig Vedic Age:

1. They had the knowledge of different seasons for agriculture.
2. Land formed the most important form of private wealth.
3. Aryan people were acquainted with land routes.

Which of the statement given above are correct?

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

**48.** Due to some reasons, if there is a significant decline in the population of honeybees, what could be its likely consequences?

1. Pollination of several crops could be severely affected, reducing agricultural yields.
2. There could be a sharp increase in populations of other pollinators like butterflies and beetles.
3. It may lead to a decline in species that depend on honeybees for food, such as some birds and mammals.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**49.** Phos-Chek, recently seen in the news, is a:

- (a) Newly developed antibiotic for treating bacterial infections.
- (b) Chemical compound used as a fire retardant in wildfire suppression.

(c) Type of fertilizer used to enhance crop yield.

(d) Satellite launched for environmental monitoring.

**50.** In the context of the International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR) initiative by the RBI, which of the following statements correctly describe the Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA)?

1. SRVA requires prior approval from the RBI before being opened.
2. SRVA enables international trade settlements in Indian Rupees, complementing the existing foreign currency-based system.
3. The exchange rate between INR and foreign currency must be fixed by the RBI for SRVA transactions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**51.** Which of the following was/were the outcome of the Nagpur Session of Indian National Congress in 1920?

1. Launch of Civil Disobedience Movement.
2. Attainment of Swaraj by peaceful and legitimate means was set as the goal of Congress.
3. Provincial Congress Committees were organized on linguistic basis.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only

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

**52.** Consider the following statements regarding the BharatNet Project:

1. The project aims to provide high-speed broadband connectivity to all gram panchayats in India.
2. It is being implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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

**53.** Consider the following statements regarding the Judges Protection Act, 1985:

1. The Act applies to judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts, and Subordinate Courts but does not extend to members of tribunals.
2. The Act provides immunity to only sitting and not retired judges from criminal proceedings for acts performed in their judicial capacity.
3. The Act lays down a detailed procedure for registering an FIR against a judge accused of misconduct.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- (d) None of the above

**54.** MITRA, a new digital platform to assist investors in tracking and reclaiming inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios, was launched by which organization?

- (a) Association of Mutual Funds in India
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (c) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**55.** Consider the following statements with regard to the associations/groups formed during the Non-Cooperation movement:

1. Anti-non-Cooperation association was established by a section of businessmen against the movement.
2. Foreign Cloth Boycott Committee was organized to propagate ideas of the programme.

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

**56.** Doon Valleys, such as Dehradun, are found between:

- (a) Great Himalayas and Lesser Himalayas.
- (b) Shivaliks and Lesser Himalayas.
- (c) Lesser Himalayas and Trans-Himalayas.
- (d) Great Himalayas and Shivaliks.



**57.** The terms "Hard Fork" and "Soft Fork" are primarily related to which of the following technologies?

- (a) Cryptocurrency and blockchain technology
- (b) Genetic modifications in crops
- (c) Cybersecurity protocols in cloud computing
- (d) Strategies used in information warfare

**58.** Which of the following best describes the role of 'Bargis' during the Medieval period?

- (a) They were elite cavalry units were used for rapid assaults in battlefield engagement.
- (b) They were mercenary groups well-known for their large-scale plundering in regions like Bengal.
- (c) They were administrative officers in charge of tax collection in the provinces.
- (d) They were religious leaders that responsible for maintaining law and order within the empire.

**59.** Consider the following statements:

1. A British committee of the Indian National Congress was established in London in 1889.
2. In 1892, Dadabhai Naoroji held a session of the Indian National Congress in London.

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

**60.** It is conducted when more than one person stakes a claim to form the government. When the majority is not clear, the governor might call for a special session to see who has the majority. The

majority is counted based on those present and voting. This can also be done through a voice vote where the member can respond orally or through division voting. Some legislators may be absent or choose not to vote.

Which of the following is best explained in the passage given above?

- (a) Composite floor test
- (b) Confidence motion
- (c) No-confidence motion
- (d) Division vote

**61.** With reference to Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Ltd. (ASHVINI), consider the following statements:

1. ASHVINI is a joint venture between NPCIL and NTPC, with NPCIL holding the majority stake.
2. ASHVINI will function under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.
3. It is established to build, own, and operate nuclear power plants in India.

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

**62.** Consider the following statements regarding Whistleblowing in India under Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014:

1. Whistleblower can be a government official or an non-governmental organization.
2. It does not apply to the armed forces of the Union.

3. Complainant must disclose his particulars in order to invoke action by the authorities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**63.** In the context of cultural history of India, "Batik art", is a:

- (a) form of painting done on walls using natural pigments.
- (b) textile art where patterns are created by applying wax to fabric.
- (c) type of pottery decoration using clay and paint.
- (d) form of sculpture created using metal and stones.

**64.** The term 'justice' in the preamble mainly refers to which of the following?

- (a) Retributive justice
- (b) Distributive justice
- (c) Corrective justice
- (d) Procedural justice

**65.** With reference to advanced computing technologies, consider the following statements:

1. Cloud computing enables high-speed real-time data processing, whereas Edge computing is used for non-time-sensitive data processing.
2. Cloud computing operates remotely and requires minimal internet connectivity, whereas Edge computing relies on a stable internet connection.

3. Cloud computing is ideal for handling highly sensitive data with strict regulatory compliance, whereas Edge computing is suited for dynamic workloads and large datasets.

How many statements given above are correct?

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

**66.** Which of the following industries flourished during the Vijayanagara Empire?

1. Jaggery & Sugar
2. Textile
3. Leather
4. Oil Pressing
5. Salt Manufacturing

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

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

**67.** With reference to 'Tiger Reserves in India', consider the following pairs:

Tiger Reserve State

1. Sariska Tiger Reserve : Odisha
2. Valmiki Tiger Reserve : Bihar
3. Satkosia Tiger Reserve : Rajasthan

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

(d) 2 and 3 only

**68.** Consider the following statements about Tribunals established under Article 323A and 323B:

1. Tribunals established under Article 323A deal exclusively with service matters of government employees.
2. Article 323B allows the creation of a hierarchy of tribunals at both the Union and State levels.
3. Tribunals under Article 323A can be created only by Parliament, while tribunals under Article 323B can be established by both Parliament and State Legislatures.

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

**69.** Consider the following statements regarding the World Trade Organization (WTO):

1. The First Ministerial Conference of the WTO was held in Singapore in 1996.
2. No WTO Ministerial Conference has been held in India till now.
3. The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) was a key outcome of the Bali Ministerial Conference in 2013.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**70.** Which one of the following statements is not correct regarding the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana?

- (a) The guardian can open the account immediately after the birth of the girl child till she attains the age of 18 years.
- (b) Parents can open a maximum of two accounts for each of their children except in case of twins or triplets.
- (c) Patents can open a Sukanya Samriddhi account for girls at any post office or designated commercial bank branch.
- (d) The account matures upon the completion of twenty-one years of the account holder from its opening date.

**71.** Which of the following recently became the first Indian State to have commission for elderly?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Kerala

**72.** Arrange the following saints of bhakti movement in correct chronological order:

1. Surdas
2. Vallabhacharya
3. Gnanadeva
4. Basavanna

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**73.** Consider the following:

1. Proclamation of Emergency
2. Provisions as to financial emergency
3. Provisions in case of failure of constitutional machinery in States

Under the Indian Constitution, how many of the above are included in the Emergency provisions under Part XVIII?

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

**74.** Consider the following statements regarding the architecture in during Delhi Sultanate period:

1. They started using slab and beam construction was for roofs.
2. They built minars around mosques and mausoleums.
3. They used human and animal figures in their architecture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**75.** Article 257 of the Indian Constitution empowers the Union Government to extend directions to the States in certain areas.

Which of the following matters are specifically mentioned in the Constitution, on which the Union can issue such directions to the States?

1. Construction and maintenance of means of communication of national or military importance
2. Protection of the railways within the state
3. Allocation of resources for State development
4. Regulation of minerals and mineral resources
5. Protection of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries

Select the correct answer using the code below.

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

**76.** With reference to medieval Indian history, what does At-Chala and Dalaan mean?

- (a) These were taxes collected in the eastern part of Mughal empire.
- (b) These were temple architectural styles in Bengal.
- (c) These were literary texts written on war by scholars in Rajasthan.
- (d) These were pottery making styles of North India.

**77.** Which of the following commodity boards does not come under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India?

- (a) Rubber Board
- (b) Coir Board
- (c) Tea Board
- (d) Coffee board

**78.** Consider the following pairs:

**Philosophy**

1. Advaita:

**Founder**

Ramanujacharya



2. Dvaita: Shankaracharya

3. Vishistadvaita: Madhvacharya

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**79.** Consider the following statements regarding the major geological systems of India:

1. The Archaean rock system occupies nearly two-thirds of the Peninsular Indian landmass.
2. The Dharwar rock system occurs in scattered patches and extends as far north as the Aravalli range.
3. The Cuddapah system is prominently known for its red sandstones, which were widely used for historical structures.

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

**80.** The Maritime Development Fund was announced in the budget 2025-26. With reference to this consider the following statements:

1. It will be a Rs.25000 crore fund for long-term financing for the maritime industry.
2. 75 percent of the fund contribution will come from the private sector and ports.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**81.** Consider the following statements regarding Card Tokenisation in India:

1. Tokenisation and de-tokenisation of cards can be performed only with the approval of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
2. Contactless card transactions are not allowed under tokenisation.
3. Customers need not pay any charges for availing tokenisation services.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**82.** Consider the following pairs:

Commodity	Top Producer
1. Milk:	Gujarat
2. Eggs:	Andhra Pradesh
3. Wool:	Jammu and Kashmir
4. Meat:	Uttar Pradesh

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**83.** Consider the following statements with regards to the literature works during the period of the Rashtrakutas:

1. Adipurana, the life stories of various Jain saints was written by Gunabhadra.
2. Parsvabhadraya, a biography of Parsva was composed by Jinasena.
3. Amogavarsha's Kavirajamarga was the first poetic work in Kannada language.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**84.** The Kilkanakku texts in Sangam literature deals with:

- (a) prescription of code of conduct for various social groups in society.
- (b) narration and glorification of heroic works of rulers.
- (c) earliest information about Tamil grammar and literary works.
- (d) description of socio economic conditions of Pandyan kingdom.

**85.** Consider the following statements:

1. As per the Henley Passport Index 2025, India holds a rank among the top 50 countries.
2. An Indian-passport holder can have visa- free access in a total of 45 countries.

Which of the statements given is/are correct?

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

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**86.** Consider the following statements regarding Fundamental Rights in India:

1. The Right to Free and Compulsory Education under Article 21A does not apply to unaided minority institutions.
2. Every citizen has a fundamental right to become a member of a voluntary association or cooperatives.
3. Article 32 applies only to violations of fundamental rights by the State, and not against private individuals or entities.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**87.** The 'Global Stocktake Report', recently in the news, is related to:

- (a) Assessing the progress of countries in meeting their Paris Agreement goals
- (b) Tracking global Biodiversity loss and Conservation Efforts
- (c) Monitoring the impact of climate change on ocean currents
- (d) Evaluating the financial commitment of developed nations toward climate mitigation

**88.** Which one of the following uses pebbles as tools to crack open the shells of mollusks or sea urchins?

- (a) Bottlenose Dolphin
- (b) Sea Otter
- (c) Olive Ridley Turtle
- (d) Sea cow

**89.** Consider the following statements regarding the characteristics of cowpea:

1. It is a short-duration crop that matures quickly, making it suitable for multiple cropping systems.
2. Cowpea can fix atmospheric nitrogen, improving soil fertility.
3. Nigeria is the largest producer of cowpea in the world.

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

**90.** Consider the following aspects regarding Ecomark certification:

1. It helps consumers identify environmentally friendly products.
2. It is granted to products that are 100% biodegradable only.
3. The application process is managed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
4. It is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**91.** Consider the following statements regarding Vermifiltration Technology:

1. It is a nature-based wastewater treatment method that relies on the activity of earthworms and microorganisms.
2. Vermifiltration operates under anaerobic conditions to break down organic waste effectively.
3. It is applicable for treating sewage as well as agro-industrial wastewater effluents.

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

**92.** With reference to India's Kuno National Park, consider the following statements:

1. It was in the news recently due to the successful translocation of Asiatic lions from Gir National Park
2. It is spread over two districts.
3. It is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**93.** The region "Carnatic," during the colonial India was the

- (a) entire Deccan Plateau and its surrounding regions.

- (b) Coromandal coast and its hinterland.
- (c) Malabar coast and adjacent areas.
- (d) Western Ghats and coastal Karnataka.

**94.** Consider the following statements regarding the distribution of powers between the Union and States in India:

1. Parliament, by law, may allow a State or multiple States to legislate on a subject in the Union List, but only with the prior consent of the concerned State(s).
2. The Union government can delegate its executive power to a State government with or without the consent of the respective State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**95.** "This festival is known as the 'Nada Habba' or the state festival of Karnataka. It begins with a traditional start atop the Chamundi Hills with a procession of Goddess Chamundeshwari. The festival is being celebrated since four hundred years and is patronized by the Wodeyar dynasty."

Which of the following festivals is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Gowri Habba
- (b) Mysuru Dasara
- (c) Bathukamma
- (d) Mahamastakabhisheka

**96.** Consider the following statements:

1. The difference in mineral composition between seawater and river water is primarily attributed to the varying durations of contact with the Earth's crust.

2. Seawater contains predominantly chlorides, while river water contains higher proportions of carbonates and sulphates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**97.** As per the provisions of the Indian Constitution, the President is bound to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. In this context, consider the following activities of the President:

1. Promulgation of Ordinances
2. Appointment of Governors
3. Appointment of the Chairman of UPSC
4. Consideration of Bills other than Constitutional Amendment Bills and Money Bills

Which of the above activities can the President send back to the Council of Ministers for reconsideration?

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

**98.** Which of the following lakes in India has/have shrunk immensely in the recent past?

1. Kolleru Lake



2. Tamulidoba beel

3. Panje wetlands

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 2 only

(d) 1 and 3 only

**99.** Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Dugongs are the only herbivorous marine mammals found in Indian waters.

**Statement-II:** Dugongs reproduce rapidly, with females giving birth to multiple offspring every year, leading to a stable population.

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, but 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.

**100.** Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) Scheme:

1. It aims to provide solar energy-based irrigation to farmers and reduce their dependence on diesel and electric pumps.

2. The scheme is entirely funded by the Central Government.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is the nodal ministry for implementing the scheme.

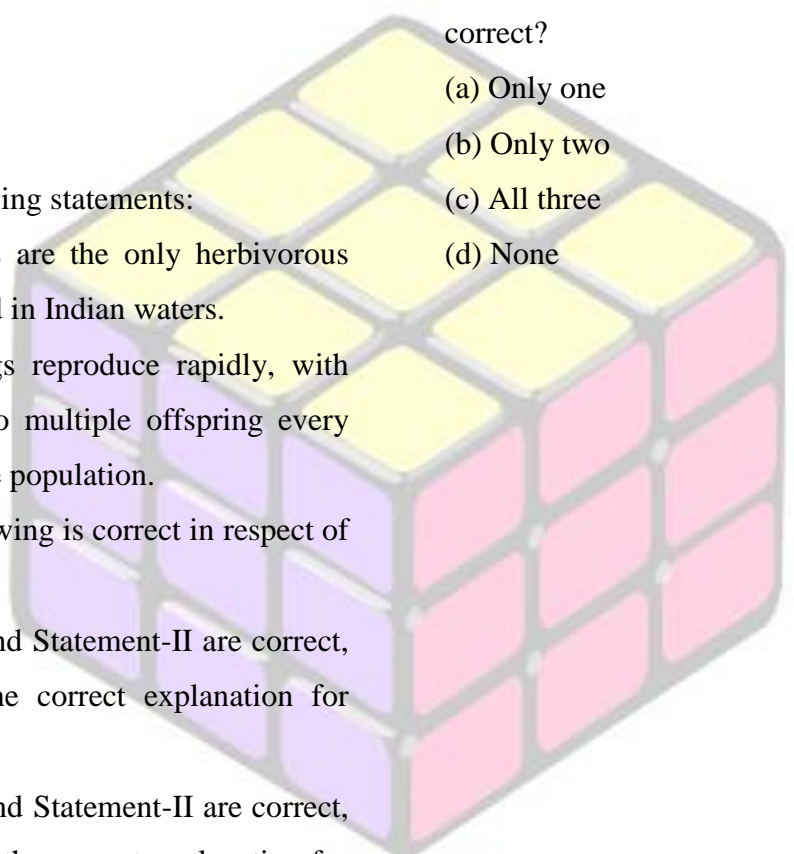
How many of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None



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