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1. Consider the following statements:

1. Dr. B.R Ambedkar was elected to the Constituent Assembly from Bombay in 1946.
2. Dr. B.R Ambedkar started an Association for the welfare of the depressed classes and the Bahishkrit Bharat newspaper.
3. Buddha or Karl Marx book was written by Dr. B. R Ambedkar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 Only (b) 1 and 3 Only
(c) 2 and 3 Only (d) All of the Above

2. Consider the following statements regarding 'Guidelines for Assessment of Child Suspects':

1. The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) will be responsible for conducting a preliminary assessment of the child suspect and the board must complete this assessment within six months from the date the child is first brought before it.
2. The JJ Act, 2015 categorizes offenses committed by children into two categories: Serious offences and Heinous offences.

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

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

3. Which of the following organisations/institution published a report "The Status of Women in Agrifood Systems"?

- (a) World Economic Forum
(b) Food and Agriculture Organisation
(c) World Bank
(d) UN-Women

4. Consider the following statements regarding 'Uttaramerur Inscription':

1. The inscription, dating back to the reign of Raja Raja Chola, provides a detailed description of how the village's self-governance functioned.
2. The Village assembly comprises of sabha which was exclusively composed of brahmins.

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

5. Consider the following statements about 'Chagas disease':

1. Chagas disease is caused by a bacterium that is transmitted through casual contact with infected humans or animals.
2. There are currently no vaccines available for Chagas disease.

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

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

6. Which of the following countries are a part of Group of Seven (G7) countries?

1. Canada 2. France
3. Germany 4. Italy
5. Japan 6. Australia
7. The United States

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4,5 and 7 Only
(b) 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 Only
(c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Only
(d) 1, 2, 5 and 6 Only

7. Consider the following statements:

1. Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative launched by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying is in line with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global One Health strategy.
2. The Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project is funded by the World Health Organization.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding 'Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)':

1. TRAI regulates telecom services including fixation/ revision of tariffs for telecom services.
2. TRAI is a statutory body which was established under Telegraph Act,1885.

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding the National Investigation Agency (NIA)':

1. It is a federal agency responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes related to terrorism, insurgency, and other national security matters.
2. The NIA has authority to investigate cases across state boundaries without obtaining prior permission from state governments.

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding 'Mangrove Pitta':

1. The Mangrove Pitta is a species of bird that can be found in a few pockets of eastern India, including Odisha's Bhitarkanika and West Bengal's Sundarbans.
2. The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) has categorized and evaluated the species and has listed it as Vulnerable.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The YUVA Portal was recently launched to identify potential young start-ups in India's science and technology innovation ecosystem.
2. The Indian Sign Language AstroLab offers virtual access to educational videos in Indian sign language, promoting inclusivity and accessibility.

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

12. Consider the following provisions related to Indian Heritage:

1. Article 49 of the Constitution puts an obligation on the State to protect every monument or place or object of artistic or historic interest declared by the Parliament to be of national importance.
2. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act) 1958 provides for the preservation of ancient and historical monuments and archaeological sites and remains of national importance.

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding the Ninth Schedule:

1. The Schedule contains a list of central and state laws that cannot be challenged in courts and is outside the purview of judicial scrutiny.
2. Article 31B extends protection to 'classes' of laws, while Article 31A shields specific laws or enactments.

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

14. Consider the following statements regarding World Trade Organisation (WTO):

1. The WTO is the successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
2. The WTO's objective is to promote the use of trade quotas and increase tariff duties among its members.

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

15. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India mandates the state government to own the minerals located within their boundaries and the central government to own the minerals within the exclusive economic zone of India.

2. Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, empower State Governments to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals.

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 statements about Jagdish Chandra Bose:

1. J.C Bose was a Plant Physiologist and physicist who invented the crescograph.
2. Bose discovered wireless communication and is known as the Father of Radio Science.

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

17. Which of the following Indian states share border with Myanmar?

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Nagaland
3. Manipur
4. Mizoram
5. Tripura

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam':

1. It is a festival that aims to promote the cultural diversity and heritage of India.
2. The festival is being held in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding Drug Menace:

1. The golden crescent area comprises Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos.
2. The golden triangle area includes Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

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

20. Consider the following statements regarding thermal stress in livestock:

1. Thermal stress occurs when an animal's body is unable to maintain its normal internal temperature.
2. High levels of thermal stress can cause an increase in milk production and weight loss in livestock animals.
3. Genetic selection of animals based on specific molecular genetic markers for heat tolerance can help alleviate heat stress in cattle and buffaloes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements:

1. The 74th Amendment Act added Part IX -A and consists of provisions from Articles 243-P to 243-ZG.
2. The 74th Amendment Act added the 12th Schedule to the Constitution which contains 18 functional items of Municipalities.

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding 'Sangathan Se Samridhi Campaign':

1. The campaign is a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Samaveshi Vikaas and aims to mobilize 10 crore women from eligible rural households into SHGs.
2. The campaign was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding India - UAE relationship:

1. Both countries are members of the I2U2 grouping.
2. India and UAE have signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

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

24. Consider the following statements:

1. A total eclipse happens when the Moon completely blocks out the Sun while passing between the Earth and the Sun.
2. A hybrid solar eclipse occurs when the eclipse is total from some locations on Earth and annular from others, due to the viewer's position relative to the Moon's shadow.
3. The Ningaloo Eclipse is a type of total solar eclipse.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 Only (b) 2 and 3 Only
(c) 1 and 2 Only (d) All of the Above

25. Which of the following organisations published the report "State of World Population report 2023"?

- (a) World Bank
(b) World Economic Forum
(c) Food and Agriculture Organisation
(d) United Nations Population Fund

26. Consider the following statements regarding Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023:

1. The Rules are issued under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
2. The Rules aim to provide guidelines for the sterilization and immunization of stray dogs through Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes.
3. The responsibility of carrying out ABC programmes lies with the respective local bodies, municipalities, municipal corporations, and panchayats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 Only (b) 2 and 3 Only
(c) 1 and 2 Only (d) All of the Above

27. Consider the following statements:

1. Mission Karmayogi aims to enhance citizen experience for government services and improve availability of a competent workforce.
2. The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) responsible for implementing Mission Karmayogi was set up as not-for-profit company.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Electromagnetic Ion Cyclotron (EMIC) waves:

1. The EMIC waves are the discreet electromagnetic emissions observed in the Earth's magnetosphere.
2. These waves are generated in the Polar latitudes and propagate along magnetic field lines to its footprint in the high latitude ionosphere.
3. Their signatures can be recorded in both space as well as ground-based magnetometers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 Only (b) 2 and 3 Only
(c) 1 and 3 Only (d) All of the Above

29. Consider the following statements regarding LGBTQ rights in India:

1. Same-sex marriages are legally recognized in India.
2. The Supreme Court of India declared Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code unconstitutional.
3. The right to choose a life partner is a Fundamental Right under Article 21.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding India-Russia trade ties:

1. Russia is India's Seventh biggest trading partner.
2. The balance of trade currently tilts in favor of India.

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

31. With reference to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), consider the following statements:

1. It was constituted under the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.
2. It is a quasi-judicial body.

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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. Extra judicial killing refers to the killing of a person by the state or its agents, without any judicial or legal proceedings.
2. Every person has the right to self-defense under Section-96 of the Indian Penal Code.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements:

1. Off-Budget liabilities refer to debts taken by private sector entities to finance government programs and subsidies outside the traditional budget.
2. Bondholders of off-budget liabilities are willing to forego their high-yield bonds and accept prepayment offers from the government.

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

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

1. While ED is a statutory body, CBI lacks statutory status.
2. ED functions under the Ministry of Finance and CBI functions under Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Public Grievances.

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. India is among the top 5 tea exporters in the world.
2. Tea Board of India is the statutory body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements regarding Starship project:

1. It is designed by NASA to carry both crew and cargo to Earth orbit, the Moon, Mars and beyond.
2. It includes a fully reusable spacecraft.

3. Starship Super Heavy Rocket is powered by an array of Raptor engines, which are fueled by liquid methane and liquid oxygen.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding Hakki Pikki tribe:

1. The tribe is a semi-nomadic tribe traditionally engaged in bird catching and hunting.
2. Their society is patriarchal, and polygamy is a norm.
3. They are considered to have ancestral roots with Maharana Pratap.
4. It is a scheduled tribe in Karnataka.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. With reference to newly launched UDAN 5.0 scheme, consider the following statements:

1. There is no restriction on the distance between the origin and the destination of the flight.
2. Under this, only Network and Individual Route Proposal proposed by airlines will be considered.
3. Now, Airlines would be required to commence operations within 3 months of the award of the route.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. With reference to Mandal Commission recommendations, consider the following statements:

1. OBCs must be provided a reservation of 27% in public sector and government jobs.
2. They should be provided 27% reservation in promotions at all levels of public services.
3. It did not provide for the carry forward rule in case the reserved seats remain unfilled that year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding International Mother Earth Day (Earth Day):

1. It is celebrated on 22nd April every year.
2. The theme for this year's Earth Day was 'One Earth One Family One Future'.
3. The Paris Agreement on Climate Change was signed on Earth Day in 2016.

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

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

41. With reference to Markets in Crypto Assets (MiCA), consider the following statements:
1. It is an initiative by Russia to use Cryptocurrencies as an alternative to facilitate its trade with other countries.
 2. The MiCA legislation will be applied only on those crypto currencies who can be transferred and stored using Distributed Ledger Technology.
 3. Non-Fungible tokens (NFTs) are excluded under MiCA.
- Which of the statements given is/are not correct?
- (a) 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 only
42. Consider the following statements regarding Public Provident Fund (PPF):
1. It is a short-term savings scheme backed by the government.
 2. The minimum annual investment required to keep a PPF account active is Rs. 500.
 3. The annual maximum deposit amount in PPF account is Rs. 1.5 lakhs.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 only
43. What is LockBit, the term often seen in the news?
- (a) A new video game that has gained popularity.
(b) A ransomware that encrypts the victim's data and later a ransom is demanded in lieu of the decryption key.
(c) An app to store personal data in password protected form.
(d) A programming language used for developing secure software applications.
44. Which of the following statements is not true about the Basic Structure Doctrine evolved by the Supreme Court?
- (a) The doctrine was first propounded in the landmark case of Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973)
(b) According to the doctrine, certain features of the Constitution cannot be amended by the Parliament
(c) The doctrine includes the principles of democracy, secularism, federalism, and the rule of law as part of the basic structure
(d) Preamble to the Constitution is not a part of Basic Structure
45. What is Operation Kaveri launched recently by the government?
- (a) A counter-terrorism operation undertaken by the Indian Armed Forces
(b) A rejuvenation project to protect Kaveri River from Siltation
(c) A hydropower project on River Kaveri.
(d) A rescue operation to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Sudan
46. Consider the following statements:
1. When a bill is referred to the President by the governor, the President has either to give his assent or withhold his assent to the bill. He can't return the bill.
 2. The governor can reserve a bill for the consideration of the President only when the bill abridges the Constitutional powers of the High Court.
- 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
47. Consider the following statements regarding 'Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary':
1. It is located near Kota, Rajasthan.
 2. The vegetation found here is tropical evergreen forest.
 3. Chinkara, Nilgai, Spotted Deer, Dancing Deer are found here.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
48. Consider the following statements:
1. Nano Urea is developed by Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI).
 2. Urea based fertilisers aren't included under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme.
- 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
49. With reference to Thirunelli Temple, consider the following statements:
1. The temple is dedicated to Lord Ayyappa.
 2. The temple architecture follows traditional Kerala Style Architecture.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
50. Consider the following statements regarding Malaria disease:
1. It is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.
 2. Till date, there's no vaccine available to cure the disease.
 3. The Malaria spread through Plasmodium Vivax is responsible for more deaths than Plasmodium falciparum.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1 and 2 only

51. Consider the following statements regarding Olive Ridley Turtle:

1. It has been declared critically endangered by the IUCN.
2. They are known for their unique mass nesting practice known as Arribada.
3. They are the smallest of all the sea turtle species found in the world.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

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

52. Which of the following statements accurately reflects the Model Code of Conduct?

- (a) The Model Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines that all political parties must adhere to during an election period.
- (b) The Model Code of Conduct only applies to government officials and not political parties.
- (c) The Model Code of Conduct is a legally binding document that outlines the punishment for any violations.
- (d) The Model Code of Conduct is applicable only during the voting period and not during the pre-election phase.

53. With reference to Zero Shadow Day, consider the following statements:

1. It occurs when the Sun is exactly overhead.
2. This event happens twice a year at every point on Earth between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

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

54. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana:

1. All accounts under the scheme are provided with an overdraft facility of Rs. 10,000.
2. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana account can be opened only in Public Sector Banks.
3. Under the scheme, to avail the accident insurance, the beneficiary must have performed at least one successful transaction using the card in the 90 days prior to date of accident.

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

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

55. Consider the following statements regarding 'Interstate River Water Disputes':

1. The Parliament by passing a law can establish a tribunal to resolve disputes between states with respect to use of river water.
2. Parliament can exclude the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and High Court on the issues of interstate river water disputes.

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

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

56. Consider the following statements:

1. India is a signatory to Convention on Supplementary Compensation (CSC) but it hasn't rectified the treaty yet.
2. India's Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act provides the damage to be equally compensated by the operator and the government.
3. India's CLNDT provides the operator to seek recourse from the supplier in the event that supplies are found to have patent defects.

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

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding Pushkaralu Festival:

1. The festival is celebrated every 12 years.
2. The festival starts with the movement of Planet Jupiter from one zodiac to another.
3. During the festival, devotees go and take a dip in different holy rivers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Which of the following organizations publishes the World Development Report?

- (a) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- (b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (c) World Bank
- (d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

59. Consider the following statements regarding Eco Sensitive Zones:

1. They are declared under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. They are a 10 km area around an Ecologically sensitive area Like National Park and can't be extended beyond 10 kms.

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

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding Gangetic Dolphin:

1. Gangetic Dolphin is a freshwater dolphin found in the Ganga and Brahmaputra River systems of India, Bangladesh and Nepal.
2. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.
3. They are generally blind and hunt using echolocation techniques.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. With reference to the Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs), consider the following statements:

1. They are defined under the newly inserted clause under the Income Tax Act, 1961.
2. They are created using cryptography with the representation of having inherent value.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

62. With reference to the FIR Provisions under POCSO Act 2012, consider the following statements:

1. Any person who has an apprehension that an offence has been committed shall provide such information to the Special Juvenile Police Unit or the local police.
2. Not reporting or recording an offence can result in up to six months of imprisonment.
3. It mandatory to file a report on receiving a complaint, including from a child.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

63. With reference to the Dimasas, consider the following statements:

1. The Dimasas (or Dimasa-Kacharis) are the earliest known rulers and settlers of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Historians describe them as "aborigines" or the "earliest known inhabitants of the Brahmaputra Valley".

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

64. Consider the following statements:

1. India is situated between two major drug-producing regions, the Golden Crescent and the Golden Triangle.
2. Opium and cannabis are two of the most cultivated and consumed drugs in India.
3. The government aims to make India "drug-free" by 2050.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. With reference to the Net-Zero target, consider the following statements:

1. It is a state in which a country attains carbon neutrality.
2. More than 70 countries have promised to become Net Zero by 2050.
3. India has promised to cut its emissions to net zero by 2070 at the Conference of Parties -26 (COP) summit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding Indira Sawhney case with reference to providing reservation to Other Backward Classes:

1. In this case, the Supreme court held that the reservation must be in the four walls of 50% cap and can be extended in promotions as well.
2. The carry forward rule (by which unfulfilled vacancies are filled in the upcoming year) was declared null and void.
3. The concept of creamy layer was also introduced by the court to exclude well-off people from the community.

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

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

67. With reference to Basava Jayanti, consider the following statements:

1. It is celebrated in Karnataka during the month of Vaisakha by the Lingayat community.
2. Guru Basaveshwara was a saint from Lingayat community in Shaivism Bhakti movement.
3. The Anubhava Mantapa established by Basava laid down the foundation of social democracy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements regarding Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme:

1. Under the scheme, parents or legal guardians can open deposits for up to two daughters aged below 10.
2. The minimum initial deposit in Sukanya Samriddhi account is Rs 250, with a maximum annual ceiling of Rs 1,50,000.
3. Under the scheme, the deposits can be made for 15 years, and the account matures on completion of 18 years from the date of opening.

- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
69. Consider the following statements regarding Small Saving Schemes:
 1. Small Savings Schemes are a set of savings instruments that provide returns that are generally higher than bank fixed deposits.
 2. The interest rates on such instruments are determined by the market forces.
 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
70. Which of the following statements is true about Swami Ramanujacharya?
 (a) He was an Indian philosopher and theologian who founded the Vishishtadvaita school of Vedanta.
 (b) He was a contemporary of Gautama Buddha and the founder of the Maurya Empire.
 (c) He was a disciple of Adi Shankaracharya and propagated the Advaita Vedanta philosophy.
 (d) He was a social reformer who led the movement against the practice of Sati in India.
71. Consider the following statements regarding National Security Act, 1980:
 1. It is a preventive detention law that allows central and state governments to detain any person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security.
 2. The Act provides for the establishment of a National Security Council which is headed by the defence minister.
 Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
 (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
72. Which of the following best describes the term "Arribada"?
 (a) A type of dance form from South India
 (b) A type of bird migration observed in the Arctic
 (c) A mass nesting behaviour exhibited by certain species of sea turtles
 (d) A traditional fishing method used in Southeast Asia
73. With reference to Inter-State Council (ISC), consider the following statements:
 1. It is headed by the Home Minister.
 2. The recommendations made by the council are not of binding nature.
 3. It was established as a permanent body on the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
74. What is SAMADHAN doctrine, often seen in news?
 (a) A policy framework to reduce insurgencies in North-Eastern states
 (b) A military doctrine adopted by the Indian armed forces
 (c) A policy framework for resolving issues related to left-wing extremism in India
 (d) A policy to settle interstate territorial disputes
75. With reference to World Development Report 2023, consider the following statements:
 1. Indian citizens with lower skill levels who migrated to the US experienced an increase in their income of almost 500%.
 2. India received the highest ever foreign remittances in FY 2021-22.
 3. The report is published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 2 only
 (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 2 only
 (d) 3 only

Answers

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| 1. (c) | 2. (c) | 3. (b) | 4. (b) | 5. (a) | 6. (a) | 7. (a) | 8. (a) | 9. (c) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (c) | 13. (d) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (c) | 17. (a) | 18. (a) | 19. (d) | 20. (c) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (a) | 23. (c) | 24. (c) | 25. (d) | 26. (b) | 27. (c) | 28. (c) | 29. (b) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (b) | 32. (c) | 33. (b) | 34. (b) | 35. (a) | 36. (b) | 37. (c) | 38. (a) | 39. (d) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (c) | 43. (b) | 44. (d) | 45. (d) | 46. (d) | 47. (d) | 48. (b) | 49. (a) | 50. (b) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (a) | 53. (c) | 54. (b) | 55. (d) | 56. (a) | 57. (d) | 58. (c) | 59. (c) | 60. (d) |
| 61. (c) | 62. (d) | 63. (b) | 64. (a) | 65. (d) | 66. (c) | 67. (d) | 68. (b) | 69. (a) | 70. (a) |
| 71. (b) | 72. (c) | 73. (b) | 74. (c) | 75. (c) | | | | | |