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- With reference to Hirola Conservation Programme, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an inter-governmental organization of African countries based in Kenya.
 - It is primarily dedicated to promoting conservation of hirola antelope in eastern Kenya.

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
- **2.** With reference to Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), consider the following statements:
 - It is a United Nation's body which aims to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services.
 - 2. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provides secretariat services to IPBES.
 - According to United Nation's statement, IPBES will soon replace Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as UN's chief environmental research body.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1,2 and 3
- **3.** With reference to mongoose, consider the following statements:
 - 1. They are rodents which prefer areas of thickets, broken, bushy vegetation as well as open areas.
 - 2. Indian grey mongoose is protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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
- With reference to Circuit Breakers in Indian stock markets, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Circuit breakers help investors in true market driven price discovery in a stock both on its way up or down, at least for the limited time period they are imposed.
 - 2. In India market-wide circuit breakers are triggered only by movement of Nifty and not of Sensex.

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.** With reference to Circuit Breakers in Indian stock markets, consider the following statements:

- Circuit breakers have been triggered only once in the history of Indian stock market.
- Circuit breakers in stock market were introduced in India during 2008 global slowdown to protect the wealth of retail investors.

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
- **6.** With reference to the term 'Freight On Board' recently seen in news, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The term is used to describe the time when the seller is no longer responsible for the shipped goods and when the buyer is responsible for paying the transport costs.
 - "FOB origin" means the buyer is at risk, pays the shipping cost from the factory or warehouse and gains ownership of the goods as soon as it leaves its point of origin.
 - "FOB destination" means the seller retains the risk of loss until the goods reach the buyer.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 7. Modified New Pricing Scheme -III (NPS-III) is related to:
 - (a) Compensation for existing urea units for increase in fixed costs
 - (b) Revision of interest rates of New Pension Scheme
 - (c) Change in maximum prices of the drugs related to flu amid coronavirus outbreak
 - (d) Regulation of the pricing of the Exchange Traded Fund due to slump in share markets
- **8.** With reference to GreenCO rating system recently seen in news, consider the following statements:
 - It evaluates companies on the environmental friendliness of their activities using life cycle approach.
 - 2. It is developed by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 - GreenCo rating is applicable to both manufacturing facilities and service sector units.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **9.** With reference to Environment Impact Assessment in India, consider the following statements:
 - As per Environment Impact Assessment notification of 2006, category B projects do not require Environment Impact Assessment.
 - 2. A prior environmental clearance granted for a specific project or activity to an applicant cannot be transferred

during its validity to another legal person entitled to undertake the project.

3. Environment Impact Assessment notification is issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 3 only
- **10.** With reference to Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme, consider the following statements:
 - It proposes production linked incentive to boost domestic manufacturing and attract large investments in electronic manufacturing.
 - It supports setting up of both Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) and Common Facility Centres (CFCs).
 - 3. It will also give financial incentive of 25% on capital expenditure for the identified list of electronic goods.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **11.** With reference to Payment Aggregators in India, consider the following statement:
 - Payment aggregators are the entities that provide technology infrastructure to route and facilitate processing of an online payment transaction without any involvement in handling of funds.
 - Payment Aggregators allow the merchant to collect the amount without setting up a merchant account that is connected with a bank.
 - 3. Payment aggregators in India are prohibited from allowing online transactions to be done with ATM pin as the second factor of authentication.

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
- **12.** Country-by-country (CbC) report recently seen in news is a:
 - (a) Ministry of External Affairs report regarding India's relation with each nation.
 - (b) Finance Ministry's report regarding India's external aid for each nation.
 - (c) report pertaining to finances of multinational enterprises.
 - (d) report giving COVID-19 situation in each UN member country.
- **13.** With reference to Carissa carandas, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a sprawling semi-vine shrub native to India.
 - 2. It is used as a traditional herbal medicine for a number of ailments such as diarrhoea, anaemia, constipation.
 - 3. It is also used as the fodder for silkworms.

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
- 14. Kopili river flows through which of the following states?
 - 1. Meghalya
 - 2. Assam
 - 3. Arunachal Pradesh
 - 4. Nagaland

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 4 only
- **15.** With reference to recently launched Invest India Business Immunity Platform, consider the following statements:
 - It has been launched by Invest India, under the Ministry of Finance.
 - The platform helps help businesses and investors get real-time updates on India's active response to COVID-19.

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.** With reference to 'United for Biodiversity' coalition, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a coalition made up of zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, national parks around the world.
 - 2. It is launched by Greenpeace Foundation to boost public awareness about the nature crisis.

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.** With reference to Giraffes, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Giraffes are the tallest of all land animals.
 - 2. White giraffe gets white appearance due to albinism.
 - Giraffes are categorised as Vulnerable under IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- **18.** With reference to Kali Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Kali Tiger Reserve is the largest tiger reserve in India.
 - 2. Kali river flows through the Kali Tiger Reserve.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **19.** With reference to Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronics Components and Semiconductors, consider the following statements:

- 1. It will give financial incentive of 50 % on capital expenditure on high value added manufacturing of electronic goods.
- The incentives will be available for investment made within 5 years from the date of acknowledgement of application.
- 3. It will be applicable on investments in new units only.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- **20.** With reference to *Tectaria macrodonta*, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a fern native to Africa and used as a concoction for the gastric disorders.
 - 2. The leaf extract of the fern is being used for developing the whiteflies-resistant variety of cotton.

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
- **21.** The term 'Adjusted Gross Revenue' recently seen in news is related to:
 - (a) revenue sharing model of the coal companies
 - (b) revenue Income of the Central Government
 - (c) license fee and spectrum charges of the telecom companies
 - (d) total revenue of the automobile companies after paying Minimum Alternate Tax.
- **22.** With reference to Gaur, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Gaur is native to India.
 - 2. They are classified as the Vulnerable on IUCN Red List.
 - 3. They are included in Schedule I of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **23.** Valmiki Tiger Reserve is located in which one of the following states?
 - (a) Bihar
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- **24.** With reference to Green Highways Policy 2015, consider the following statements:
 - The policy aims to promote greening of Highway corridors with participation of the community as well as government institutions.
 - 2. According to the policy, performance audit of executing agencies of each project under the policy will be done by the Comptroller and Auditor General 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

- **25.** With reference to Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It aims to develop certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain.
 - It is launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for implementation in all North Eastern states except Nagaland.
 - It is a Central Sector Scheme and a sub-mission under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **26.** With reference to recently approved Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP), consider the following statements:
 - Under this scheme, a mechanism would be created for reimbursement of taxes which are currently not being refunded under any other mechanism.
 - 2. The reimbursement rates under the scheme will be determined by Department of Revenue.
 - The same export item will be eligible for rebates under both RoDTEP and Merchandise Exports from India Scheme.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **27.** With reference to Non- Performing Assets (NPAs) in Indian baking sector, consider the following statements:
 - Gross NPAs is a term used by credit institutions to refer to the sum of the non-performing loans less provision for bad and doubtful debts.
 - 2. Gross NPAs of Indian banks have shown consistent increase in last 5 years.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **28.** Which one of the following is the main aim of Mission Innovation?
 - (a) to accelerate public and private clean energy innovation to address climate change
 - (b) to encourage innovation in social sector
 - (c) to encourage innovation so as to increase global economic growth rate
 - (d) to accelerate public and private partnership for innovation in Artificial Intelligence
- **29.** With which one of the following countries India has recently announced collaboration programme to address challenges in the area of Smart Grids?
 - (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Singapore
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Sweden

- **30.** With reference to e-waste Rules 2016, consider the following statements:
 - Under these rules, producers need to submit selfdeclaration of conformance to the Restriction of Hazardous Substances.
 - 2. Producers need to set up e-waste exchange facilities to facilitate collection, recycling and safe disposal.
 - All the firms engaged in e-waste recycling business must ensure the compliance with Industrial Dispute Act.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **31.** Consider the following statements:
 - Article 142 confers a fresh source of power to the Supreme Court for creating new law.
 - 2. Orders passed by Supreme Court under Article 142 are enforceable throughout the territory 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
- **32.** With reference to Cheetah, consider the following statements:
 - According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List, cheetah is in the 'Endangered' list.
 - Currently in India, Cheetah is generally found in Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh and Shahgarh bulge landscape in Jaisalmer.

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.** With reference to Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), consider the following statements:
 - PSLV can lift-off mass of up to about 1750 tonnes to Sun-Synchronous circular polar orbits.
 - PSLV is also used to launch the satellites of lower lift-off mass to the elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

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
- **34.** With reference to Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), consider the following statements:
 - It is designed mainly to deliver communicationsatellites to the highly elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).
 - 2. GSLV Mk-II has the capability to launch satellites of up to 50,000 kg lift-off mass to the Lower Earth Orbit.

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. The term 'Naula' is related to:
 - (a) traditional method of black pepper cultivation
 - (b) naturally-occurring water aquifer
 - (c) traditional method of curbing forest fires
 - (d) a method to create artificial glaciers
- **36.** With reference to Black Redstart, consider the following statements:
 - It is classified as the Least Concerned under IUCN Red list.
 - 2. It is protected under the Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 - 3. It is found only in Europe and Asia.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **37.** With reference to Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), consider the following statements:
 - It was founded by the United Nations Economic and Social Council at the end of World War II.
 - It aims to formulate a programme to enable the Palestinian people to exercise their right to selfdetermination.

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 International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is quasi-judicial monitoring body for the implementation of the United Nations international drug control conventions.
 - 2. Its members are elected by United Nations Economic and Social Council and serve as their respective government representatives.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **39.** 'Pragyan Conclave 2020' recently seen in news was:
 - (a) a conference regarding reduction in Non-Performing Assets of Banks
 - (b) a conference of Indian Scientists regarding COVID-19 pandemic
 - (c) a seminar of Indian Army regarding modern warfare
 - (d) a seminar of Indian Council of Medical Research regarding fight against COVID-19 pandemic
- **40.** NAMASTE Portal recently seen in news is related to:
 - (a) promotion of traditional Indian hand gesture for greeting.
 - (b) provision of standardized terminologies & morbidity codes for Ayurveda

- (c) Indian Navy's initiative to fight against COVID 19
- (d) CBSE initiative for online coaching of school students
- **41.** Consider the following statements:
 - 1. India and France signed an agreement that gives reciprocal access to each other's military facilities.
 - France is the first country to deploy a Liaison Officer at the Indian Navy's Information Fusion Centre (IFC-IOR) as part of efforts to improve Maritime Domain Awareness.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 42. With reference to Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement, consider the following statements:
 - It allows India to procure specialised equipment for encrypted communications to be used or attached upon US origin military platforms.
 - The agreement is valid for a period of 25 years.

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
- 43. With reference to P-8I aircraft, consider the following statements:
 - It can conduct both anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and anti-surface warfare (AsuW).
 - It is designed by Airbus in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- Both 1 and 2 (c)
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 44. With reference to Appropriation Bill in Parliament of India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. When the Appropriation Bill gets defeated in a parliamentary vote, it would necessitate resignation of a government.
 - There can't be any amendments to an Appropriation Bill which have the effect of varying the amount or altering the destination of any grant so made.
 - The decision of the Speaker as to whether an amendment to the Appropriation Bill is admissible is final.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 45. With reference to Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, consider the following statements:
 - It introduces community-based interventions through peer educators.
 - It is launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

3. It defines an adolescent as a person within 10-19 years of age in urban areas and 10 -21 years of age in rural areas.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 46. With reference to Swachh Bharat Mission, consider the following statements:
 - An area can be notified or declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) if at any point of the day, not even a single person is found defecating in the open.
 - Currently all the cities in India are declared ODF+.

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. With reference to 'Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes', consider the following statements:
 - It is being implemented under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - It is to improve financial and socio-economic artists between age group of 40 to 60.
 - The Scheme envisages to provide medical aid facility to spouse of Artists.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- With reference to Attukal Pongala festival, consider the following statements:
 - It celebrated at famous Sabarimala Temple in Kerala.
 - The festival created the Guinness record of the largest human gathering in the world.

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 Sattriya Nritya, consider the following
 - The Sattriva dance form was introduced in the 11th century A.D by the Vaishnava saint Mahapurusha
 - 2. Sankaradeva.
 - Sattriya Nritya is accompanied by musical compositions called borgeets.
 - The Sattriya dance is performed by make dancers only.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **50.** With reference to Kathak Dance, consider the following statements:

- It is traditionally regarded to have originated from the travelling bards of North India referred as Kathakars or storytellers.
- 2. Kathak dance can be performed by both men and women.

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
- **51.** With reference to World Heritage Sites(WHS), consider the following statements:
 - Once the site is declared as WHS, then it is protected under the Geneva Convention.
 - 2. Khangchendzonga National Park in Sikkim is the only mixed heritage site from 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
- **52.** Which of the following sites are included in the UNESCO World Heritage List?
 - 1. Dholavira
 - 2. Qutb Shahi Monuments at Hyderabad
 - 3. Historic City of Ahmadabad
 - 4. Keoladeo National Park

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **53.** Yakshagana is a colourful form of popular theatre from:
 - (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Odisha
- **54.** Consider the following statements:
 - 1. Zamorin of Calicut were mostly Muslim rulers of the medieval Kingdom of Calicut on Malabar Coast.
 - 2. At the zenith in the 15th century, the Zamorin kingdom covered almost all of present day Kerala and Karnataka.

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
- **55.** With reference to Marakkars of Kerala, consider the following statements:
 - They were rulers of the Kingdom of Calicut on Malabar Coast between 12th and 18th century AD.
 - Marakkars were from both Muslim and Hindu community.

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.** Under which one of the following mechanisms concessional loans are provided by the International Monetary Fund?

- (a) Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility
- (b) Extended Fund Facility
- (c) Stand-By Arrangements
- (d) Contingent Credit Lines
- **57.** With reference to recently signed Extradition Treaty between India and Belgium, consider the following statements:
 - 1. An extraditable offence means an offence punishable under the laws of both the Parties with imprisonment for a period of one year or more severe punishment.
 - 2. Offences relating to taxation, or revenue or is one of a fiscal character do not fall within the scope of this Treaty.

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
- **58.** With reference to COVID-Solidarity Response Fund, consider the following statements:
 - The fund is created by SAARC as a South Asian response to COVID-19, powered by the United Nations Foundation and Swiss Philanthropy Foundation.
 - 2. Each SAARC member has pledged to contribute USD 5 million to the fund.

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
- **59.** In which one of the following countries Lake Tana is situated?
 - (a) Yemen
- (b) Ethiopia
- (c) Chad
- (d) Egypt
- **60.** Which of the following countries have not ratified Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty?
 - 1. India
 - 2. China
 - 3. US
 - 4. Pakistan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **61.** With reference to Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), consider the consider the following statements:
 - NSG seeks to ban all nuclear explosions, for both civilian and military purposes.
 - 2. India and Denmark are not members of NSG.

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

- **62.** With reference to Non-Proliferation Treaty, consider the following statements:
 - The treaty defines nuclear-weapon states as those that have built and tested a nuclear explosive device
 - 2. before 1 January 1976.
 - 3. The treaty is binding on all its members.
 - 4. India, Israel and Pakistan have not accepted the treaty.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **63.** With reference to Wassenaar Arrangement, consider the following statements:
 - Its aim is to stop the spread of chemical and biological weapons.
 - 2. India is a member of the Wassenaar Arrangement.

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.** With reference to Viterbi programme, consider the following statements:
 - 1. This programme allows research internship to Indian students pursuing a Bachelors or Master's
 - 2. degree in Electrical Engineering.
 - 3. The program was developed by Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) and the
 - 4. Viterbi School of Engineering.

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
- **65.** With reference to Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), consider the following statements:
 - It is an autonomous bilateral organization jointly funded by governments of India and US.
 - 2. NITI Aayog is the nodal department from Indian side for IUSSTF.

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
- **66.** With reference to Windrush Generation, consider the following statements:
 - It refers to citizens of former British colonies who arrived in the UK before 1973.
 - Largest proportion of Windrush Generation were of South African descent.

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
- **67.** With reference to Country-by-country report (CbC), consider the following statements:

- 1. Under BEPS Action 13, large multinational enterprises (MNEs) are required to prepare a
- 2. country-by-country (CbC) report.
- In India, Joint Director of Income-tax (Risk Assessment) has designated as authority for Country-by-country report (CbC).

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
- **68.** With reference to Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Action Plan 13, consider the following statements:
 - It includes model legislation which could be used by countries to require the ultimate parent entity of a multinational enterprise to file the Country-by-country report (CbC) in its jurisdiction of residence.
 - BEPS Action Plan 13 required that a review of the CbC reporting minimum standard be completed by the end of 2019.

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
- **69.** In which one of the following states has Government of India decided to set up Defence Industrial Corridor?
 - (a) Bihar
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Rajasthan
- **70.** With reference to ICGS Varad, consider the following statements:
 - It will be deployed for the surveillance of India's Exclusive Economic Zone.
 - It has been indigenously constructed by Larsen and Toubro.

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
- **71.** Operation Ashwamedh carried out by National Security Guards (NSG) was related to:
 - (a) Golden Temple attack, Amritsar
 - (b) Indian Airlines Flight-IC427 hijacking
 - (c) Akshardham Temple attack
 - (d) Mumbai terrorist attack, 2008
- **72.** With reference to National Security Guards (NSG), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a response unit chiefly for counterterrorism and anti-hijacking operations.
 - 2. NSG is formed by the act of the parliament.
 - 3. It is a special Forces unit under the Ministry of Defence.

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

- **73.** Product SWATHI developed by Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is:
 - (a) weapon locating radar
 - (b) a device to mark the mark the nuclear and chemical contamination zone
 - (c) a drug for armed forces
 - (d) a short range missile for Tejas aircarfts
- **74.** With reference to NBC Recce Vehicle Mk-1, consider the following statements:
 - It is capable of collecting solid and liquid samples of biologically contaminated areas.
 - 2. It is developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

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
- **75.** With reference to North East Venture Fund, consider the following statements:
 - It is a dedicated venture capital fund with a capital commitment of Rs 10000 crore for the North Eastern Region.
 - The investments and implementation of the projects undertaken under the fund are monitored through submission of quarterly reports to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

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
- **76.** With reference to Tejas Aircraft, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a single-seat, double-engine, high-agility supersonic fighter aircraft.
 - 2. It can fly at speeds of up to Mach 4.
 - Its design and development programme were created by the Aeronautical Development Agency.

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
- **77.** Which one of the following is **not** a member of Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)?
 - (a) Minister of State for Defence
 - (b) Defence Secretary
 - (c) Chief of Army
 - (d) Minister of Finance
- **78.** With reference to Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It aims to ensure expeditious procurement of the approved requirements of Indian Coast Guard.
 - 2. Chief of Defence Staff is the chairman of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC).

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
- **79.** Consider the following statements:
 - Asset which has remained Non-Performing assets (NPA) for a period less than or equal to 12 months is considered as the Substandard asset.
 - 2. An asset would be classified as Loss asset if it has remained NPA for a period of 18 months.

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
- **80.** With reference to Invest India, consider the following statements:
 - It is a non-profit venture set up in 1991 as a part of LPG reforms in India.
 - 2. It is National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of India and act as the first point of reference for investors in India.
 - 3. It functions under Ministry of Finance.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **81.** With reference to citizenship in India, consider the following statements:
 - The subject of citizenship, naturalisation and aliens (foreigners) are mentioned exclusively in the Union List of Indian constitution.
 - 2. If a state fails to comply the law made by Parliament regarding citizenship, then it can be considered as a reason for imposing President's rule in the state under article 365 of the Constitution.

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
- **82.** With reference to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It provides free gas connection and free cylinders to BPL families for one year.
 - 2. The connections are issued in the name of women of the households.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **83.** With reference to Finance Bill, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha.
 - 2. The bill has to be passed by the Parliament within 100 days of its introduction.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **84.** With reference to the Financial Bills (I) and money bill, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Both of them can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha and not in the Rajya Sabha.
 - 2. Both of them can be introduced only on the recommendation of the President.

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
- **85.** With reference to the Financial Bills (I), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It can be introduced in the Parliament only on the recommendation of the President.
 - It can be either rejected or amended by the Rajya Sabha.
 - 3. In case of a disagreement between the two Houses over such a bill, there is no provision of the joint sitting of the two Houses of the Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **86.** With reference to the Financial Bills (II), consider the following statements:
 - Such Bills can be introduced in either House of Parliament.
 - 2. Recommendation of the President is essential for consideration of these Bills by either House.

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
- **87.** With reference to recently approved Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks Scheme, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It mains to develop at least one mega Bulk Drug park in each state.
 - The scheme will be implemented through a Project Management Agency (PMA) to be nominated by the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

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
- **88.** With reference to Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for pharmaceutical industries, consider the following statements:
 - The scheme will be implemented through a Project Management Agency (PMA) to be nominated by the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

2. Under this scheme, financial incentives will be given to eligible manufacturers on their incremental sales over the base year (2019-20) for a period of 10 years.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **89.** With reference to Contempt of Court, consider the following statements:
 - The expression 'contempt of court' is defined in article 129 of the Constitution.
 - 2. Civil contempt refers to the wilful disobedience of an order of any 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
- **90.** With reference to Contempt of Court, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Supreme Court has power to punish for contempt not only of itself but also of subordinate courts and tribunals functioning in the entire country.
 - 2. The High Court does not have the power to initiate the contempt proceedings of Supreme 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
- **91.** Which one of the following action does *not* amount to the Contempt of Court?
 - 1. innocent publication and distribution of some matter
 - 2. comments made regarding a particular Judge of the Court
 - 3. comment on the administrative side of the judiciary
 - 4. reasonable criticism of judicial acts

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **92.** With reference to Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), consider the following statements:
 - Under the scheme, Nominated Members of both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha can recommend works anywhere in the country.
 - MPs are to recommend every year, works costing at least 10 per cent of the MPLADS entitlement for the year for areas inhabited by Scheduled Caste population.
 - 3. The scheme has been recently suspended by Central government for year 2020-21 and 2021-22.

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

- **93.** With reference to One MP One Idea Scheme, consider the following statements:
 - It aims to foster a spirit of innovation and grass-root level competitiveness by involving society at large.
 - 2. It is launched under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.
 - Prize amount for the top innovative ideas is would be deducted from entitlement of particular MP under MPLADS

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
- **94.** With reference to International civil organisation, consider the following statements:
 - It is a UN specialized agency, established manage the administration and governance of the Chicago Convention.
 - 2. It is Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

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.** With reference to Sukhna Lake, consider the following
 - It is man-made lake which was built in 1958 by Le Corbusier.
 - 2. The lake has been recently designated as a Ramsar site.

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
- **96.** Recently Punjab and Haryana high court declared Sukhna Lake a "living entity" or "legal person". Which of the following are implications of such declaration?
 - 1. The lake has now a right to be legally protected from any kind of harm or destruction.
 - The lake can be a party to disputes and rights violation, represented by court-appointed individuals.
 - 3. The conservation of the lake becomes an exclusive responsibility of central government.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1, and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **97.** With reference to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It was established in 1950 under Drugs and Cosmetics Act.
 - CDSCO along with state regulators is jointly responsible for grant of licenses of certain specialized categories of critical Drugs.

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
- **98.** With reference to The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, consider the following statements:
 - Its objective is to ensure that the drugs and cosmetics sold in India are safe, effective an 6 fulfils the safety standards and parameters.
 - Currently it can regulate only manufacturing and distribution of drugs and regulation of import of drugs does outside of the law.

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
- **99.** The Freedom in the World 2020 report is released by:
 - (a) Freedom House
 - (b) The National Democratic Institute
 - (c) US Senate Department
 - (d) Amnesty International
- **100.** With reference to the Freedom in the World 2020 report, consider the following statements:
 - The report assesses the political rights and civil liberties of countries worldwide.
 - It derives its methodology from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.

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

ANSWER KEY

1. (b)	2. (b)	3. (b)	4. (d)	5. (d)	6. (d)	7. (a)	8. (b)	9. (d)
10. (c)	11. (b)	12. (c)	13. (d)	14. (a)	15. (b)	16. (a)	17. (d)	18. (b)
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37. (b)	38. (a)	39. (c)	40. (b)	41. (c)	42. (a)	43. (a)	44. (d)	45. (a)
46. (a)	47. (c)	48. (d)	49. (b)	50. (c)	51. (b)	52. (c)	53. (a)	54. (d)
55. (b)	56. (a)	57. (b)	58. (d)	59. (b)	60. (d)	61. (d)	62. (c)	63. (b)
64. (c)	65. (a)	66. (a)	67. (c)	68. (a)	69. (c)	70. (c)	71. (b)	72. (b)
73. (a)	74. (c)	75. (b)	76. (c)	77. (d)	78. (b)	79. (a)	80. (b)	81. (c)
82. (b)	83. (a)	84. (c)	85. (a)	86. (c)	87. (d)	88. (a)	89. (b)	90. (c)
91. (d)	92. (c)	93. (d)	94. (c)	95. (a)	96. (b)	97. (b)	98. (a)	99. (a)
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