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1. Regarding the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), consider the following statements:

1. Minimum Support Price (MSP) is based on the recommendations of the CACP.
2. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
3. The CACP recommends MSPs for all the crops grown in India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One
- (b) Only Two
- (c) All Three
- (d) None

2. Regarding India-UAE Relations, consider the following statements:

1. The two countries signed agreements on interlinking of digital payment platforms- UPI (India) and AANI (UAE).
2. Bharat Mart aims to integrate retail, warehousing, and logistics services at Jebel Ali Free Trade Zone in Dubai, potentially boosting exports from India's micro, small, and medium sectors.

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. A Marine Heat Wave (MHW) is an extreme event when a sea region's surface temperature rises 3-4°C above its average for at least five days.
2. The Extreme Event Attribution (EEA) technique assesses how much human-induced climate change affects specific extreme weather events.

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

4. With reference to "Textile recycling", consider the following statements:

1. Textile recycling is more convenient compared to recycling materials like glass or paper.
2. The vast majority of recycled textiles come from plastic bottles.
3. T-shirt made from recycled polyester cannot be recycled again.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. A recession entails two consecutive quarters of GDP decline.
2. A technical recession occurs when a sustained decline in economic activity persists.

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. Consider the following statements with respect to different types of hydrogen:

1. If the electricity used for splitting water comes from a renewable source like wind or solar, then the hydrogen thus produced is referred to as green hydrogen.
2. Colors attached to hydrogen indicate the source of electricity used to derive the hydrogen molecule, such as, if coal is used, it is referred to as grey hydrogen.

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

7. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Government e-Marketplace (GeM)':

1. GeM facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs.
2. It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users and private individuals.
3. GeM has launched outlet stores for various categories of products such as SARAS, Tribes India, Startup Runway, Khadi India, India Handicraft etc.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

8. With reference to the ICGS Varaha, consider the following statements:

1. The ICGS Varaha is the fourth in the series of seven 98-m Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV) of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
2. The ship has been designed and built indigenously and operated from the East Coast.
3. ICGS Varaha is capable of operating the indigenously developed advanced light helicopter.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

9. With reference to the Payment Banks, consider the following statements:

1. Payment banks are a specialized type of bank introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 2014.
2. They are designed to promote financial inclusion by offering basic banking services to the unbanked and underbanked population.

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. With reference to COP (Conference of Parties) 28, consider the following statements:

1. The 28th Conference of Parties (COP-28) took place in Dubai, UAE, with representatives from 197 countries.
2. Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy launched at COP28 aims to triple global nuclear energy capacity by 2050.

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

11. Consider the following statements:

1. Karpoori Thakur implemented the recommendations of the Mungeri Lal Commission during his tenure as Bihar Chief Minister.
2. MS Swaminathan received numerous prestigious awards, including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, and the Albert Einstein World Science Award.

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 statements with respect to 'Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR): One Nation One Student ID Card':

1. APAAR would serve as a gateway to Digilocker, a digital system where students can store their important documents and achievements.
2. It assigns a unique identification number to students using their Aadhaar number with parental consent.
3. It is introduced in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 and the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCrF).

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

13. With reference to the initiatives taken under the India's Act East Policy, consider the following statements:

1. It is a diplomatic initiative to promote economic and cultural relations with the Asia-Pacific region.
2. The Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link runs between India and Myanmar.
3. The Trilateral Highway Project connects North East India with Bangladesh and Thailand.

How many of the statements above are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The 'Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration' is renamed as 'Best Feature Film Promoting National, social and Environmental Values'.

**Statement-II:** The Dadasaheb Phalke Award's prize money has been raised from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.

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

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

15. With reference to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the largest work guarantee programs in the world launched in 2005 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare.
2. It is a demand-based wage employment scheme that provides at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to each family per fiscal year.
3. It ensures that rural households have alternative sources of income when better employment opportunities are unavailable.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) accommodative stance means the central bank is prepared to expand the money supply to boost economic growth.

**Statement-II:** The MPC aims to withdraw accommodation gradually to align inflation with the target while supporting growth.

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

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

17. With reference to the SMILE Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a scheme after the merger of existing schemes for Beggars and Transgenders.
2. It provides a comprehensive package in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY) supporting Gender-Reaffirmation surgeries through selected hospitals.

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

18. With reference to the Electoral Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. Electoral bonds are money instruments that act as promissory notes or bearer bonds that can be purchased by individuals or companies in India.
2. They are issued specifically for the contribution of funds to the political parties.
3. The SBI is the only bank authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds.

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

19. With reference to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), consider the following statements:

1. It was adopted during COP 15 of Convention of Biodiversity (CBD).
2. This historic Framework, sets out an ambitious pathway to reach the global vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2030.

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:

**Statement-I:** Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) plays a crucial role in redistributing heat globally.

**Statement-II:** AMOC is a large-scale oceanic circulation system that transports warm surface waters from the tropics to the northern latitudes and returns cold, deep waters from the North Atlantic back towards the equator.

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

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

21. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) are reciprocal agreements between two countries to promote and protect foreign private investments in each other's territories.

**Statement-II:** India's bilateral treaties have dried up since the adoption of the Model Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) in 2016.

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

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

22. Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** According to India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) goals, India pledges to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP (Gross Domestic Product) by 45% by 2030, from the 2005 level.

**Statement-II:** PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, a rooftop solar scheme aims to solarize 1 crore households by providing up to 300 units of free electricity every month.

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

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

23. Regarding the landlocked region "Kosovo", consider the following statements:

1. Kosovo is bordered by Romania, Macedonia, Serbia, and Montenegro.
2. Its capital and largest city is Pristina
3. India has not recognised Kosovo as an independent country.

How many of the statements above are correct?

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

24. Regarding the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967, consider the following statements:

1. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is empowered by the UAPA to investigate and prosecute cases nationwide.
2. The conviction rate of individuals arrested under the UAPA exceeds 20%.
3. This act empowers the government to designate individuals as terrorists without any judicial review.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Since its establishment in 2004, Indian National Young Academy of Science (IN-YAS) has been the sole recognized academy for young scientists in India.

**Statement-II:** CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) is one of the constituent laboratories of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) under the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

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

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

26. Regarding Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2014 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation.
2. GOBAR-DHAN Scheme, a sub-component of the Swachh Bharat Mission was launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and aims to boost farmers' income.

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

27. Which of the following is a member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)?

1. Iceland
2. Liechtenstein
3. Norway
4. Switzerland

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

28. Regarding Odysseus spacecraft, consider the following statements:

1. The spacecraft is scheduled for a landing on Jupiter in 2024.
2. The mission is part of the Artemis campaign.

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

29. Regarding the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), consider the following statements:

1. It is popularly known as the Bonn Convention.
2. It lays the legal foundation to conduct conservation measures on a global scale.
3. India has signed a legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CMS on the conservation and management of Siberian Cranes.

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. Regarding Lakshadweep Island, consider the following statements:

1. Lakshadweep, comprising 36 islands, is the largest Union Territory of India.
2. It comes directly under the control of the Centre through an administrator.
3. The entire Lakshadweep group of islands has been declared as an organic agricultural area.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

31. Regarding the Global Pulses Conference, 2024, consider the following statements:

1. It was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare and NITI Aayog.
2. It is the industry's largest global event, bringing together key players from more than 50 countries.

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:

**Statement-I:** The Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report is one of the annual flagship publications of the World Bank.

**Statement-II:** It provides an overview of SDG Progress in the region which serves as a foundation for many other activities conducted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and its partners.

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

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

33. Regarding the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Constitutional Body established to provide safeguards against the exploitation of Scheduled Castes.
- 2. The 79th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2003 bifurcated the combined National Commission for SCs and STs into two separate bodies.

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. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** India is witnessing 'premature deindustrialization'.

**Statement II:** The Indian economy is encountering premature transitions to the services sector, impeding the growth of the manufacturing industry in the country.

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

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

Ans: A

35. Regarding the Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the Bargur Hills of Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The region is a significant part of the Nilgiris Elephant Reserve.
- 3. It serves as the catchment area for the Vaigai River.

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

36 Regarding the Rubber Board of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a statutory organisation constituted under the Rubber Act, 1947.
- 2. It is headed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer 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

Ans: A

37. Regarding the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), consider the following statements:

- 1. This committee is among the three financial parliamentary committees, with the other two being the Estimates Committee and the Committee on Public Undertakings.
- 2. It is constituted every year under Article 308 of the constitution 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

38. Consider the following agencies:

- 1. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 2. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 3. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

How many of the above are the key regulatory bodies for Fintech in India ?

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

39. Regarding the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), consider the following statements:

- 1. The key areas of its study include monsoon meteorology and air-sea interactions in the South Asian climate.
- 2. IITM operates as an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government 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

40. Regarding the Spur-winged Lapwing, consider the following statements:

1. Spur-winged Lapwing belongs to the family of Charadriidae.
2. The bird is commonly found within the Central and Sub-Saharan regions of Africa.
3. The bird is classified as critically endangered according to the IUCN status.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

41. Regarding Eklavya Model Residential Schools, consider the following statements:

1. It is a scheme for making model residential schools for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and other backward classes across India.
2. Its nodal ministry is the Ministry of Education.
3. These schools will be based on the respective state curriculum with education imparted in the mother language only.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One
- (b) Only Two
- (c) All Three
- (d) None

42. Regarding the Nirbhaya Fund, consider the following statement:

1. It is specifically aimed at projects for improving women's safety and security.
2. It is a non-lapsable corpus fund.
3. It is being operated by the Ministry of Human Affairs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One
- (b) Only Two
- (c) All Three
- (d) None

43. With reference to the 'Article 142 of the Indian constitution', consider the following statements:

1. It empowers the Supreme Court to pass any decree or order necessary for doing complete justice in any case or matter pending before it.
2. It is supported by several other provisions, including Article 32 of the constitution.
3. It empowers the Supreme Court to intervene in cases involving public interest, human rights, constitutional values, or fundamental rights.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Bar Council of India (BCI) is a statutory body created by Parliament under the Advocates Act, 1961 to regulate and represent the Indian bar.

**Statement-II:** In 2023, BCI allowed foreign lawyers and law firms to practice in India unconditionally.

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

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

45. Consider the following statement:

1. The Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan is a series of high-level meetings involving National Security Advisers (NSA) from countries in the region, including Afghanistan, Pakistan and China only.
2. Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan follows the objective of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2593.

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

46. Regarding Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in India, consider the following statements:

1. DPIs mediate the flow of people, money, and information.
2. India became the first country to develop all three foundational DPIs: Digital identity (Aadhar), Real-time fast payment (UPI), and Account Aggregator built on the Data Empowerment Protection Architecture (DEPA).
3. The Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture (DEPA) establishes a digital framework enabling users to share their data solely under the terms defined by a third-party entity.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. India and China have only exchanged maps for the eastern and middle sectors of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
2. The Line of Control (LoC) between India and Pakistan was established in 1948.

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

48. Consider the following statements about Interpol Notice:

1. Blue Notice is an "enquiry notice," enables police forces in member states to exchange crucial crime-related information.
2. Blue Corner notices are issued before the filing of criminal charges.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. M.H. Marigowda is considered the Father of Indian Horticulture.
2. India is the 2nd largest producer and exporter of fruits and vegetables.
3. Productivity of horticulture crops is much higher compared to productivity of food grains.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. Swachh Survekshan is the world's largest urban sanitation and cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
2. Swachh Survekshan key Parameters are Door-to-door waste collection, Source segregation, Cleanliness of public areas, Clean water bodies and Citizens' feedback on city cleanliness.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) is a central sector scheme being implemented for the period of 2015-16 to 2025-26.
2. While flood management is primarily the responsibility of State Governments, the Union Government also supplements their efforts.

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

52. Consider the following statements regarding Medaram Jathara:

1. Medaram Jathara is the largest tribal religious congregation in the world, held biennially, in the month of 'Magha' (February) on the full moon day in Medaram.
2. Medaram Jathara commemorates the bravery of Sammakka and Saralamma, tribal goddesses who fought against injustice.

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. With reference to 'Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC Limited)', consider the following statements:

1. It is a Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Commerce.
2. It is registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) and Infrastructure Financing Company (IFC).
3. It has also been made the nodal agency for certain States and Union Territories for the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements:

1. First Skill India Centre (SIC) of the country has been inaugurated in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
2. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) enterprise working under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
3. NSDC partners with the private sector to implement the Skill India Mission, focusing on efficient vocational training initiatives.

How many of the statements given above are correct ?

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

55. Consider the following statements with respect to Stem Cells:

1. These are special human cells with the ability to develop into various cell types, such as muscle cells or brain cells.
2. Pluripotent stem cells are able to give rise to all embryonic and adult lineages.



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 regarding 'Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)':

1. The IEPFA was set up in 2016, under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for administering the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF).
2. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between IEPFA and the Development Bank of Singapore Ltd (DBS) in New Delhi.

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding Cholera:

1. It is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*.
2. Most of those infected have no or mild symptoms and can be successfully treated with Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS).

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The women's badminton team won India's first-ever gold medal at the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024.
2. The 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships offered valuable Race to Paris 2024 ranking points.

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

59. Regarding Pulses production in India, consider the following statements:

1. India is the largest producer and importer of pulses in the world.
2. Pulses account for around 25% of the total foodgrain production in the country.
3. Kharif pulses yield a higher contribution to the production compared to Rabi pulses nationwide.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

60. Regarding Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, consider the following statements:

1. He introduced the collection of two taxes called the Chauth and Sardeshmukhi.
2. He abolished the Ryotwari System and replaced it with the Jagirdari System.
3. He took on the title of "Haindava Dharmodhhaarak."

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

61. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 270 of the Indian Constitution outlines the distribution of net tax proceeds between the Union government and the States.
2. Currently, the share of States from the divisible pool (vertical devolution) stands at 41% as per the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission.
3. Cess and surcharge, collected by the Union government, are not part of the divisible pool and therefore not shared with the States.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One
- (b) Only Two
- (c) All Three
- (d) None

62. Consider the following statements:

1. India's Atomic Energy Act, 1962 governs the subject of 'nuclear energy', with the Government of India playing a central role in the development, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear facilities.
2. The Consolidated Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy of India allows foreign investment in the atomic energy sector up to 75%.

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

63. Regarding the Vienna International Plan of Action, consider the following statements:

1. It was the first international initiative that sparked the debate around aging.
2. It aims to enhance governmental and societal capacity to address population aging, serving as a blueprint for formulating aging-related policies and programs.

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

64. Regarding Guinea Worm Disease, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a debilitating parasitic disease.
- 2. There is no vaccine or medication to treat Guinea worm disease.
- 3. The government of India received Guinea worm disease-free certification status from the WHO in 2024.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

65. Consider the following:

- 1. King Cobra
- 2. Krait
- 3. Black Mamba

How many of the above are Elapidae snakes?

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

66. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Amphipods are a diverse group of malacostracan crustaceans, that share characteristics with crabs, lobsters, and shrimp.
- 2. Amphipods play a crucial role in the marine food chain and serve as important indicators for assessing the impact of climate change and the health of coastal ecosystems.
- 3. A new species of marine amphipod, named Parhyale Odian was discovered in Chilika Lake.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only One
- (b) Only Two
- (c) All Three
- (d) None

67. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India currently is the biggest player in the global space economy with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) ranking at the top of all space agencies globally.
- 2. In India, 100% FDI is permitted in the space sector, aiming to attract potential investors to Indian space companies.

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. Consider the following:

- 1. JIMEX
- 2. Malabar exercise
- 3. Dharma Guardian

How many of the above are joint exercises between India and Japan?

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

69. Consider the following pairs:

International Conferences	Host Country
1. The Raisina Dialogue	Russia
2. Munich Security Conference	Switzerland
3. Shangri-La Dialogue	South Korea

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) All three pairs
- (d) None of the above

70. Regarding the Indian Spice Market, consider the following statements:

- 1. India is the world's largest spice producer, consumer, and exporter of spices.
- 2. India produces about 75 of the 109 varieties which are listed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

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. Regarding Kala Azar, consider the following statements:

- 1. Kala-azar is a fatal disease caused by a protozoan parasite Leishmania donovani.
- 2. India became the first country, globally, to be officially validated by the WHO for eliminating Kala Azar as a public health problem.

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

72. Regarding Neural Organoids, consider the following statements:

- 1. Neural organoids are human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs)-derived 3D in vitro culture systems that recapitulate the developmental processes and organization of the developing human brain.
- 2. They have important applications in studying human brain development and neurological disorders such as schizophrenia.

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

73. Regarding the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, consider the following statements:

1. Children aged 6-18 years are entitled to free, compulsory education in local schools.
2. Aided schools must also offer education for free, proportionate to their funding, but not less than 10%.
3. The RTE Act does not apply to minority schools.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

74. Regarding the constitutional provisions related to languages in India, consider the following statements:

1. 22 languages in India have been given the status of classical language.
2. Part XVII of the Indian Constitution deals with the official languages of India.
3. The Indian constitution declares Hindi in Devnagari script as the national language of the Union.

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

75. Consider the following statements:

1. Trisonic Wind Tunnel at Vikram Sarabhai Space Center marks a milestone in aerodynamic testing for rockets and aircraft.
2. Semi-cryogenics Integrated Engine and Stage Test (SIEST) facility will develop semi-cryogenic engines, enhancing payload capacity, with capabilities to test engines up to 200 tons of thrust.

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

76. Consider the following statements:

1. Bitcoin is an open-source digital currency, that facilitates instant payments without central authority issuance.
2. Cryptocurrencies in India fall under the Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs) category and are not subject to taxation.

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

77. Consider the following statements:

1. Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) offers non-NATO countries in the broader Middle East region the opportunity to cooperate with NATO, aiming to enhance regional security.
2. "NATO plus" denotes a security coalition comprising NATO and five US treaty allies — Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel, and South Korea.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

78. Regarding the United Nations Environment Assembly, consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment.
2. It meets every year to advance global environmental governance.
3. It was established at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

79. Consider the following pairs:

#### Large Language Models (LLMs)

1. Autoregressive Models
2. Transformer-based Models
3. Encoder-decoder Models

#### Key Characteristics

- Encode input text into a representation
- Predict the next word based on past words
- Artificial neural network for language processing

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) All three pairs
- (d) None of the above

80. Consider the following statements about Google DeepMind's Genie:

1. It is the first generative interactive environment that has been trained in an unsupervised manner from unlabelled internet videos.
2. It can generate an endless variety of playable (action-controllable) worlds from synthetic images, photographs, and even sketches.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

## Answers

1. (b)	2. (c)	3. (d)	4. (b)	5. (d)	6. (b)	7. (b)	8. (a)	9. (c)	10. (d)
11. (c)	12. (d)	13. (b)	14. (c)	15. a	16. (b)	17. (c)	18. (d)	19. (a)	20. (a)
21. (b)	22. (b)	23. (c)	24. (a)	25. (d)	26. (b)	27. (d)	28. (b)	29. (a)	30. (b)
31. (b)	32. (d)	33. (a)	34. (a)	35. (a)	36. (a)	37. (a)	38. (c)	39. (a)	40. (a)
41. (d)	42. (b)	43. (d)	44. (c)	45. (b)	46. (b)	47. (c)	48. (c)	49. (b)	50. (c)
51. (a)	52. (c)	53. (a)	54. (b)	55. (b)	56. (b)	57. (c)	58. (d)	59. (a)	60. (c)
61. (c)	62. (a)	63. (d)	64. (b)	65. (c)	66. (c)	67. (b)	68. (c)	69. (d)	70. (c)
71. (a)	72. (d)	73. (a)	74. (c)	75. (d)	76. (a)	77. (d)	78. (b)	79. (d)	80. (c)

