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1. With reference to Gram Nyayalayas, consider the following statements:
  1. These are deemed to be a Court of Judicial Magistrate of First Class at the village level.
  2. The Gram Nyayalayas Act (2009) extends to the whole of India, excluding Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Sikkim.
  3. They follow principles of natural justice as guided by the High Court rules.

How many of the above statements are correct?

  - (a) Only one
  - (b) Only two
  - (c) All three
  - (d) None of the above
2. Consider the following statements regarding emergency provisions in the Indian Constitution:
  1. The emergency provisions in the Indian Constitution draw inspiration from Germany's Weimar Constitution.
  2. A national emergency can be declared on the grounds of 'war' or 'external aggression' and 'internal disturbance'.
  3. As per Article 358, six fundamental rights are suspended when a proclamation of National Emergency is made.

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

  - (a) 1 and 3 only
  - (b) 1 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 3 only
3. Consider the following statements regarding provisions of Parliamentary privileges in the Indian Constitution:
  1. These privileges are defined in Article 105 for Members of Parliament and Article 194 for the Members of Legislative Assemblies of states.
  2. Under these privileges, the members of Parliament are exempted from any civil liability and criminal liability for any statement made or act done in the course of their duties.
  3. Parliament passed a law to exhaustively codify all the privileges in 1978.

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

  - (a) 2 and 3 only
  - (b) 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1 only
4. What is the primary objective of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)?
  - (a) To promote private sector innovation in digital technologies
  - (b) To provide universal access to digital services and utilities
  - (c) To regulate internet usage and privacy concerns in public domain
  - (d) To centralize government control over digital platforms
5. Consider the following statements:
  1. Galwan valley is strategically located between Ladakh in the west and Aksai Chin in the east.
  2. Galwan river meets the Shyok river on India's side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

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. What does the strategy of "China Plus One" primarily involve in the context of global trade?
  - (a) To replace China as the world's leading exporter
  - (b) To diversify manufacturing and sourcing beyond China
  - (c) To blunt China's technological competitiveness by investing in its rival countries
  - (d) To promote Chinese investment in developing countries
7. Consider the following statements:
 

Statement-I: World Day for International Justice marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute.

Statement-II: Rome Statute led to the establishment of the International Court of Justice.

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
8. Consider the following statements regarding Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan:
  1. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class 12.
  2. It subsumed the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).
  3. It is in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

  - (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
9. Consider the following pairs:
 

<b>Painting</b>	<b>State</b>
Cheriyal	Telangana
Tanjore	Tamil Nadu
Warli	Maharashtra

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

  - (a) Only 1
  - (b) Only 2
  - (c) All three
  - (d) None

10. Consider the following statements related to Forest Advisory Committee (FAC):
1. It is a statutory body constituted under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
  2. It assesses industrial projects requiring forest land.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
11. Consider the following statements regarding the Line of Actual Control (LAC):
1. The Line of Actual Control (LAC) is the demarcation that separates Indian-controlled territory from Pakistan-controlled territory.
  2. The border is divided into three sectors, the eastern sector covering Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, the middle sector in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and the western sector in Ladakh.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. Consider the following countries:
1. Australia
  2. Canada
  3. New Zealand
- How many of the above employ the practice of a shadow cabinet?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two  
(c) All three (d) None
13. Consider the following statements about U-Win:
1. It is aimed at digitising India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP).
  2. It will register and vaccinate pregnant women, document delivery outcomes, register newborns, and record all vaccination events.
- Which of the above statements is/are not correct?
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
14. Sea of Tranquility, recently in news, is best defined as:
- (a) A dark spot located in the northern hemisphere of the Moon.  
(b) A large underwater trench in the Pacific Ocean.  
(c) A region of calm seas in the Atlantic Ocean.  
(d) A newly discovered lake in Antarctica.
15. Consider the following statements related to United Nations Relief and Works Agency,
1. It was established after the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.
  2. It is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions from UN member states.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
16. Consider the following statements regarding Paddy cultivation:
1. Paddy is primarily grown in areas with high humidity and temperature s ranging between 20°C to 30°C.
  2. The transplantation method is the most commonly used technique for paddy cultivation, which involves sowing seeds directly in the field.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None
17. Consider the following statements regarding the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
1. SEBI was established in 1992 to regulate the securities market in India and protect the interests of investors.
  2. It is a statutory body that operates under the Ministry of Finance and is responsible for formulating policies for the development and regulation of the securities market.
  3. It has the authority to register and regulate stock exchanges and other securities markets.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2, and 3 (d) 1 and 3 only
18. What unique behavior do Florida Carpenter Ants exhibit to help injured nestmates?
- (a) They carry injured ants to a safe location and leave them to recover.  
(b) They perform surgeries on injured nestmates to help them survive.  
(c) They abandon injured ants to avoid spreading infections.  
(d) They feed injured ants special nutrients to speed up their recovery.
19. Consider the following statements regarding the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT):
1. It is being installed at Mauna Kea in Hawaii to advance the understanding of the universe.
  2. From India, TMT Center at Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) in Bengaluru is leading the national collaboration.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
20. Regarding the Positive Indigenisation List (PIL), consider the following statements:
1. It is a list of items that can be purchased by the Indian armed forces from Defense PSUs only.
  2. The concept was introduced in the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP), 2020.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

21. Consider the following statements regarding the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS):

1. EMRS is a scheme for making model residential schools for SCs and STs across India.
2. The States and Union Territories are responsible for seeking sanction of new schools and managing them.
3. The nodal ministry for EMRS is the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding the reservation policies in the Constitution of India:

1. Article 15(3) enables the State to make any special provision for women and children.
2. Article 15(4A) provides that the State can make any provision for reservation in matters of promotion in favor of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
3. Article 16(6) was inserted by the 105th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements about Project ASMITA:

1. It is a collaborative effort of the UGC and the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti to promote Indian languages in education.
2. 13 nodal universities along with member universities from various regions will lead this project.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

24. Consider the following statements related to maize production in India,

1. Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar are the primary maize-growing states.
2. Bangladesh, Vietnam and Nepal are key markets for Indian maize
3. It can be used as a substitute for rice in ethanol blending.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1                              (b) Only 2  
(c) All three                              (d) None

25. Consider the following statements related to Electronic Voting Machines:

1. They were first used in the Paravur Assembly Constituency of Kerala in the year 1982.
2. They are stand-alone machines and there is no operating system used in these machines.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding the LUCA (Last Universal Common Ancestor).

1. LUCA was a microorganism that existed on the Earth around 4 billion years in the past.
2. Phylogenetics has revealed that all life on Earth shares a common genetic ancestry, tracing back to LUCA.
3. It is believed to have lived in hydrothermal vents, which are still found on the ocean floor and are considered potential habitats for extraterrestrial life.

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

1. It was founded on 5th June 1972 as a result of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.
2. It publishes reports like the Emission Gap Report, Global Environment Outlook, "Frontiers" series, and "Invest into a Healthy Planet" report.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                              (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) None of the Above

28. Consider the following statements regarding the Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR).

1. MCLR is the maximum lending rate above which a bank is not permitted to lend.
2. Under the MCLR regime, banks are free to offer all categories of loans at fixed or floating interest rates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                              (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) None of the Above

29. Consider the following statements regarding Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in India.

1. A PVTG is a sub-classification of Other Backward Classes (OBC) that is considered more vulnerable.
2. A stagnant or declining population is one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                              (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) None of the Above

30. Consider the following statements regarding the scientific deep drilling process of the earth crust.

1. Scientific deep drilling aims to advance understanding of tectonics, earthquake mechanisms, and geothermal energy potential.
2. The Kola Superdeep Borehole in Russia is the world's deepest man-made hole, reaching a depth of 12,262 meters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                              (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) None of the Above

31. Consider the following statements regarding the status of child adoption in India.

1. Adoptions in India are governed by two laws, the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956 and the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.
2. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment regulates the adoption process.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) None of the Above

32. Consider the following statements about the Kharchi Puja,

1. During the puja, the 7 gods are ceremonially taken by the royal priests known as Chantai to the river Saidra
2. It is celebrated by both tribal and nontribal communities in Tripura

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following pairs:

Lighthouse	State
1. Tangasseri	Kerala
2. Kaup Beach	Karnataka
3. Fort Aguada	Goa

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only 1                      (b) Only 2  
(c) All three                  (d) None

34. Consider the following statements regarding satellite launch vehicles of ISRO:

1. Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) has the capability to put a heavier payload in orbit than the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).
2. The PSLV is capable of placing multiple payloads into orbit.
3. GSLV has been designed for launching communication satellites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC):

1. It is a regional organization comprising eight Member States, six deriving from South Asia and two from Southeast Asia
2. This sub-regional organization came into being in 1997 through the Dhaka Declaration.
3. The BIMSTEC Secretariat is in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements about Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

1. It derives its investigative powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
2. It is supervised by the Central Vigilance Commission.
3. It is the nodal police agency for coordinating investigations with Interpol member countries.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1  
(b) Only 2  
(c) All three  
(d) None

37. Consider the following statements regarding viruses:

1. The viruses are uni-cellular organisms that are characterised by having an inert crystalline structure outside the living cell.
2. RNA viruses are mostly double-stranded while DNA viruses are single-stranded.
3. Bacteriophages (viruses that infect the bacteria) are usually double stranded DNA viruses

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Recently seen in the news, Mashco Piro tribe is found in which of the following countries?

- (a) Uruguay                      (b) Ethiopia  
(c) South Sudan                (d) Peru

39. Consider the following statements about the Positive Indigenisation List,

1. It was introduced in the Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020.
2. Six positive indigenisation lists have been released as of July 2024.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

40. OJ 287, recently in the news, is closely related to which of the following?

- (a) A newly identified comet in the Kuiper Belt  
(b) A gamma-ray burst  
(c) A space mission to Mars  
(d) A supermassive binary black hole system

41. The Bhagoria Festival, recently in the news, is celebrated primarily by which community in India?

- (a) Gujjar                      (b) Bhil  
(c) Gond                      (d) Santhal



42. Consider the following statements regarding Prime Meridian:

1. It is the line of 0° longitude and serves as the starting point for measuring distances east and west around the Earth.
2. It passes through Lake Volta located in the United Kingdom.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

43. Consider the following statements about Fungi:

1. Lichens is a symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae.
2. Mycorrhiza is a symbiotic association between plant roots and fungi.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

44. Consider the following statements about Moidams:

1. They represent the late medieval (13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century CE) mound burial tradition of the Tai Ahom Dynasty of Assam.
2. After the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Ahom rulers adopted Hindu cremation and began entombing the ashes and bones in Maidams at Charaideo.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements about Government e Marketplace (GeM):

1. It is a National Public Procurement Portal to facilitate online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Central and State Government Departments/Organizations/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).
2. It was launched in 2024 to bring transparency and efficiency in the government buying process.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

46. Which organization recently released the 'National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2024' report?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- (c) Reserve Bank of India
- (d) Department of Economic Affairs

47. Regarding the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), consider the following statements:

1. It measures the changes in the prices of goods sold and traded in bulk.
2. It is published by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

48. Consider the following statements about United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC):

1. It was established after a merger between the United Nations Drug Control Programme and the Centre for International Crime Prevention.
2. It releases World Drug Report and World Wildlife Crime Report.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

49. Consider the following statements related to Nipah Virus,

1. It is closely related to Hendra virus.
2. It spreads through fruit bats.
3. WHO has identified Nipah as a priority disease.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) All three
- (d) None

50. Consider the following statements regarding AIDS disease:

1. It is a chronic, potentially life-threatening health condition caused by HIV.
2. HIV attacks Red Blood Cell in the body's immune system.
3. The UN Political declaration on ending AIDS was adopted in 2016 to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

51. Consider the following statements regarding Globalisation:

**Statement I:** Globalization has facilitated the integration of economies and cultures worldwide.

**Statement II:** Globalization has led to increased income inequality within and between countries.

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

52. Consider the following:

**Assertion:** Genetically modified (GM) crops, such as GM Mustard varieties like DMH-11, have been widely advocated to mitigate food security challenges and reduce dependency on imports in India.

**Reason:** GM crops are inherently resistant to pests and diseases, leading to increased agricultural productivity and sustainability.

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

- (a) Both the Assertion and Reason are correct, and the Reason is the correct explanation for the Assertion.
- (b) Both the Assertion and Reason are correct, but the Reason is not the correct explanation for the Assertion.
- (c) The Assertion is correct, but the Reason is incorrect.
- (d) Both Assertion And Reason are incorrect.

53. The DAVINCI mission is a probe and flyby mission to explore which of the following?

- (a) Venus
- (b) Mars
- (c) Asteroid Belt
- (d) Saturn's moon

54. Consider the following statements regarding Neutrinos:

**Statement-I:** Neutrinos can carry information across large distances due to their low interaction rate with matter.

**Statement-II:** They could potentially be used to transmit information, replacing electromagnetic waves in communication channels.

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

55. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India is the second largest producer of steel in the world after Japan.
- 2. India allows 100% FDI through automatic routes in the steel and mining sectors.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

56. Regarding the Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS), consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to offer high-quality coaching to economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs).
- 2. An initiative of the Ministry of Education, it is being implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

57. Consider the following statements about Quantum key distribution (QKD):

**Statement-I:** It is a secure communication method for exchanging encryption keys only known between shared parties.

**Statement-II:** It works by transmitting photons over fiber optic cables between parties.

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

58. Consider the following statements about Border Security Force (BSF) :

- 1. Jurisdiction of BSF extends to international border states, under the BSF Act, 1968.
- 2. BSF also has jurisdiction regarding some offenses under Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 and Passport Act, 1967.

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

59. Consider the following statements about ballistic and cruise missile systems :

- 1. Ballistic missiles are designed to fly at low altitudes and can be programmed to follow a specific flight path.
- 2. Cruise missiles are unguided rockets that follow a high parabolic trajectory.
- 3. Agni V is a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements about Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

- 1. This is a flagship initiative of the Department of Science and Technology to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- 2. WTO recently signed a Joint Letter of Intent (JLoI) with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) aimed at building programs for Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property (IP) for countries in the Global South.

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

Type	Location
1. Typhoon	a. Guinea lands of West Africa
2. Willy-willies	b. North-western Australia
3. Hurricane	c. Caribbean Sea, Atlantic Ocean

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

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding the Right to Shelter :

**Statement I:** The Right to Shelter in India is recognised as a fundamental right under the broader ambit of the Right to Life.

**Statement II:** This right ensures that every citizen has access to adequate housing, which is considered essential for living a life with dignity.

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.

63. Consider the following statements about Offshore Mineral Auctions:

- The mineral blocks which contain critical minerals are key to manufacturing low-carbon technologies to generate, store and transmit clean energy.
- Auctions will be conducted under the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act (OAMDR), 2002.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

64. Consider the following statements about Pension Fund and Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA):

- It is a statutory body established to promote old age income security by establishing, developing and regulating pension funds.
- It promotes and regulates the pension industry under the National Pension System and also administers the Atal Pension Yojana.
- It works under the Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements related to Magnetotactic Bacteria,

- They are mostly eukaryotic organisms.
- They were discovered by Salvatore Bellini in 1963.
- They follow the magnetic field to reach places that have optimal oxygen concentration.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

66. Varuna and Early Heera-2, recently in the news, are closely related to which of the following?

- (a) Developments in underwater robotics  
(b) Innovations in water purification methods  
(c) Varieties of mustard crop  
(d) Advanced seismic monitoring systems

67. Consider the following statements related to Equalization levy:

**Statement 1:** The levy applies to cryptocurrency transactions conducted through foreign exchanges.

**Statement 2:** Non-resident companies can claim a foreign tax credit for the equalization levy paid in India.

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

- (a) Both statements 1 and 2 are true and statement 2 is the correct explanation of statement 1.  
(b) Both statements 1 and 2 are true but statement 2 is not the correct explanation of statement 1.  
(c) Statement 1 is true but statement 2 is false.  
(d) Both the statements 1 and 2 are false.

68. Consider the following statements regarding BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation):

- BIMSTEC includes countries from South Asia and Southeast Asia.
- The organisation was established in 1997 and has its headquarters in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- India is a member of BIMSTEC but not a founding member.

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM):

- The NMCM aims to map the cultural heritage of 6.5 lakh villages across India.
- The mission is primarily focused on urban areas and does not include rural cultural aspects.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



70. Consider the following statements regarding Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM):

1. It is an infection of the brain caused by the amoeba *Naegleria fowleri*, commonly known as the "brain-eating amoeba".
2. This infection can be spread from one person to another.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA):

1. The HRA was founded in response to the abrupt halt of the Non-Cooperation Movement by Mahatma Gandhi after the Chauri Chaura Incident.
2. Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqulla Khan were among the founding members of HRA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following statements regarding the Governor of a state:

1. The Governor is appointed by the President of India and serves at the President's pleasure.
2. The Governor has the power to dissolve the state legislative assembly.
3. Sarkaria Commission recommended impeachment for removal of the governor from its office.

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

73. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Flag:

1. The National Flag of India in its present form was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 22 July 1947.
2. The first Indian National Flag was designed by Pingali Venkayya, a freedom fighter from Andhra Pradesh in 1906.
3. The Ashoka Chakra, a 24-spoke wheel, was introduced in the center of the flag in 1919.

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

74. Consider the following statements about Panchamasali Lingayats:

1. It is a sub-caste within Karnataka's dominant Lingayat community.
2. They are the followers of the 12th-century philosopher-saint Basavanna.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements about Bal Gangadhar Tilak:

1. He co-founded the Deccan Education Society in 1884, along with Gopal Ganesh Agarkar.
2. He played a pivotal role in establishing Fergusson College in Pune in 1885.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

76. Which one of the following best describes Tell Umm Amer, which has been seen in the news recently?

- (a) An ancient city in Egypt known for its pyramids
- (b) A significant archaeological site in Gaza
- (c) A historical site in Syria known for its ancient temples
- (d) A famous Roman stadium located in Turkey

77. Consider the following pairs:

Country	Joint Exercise
1. India-Bangladesh	a. Ex Sampriti
2. India-USA	b. Ajeya Warrior
3. India-UAE	c. Al Nagah

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

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

78. Consider the following statements regarding National Culture Fund (NCF):

1. It was set up under the Ministry of Culture as a Trust under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890.
2. It is managed by a Council chaired by the Minister of Culture.

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding skill development initiatives in India:

1. The Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) programme focuses on the district-level skilling ecosystem.
2. The Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP) project, which aims to improve the performance of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), is another significant skilling intervention.
3. Training for Emirates Jobs and Skills (TEJAS), is a project aimed at skilling, certification and overseas employment of Indians.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

80. Consider the following statements about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012:

1. The act was enacted to protect children from sexual abuse after adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.
2. Under the act, special courts are required to complete trials within two years of taking cognisance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding tiger conservation efforts:

1. The Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Program (ITHCP), launched in 2014, aims to double the global tiger population by 2030.
2. The Global Tiger Forum (GTF), based in New Delhi is the only international body with members from various countries dedicated to tiger conservation.

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):

1. The Xaxa committee established Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) as a distinct category, later renamed as PVTGs.
2. Andhra Pradesh has the highest number of PVTGs followed by Jharkhand.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

83. With reference to World Environment Day, consider the following statements:

1. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to mark the first day of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment 1972.
2. It is organized every year by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).
3. The first World Environment Day was celebrated with the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience".

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

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

84. Dark Oxygen recently in the news is most appropriately defined as:

- (a) Oxygen produced by photosynthesis in shallow waters.
- (b) Oxygen from organic decomposition in surface layers.
- (c) Oxygen in the abyssal zone, where sunlight can't reach, possibly produced by polymetallic nodules.
- (d) Oxygen trapped in ice and released as it melts.

85. Consider the following statements about the Meridional Overturning Circulation (MOC):

1. It transports warm, salty water from the South Atlantic to the Nordic Seas.
2. The entire circulation cycle of the MOC is known as the oceanic conveyor belt which is extremely fast.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

86. Consider the following statements about suicide prevention initiatives in India:

1. The National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) in India aims to reduce suicide mortality by 25% by 2030.
2. NSPS plans to set up psychiatric outpatient departments in all districts through the District Mental Health Programmes.
3. KIRAN is the initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to provide mental health support.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements about seaweeds:

1. They are the primitive flowering marine algae.
2. Large seaweeds form dense underwater forests known as boreal forests.
3. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has set up a seaweed park in Tamil Nadu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b>	<b>Target</b>
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| 1. SDG 3 | a. Good health and well-being  |
| 2. SDG 5 | b. Gender equality             |
| 3. SDG 7 | c. Affordable and clean energy |

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

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

89. Consider the following:

- Prime Minister
- Home Minister
- Chief Ministers of states and union territories with legislature

Which of the persons mentioned above are members of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog?

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

90. Consider the following statements related to Charles Darwin's Frog:

- They belongs to the Dicroglossidae family
- They also use artificial objects like plastic bags as breeding sites.
- They are currently listed as endangered in the IUCN Red list.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

## Answers

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| 11. (b) | 12. (c) | 13. (d) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (a) | 17. (c) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (a) | 23. (d) | 24. (c) | 25. (c) | 26. (d) | 27. (c) | 28. (b) | 29. (b) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (b) | 33. (c) | 34. (a) | 35. (c) | 36. (c) | 37. (b) | 38. (d) | 39. (a) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (a) | 43. (c) | 44. (d) | 45. (a) | 46. (b) | 47. (a) | 48. (c) | 49. (c) | 50. (c) |
| 51. (b) | 52. (a) | 53. (a) | 54. (b) | 55. (b) | 56. (a) | 57. (a) | 58. (c) | 59. (c) | 60. (d) |
| 61. (c) | 62. (a) | 63. (d) | 64. (d) | 65. (b) | 66. (c) | 67. (d) | 68. (a) | 69. (a) | 70. (a) |
| 71. (c) | 72. (a) | 73. (c) | 74. (d) | 75. (c) | 76. (b) | 77. (a) | 78. (d) | 79. (c) | 80. (a) |
| 81. (b) | 82. (d) | 83. (a) | 84. (c) | 85. (a) | 86. (b) | 87. (d) | 88. (d) | 89. (b) | 90. (b) |