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1. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)':

1. Fishermen are provided with insurance cover, financial assistance and a facility of Kisan Credit Card as well under this scheme.
2. The motto of the PMMSY is to "Reform, Perform, and Transform" the fisheries sector.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. Omorgus Khandesh beetle is known as a keratin beetle and is classified as necrophagous.
2. The arthropods which feed directly on dead remains are called necrophagous.

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. Agasthyarkoodam peak is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Kerala (b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Karnataka (d) Andhra Pradesh

4. With reference to the 5G Network, consider the following statements:

1. It is a new network designed to work in a single high-frequency band.
2. It will increase the latency speed of the network.
3. It will facilitate and enhance machine-to-machine communication.

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 only

5. Which one of the following Articles of the Constitution of India lays down that no citizen can be denied the use of wells, tanks and bathing Ghats maintained out of State funds?

- (a) Article 15 (b) Article 16
(c) Article 17 (d) Article 20

6. Consider the following statements regarding 'Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED)':

1. TRIFED was established under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 as a National level Cooperative Body.
2. Aadi Mahotsav which is an initiative of TRIFED connects tribal artisans, craftsmen and women to a direct market.

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

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Lead is added to gasoline to increase its octane rating, which is a measure of the fuel's ability to resist "knocking" or detonation in an engine.
2. Gasoline, which is a mixture of hydrocarbons, such as alkanes, cycloalkanes, and aromatic compounds, also acts as a source of lead pollution.

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

8. The bilateral Exercise Dharma Guardian is held between which of the following countries?

- (a) India and Japan
(b) India and Australia
(c) India and United States
(d) India and Russia

9. With reference to Vibrant Village Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a development framework of villages on the western border.
2. It will work on the 'hub and spoke model' through skill development and entrepreneurship.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements:

1. Encouraging Exports
2. Promoting Import Substitution
3. Improving Productivity and Competitiveness

Which of the above action(s) can help in reducing the current account deficit?

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

11. Which of the following about Pangolins is **not** correct?

- (a) They play a vital role in aerating and adding moisture to the soil.
(b) All pangolin species are listed in Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Appendix I.
(c) Pangolins are among the most trafficked wild mammals, globally, traded mostly in Europe.
(d) They are adaptable to a wide range of habitats including primary and secondary tropical forests.

12. Consider the following statements about Volatiles:

1. Volatiles are elements or compounds that change from solid or liquid state into vapour at relatively high temperatures.
2. Their substances are generally highly flammable compared to non-volatile substances.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Which of the following statements about Payment aggregators is/are correct?

1. Payment aggregators are companies that facilitate online payments by acting as intermediaries between the customer and the merchant.
2. A payment gateway is a software application that connects an online store or merchant to a payment processor, allowing the merchant to accept payment from a customer.
3. Payment aggregators are not allowed by RBI to offer a payment gateway.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

14. With reference to Aero India 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The theme of Aero India 2023 is "Atmanirbhar Bharat: Making India Self-reliant in Aerospace Industry".
2. Aero India 2023 featured a static display of Indian aircraft only and a flying display of fighter planes and helicopters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. Regarding the concept of sealed cover jurisprudence in India, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to a practice where confidential information is submitted in a sealed envelope to the court.
2. It allows the court to consider sensitive information while maintaining confidentiality.
3. The use of sealed covers is limited to criminal cases.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. With reference to 1857 revolt, consider the following statements:

1. It was the first expression of organised resistance against the British East India Company in India.
2. The rebellion was led by sepoys of the company and later gained the participation of the masses.
3. It was a successful rebellion that resulted in the end of British rule in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

17. Which of the following are the parameters for granting special category status to any states:

1. Hilly Terrain
2. Strategic Location along Borders with Neighbouring Countries
3. Economic and Infrastructure Backwardness
4. Nonviable Nature of State finances

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. With reference to Anubhuti Inclusive Park, consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's first inclusive disabled park in Maharashtra.
2. It is made by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following about the Representation of the People Act 1951:

1. It regulates the conduct of elections.
2. It specifies the qualifications and disqualifications for membership of the houses.
3. It provides provisions to curb corrupt practices and other offences.

Which of the above given above is/are correct?

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

20. Consider the following:

1. Turkey
2. Bulgaria
3. Moldova
4. Georgia
5. Romania

Which of the following countries border the Black Sea?

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

21. With reference to rural tourism in India, consider the following statements:

1. It involves exploring and experiencing the rural lifestyle and culture by participating in various activities.
2. It only focuses on experiencing the rural lifestyle and culture and does not involve any recreational activities.
3. Rural tourism can help revitalize local art and crafts, prevent viable traditional occupations from being displaced, and create new job opportunities.
4. Rural tourism has no significance in the development of rural areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. Regarding the GST Council, consider the following statements:

1. The members of the Council include the Union Finance Minister (chairperson) and the RBI governor only.
2. It doesn't have power to decide various tax slabs of GST.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. With reference to the Unified Payment Interface (UPI), consider the following statements:

1. France has become the first country with which India has launched cross-border UPI payments.
2. It supports both Person-to-Person (P2P) and Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. With reference to genetic information, consider the following statements:

1. Genetic information can reveal details about disease, health, and ancestry.
2. This knowledge can increase a person's awareness of their own health and enable early intervention for disease prevention.
3. Direct-to-consumer genetic tests are always reliable and provide accurate information.
4. Genetic information can be used in medical research.

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 4 only

25. Regarding the linkage of Voter ID with Aadhaar, consider the following statements:

1. The primary purpose of the linkage is to conduct regular exercises to maintain an updated and accurate record of the voter base.
2. The linkage will help in removing duplication of voters, including those who have been registered multiple times within the same constituency.
3. The linkage will enable migrant workers to vote in different constituencies.
4. The linkage will ensure that only one Voter ID is issued per citizen of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

26. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Echolocations are used to locate the objects by emitting the high frequency transverse waves by dolphins which bounce back from the objects.
2. Underwater Noise Emission (UNE) can cause permanent hearing loss in dolphins.

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding 'Anti-Defection':

1. The Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, also known as the Anti-Defection Law, was added by the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003.
2. Disqualification on ground of defection, the decision of speaker/chairman is final and not subject to judicial review.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements regarding the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

1. The members are elected by the UN General Assembly.
2. It structures its work around an annual theme of global importance to sustainable development.
3. The World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund are under the purview of ECOSOC.

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

29. Consider the following statements about Government Securities:

1. G-Secs are issued only by State Governments.
2. G-Secs are short-term securities with an original maturity of one year or more.
3. G-Secs carry no risk of default and are called risk-free gilt-edged instruments.

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

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

30. Regarding the Indian Livestock Sector, consider the following statements:

1. In the last six years, livestock sector grew by around 7.5% in India.
2. Recently, ICAR has registered Kathani cattle of Maharashtra as a new breed of livestock species.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following:

1. Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (SEBI Act)
2. Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (SCRA)
3. Companies Act, 2013
4. Depositories Act, 1996

Under which of the above given acts stock markets are regulated:

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

32. With reference to Rhododendron, consider the following statements:

1. Rhododendron is a genus of flowering plants found only in south Asia.
2. They contain dark-coloured flowers and are prevalent in ornamental plants in gardens and parks.
3. Rhododendron arboretum is the state flower of Nagaland.

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 only

33. Consider the following Statements regarding Deep Sea Mining:

1. Deep-sea mining is the process of retrieving mineral deposits from the deep seabed the ocean below 1000 metres.
2. It is internationally monitored and regulated by International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

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

34. With reference to the Cauvery River, consider the following statements:

1. It rises from Trimbakeshwar near Nasik in Maharashtra.
2. Some of its tributaries are Arkavathi, Hemavathi, Lakshmana Theertha and Teesta.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is the term for a group of neurodevelopmental disorders.
2. ASD is a mental retardation as people with autism may not show skills in spheres like art, music, writing etc.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements regarding Vostro Accounts:

1. It is an account held by a bank in another bank often because it has no branches in a foreign country.
2. Authorized banks can open multiple Vostro accounts for different banks from the same country.

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

37. Consider the following statements about AstroSat:

1. It is satellite launched by NASA to study the effects of microgravity on living organisms.
2. It was launched into a near-Earth equatorial 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

38. Consider the following statements regarding Gross Domestic Climate Risk ranking:

1. It is published by Cross Dependency Initiative (XDI).
2. Ladakh is the only Indian state/UT among high-risk provinces.

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

39. Which organization endorsed the Declaration on Social Justice for Equitable Globalization?

- (a) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
(b) World Health Organization
(c) International Labour Organisation
(d) International Monetary Fund

40. With reference to Jadui Pitara, consider the following statements:

1. It is a play-based learning teaching material for children.
2. It comprises toys, puzzles and flash cards only.
3. It is available in 13 Indian languages.

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 only

41. Consider the following statements regarding a mosquito species Anopheles stephensi:

1. It is capable of transmitting both Plasmodium falciparum and P. vivax malaria parasites.
2. It is predominantly found in the tropical and subtropical areas of Africa, South America as well as Asia.

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

42. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding the Standard Model (SM) theory of subatomic particles?
- It determines how subatomic particles are affected by fundamental forces: strong-nuclear, weak-nuclear and gravity.
 - It predicted the existence of the Higgs boson particle.
 - The theory was proved unable to explain the excess of matter over antimatter in the universe.
 - None of the above
43. With reference to Sagar Parikrama, consider the following statements:
- It is a navigation journey to be conducted only in four coastal states.
 - The aim is to achieve a sustainable equilibrium in utilising resources from marine fisheries.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
44. Which of the following is correct about 'Keeladi' recently seen in news?
- Keeladi is a site of urban civilization that existed in Tamil Nadu during Sangam age.
 - It is discovered to be contemporary of Indus Valley civilization.
 - It is located on the bank of Periyar river.
 - Archaeologists have not come across any proof of external trade with this civilization.
45. Consider the following statements about BBNJ Treaty:
- It is an international agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.
 - It is being developed within the framework of the UNCLOS.
 - It was launched at the UN Biodiversity Conference.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
46. Consider the following statements:
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is listed under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
 - The National Ganga Council which implements NMCG is chaired by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
47. Which of the following statements about Dickinsonia is true?
- It is a type of dinosaur that lived during the Jurassic period.
 - It is a species of flowering plant that existed during the Cretaceous period.
 - It is an extinct animal that lived during the Ediacaran period.
 - It is a type of marine invertebrate that existed during the Cambrian period.
48. With reference to the Law Commission of India consider the following statements:
- It is a statutory body.
 - The first Law Commission during the British Raj era was chaired by Lord Macaulay.
 - Only a retired Supreme Court judge will head the Commission.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
49. Consider the following statements regarding 'Trends in Maternal Mortality':
- It is a report published by World Health Organization.
 - Report shows a slight increase in Maternal mortality rate in India between 2000 and 2020.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
50. With the reference to LCA Tejas MK2, consider the following statements:
- It will integrate only with indigenous weapons.
 - It will be pitched as a replacement for the Sukhoi's.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
51. With reference to James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), consider the following statements:
- It is a result of an international collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA) and Canadian Space Agency.
 - It's the largest, most powerful infrared space telescope ever built.
 - It can see backwards in time to just after the Big Bang.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3

52. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding the New START treaty?
- It replaced the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT).
 - It placed new verifiable limits on intercontinental-range nuclear weapons.
 - It increased the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles each side could deploy.
 - It lapsed in 2009.

53. Consider the following statements about Flu Gas Desulphurization (FGD) Plants:

- It removes Sulphur Dioxide from the flue gas before it is released into the atmosphere.
- Gypsum generated by the FGD plant can be used in fertiliser, cement, paper, textile and construction industries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

54. Which one of the following statements correctly describes the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC):

- It is a digital platform that enables online transactions between buyers and sellers in India.
- It is a government-led initiative that seeks to create a common digital infrastructure for e-commerce players in India.
- It is a private consortium of e-commerce companies in India that aims to streamline their operations and increase efficiency.
- It is a certification program for Indian e-commerce websites to ensure that they meet certain standards of quality and security.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 only
- 3 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

55. Consider the following statements:

- The Finance Commission (FC) is a constitutional body.
- Under Article 280 of the Constitution, the Finance Minister of India is required to constitute the FC.
- The 15th FC recommendations will cover a period of five years from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

56. With reference to Snow Leopard, consider the following statements:

- They are sometimes referred to as "Ghosts of Mountain".
- Their International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List status is Near Threatened.

3. In India, they are found only in Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 2 only
- 3 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only

57. Which of the following objectives is not a part of the Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme?

- To make international connectivity affordable.
- Creating employment opportunities in the aviation sector.
- Encouraging private investment in the aviation sector.
- It will help in promoting economic activity in underdeveloped regions.

58. Consider the following statements about the 'Geological Survey of India':

- It was set up in 1851 primarily to find coal deposits for the Railways.
- It comes under the Ministry of Mines.
- It is headquartered in Delhi and has six regional offices.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

59. With reference to BHASHINI, consider the following statements:

- Its mission is to ensure that more Indians can access global content in their own languages.
- Its aim is to provide Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) resources to only large enterprises.
- It will create an ecosystem involving Central/State government agencies to provide innovative products and services in Indian languages.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3 only

60. Which of the following statements about monkeypox is not true?

- Monkeypox is a viral disease that can cause a smallpox-like illness in humans.
- The monkeypox virus is primarily transmitted to humans through contact with infected animals or animal products.
- Monkeypox can be transmitted from person to person through respiratory droplets, making it highly contagious.
- Vaccination is the best way to prevent monkeypox, and a smallpox vaccine can also provide some protection.

61. With reference to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), consider the following statements:
1. It is a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
 2. The agency is responsible for promoting agricultural exports and imports.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
62. With reference to Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, consider the following statements:
1. He was also known as Mool Shankar Tiwari.
 2. He wrote Satyarth Prakash.
 3. He gave the slogan Back to the Vedas.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 only
63. With reference to the location of Mongolia, consider the following statements:
1. It is a landlocked country located in west and Central Asia.
 2. It is the world's second-largest landlocked country and the most sparsely populated country 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
64. Consider the following statements regarding India-Canada relations:
1. Canada has become India's biggest export market in 2022.
 2. Canada has world's largest resources of uranium.
- 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 and
65. Consider the following statements regarding LiDAR Technology:
1. It is a popular remote sensing method used for measuring the exact distance of an object on the earth's surface.
 2. It uses a pulsed laser to calculate an object's variable distances from the earth surface.
- 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. Which one of the following exercises is/are not held between India and the United Kingdom (UK)?
- (a) Ajeya Warrior (b) Sitmex
(c) Konkan Shakti (d) Indradhanush
67. Consider the following statements about INS SindhuKesari:
1. It is part of the Russian-made Sindhughosh-class submarines.
 2. These submarines are the Kilo class diesel-electric submarines.
- 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 statements regarding Rural Economy:
1. Two thirds of rural income is now generated in non-agricultural activities.
 2. According to the economic Survey 2022-23, 47% of the population is dependent on agriculture for livelihood.
- 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
69. With reference to the National Data and Analytics Platform, consider the following statements:
1. The National Data and Analytics Platform is a centralised platform that provides access to data from various government departments and agencies launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
 2. The platform is accessible only to government officials and is not open to the public.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 & 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
70. Consider the following statements about Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV):
1. This virus attacks the Central Nervous System (CNS) of the Brain.
 2. Presently, there are no cures for the infection at present, the disease can be managed using antiretroviral therapy.
- 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. Which of the following statements about Hummingbird is/are correct?
1. It is native to American continent.
 2. India's Sunbirds can be likened to these birds.
 3. Aztecs referred to them as Huitzilin or 'A ray of sun'.
- Select the correct answer using the code given:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

72. What is Atacama Large Millimetre/submillimetre Array (ALMA)?

1. A telescope that studies celestial objects at millimetre and submillimetre wavelengths.
2. A project funded solely by the European Southern Observatory (ESO).

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

73. Which of the following water bodies does not border Germany?

1. North Sea
2. Baltic Sea
3. Aegean Sea
4. Western Mediterranean Sea

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

74. With reference to the Olive ridley, consider the following statement:

1. They are the smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world.
2. They are best known for their unique mass nesting called Arribada.
3. They are found in warm waters of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans.

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

75. Recently, Mission shakti was in the news. Which of the following is correct about it?

- (a) It is a project for strengthening the banking system and reducing NPAs.
(b) It is an umbrella scheme for the safety, security, and empowerment of women.
(c) It is a name given to India's rescue mission in Turkey earthquakes.
(d) It is a sub scheme announced in Budget 2023 to promote Millets as a tool to counter malnutrition.

Answers

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