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1) With reference to the Savitribai Phule, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. She founded the Mahila Seva Mandal in 1852 to raise awareness about women's rights and social status.
2. She established India's first school for girls at Bhide Wada in Pune.

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

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

- Statement 1: Correct. She founded the Mahila Seva Mandal in 1852.
- Statement 2: Correct. She and Jyotirao Phule started India's first school for girls at Bhide Wada in 1848.

2) Consider the following statements:

1. Lord Cornwallis founded the College of Fort William in Calcutta in 1800 to educate young recruits for the Civil Services.

2. The first competitive exams for the Indian Civil Services (ICS) were held in London in 1855.

3. Satyendranath Tagore was the first Indian to clear ICS in 1864.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

Answer: (b) Only two

- Statement 1: Incorrect. Lord Wellesley founded the College of Fort William in 1800, not Cornwallis.
- Statement 2: Correct. Exams started in London in 1855.
- Statement 3: Correct. Satyendranath Tagore became the first Indian ICS officer in 1863 (joined 1864).

3) Consider the following subjects:

1. Audit of accounts of the Union
2. Inter-State migration
3. Elections to Parliament
4. Public order

How many of the above fall under the Union List?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All four

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation:

Based on the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution:

- Audit of accounts of the Union – Union List (Entry 76)
- Inter-State migration – Union List (Entry 81)
- Elections to Parliament – Union List (Entry 72)
- Public order – State List (Entry 1)

4) Consider the following species:

- I. Lantana camara
- II. Parthenium hysterophorus
- III. Prosopis juliflora
- IV. Azadirachta indica
- V. Oryza sativa
- VI. Elephas maximus

How many of the above are invasive alien species in India?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) Only four

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation:

- Invasive: I, II, III
- Native/Non-invasive: IV, V, VI

5) With reference to the Shaksgam Valley, consider the following statements:

1. Shaksgam Valley is also known as the Trans-Karakoram Tract.
2. It lies south of the Siachen Glacier in the Ladakh region.
3. It was ceded by Pakistan to China under the 1963 China–Pakistan Boundary Agreement, which India considers illegal.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 2 is Incorrect: Shaksgam Valley lies north of the Baltoro Glacier/Siachen region, in the Trans-Karakoram Tract.

6) With reference to the Chabahar Port and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), consider the following statements:

1. Chabahar is Iran's only deep-sea port with direct access to the Indian Ocean.
2. The INSTC is a multimodal transport network designed to connect India to Russia and Europe, bypassing the traditional Suez Canal route.
3. The port of Chabahar is geographically located on the Persian Gulf, making it a strategic alternative to the Port of Gwadar.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- Statement 3 is Incorrect: Chabahar is located on the Gulf of Oman, not the Persian Gulf.

7) With reference to the Northern Mountains of India, consider the following statements:

1. The Himalayas were formed primarily due to the collision between the Indo-Australian Plate and the Eurasian Plate.
2. The Trans-Himalayan ranges lie to the south of the Great Himalayas and include ranges such as the Zaskar and Pir Panjal.

3. The Siwalik ranges are mainly composed of unconsolidated sediments deposited during the later phases of Himalayan uplift.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- Statement 2 is Incorrect: Trans-Himalayas lie to the north; Pir Panjal is Lesser Himalaya.

8) Consider the following pairs:

Industrial Region — Dominant Industry / Characteristic

- 1. Ruhr Region — Traditional Coal and Steel hub
- 2. Silicon Valley — High-technology and Microelectronics
- 3. Toyota City — Automobile Manufacturing
- 4. Donbas Region — Footloose Electronics and IT

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation:

- Pair 4 is Incorrect: Donbas is a coal and steel region, not IT/electronics.

9) Consider the following pairs:

| <u>Mining Region</u> | <u>Major Mineral Associated</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Kolar (Karnataka) | Copper |
| 2. Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) | Manganese |
| 3. Koraput (Odisha) | Iron Ore |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- 1. Kolar: Gold (Incorrect).
- 2. Balaghat: Manganese (Correct).
- 3. Koraput: Bauxite (Incorrect).

10) The Ta Muen Thom Temple region was recently in the news due to a territorial dispute between which of the following countries?

- (a) China and Korea
- (b) Cambodia and Vietnam
- (c) Cambodia and Laos
- (d) Thailand and Cambodia

Answer: (d) Thailand and Cambodia

Explanation

• This temple complex (near Preah Vihear) has been a source of border friction between these two nations.

11) Consider the following statements regarding the Gadgil Formula:

1. The Gadgil Formula was used to determine the allocation of central assistance for State Plans in India.
2. It was first introduced during the implementation of the First Five-Year Plan to prioritize the development of heavy industries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation

• Statement 2 is Incorrect: It was introduced in 1969 (Fourth Five-Year Plan), not the First.

12) With reference to monetary policy in India, consider the following actions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

1. Selling government securities under Open Market Operations (OMO)
2. Increasing the Repo Rate
3. Decreasing the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
4. Decreasing the Bank Rate

How many of the above actions would lead to a contraction in the money supply?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation

- Contraction: Selling securities (1) and Increasing Repo (2) pull money out.
- Expansion: Decreasing SLR (3) and Decreasing Bank Rate (4) increase liquidity.

13) Consider the following statements:

1. Chhamb is a masked dance performed in Chamba and Kinnaur district.
2. Ghure is the leader whose footsteps are followed by all the dancers.
3. Chhamb is performed by both males and females.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (c) 2 only

Explanation

- Statement 1: Chhamb is primarily a Buddhist monastic dance (Lahaul, Spiti, Kinnaur).
- Statement 3: Traditionally performed by Lamas (males).

14) Consider the following statements:

1. The Khampas have a traditional council known as Char-bhai which is headed by a Gova.
2. In the traditional council of Khampas, only male members are allowed to dominate the proceedings.
3. The traditional council of Kinnauras consists of Char, Halmadi and Tokniya besides a Mukhiya.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation

- The council is often called Hanjje (not Char-bhai, which is more associated with other groups like the Pangwals). Women's roles vary, but "only male" is an overgeneralization for some tribal traditions in modern contexts.

15) Match List I (Glaciers) with List II (Valleys):

List I (Glacier) List II (Valley)

- A. Miyar Glacier 1. Chandra Valley
B. Gangstang Glacier 2. Bhaga Valley
C. Sonapani Glacier 3. Miyar Valley
D. Bara Shigri Glacier 4. Pattan Valley

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-1
(b) A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1
(c) A-2, B-3, C-1, D-4
(d) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4

Answer: (b) A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1

Explanation

- Miyar (Miyar), Gangstang (Bhaga), Sonapani (Pattan/Chandra), Bara Shigri (Chandra).