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ध्यान दें : अनुदेशों का हिन्दी रूपान्तर इस पुस्तिका के मुख्यपृष्ठ पर छपा है।

1. Which of the following statements correctly describe the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)?
 1. It was established following the Montagu–Chelmsford Reforms.
 2. Its membership consists of members drawn only from the Rajya Sabha.
 3. It examines audit reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General relating to Union Government expenditure.
 4. The Chairman of the committee is appointed by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

2. The *Amarjeet Sinha Committee* , mentioned in news recently, was constituted primarily to:

- a. Recommend privatisation of rural employment services
- b. Review inter-State variations and suggest improvements to the MGNREG scheme
- c. Examine the impact of MGNREGS on agricultural productivity
- d. Replace wage payments with food transfers in the scheme

3. With reference to PF contributions under the newly enforced labour codes, consider the following statements:

1. There is a mandatory requirement for employers to contribute PF on wages above ₹15,000.
2. Contributions over the statutory wage ceiling can be made voluntarily if both employer and employee agree.
3. The implementation of the four labour codes results in a reduction in take-home salary for employees.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 2 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

4. Which of the following correctly matches the global forum with its ocean-related outcome?

Forum	Outcome
1. UNOC3	Advancing SDG-14 and ocean finance commitments
2. G20 Johannesburg	Recognition of oceans in climate resilience discourse
3. COP30 Belém	Launch of One Ocean Partnership
4. BBNJ Agreement	Legal framework for ocean biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction

Select the correct answer:

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

5. Consider the following sequence of cosmic events:

- 1. Supernova explosion
- 2. Formation of neutron stars
- 3. Merger of neutron stars
- 4. Emission of heavy-element-rich ejecta

Which of the following correctly represents a possible superkilonova pathway?

- A. $4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$
- B. $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$
- C. $2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$
- D. $3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4$

6. With reference to the BlueBird Block-2 satellite, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is designed to provide broadband connectivity directly to smartphones.
- 2. It operates as part of a Low Earth Orbit satellite constellation.
- 3. It requires special satellite phones for user access.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All three

7. Which of the following rivers touch or cross the Tropic of Cancer while flowing through eastern India?

- 1. Damodar
- 2. Subarnarekha
- 3. Son
- 4. Brahmani

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. With reference to seismic waves and major discontinuities inside the Earth, consider the following statements:

- 1. Seismic wave velocities show a sudden increase at the crust–mantle boundary.
- 2. The liquid nature of the Earth’s outer core prevents the transmission of certain seismic waves, leading to a vast shadow zone.
- 3. Primary waves involve particle motion parallel to the direction of wave propagation.
- 4. At the mantle–core boundary, seismic wave velocities reduce due to a change in the physical state of matter.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

9. With reference to western disturbances, consider the following statements:

1. They are extra-tropical weather systems originating outside the Indian subcontinent.
2. They are the primary source of winter precipitation in the western Himalayas.
3. They derive most of their moisture from the Bay of Bengal.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

10. With reference to seaweed, consider the following statements:

1. Seaweeds are marine macroalgae.
2. They require freshwater and fertilisers for cultivation.
3. They lack true roots, stems and leaves.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one

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

11. With reference to climate feedback loops, consider the following statements:

1. A positive climate feedback amplifies the initial climate change.
2. A climate feedback loop always stabilises the climate system.

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. Match List-I (CITES Appendix) with List-II (Core feature)

List-I	List-II
A. Appendix I	1. Species protected in at least one country seeking cooperation of others
B. Appendix II	2. Species threatened with extinction; commercial trade generally prohibited
C. Appendix III	3. Species not necessarily threatened now but may become so without regulation

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) A-2, B-3, C-1

(b) A-3, B-2, C-1

(c) A-2, B-1, C-3

(d) A-1, B-3, C-2

13. Consider the following statements regarding methane emissions from paddy fields:

1. Methane is produced mainly due to aerobic decomposition of organic matter in flooded fields.
2. Flooded rice fields create conditions suitable for methanogenic microbes.
3. Methane has a higher global warming potential than carbon dioxide.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

14. With reference to the VB-G RAM G Act, consider the following statements:

1. It replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

2. It introduces a uniform cost-sharing rule for wages, materials, and administration.
3. It fully retains the demand-driven funding structure of MGNREGA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

15. Which of the following best describes double deflation in national accounts?

- (a) Adjusting output by inflation and ignoring input prices
- (b) Adjusting both output and input values using the same inflation rate
- (c) Separately deflating output and input values using their respective price indices
- (d) Removing indirect taxes from GDP

16. Consider the following statements regarding Santorini and Kolumbo volcanoes:

1. Both lie in the Hellenic Volcanic Arc
2. They are connected by a shared underground magma reservoir
3. Both are shield volcanoes
4. They lie at the African–Eurasian plate boundary

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All four

17. Which one of the following lakes acts as a natural buffer against Mediterranean seawater intrusion?

A. Lake Natron

B. Lake Manzala

C. Lake Turkana

D. Lake Tahoe

18. Which one of the following lakes was constructed by a Chola ruler to commemorate a victorious northern campaign?

A. Ashtamudi Lake

B. Gadisar Lake

C. Chola Gangam (Ponneri) Lake

D. Vellayani Lake

19. With reference to Ashtamudi Lake, consider the following statements:

1. It is a brackish water lake

2. It supports India's first MSC-certified marine fishery

3. It is located in Tamil Nadu

4. It plays a role in coastal livelihood and biodiversity

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1, 2 and 4 only

B. 1, 3 and 4 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2 and 3 only

20. With reference to Mount Etna, consider the following statements:

1. It is Europe's tallest active volcano

2. It lies at the convergent boundary of African and Eurasian plates

3. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

4. It is located north of the Alps

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All four

21. With reference to the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA), consider the following statements:

1. It is convened under the United Nations system to align banking sector activities with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

2. Member banks are required to set both intermediate (2030) and long-term (2050) emissions reduction targets for their portfolios.

3. All G20 countries have at least one public sector bank as a member of the Alliance.
4. Members are required to publicly disclose their financed emissions on an annual basis.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All four

22. *Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary* is located in which state?

A. Odisha

B. Assam

C. Karnataka

D. Maharashtra

23. With reference to the Himalayan Musk Deer (*Moschus leucogaster*), consider the following statements:

1. It is native to the Himalayan region and occurs in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, and China.
2. It primarily inhabits tropical rainforests and grasslands at low altitudes.
3. Male Himalayan Musk Deer possess a musk gland, making the species vulnerable to poaching.
4. It is listed as *Endangered* on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List and included

under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. Only 1

B. Only 2

C. Only 3

D. All 4

24. With reference to India's Lost, Looted and Recovered Firearm (LLRF) database, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's first-ever national database related to weapons.
2. It has been developed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. It records information only about civilian-owned firearms lost or recovered in India.
4. It aims to strengthen India's response against organised crime, terrorism, and extremism.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All four

25. With reference to the Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to establish India's first integrated domestic manufacturing ecosystem for high-value rare-earth magnets.
2. It covers the entire value chain from rare-earth oxides to finished permanent magnets.
3. The scheme targets an annual production capacity of about 6,000 metric tonnes.
4. India lacks rare-earth mineral reserves and is fully dependent on imports for raw materials.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements about the ASPIRE scheme:

1. It was launched in the year 2015.
2. It aims to promote innovation, rural industries, and entrepreneurship.
3. It focuses on establishing Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) across India.
4. It is implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

27. Consider the following statements

Assertion (A):

Gyan Bharatam seeks to preserve India's manuscript heritage by combining traditional conservation methods with modern digital technologies.

Reason (R):

The initiative involves the creation of a National Digital Repository supported by Artificial Intelligence to digitise, document, and disseminate manuscripts globally.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- C. A is true, but R is false
- D. A is false, but R is true

28. Consider the following statements

Statement 1:

India's Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme operates under the SAFE Framework of Standards of the World Customs Organization.

Statement 2:

The SAFE Framework of Standards was adopted to strengthen international supply chain security and promote customs–trade partnerships.

Which one of the following is correct?

- A. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct, and Statement 2 explains Statement 1
- B. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct, but Statement 2 does not explain Statement 1
- C. Statement 1 is correct, but Statement 2 is incorrect
- D. Statement 1 is incorrect, but Statement 2 is correct

29. Consider the following statements

Statement 1:

Gujarat emerged as India's top exporting state in 2024–25.

Statement 2:

Gujarat accounted for more than one-fourth of India's total exports, driven largely by petroleum products, gems and jewellery,

organic chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and engineering goods.

Which one of the following is correct?

- A. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct, and Statement 2 explains Statement 1
- B. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct, but Statement 2 does not explain Statement 1
- C. Statement 1 is correct, but Statement 2 is incorrect
- D. Statement 1 is incorrect, but Statement 2 is correct

30. Consider the following statements about *Spheniscus demersus* (African penguin):

- 1. It is endemic to southern Africa, with breeding colonies confined to Namibia and South Africa.
- 2. Its northernmost breeding colony became extinct in the early 2000s.
- 3. Recolonisation and re-establishment of colonies in parts of South Africa has occurred through active human intervention.
- 4. Its extent of occurrence and area of occupancy are currently increasing.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

31. Consider the following statements

Assertion(A):

The Framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI) seeks to balance innovation in the financial sector with consumer protection and risk mitigation.

Reason(R):

The framework lays down guiding principles and strategic pillars to ensure transparency, accountability, fairness, and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence in financial services.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- C. A is correct, but R is incorrect
- D. A is incorrect, but R is correct

32. Consider the following statements regarding Gallium Nitride (GaN)-based semiconductor fabrication in India:

- 1. The foundation stone for India's first GaN-based semiconductor fabrication plant was laid in Chhattisgarh.
- 2. Gallium Nitride is a wide bandgap semiconductor material known for high thermal stability and fast switching speeds.

- 3. GaN-based semiconductors are particularly suited for next-generation technologies such as 5G, defence electronics, and power electronics.
- 4. GaN completely replaces silicon and cannot be used alongside silicon-based semiconductor technologies.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

33. Which of the following statements about the PRAVAAH portal are correct?

- 1. It was launched by the Reserve Bank of India in 2024.
- 2. It is a secure web-based platform for regulatory approvals.
- 3. From May 1, 2025, all RBI-regulated entities must submit applications through it.
- 4. It is jointly operated by RBI and SEBI.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

34. Consider the following statements about the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR):

1. It operates under the Department of Commerce in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. It was established in 2018 by replacing the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties.
3. It investigates dumping, subsidies, and sudden surges in imports to ensure fair trade.
4. It is responsible for the final imposition of customs duties on imported goods.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

35. Match the following

List I (Institution)

- A. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- B. Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- C. Directorate General of Trade Remedies
- D. Directorate General of Safeguards

List II (Primary function)

1. Investigates dumping and subsidised imports and recommends remedial duties

2. Administers safeguard measures against sudden import surges
3. Formulates and implements India's Foreign Trade Policy
4. Administers customs laws and collects customs duties and IGST

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
- B. A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
- C. A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2
- D. A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1

36. Consider the following statements about BAANKNET, recently seen in the news:

1. BAANKNET is a revamped e-auction portal launched to streamline the auction of bank assets.
2. It has replaced the earlier e-BKray portal that was launched in 2019.
3. The portal is used exclusively by private sector banks for auctioning non-performing assets.
4. It integrates features such as automated KYC and secure payment gateways.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

37. Consider the following statements

Assertion (A):

The UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics plays a key role in modernising national statistical systems.

Reason (R):

It develops global standards, best practices, and methodologies for integrating non-traditional data sources such as satellite imagery, IoT data, and private sector data into official statistics.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A
- b) Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c) A is correct, but R is incorrect
- d) A is incorrect, but R is correct

38. Consider the following statements about the Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2025:

- 1. Africa is identified as one of the regions with low confidence in cybersecurity preparedness.
- 2. Smaller organisations face disproportionately higher cybersecurity challenges compared to larger organisations.
- 3. Public sector organisations face a significant cybersecurity workforce shortage.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements about types of whips issued by political parties:

- 1. A one-line whip requires members to remain present but allows them to abstain from voting.
- 2. A two-line whip directs members to vote in favour of the party's stance without exception.
- 3. A three-line whip mandates both presence and voting in alignment with party instructions.
- 4. Whips are legally enforceable in all parliamentary democracies.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

40. Consider the following statements about Narahari Tirtha:

- 1. He was a prominent disciple of Madhvacharya and propagated Dvaita philosophy.
- 2. He composed devotional songs in Kannada under the pen name *Raghukulatilaka*.
- 3. He established the first Vaishnavite educational institution in the Kalinga region.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements about the causes of the Kuka Rebellion:

1. The rebellion was a reaction against the Permanent Settlement introduced by the British in Punjab.
2. It was fuelled by discontent over cow slaughter and social vices promoted under British rule.
3. The Namdhari sect aimed to revive Sikh practices and oppose colonial oppression.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding the sculptures of the Konark Sun Temple:

Statement-I:

The Konark Sun Temple's intricate carvings depict themes of mythology, daily life, and spirituality.

Statement-II:

These carvings were influenced by Persian and Central Asian artistic traditions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 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.

43. With reference to Iron Age in India consider the following statements :

1. The Painted Grey Ware (PGW) culture is associated with early Iron Age settlements in the Ganga-Yamuna plains.
2. Iron tools during this period were primarily used for religious rituals.
3. The Iron Age in South India began earlier than in North India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements about Lala Lajpat Rai:

1. He played a key role in the establishment of the Banaras Hindu University (BHU).
2. He was the first Indian to demand complete independence (Purna Swaraj) from British rule.
3. He founded the Servants of the People Society to promote social reforms.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

45. Which Tamil dynasty had maritime trade links with Rome and China during the Sangam Age?

- (a) Pallavas
- (b) Cholas
- (c) Pandyas
- (d) Cheras

46. Consider the following statements about the Future of Jobs Report, 2025:

1. It is released annually by the World Economic Forum.
2. The report highlights the growing demand for sustainability-related jobs.
3. It identifies the gig economy as an important driver of employment growth.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

47. Jagatsuk-1 Peak, recently in news, is located in:

- A. Zanskar Range
- B. Pir Panjal Range
- C. Dhauladhar Range
- D. Ladakh Range

48. With reference to the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), consider the following:

1. It was created under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 as amended in 2002.
2. The Chairperson is appointed by the Centre and holds a tenure not exceeding five years.
3. It is empowered to issue binding directions to basin States under the 2018 Supreme Court judgment.

Which statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 3 only

49. Consider the following statements about cyclones and carbon absorption in oceans:

1. Cyclones always decrease CO₂ absorption by causing mixing of deep carbon-rich water.
2. Phytoplankton blooms caused by cyclones can increase temporary carbon fixation.
3. Ocean acidification increases when seawater absorbs more CO₂.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

50. Match the following waterfalls with their respective rivers:

List I (Waterfalls)	List II (Rivers)
A. Jog Falls	1. Subarnarekha
B. Dhuandhar Falls	2. Narmada
C. Hundru Falls	3. Sharavathi
D. Chitrakote Falls	4. Indravati

Codes:

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

51. With reference to India and the International Labour Organization (ILO), consider the following statements:

1. India is a founding member of the International Labour Organization and has been a member since 1919.
2. India has ratified more than half of the Core ILO Conventions.
3. India has ratified the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948.
4. India has ratified the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

52. With reference to the *Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief* released by the World Bank, consider the following statements about India:

1. India's Gini Index for 2022–23 places it among the countries with moderately low income inequality.
2. India ranks among the top five most equal countries globally, ahead of all G7 and G20 nations.
3. Under the revised international poverty line of \$3 per day, less than 3% of India's population lives in poverty.

4. Financial inclusion measures such as Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–DBT have contributed significantly to reducing inequality and extreme poverty.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

53. With reference to the *Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)*, consider the following statements:

- 1. CDSCO functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and is headed by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).
- 2. Import, manufacture, and sale of drugs and vaccines in India are regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019.
- 3. Registration with CDSCO is mandatory for selling medical devices in India, but a licence is required only for imported devices.
- 4. Foreign manufacturers intending to sell medical devices in India must appoint an Authorised Indian Representative (AIR).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

54. With reference to the *Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2026*, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Global Climate Risk Index is published annually by Germanwatch using data from EM-DAT and other disaster databases.
- 2. The CRI ranks countries based on their vulnerability to climate-related extreme weather events using indicators such as fatalities and economic losses.
- 3. India ranked among the top 10 most affected countries globally in the long-term CRI (1995–2024).
- 4. The CRI 2026 was released at COP28 held in Dubai.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. All 4

55. With reference to cotton cultivation in India, consider the following statements:

1. India is the only country in the world that cultivates all four major species of cotton.
2. Despite having the largest cotton acreage globally, India's productivity remains among the lowest in the world.
3. Bt cotton in India was approved by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
4. Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton occupies a large proportion of India's cotton area and contributes significantly to global cotton production.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. All 4

56. With reference to Activated Carbon, consider the following statements:

1. Activated carbon removes impurities mainly through absorption into its bulk structure.
2. Coconut shells are an important raw material for the production of activated carbon in India.
3. Activated carbon plays a significant role in water purification, air filtration, and medical treatment of poisoning.
4. India is among the top three producers of activated carbon globally, with exports dominated by southern States.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

57. Consider the following statements with respect to M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace :

1. The award is jointly instituted by the The World Academy of Sciences and the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.
2. It is an international award meant exclusively for scientists from developed countries working on food security.
3. The first recipient of the award is a Nigerian scientist known for contributions to evidence-based policymaking on genetically modified crops.
4. The award recognises contributions linking food security with climate justice and peace-building.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 3 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

58. With reference to the Bar Council of India (BCI), consider the following statements:

1. The Bar Council of India is a statutory body established under the Advocates Act, 1961.
2. The Bar Council of India regulates both the legal profession and legal education in India.
3. The Attorney General of India and Solicitor General of India are elected members of the Bar Council of India.
4. The Bar Council of India elects its Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a term of two years.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

59. With reference to the International Maritime Federation (IMF), consider the following statements:

1. The International Maritime Federation is a statutory body created under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
2. It is an industry-led organisation founded by Indian maritime stakeholders.
3. One of its objectives is to promote the welfare and rights of Indian seafarers.
4. It works in coordination with the Directorate General of Shipping under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 2, 3 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

60. Consider the following pairs:

Zonal Council	Member States
1. Northern Zonal Council	Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan
2. Central Zonal Council	Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh
3. Eastern Zonal Council	Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal
4. Western Zonal Council	Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

61. With reference to the Doctrine of Proportionality and Necessity in Indian constitutional law, consider the following statements:

1. The doctrine requires that restrictions on fundamental rights must pursue a legitimate aim and have a rational connection with that aim.
2. The necessity test mandates that the State must adopt the least restrictive means available to achieve its objective.

3. The doctrine of proportionality was first comprehensively applied in India in *A.K. Gopalan v. State of Madras*.
4. The Supreme Court in *K.S. Puttaswamy (2017)* laid down a four-pronged proportionality test for evaluating restrictions on the right to privacy.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

62. Consider the following statements about *autonomy of tribal councils* in India:

1. Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) under the Sixth Schedule have legislative, executive, and judicial powers over specified subjects.
2. Laws passed by Autonomous District Councils come into force only after the assent of the Governor.
3. Tribes Advisory Councils (TACs) under the Fifth Schedule have independent legislative powers over land and forests.
4. The Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 recognises the authority of Gram Sabhas over minor forest produce and customary law.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. None

63. With reference to the National Population Register (NPR), consider the following statements:

1. The National Population Register is a register of usual residents of India, irrespective of their citizenship status.
2. A usual resident is defined as a person who has resided in a local area for at least one year.
3. The NPR is governed by the Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003.
4. The NPR is considered a preparatory step towards the creation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 3 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

64. With reference to content-blocking mechanisms in India, consider the following statements:

1. Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 grants “safe harbour” protection to intermediaries, subject to compliance with government or court directions.
2. In *Shreya Singhal v. Union of India*, the Supreme Court held that intermediaries must remove content only upon receiving a court order or notification by an appropriate government agency.

3. The Sahyog portal derives its authority from Section 69A of the IT Act, 2000, which contains detailed procedural safeguards for blocking online content.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. None

65. With reference to the Vice-President of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Vice-President holds office for a term of five years and may continue in office beyond this term until a successor assumes charge.
- 2. The Vice-President can be removed from office only on grounds specified in the Constitution, similar to the President.
- 3. A resolution for removal of the Vice-President must be initiated in the Rajya Sabha and passed by an effective majority, and thereafter approved by the Lok Sabha by a simple majority.
- 4. The Vice-President of India is eligible for re-election any number of times.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. ALL 4

66. Which of the following cases expanded the scope of Article 21 to include the right to live with dignity?

- a) Kesavananda Bharati vs. State of Kerala (1973)
- b) Maneka Gandhi vs. Union of India (1978)
- c) Navtej Singh Johar vs. Union of India (2018)
- d) Justice K.S. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India (2017)

67. With reference to the in-house procedure for dealing with complaints against judges of the higher judiciary, consider the following statements:

- 1. The in-house procedure is a statutory mechanism enacted by Parliament under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968.
- 2. Under this procedure, the Chief Justice of India may constitute different inquiry committees depending on whether the complaint is against a High Court judge, a High Court Chief Justice, or a Supreme Court judge.
- 3. If the inquiry committee finds serious misconduct and the judge refuses to resign, the matter may be forwarded for initiation of parliamentary removal proceedings.
- 4. The in-house procedure can directly remove a judge from office upon proof of misconduct.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

68. Consider the following statements

Assertion (A):

India opposed the proposal to list guggul under Appendix II at CITES CoP20.

Reason (R):

India argued that population assessments of the species were insufficient to justify listing.

Select the correct answer:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

Correct answer: (a)

Explanation

- Assertion: True
- Reason: True
- Reason correctly explains India's opposition.

69. According to Global Environment Outlook-7 (GEO-7), biodiversity loss affects climate primarily through:

- 1. Carbon cycle
- 2. Nitrogen cycle
- 3. Water cycle

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

70. With reference to the yellow-throated marten which has been in news recently, consider the following statements:

- 1. It belongs to the family Mustelidae.
- 2. It is endemic only to the Indian subcontinent.
- 3. It is an opportunistic omnivorous carnivore.

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

71. Mitochondrial uncoupling primarily affects which of the following cellular processes?

- (a) Protein synthesis
- (b) Oxidative phosphorylation
- (c) DNA replication
- (d) Transcription

72. Consider the following statements on Obesity :

Assertion (A):

WHO describes obesity as a chronic, relapsing disease.

Reason (R):

Obesity is influenced by genetics, environment, biology and social factors.

Select the correct answer:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

73. With reference to the Landsat Mission, consider the following statements:

- 1. Landsat is the world's longest continuously operating Earth observation programme.
- 2. It is jointly operated by NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey.
- 3. Landsat primarily focuses on monitoring atmospheric weather systems.

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

74. The “overview effect”, often mentioned in the context of astronauts aboard the ISS, refers to:

- (a) Increased efficiency of satellite imaging
- (b) Psychological shift from seeing Earth as a unified and fragile planet
- (c) Improved spatial orientation in microgravity
- (d) Enhanced night-time visibility of cities

75. Consider the following statements regarding the nature of sound:

- 1. Sound waves travel through air by compressing and expanding air molecules.
- 2. The pitch of a sound is determined by its amplitude.
- 3. Humans can hear sounds approximately in the range of 20 Hz to 20 kHz.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

76. With reference to the SWADESH initiative developed by DBT-NBRC, consider the following statements:

- 1. SWADESH is the first multimodal neuroimaging database created specifically for the Indian population.
- 2. It focuses only on neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.
- 3. It uses a big-data architecture that supports multisite data integration.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

77. Operation “Spider’s Web”, recently seen in the news, is best described as:

- A. A NATO cyber-security exercise aimed at protecting European power grids
- B. A Ukrainian covert drone operation targeting strategic military assets inside Russia
- C. A Russian counter-insurgency operation against Ukrainian special forces
- D. A UN-mandated peacekeeping mission using unmanned systems

78. With reference to the Strait of Hormuz, consider the following statements:

- 1. It connects the Persian Gulf with the Arabian Sea via the Gulf of Oman.
- 2. Over 20% of global oil trade transits through it.
- 3. It is bordered by Iran to the north and Oman to the south.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. All 3
- D. None

79. Which of the following countries Border Cambodia?

- 1. Myanmar
- 2. Laos
- 3. Thailand
- 4. Vietnam
- 5. China

Options:

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Only 3
- d. Only 4

80. The “**Treaty on Eternal Good Neighbourliness, Friendship and Cooperation**”, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- A. A bilateral treaty between China and Russia signed in 2001
- B. A multilateral treaty signed by China and five Central Asian countries at a summit in Kazakhstan
- C. A regional security pact under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- D. A confidence-building agreement between China and India along the Line of Actual Control

81. The Isfahan and Qom (Qum) regions, recently seen in the news, are located in which country?

- A. Iraq
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Iran
- D. Turkey

82. Who among the following Governor-Generals followed the policy of non-interference with native states?

- a) Warren Hastings
- b) Cornwallis
- c) John Shore
- d) William Bentinck

83. Consider the following statements regarding the salient features of the Government of India Act, 1935:

- 1. Establishment of a Federal Court at Calcutta
- 2. Extension of the principle of Separate Electorates to Sikhs, Europeans, Indian Christians and Anglo-Indians

3. Abolition of Dyarchy at the Centre

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

84. Consider the following statements regarding the Jnanpith Award:

- 1. Only Indian citizens are eligible for the award.
- 2. The award is open to all Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, but not English.
- 3. Once a writer receives the award for a work in a particular language, that language becomes ineligible for consideration for the next five years.

- 4. The award is sometimes conferred posthumously for exceptional contributions to Indian literature.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

85. Consider the following statements about early Buddhist councils:

- 1. The First Council compiled the Tripitaka after Buddha's death.
- 2. The Fourth Council under Kanishka formalized the split between Theravada and Mahayana.
- 3. The Second Council at Vaishali introduced the concept of Bodhisattvas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

86. Recently Kannadippaya awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, the unique thermal property of Kannadippaya is primarily due to:

- a) Reed bamboo's natural insulation
- b) Surface coating with natural wax
- c) Alternating layers of palm fibers
- d) Use of silk threads in weaving

87. Consider the following statements regarding MSP determination:

- 1. "A2" costs include all cash and in-kind expenses incurred by the farmer.
- 2. "A2 + FL" adds the imputed value of unpaid family labour to "A2" costs.
- 3. "C2" costs exclude any interest on fixed capital assets like farm machinery.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

88. Consider the following reports published by the National Statistics Office (NSO):

- 1. Index of Industrial Production (IIP)
- 2. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)
- 3. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

- 4. Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)

Which of the above are published by the NSO?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1, 2, and 3
- (c) 1, 3, and 4
- (d) All of the above

89. The North Sea is bordered by which of the following water bodies?

- 1. Norwegian Sea
- 2. English Channel
- 3. Baltic Sea
- 4. Bay of Biscay

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

- (a) 1, 2, and 3
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 4
- (d) All of the above

90. With reference to Divya Deshmukh, who was recently in the news, consider the following statements:

- 1. She became the first Indian woman to win the FIDE Women's World Cup, a knockout-format tournament.
- 2. Her victory secured her qualification for the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026.

3. She defeated the reigning Women's World Chess Champion in the final match.
4. Her World Cup victory automatically made her India's first female Grandmaster.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

91. With reference to the National Florence Nightingale Awards, consider the following statements:

1. The awards were instituted in 1973 to honour contributions in the field of nursing and public health.
2. The awards are limited only to nurses serving in hospitals under the Central Government.
3. The award includes a cash prize of ₹1,00,000 along with a medal and a Certificate of Merit.

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

92. The U.K.–India Infrastructure Financing Bridge (UKIIFB) aims to:

- a) Provide direct funding from the U.K. government for infrastructure projects in India.
- b) Create a common market for infrastructure goods between the two countries.
- c) Mobilise global private capital for India's sustainable infrastructure projects.
- d) Facilitate the migration of skilled labour for infrastructure projects.

93. Consider the following statements about the 'One-In, One-Out' Scheme:

1. It is a trilateral agreement between the United Kingdom, France, and Germany.
2. The scheme is primarily aimed at managing economic migrants.
3. For every illegal migrant France takes back from the United Kingdom, the UK agrees to accept a legal asylum seeker from France.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

94. Light-based (optical) computing, recently seen in the news, differs fundamentally from conventional electronic computing because it primarily uses:

- A. Electrons moving through semiconductor junctions
- B. Photons travelling through optical fibres to process information
- C. Magnetic spins to store and process data
- D. Quantum entanglement for parallel computation

95. With reference to DNA profiling, consider the following statements:

- 1. DNA profiling relies on the analysis of selected variable regions of human DNA rather than the entire genome.
- 2. Errors in DNA profiling can arise due to contamination, degradation, or improper handling of samples.
- 3. Courts rely exclusively on DNA evidence while determining criminal guilt, as it is scientifically conclusive.

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

96. Recently *Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve* is in news, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is located in the Lahaul–Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, forming part of the Trans-Himalayan region.
- 2. It became India's first high-altitude cold desert site to be included in UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- 3. It includes protected areas such as Pin Valley National Park and Chandratal Wetland.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

97. With reference to the Men's Cricket Asia Cup 2025, consider the following statements:

- 1. The tournament was hosted by the United Arab Emirates.
- 2. India won the final against Pakistan, securing its record ninth Asia Cup title.
- 3. All matches of the tournament were played in the T20I format and were granted official international status.

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

98. With reference to 'Vande Mataram', consider the following statements:

- 1. The song was composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and first appeared in his novel *Anandamath*.
- 2. It was first sung in a public political forum by Rabindranath Tagore at the 1896 session of the Indian National Congress.
- 3. Only the first two stanzas of the song were adopted by the Indian National Congress to maintain its secular and inclusive character.

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

99. With reference to the Durand Line, consider the following statements:

- 1. The agreement defining the Durand Line was signed in 1893 between British India and Afghanistan.
- 2. Since the creation of Pakistan in 1947, Afghanistan has consistently refused to formally recognise the

Durand Line as an international boundary.

- 3. The Durand Line resulted in the political division of Pashtun tribal areas across present-day Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

100. Which of the following was not a journal associated with B. R. Ambedkar?

- a) Janata
- b) Samatha
- c) Mooknayak
- d) Prabuddha Bharat

