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GENERAL STUDIES TEST BOOKLET

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1. Consider the following pairs related to the Vedic period:

1. Sabha: An assembly primarily of elders or elites.
2. Vidatha: The most important royal official responsible for collecting taxes.
3. Purohita: The chief priest who advised the king and performed rituals.
4. Spasha: Spies or messengers employed by the king.

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Shad-Darshanas of Indian philosophy:

1. The Nyaya school, founded by Gautama, primarily focuses on epistemology and logic, establishing methods for valid reasoning.
2. The Vaisheshika school, attributed to Kanada, posits an atomistic theory of the universe.
3. The Samkhya school is fundamentally dualistic, explaining reality through the interplay of Prakriti and Purusha
4. The Purva Mimamsa school emphasizes the ritualistic aspects of the Vedas and the attainment of heaven through Dharma, while Uttara Mimamsa (Vedanta) focuses on the philosophical teachings of the Upanishads, particularly the nature of Brahman.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. The widespread adoption and predominant use of microliths – tiny stone tools often used hafted together as composite tools – is considered a defining

technological characteristic primarily of which one of the following prehistoric periods in India?

- (a) Lower Paleolithic Period
- (b) Upper Paleolithic Period
- (c) Mesolithic Period
- (d) Neolithic Period

4. Consider the following pairs concerning Mauryan administration:

1. Samahartta: Chief Justice of the empire.
2. Sannidhata: Chief Treasurer and Keeper of the Royal Stores.
3. Rajjukas: Officials primarily responsible for land measurement and rural justice.
4. Pautavadhyaksha: Superintendent of Weights and Measures.

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

5. Consider the following information regarding the Sangam Age Tinais (Eco-zones):

Tinai (Eco-zone) - Chief Deity - Primary Occupation

1. Kurinji - Murugan - Hunting & Gathering
2. Mullai - Indra - Cattle Rearing
3. Marutam - Varuna - Agriculture

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched across all three columns?

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

6. Consider the following information about the Gupta Period:

Author / Scholar Major Work Field / Genre

1. Kalidasa – Meghaduta - Drama

2. Aryabhata - Surya Siddhanta - Astronomy & Mathematics
 3. Varahamihira - Brihat Samhita - Poetry

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched across all three columns?

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

7. The "Varkari movement" in medieval India is most closely associated with which of the following practices?

- (a) Worship of Vitthala of Pandharpur through devotional pilgrimage
 (b) Use of Sanskrit Vedantic philosophy for social reform
 (c) Establishment of monastic mathas across Karnataka
 (d) Royal patronage of Ajivika ascetics by the Cholas

8. The "Khuntkatti" tenure system, which provided collective rights to forest lands based on ancestral clearing, was originally prevalent among which tribal group?

- (a) Bhils
 (b) Gonds
 (c) Baiga
 (d) Munda

9. Which ruler of the Bahmani Sultanate, despite a short reign in the mid-15th century, is distinguished in historical accounts by the grim epithet 'Zalim' (The Cruel or Tyrant) attributed to his exceptionally harsh nature and punitive actions?

- (a) Muhammad Shah I
 (b) Taj ud-Din Firuz Shah
 (c) Shihab ud-Din Ahmad I
 (d) Humayun Shah

10. The popularization of 'Sankirtan' – a form of ecstatic, congregational chanting and singing of divine names and glories –

as a primary mode of expressing intense personal love and devotion (Prema Bhakti) is most distinctively associated with the teachings and legacy of which medieval saint?

- (a) Ramananda
 (b) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
 (c) Surdas
 (d) Tulsidas

11. Arrange the following significant events in the correct chronological order, starting from the earliest:

1. Signing of the Poona Pact
2. Establishment of the Congress Socialist Party (CSP)
3. Holding of the Second Round Table Conference
4. Formation of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

12. Consider the following information matching foreign travellers, the primary Indian kingdom/region they visited, and their country of origin:

Foreign Traveller	-	Primary Kingdom/Region Visited	-	Country of Origin
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1. Al Biruni - Delhi Sultanate - Persia
2. Abdur Razzaq – Vijayanagara Empire - Persia
3. Francois Bernier - Mughal Empire - France
4. Duarte Barbosa – Hoysalas- Portugal

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched across all three columns?

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

13. With reference to the Chittagong Armoury Raid of 1930, consider the following statements:

1. The raid targeted both the Police Armoury and the European Club in Chittagong.
2. The revolutionaries declared a Provisional Revolutionary Government immediately after the raid.
3. Kalpana Dutta and Pritilata Waddadar directly participated in the raid on the armouries.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) None of the above

14. During the negotiations surrounding representation for the Depressed Classes in the early 1930s, which prominent leader, a leader of the 'All India Depressed Classes Association' himself representing these communities, significantly diverged from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's initial demand for separate electorates and proposed joint electorates combined with reserved seats?

- (a) Babu Jagjivan Ram
- (b) B. S. Moonje
- (c) Rettamalai Srinivasan
- (d) M. C. Rajah

15. Within the complex accounting of the 'Home Charges' that constituted a major part of the economic drain from India under British rule, the substantial component labelled 'Interest on Public Debt' primarily stemmed from the servicing of loans raised by the Government of India largely for which purposes?

- (a) Funding social welfare programs and educational institutions exclusively within Great Britain.

- (b) Covering the accumulated personal debts of East India Company officials prior to 1858.
- (c) Financing British imperial wars, constructing railways, and managing famine relief efforts.
- (d) Paying dividends directly to the shareholders of the defunct East India Company after 1858.

16. Under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, loans can be availed through eligible Member Lending Institutions. Which of the following banks is/are considered an eligible institution by the scheme?

1. Non-Banking Finance Company
2. Rural banks
3. Small Finance Banks

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

17. With reference to the Open Credit Enablement Network (OCEN) framework, consider the following statements:

1. The primary purpose of the OCEN framework is to replace traditional bank-based lending with lending through digital platforms.
2. Any digital platform facilitating loan discovery and origination can become a Loan Service Provider.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, "Gati Shakti Sanchar" portals have been launched to attain which of the following objectives?

- (a) Universal and equitable access to Broadband services.
- (b) Creating an integrated, efficient and cost-effective logistics network.
- (c) Extending PM Gati Shakti to the district level.
- (d) Integrating Goods and Services Tax data for end-to-end cargo tracking.

19. With respect to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), consider the following statements :

- 1. It is a biofuel used to power aircraft with similar properties to conventional jet fuel.
- 2. It will reduce carbon emissions and lower India's crude oil imports annually.
- 3. It accounts for nearly one-third of the current fuel use for aviation.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

20. Consider the following pairs:

Assets - Characteristics

- 1. Gold and Silver - Tangible and non-Fungible
- 2. Fine art like rare paintings and sculpture - Tangible and Fungible
- 3. Fiat currencies in digital form - Fungible and Intangible
- 4. Patents and copyrights - Fungible and Tangible

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

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

21. With reference to the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a credit-linked subsidy scheme that aims to create employment opportunities by establishing micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector.
- 2. Under the Scheme, margin money is provided to beneficiaries who are availing loans from banks to set up new enterprises.
- 3. Existing units that have availed of government subsidy under a state government scheme are also eligible for this Scheme.
- 4. Khadi and Village Industries Commission is the nodal agency for implementing this Scheme at the national level.

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

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

22. With reference to Infrasound, consider the following statements:

- 1. Infrasound is the sound wave which has a very high frequency.
- 2. Volcanoes and earthquakes can produce infrasound.
- 3. Infrasound is used to detect nuclear explosions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. With reference to the New Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) Policy 2021, consider the following statements:

- 1. Strategic Disinvestment implies the entire or substantial sale of a PSE's government shareholding along with the transfer of management control.
- 2. In Privatization, Government equity in a PSE is transferred to another PSE along with management control.

3. In Minority Stake Sales, Government equity in certain CPSEs is carried out without transfer of management.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

24. Under the recently launched 'Digital Agriculture Mission', the term 'Agri Stack' refers to which of the following?

- (a) A registry of farmers, village land maps and crops.
- (b) A detailed soil profile map of the country's agricultural land.
- (c) A geospatial set-up with unified remote sensing information.
- (d) An online trading platform for agricultural commodities.

25. Consider the following statements :

- 1. The unemployment rate is the percentage of people in the working-age population who are unemployed.
- 2. The labour force participation rate is the percentage of people employed in the labour force.

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

26. With reference to the Monkey Pox Virus, consider the following statements:

- 1. Mpox is an infectious disease that can cause a painful rash and enlarged lymph nodes.
- 2. It is an enveloped double-stranded DNA virus in the Poxviridae family.
- 3. Recently, India reported Clade I, which is the most deadly and virulent variant of Mpox.

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

- (a) Only one

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

27. The term "BRICS Bridge", recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) A proposed cross-border settlement system.
- (b) A joint infrastructure project connecting BRICS nations.
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29. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Progress Report 2023?

- (a) As per the index, an individual is considered MPI poor if their deprivation score is less than or equal to the poverty cutoff of 33.33%.
- (b) The report states that all 12 indicators of the index have shown improvement.
- (c) The report highlights that rural areas experienced a faster reduction in their MPI value compared to urban areas.
- (d) None of the above statements.

30. According to UNDP's Human Development Report – 2024, in which of the HDI components did India see an improvement in the year 2022?

- 1. Life expectancy at birth.
- 2. Expected years of schooling.
- 3. GNI per capita.
- 4. Mean years of schooling.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

31. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Statement-I: The height of the tides tends to be low when the sun and the moon are at right angles to each other.
- 2. Statement-II: The gravitational pull of the moon is weakened by the counteracting force of the sun at this position.

Which 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.

32. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Pandemic is identified by their geographic scale rather than the severity of illness.
- 2. An epidemic is a sudden disease outbreak that affects many people in a particular region.
- 3. There is no fixed number of cases or deaths that determine when an outbreak becomes a pandemic.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

33. Which of the following is/are the forces that influence the ocean currents?

- 1. Wind
- 2. Gravity

- 3. Salinity gradient
- 4. Heating by solar energy
- 5. Coriolis force

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

34. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of atmospheric gases in the decreasing order of percentage by volume?

- (a) Oxygen – Nitrogen – Carbon dioxide – Argon
- (b) Oxygen – Nitrogen – Argon – Carbon dioxide
- (c) Nitrogen – Oxygen – Carbon dioxide – Argon
- (d) Nitrogen – Oxygen – Argon – Carbon dioxide

35. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The atmosphere is primarily heated by reflected solar radiation.
- 2. Carbon dioxide is transparent to the incoming solar radiation.
- 3. Water vapour does not contribute to the greenhouse effect.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

36. With reference to the Anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons, consider the following statements :

- 1. They are designed to debilitate and destroy satellites already in orbit and operational.
- 2. With the policy against the weaponisation of space, India is not among the countries with Anti-satellite weapon capability.

Which of the statements are not correct?

- (a) 1 only

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

37. Consider the following pairs :

River - Famous Place

1. Mahanadi - Cuttack
2. Godavari - Kurnool
3. Narmada - Surat
4. Luni - Ajmer

How many of the above-given pairs are correctly matched?

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

38. Which of the following statements best describes terrigenous deposits?

- (a) These deposits primarily comprise organic materials derived from marine organisms.
- (b) They are derived through weathering and erosion of continental rocks through the denudation process.
- (c) They are derived through biochemical precipitation and deposited on the sea floor.
- (d) These are the sediments of extraterrestrial origin, like from meteorites in space.

39. Consider the following statements:

1. Statement-I: The isotherms closer to the equator show minimal variation, even during the months of extreme seasonal temperatures.
2. Statement-II: The insolation near the equator is consistent throughout the year.

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 explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I

- (c) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect
- (d) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct

40. Which of the following is measured using the numerical scale 'Bortle Scale'?

- (a) Seismic waves resulting from a sudden release of energy in the lithosphere
- (b) Probability of occurrence of wildfires
- (c) Period of abnormally low rainfall in a particular region.
- (d) Brightness of night sky at a given location

41. Consider the following statements with respect to the Inter-Tropical Convergent Zone (ITCZ):

1. It is the high-pressure zone formed by the convergence of trade winds from both hemispheres.
2. It is a zone of windless weather.
3. The heating of air parcels in ITCZ is done by conduction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements with respect to the "Zone of Low Velocity":

1. It is the zone of transition between the mantle and core where the velocity of the seismic waves suddenly decreases.
2. The transmission of S-waves is heavily affected by this zone.
3. This zone is characterized by high seismic energy attenuation and high electrical conductivity.

Which of the statements given above are not correct?

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

43. Consider the following:

1. Cirrus Clouds are thin clouds which are always white in colour.
2. Nimbus clouds are shapeless masses of thick vapour which are dark grey in colour.

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

44. Consider the following:

1. Photographic Images
2. Date of Birth
3. Place of Birth
4. Contact Number
5. Biometric Information

How many of the information given above are categorized as Personally Identifiable Information (PII)?

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

45. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding the temperate cyclones?

- (a) A temperate cyclone features an occluded front as the cyclone matures.
- (b) The wind direction is clockwise in the northern hemisphere and anti-clockwise in the southern hemisphere
- (c) Cyclones are formed between 35 to 65 degrees latitude in both hemispheres due to the convergence of two air masses
- (d) Temperate cyclones are formed due to the creation of polar fronts with opposing air masses.

46. Consider the following statements :

1. Statement I: The higher inflation rates in vegetables negatively impacts the headline inflation.
2. Statement II: Uneven monsoon-induced supply disruptions cause demand-pull inflation.

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 explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

47. The Commodity Markets Outlook is released by which of the following organizations?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) World Trade Organization
- (d) Food and Agricultural Organization

48. Which of the following are associated with the easing of monetary policies?

1. Increases Consumer Spending
2. Depreciation of INR
3. Increased Sovereign Bond Yields
4. Increased crypto prices
5. Reduced Policy Rates

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

49. Consider the following pairs:

Navigation System Country / Region

1. GLONASS - European Union
2. Galileo - Russia
3. QZSS - China
4. Beidou - Japan

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

50. Consider the following statements:

1. The Annual GDP Growth of India has been consistently decreasing for the past five years.
2. India, to become a developed nation by 2047, would require sustained economic growth of around 15% every year for at least a decade.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

51. Consider the following statements:

1. Statement-I: The cement industry of India has adequate capacity to meet the domestic cement demand.
2. Statement-II: Domestic cement consumption of India is greater than the global per capita.

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 explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain 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 statements :

1. Statement-I: The import of electronic products has significantly reduced in India for the past five years.
2. Statement II: The production of electronic products in India has been consistently increasing for the past five years.

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 explains Statement-I

- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

53. With reference to the Extra-Long Staple (ELS) cotton, consider the following statements:

1. ELS cotton constitutes over 95% of India's cotton production.
2. ELS variety has a higher yield per acre compared to medium staple variety in India.
3. India does not rely on imports for this variety.

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

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

54. Which of the following states has the highest share of total tax receipts to their own tax revenue during FY25?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Haryana

55. Consider the following statements:

1. The Capital Expenditure as a percentage of GDP has been consistently increasing since FY2021.
2. The fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP has been consistently decreasing since FY2021.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

56. Which of the following sectors' Gross Value Added of FY25 is greater than the GVA average of the last ten years?

1. Primary Sector
2. Secondary Sector
3. Service Sector

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding the imposition of the President's Rule under Article 356:

1. The proclamation of President's Rule need to be approved by both Houses of Parliament within two months from the time of proclamation.
2. It can be extended indefinitely infinite time period if approved by the Parliament every six months.
3. It has been imposed the highest number of times in Punjab and Bihar.

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

58. Consider the following statements :

1. In India, the majority of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) are owned by women entrepreneurs.
2. In India, the majority of the MSMEs are located in rural areas.

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

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

59. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, participation in women's trade fairs is fully subsidized.

2. In India, 33 per cent of procurement by CPSEs is reserved for women-owned enterprises.

3. In India, 100 per cent subsidy is provided on certification for women MSMEs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Which of the following promotes stability in the banking sector?

1. Increased asset impairments
2. Robust capital buffers
3. Strong operational performance

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

61. The Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) are provided under which of the following international frameworks?

- (a) Kyoto Protocol
- (b) Paris Agreement
- (c) Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- (d) Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

62. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, nearly one-third of the Total Health Expenditure is spent on capital expenditure.
2. In recent years, the share of out-of-pocket expenditure in the Total Health Expenditure has declined.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are not correct?

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

63. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Civil Aviation's project "i-DRONE" assessed the feasibility of using drones to deliver vaccines and medical supplies.
2. This project is the first of its kind in Asia to deliver medicines and jabs and test the feasibility of medium-range delivery options.

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

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

64. The "Education at Doorstep" Mission was launched to bridge the education gap brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic in the state of:

- (a) Kerela
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

65. With reference to the Super Blue Moon, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It occurs when the moon is at apogee position and appears smaller in size than usual.
2. It appears blue due to the scattering of light by dust particles.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

66. With reference to the Outer Space Treaty (1967), consider the following statements:

1. It prohibits placing nuclear weapons in orbit around Earth.
2. It mandates that outer space be used only for peaceful purposes.
3. It allows the establishment of military bases on celestial bodies for defensive purposes.

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

67. With respect to the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (UN-CEBD), consider the following statements:

1. The Committee was created under the UN Statistical Commission to further investigate the benefits and challenges of Big Data.
2. India is the member to the committee to leverage the data and technology for decision making at international level.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

68. Which of the following nations are parts of the Kavango-Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area?

1. Angola
2. Zambia
3. Mozambique
4. Tanzania
5. Congo

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

69. With reference to the Rome Statute, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is the treaty that established the International Court of Justice (ICJ).
2. All members of the United Nations are automatically parties to the Rome Statute.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

70. Consider the following pairs:

Convention - Area of focus

1. First Geneva Convention - Protection of civilians in times of war.
2. Second Geneva Convention - Protection of wounded and sick soldiers in armed forces in the field.
3. Third Geneva Convention - Treatment of prisoners of war (POWs).
4. Fourth Geneva Convention - Protection of sick and shipwrecked members of armed forces at sea.

How many of the above pairs is/are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding the Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme:

1. The scheme allows the duty-free import of natural cut and polished diamonds, irrespective of the weight.
2. Only the five star export house status diamond exporters are eligible to avail the scheme.
3. The scheme was notified by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), consider the following statements:

1. All African countries are members of NAM.

2. All NAM members are from the Global South.

3. NAM has a permanent secretariat located in Bandung, Indonesia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following statements regarding the Commonwealth of Nations:

1. The Commonwealth is an association of 56 independent and equal countries.
2. All the members of the Commonwealth share historical ties with the British Empire.
3. King Charles III is the current Head of the Commonwealth.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

74. With reference to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following statements:

1. ADB has more members than AIIB.
2. ADB and AIIB both have headquarters in the same city.
3. The ADB is primarily funded by China, while the AIIB is funded by Japan and the United States.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements:

1. The Indus River rises in the southwestern Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

2. Indus water treaty fixed and delimited the rights and obligations for the use of the waters of the Indus River system between the countries.
3. As per the treaty, the rivers Indus, Jhelum, Chenab is allocated to Pakistan and the rivers Ravi, Beas, Sutlej is allocated to India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

76. Consider the following statements regarding the World Trade Organization (WTO) :

1. The WTO was established in 1995 as a successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
2. It has the mandate to regulate intellectual property rights through the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement.
3. The multilateral trade agreements and the associated legal instruments are binding for all WTO members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. The "Future of Jobs Report" is published by which of the following organizations?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Labour Organization
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

78. With reference to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List, consider the following statements :

1. The syntax and grammar of a language are also considered as

intangible cultural heritage under the Convention.

2. Only States parties to the Convention may submit nominations.
3. Garba and Durga Puja are among India's Intangible Cultural Heritage elements in the list.

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 only

79. With reference to the KIRTI Programme, consider the following statements:

1. The program develops integrated talent identification architecture on a single platform.
2. The scheme focuses on using sports as a tool for healthy life and primarily keeps youngsters away from drugs and gadgetry distractions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

80. With reference to the International Buddhist Confederation:

1. The IBC was established in India to conserve Buddhist practices, traditions and heritage worldwide.
2. The IBC, along with the Ministry of Culture, organized the First Asian Buddhist Summit in 2024.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding the identities provided by the Constitution:

1. A constitution provides a collective identity to people when they agree to basic norms.
 2. Constitutional norms provide a political identity but not a moral one.
- 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
- 82.** Which among the following is not a feature of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)?
- (a) It is the duty of the State to apply these principles in making laws.
 - (b) They help the courts in examining and determining the constitutional validity of a law.
 - (c) They operate as limitations on the tyranny of the executive and arbitrary laws of the legislature.
 - (d) All statements (a), (b) and (c) are features of DPSP.
- 83.** Which of the following best describes the concept of Constitutionalism?
- (a) It is an ideology which promotes supremacy of a written Constitution.
 - (b) It means the Constitution is necessary in a democratic country.
 - (c) It denotes the principle that the government derives its authority from a body of fundamental law and is limited by it.
 - (d) It means that the Constitution must provide certain inalienable rights to the citizens.
- 84.** Which of the following is the objective of "Operation AMRITH"?
- (a) To clean the waters of the rivers of Himalayas.
 - (b) To prevent the overuse of antibiotics.
 - (c) To build houses for the poorest of poor.
 - (d) To clean the roads of the metro cities.
- 85.** Which among the following is the fundamental objective of Directive Principle of State Policy?
- (a) Equality of status and opportunity
 - (b) Political Justice
 - (c) Social and Economic Democracy
 - (d) Liberty of Faith
- 86.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission of Scheduled Tribes (NCST):
1. It was created through the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2003.
 2. The conditions of service and tenure of the Chairperson and members are determined by the President.
 3. The Commission, while inquiring into any complaint, has all the powers of a civil court.
- How many statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
- 87.** How many of the following are the Socialist principles that are reflected in the Directive Principles of State Policy?
1. To promote equal justice and to provide free legal aid to the poor.
 2. To organize village panchayats and enable them to function as units of self-government.
 3. To make provision for just and human conditions for work and maternity relief.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
- 88.** How many of the following Directive Principles were added by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976?

1. To secure opportunities for the healthy development of children.
2. To promote equal justice and to provide free legal aid to the poor.
3. To minimize inequalities in income, status, facilities and opportunities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

89. A new state can be formed by uniting two or more states through a bill passed by:

- (a) A simple majority in Parliament
- (b) A simple majority in state assemblies of both the states
- (c) A Special majority in the parliament and ratification by half of the states
- (d) Presidential resolution

90. Himalayan Wolf was in the news recently. In this context, which of the following statements regarding the Himalayan Wolf is correct?

- (a) It is the only species of wolf that is found in India.
- (b) It is naturally found in the Trans-Himalayan region only.
- (c) It has been categorized as 'Endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species (IUCN)
- (d) None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) are correct.

91. Consider the following statements with respect to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

1. It derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, of 1946.
2. It functions under the Prime Minister's Office.
3. It investigates crimes of corruption and economic offenses.

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

92. In context to the Akash-NG (New Generation) missile, consider the following statements:

1. Akash-NG is a surface-to-air missile.
2. The missile system is equipped with aramjet engine.
3. It is indigenously designed and developed solely by the Defence Research and Development Organization.
4. The missile system can be launched from both stationary and mobile platforms.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

93. Consider the following pairs:

Body - Chairperson

1. State Disaster Management Authority: Chief Minister
2. NITI Aayog : Prime Minister
3. National Disaster Management Authority: Union Home Minister

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

94. How many of the following Supreme Court cases are related to disputes/conflicts between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy?

1. IR Coelho Case, 2007
2. Golaknath case, 1967
3. Maneka Gandhi case, 1980
4. Minerva Mill Case, 1980

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

95. With reference to the President's rule in a state, consider the following:

- 1. Reduction of powers of the concerned state high court
- 2. Dismissal of the state council of ministers
- 3. Curtailment of Fundamental rights of citizens under Article 19

How many of the above are necessarily the consequence of the proclamation of President's rule in a state?

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

96. How many of the following options the President has with regards to the Constitutional Amendment Bill passed by both the Houses of Parliament?

- 1. He can withhold the assent of the bill.
- 2. He can return the bill for reconsideration.
- 3. He gives assent to the bill

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

97. Which of the following has defined what constitutes the 'Doctrine of Basic Structure'?

- (a) Parliament
- (b) Supreme Court
- (c) Constitution of India
- (d) None of the above

98. Which of the following functions are performed by the National Commission of Scheduled Castes (NCSC)?

- 1. To investigate and monitor all matters relating to the legal safeguards for the SCs
- 2. To provide safeguards against the exploitation of the Anglo-Indian community
- 3. To report to the President on the working of constitutional safeguards provided for SCs

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

99. It separated, for the first time, the legislative and executive functions of the Governor-General's council. In other words, it established a separate Governor-General's legislative council which came to be known as the Indian (Central) Legislative Council. This legislative wing of the council functioned as a mini-parliament, adopting the same procedures as the British Parliament. Which of the following Acts has been described by the passage given above?

- (a) Government of India Act, 1858
- (b) Charter Act, 1853
- (c) Indian Councils Act, 1861
- (d) Government of India Act, 1919

100. Which of the following statements best describes the relation between liberty and equality?

- (a) Without equality, liberty would produce the supremacy of the few over the many.
- (b) Equality is a hindrance to liberty (individual freedom).
- (c) Liberty and equality are mutually exclusive; one cannot coexist with the other.
- (d) Equality is only necessary for the privileged few, whereas liberty benefits everyone.