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1. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the elections to the Rajya Sabha?

1. A person seeking election to Rajya Sabha must be an elector in the state from where he seeks to be elected.
2. An elector belonging to a political party has to show the ballot paper after marking his vote to a nominated agent of that political party.

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

2. With reference to 'International Pulsar Timing Array' (IPTA), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a consortium of radio astronomers across the world.
2. It aims to detect and characterize the low-frequency gravitational wave in the universe.
3. India is an associate member of the IPTA.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

3. With reference to the Gram Nyayalayas or Village Courts established under Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008, consider the following statements:

1. Village Courts exercise the powers of both Criminal and Civil Courts.
2. They are bound by the rules of evidence provided in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
3. An appeal against their decision lies to the High Court of the concerned state.

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

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

4. 'Windrush Generation', a term often seen in news, refers to:

- (a) the young and dynamic generation of tech-savvy millennials.
- (b) citizens of former British colonies who arrived in the United Kingdom to work.
- (c) the new age entrepreneurs who are engaged in space exploration.
- (d) a new competitive technology to maximize the potential of wind energy.

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Deputy Chief Minister (CM)?

1. The office of the Deputy Chief Minister is neither constitutional nor statutory.
2. He is appointed by the Chief Minister of the state.

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

6. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Cabinet Committee</i>	<i>Currently Chaired by</i>
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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs | : Minister of Home Affairs |
| 2. Cabinet Committee on Security | : Minister of Defence |
| 3. Cabinet Committee on Accommodation | : Prime Minister |

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

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) None

7. Which of the following provisions have been provided in the Indian constitution regarding the union or state legislature?

1. Minimum strength of a legislative state assembly.
2. Maximum number of nominated members to the Lok Sabha
3. Method of election of representatives to the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha from the Union Territories.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding the qualification of the candidates for the election to the local government, as per part IX of the constitution:

1. A person is eligible for contesting the elections to panchayats and municipalities only after he/she has attained the age of twenty-five years.
2. Any question regarding disqualifications of members of Panchayats/ municipalities is determined by the Gram Nyayalayas.

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

9. With reference to the Legislatures of Puducherry and National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Setting up of legislatures of both Puducherry and NCT of Delhi are provided through parliamentary law.
2. While the NCT Assembly is limited in the extent of its legislative powers, the Puducherry legislature can frame laws on all state subjects.

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

10. Consider the following events:

1. Abolition of privy purse.
2. Declaration of secularism as the Basic Structure of the Constitution.
3. Replacement of word “internal disturbance” with “armed rebellion” in the context of national emergency.

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

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

11. Recently, Chaukhandi Stupa has been declared site of national importance by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI). In this context, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) It is a rock cut structure built during the reign of Krishnadevaraya.
- (b) The structures at the stupa commemorate Humanyu’s visit to this place.
- (c) It is located on the banks of River Godavari in Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) It represents the largest collection of buddhist relics belonging to Amaravati school of art.

12. With reference to Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency norms in India, consider the following statements:

1. They aim at lowering the fuel consumption of vehicles by lowering carbon dioxide emissions.
2. Currently, these norms are applicable only to petrol and diesel vehicles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Arrange the following administrative officials in the order of their precedence.

1. Secretary
2. Under Secretary
3. Deputy Secretary
4. Joint Secretary

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, the government has proposed to set up a Defence Space Agency to create space warfare weapon systems and technologies.
2. The 'Anti Satellite Test' recently conducted by India demonstrated India's capability in space warfare technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. With reference to the Civil Services Board (CSB), consider the following statements:

1. A Civil Services Board at the union level is constitutionally mandated.
2. The board intends to decide upon the cases of allegations against the civil servants but has no right to consider their transfers.

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

16. The candidate(s) for which of the following posts is/are recommended by a committee headed by the Chief Minister?

1. State Chief Information Commissioner
2. State High Court Judge
3. Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

17. With reference to the National Defence Fund, consider the following statements:

1. It has been set up to promote startups in the defence sector.
2. The fund is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions from the public and does not get any budgetary support.
3. It is administered by an Executive Committee chaired by the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. A caretaker government can be installed under which of the following circumstances?

1. When the office of the President becomes vacant
2. When the House is prematurely dissolved
3. When the party securing maximum seats in elections is yet to prove its majority on the floor of the house

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

19. With reference to non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council, consider the following statements:

1. The non-permanent members are elected for a maximum term of 5 years.
2. A retiring member is not eligible for immediate re-election.
3. Each candidate must be unanimously elected by the United Nations General Assembly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None

20. Consider the following statements regarding the office of Speaker in the Lok Sabha:

1. He is responsible for formulating the rules of the joint sitting of the house after consultation with Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
2. He must resign from his party membership upon joining the office to ensure non-partisanship.
3. He cannot suspend a member of the Lok Sabha without calling for adoption of motion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. With reference to Zonal Cultural Centres, consider the following statements:

1. They are set up to promote various forms of folk art and culture.
2. They are established as autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Culture.

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

22. With respect to the national emergency, consider the following statements:

1. A national emergency can be revoked only through a resolution passed by the Lok Sabha.
2. Once a written notice regarding the discontinuity of the emergency is received by the speaker, a special sitting has to be compulsorily convened within 30 days.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. With reference to 'wards committee', consider the following statements:

1. The constitution mandates for setting up of wards committee within the territorial area of a municipality having a population of at least ten lakhs or more.
2. The State legislature by law provides for both the composition and manner in which the seats in a wards committee shall be filled.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. If the President of India declared the national emergency under Article 352 of the constitution on the ground of "external aggression" then:

1. He can reduce but can not cancel the revenue transfer from the centre to state.
2. He can issue ordinances on state subject if Parliament is not in session.
3. He can suspend the right to move to any court for enforcement of Fundamental rights under article 359 without the approval of Parliament.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha:

1. It is defined as the leader of the opposition party having the greatest numerical strength and recognized as such by the Presiding officer.
2. He is a member of the committee to select the Chief Information Commissioner.
3. The leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were recognized for the first time in the year 1969 and 1952 respectively.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

26. In which of the following cases laws made by the Parliament on State list subject can be “repealed” by the state legislature?

1. Laws made by the Parliament on state list after imposition of state emergency under Article 356 of the Constitution.
2. Laws made on state list by the Parliament during a national emergency.
3. When Parliament makes law on state list to implement the international obligation and agreement.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

27. In context of the local governance in India, for which of the following representatives the direct elections is mandatory as per the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992?

1. The Chairperson of the Gram Panchayat
2. The Chairperson of the Municipal corporation
3. The members of the Panchayat at the district level

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

28. What does ‘statutory town’ mean?

- (a) Cities selected under Smart City project.
- (b) Urban settlements governed by urban local bodies.
- (c) A township plan project of real estate.
- (d) Illegal settlements in suburbs.

29. Which of the following statement is *not* correct regarding the tenth schedule to the Constitution of India?

- (a) It was introduced during the prime ministership of Rajiv Gandhi.
- (b) It is applicable to the nominated members of the Rajya Sabha.
- (c) It can be invoked for acts/activities outside the Parliament.
- (d) It is applicable during the process of election of members to the Rajya Sabha.

30. Panchayati Raj Institutions in India receive funds through which of the following sources?

1. Devolution of funds from state government based on recommendations of State Finance Commission.
2. Allocation of specific funds from the union government for centrally sponsored schemes.
3. Taxes on the sale and purchase of local language newspapers and the advertisements published in them.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

31. Under which of the following conditions, a Chief Minister is eligible to vote in the Presidential election?

1. If he is the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Delhi
2. If criminal charges are leveled against him
3. He is a member of the Legislative Council

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) None

32. Consider the following statements regarding provisions for declaration of assets for the members of Parliament:

1. The provisions have been provided under the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951.
2. They require every member to furnish declaration regarding the assets of self, of their spouse and dependent children.
3. The declarations made by the MPs can be made available to any person only with the prior permission of the Speaker/Chairman.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

33. 'World Population Prospects 2019' is a report released by which of the following?

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) World Bank
- (c) United Nations
- (d) World Economic Forum

34. With reference to national emergency, consider the following statements:

1. Provision to limit national emergency to a specified part of Indian territory was added by the 42nd Constitutional amendment act of 1976.
2. The executive power of the Centre to give directions extends only to the State in which the emergency is imposed.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the constitutional office of the Governor?

- (a) A person can be appointed a governor of maximum two states.
- (b) Constitution prohibits a person domiciled in a particular state to become the governor of the same state.
- (c) The Constitution does not lay down any grounds for removal of a governor.
- (d) The Governor presides over the meetings of the Council of Ministers.

36. "It is a rare herb with extraordinary medicinal properties found in the Agasthya hills. The Kani tribe of Kerala has preserved the herb and the knowledge about its use. This 'miracle plant' is known for its traditional use by the Kani tribal community to combat fatigue. Recently, scientists from the University of Kerala have decoded its genetic make-up."

Which of the following plant species is being referred to in the above passage?

- (a) Arogyapacha
- (b) Triphala
- (c) Dandelion
- (d) Madhunashini

37. Consider the following statements regarding the Contingency Fund of India:

1. The setting up of the Contingency Fund of India is mandatory under the Constitution of India for meeting unforeseen expenditures.
2. It is maintained by the Cabinet Secretary on behalf of the President of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 38.** In the context of local governance, 'principle of subsidiarity' implies that:
1. local government institutions should act as subsidiaries of the state government.
 2. a higher authority should not exercise functions which can be carried out efficiently by lower departments/authorities.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 39.** With reference to the state council of ministers, which of the following is/are provided in the Constitution of India?
1. The maximum number of ministers in a council
 2. Ranking of the ministers in the council
 3. The portfolios under the government that a minister can be assigned.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
- 40.** Consider the following statements:
1. Prime Ministerial oath is administered by the Chief Justice of India.
 2. Article 75 of the Indian Constitution clearly states that the leader of the party in majority is to be appointed as the Prime Minister.
 3. If the Prime Minister is a member of the Rajya Sabha, he can nominate a minister who is a member of the Lok Sabha to be its leader.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 41.** With reference to the 'Habitat Rights' of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), consider the following statements:
1. The habitat rights of a PVTG extend to an area used by them for livelihood and economic activities.
 2. An area marked as a habitat for a PVTG cannot overlap with that of other traditional forest dwellers.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 42.** Consider the following statements regarding Office of Whip:
1. The office of 'Whip' is mentioned neither in the Constitution of India nor in any statute.
 2. The Government Chief whip monitors and manages the government business in the House.
- 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
- 43.** With reference to fiscal federalism, the concept of Redistributive Resource Transfers (RRT) to a State refers to:
- (a) The devolution of untied funds to a State from the Centre.
 - (b) The expenditure on social security schemes by the Centre in a State.
 - (c) The gross devolution to the state adjusted for the respective state's share in aggregate GDP.
 - (d) None of the above.

44. Insertion of Part IX paves the way for democratic decentralisation by providing Panchayati Raj Institutions. In this context, which of the following is/are considered to be novel features of Panchayati Raj Institutions?

1. Political accountability of state executive
2. Devolution of taxation powers at the local level by the Parliament
3. Reservation to women

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. Constitution has empowered the Union government to levy a tax on inter-state supply of goods and services.
2. Finance commission distributes the revenue collection between centre and state on interstate supply of goods and services.

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

46. Which of the following functions is **not** performed by the Goods and Services Tax Council?

- (a) It recommends the date on which the goods and services tax to be levied on petroleum crude.
- (b) It check the unfair profit-making activities by the trading community.
- (c) It decides the special rates of GST during the natural calamity.
- (d) It adjudicates any dispute arising out of the recommendations of the Council between two or more States.

47. With reference to the Strategic Partnership Policy, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to promote joint ventures between the indigenous private sector and global defence majors.
2. The application of policy is limited only to the projects involving manufacturing of submarines.
3. It has been recommended under the Defence Procurement Procedure, 2016.

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

48. Which of the following statements is **not** correct about No-confidence motion?

- (a) It is nowhere mentioned in the Constitution.
- (b) It is the role of the Speaker to check if the motion is in order or not.
- (c) No reasons are mandatory for introducing the no-confidence motion.
- (d) The motion is to be compulsorily followed by a confidence motion in an alternative government.

49. With reference to the part IXA of the Indian constitution, for which of the following persons can the state legislatures provide for representation as members of Municipalities?

1. Persons having special knowledge or experience in municipal administration
2. Persons having the knowledge or practical experience in the field of art, science, literature or social service
3. Members of the Lok Sabha representing constituencies which comprise wholly or partly the municipal area

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 50.** With reference to Schedule V of the Indian Constitution, scheduled areas are declared by
- (a) Governor of a state
 - (b) Parliament
 - (c) President
 - (d) State Legislature

- 51.** Which of the following matters related to Parliament fall within the purview of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs?

1. Nominations to Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
2. Elections to Parliament
3. Implementation of assurances given by Ministers in Parliament

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 52.** Which of the following committees, recently seen in news, recommended “Elephant Bonds” as a specialised security product providing funds towards Long Term Infrastructure?

- (a) Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla Committee
- (b) Bimal Jalan Committee
- (c) Madhav Gadgil Committee
- (d) Dr Bibek Debroy Committee

- 53.** Consider the following statements regarding Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS):

1. It was launched recently in 2018-19 budget.
2. It seeks to empower Panchayats and put in place accountability systems to make their functioning transparent and efficient.
3. Under this scheme, states/UTs are ranked on a devolution index which measures the extent of devolution of funds, functions and functionaries by States to Panchayats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 54.** With reference to the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) project, consider the following statements:

1. It is a project to track the arms and ammunition used by law enforcement agencies in India.
2. It has been launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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

55. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Prime Minister of India?

1. The Prime Minister cannot vote during the passage of the no-confidence motion if he is a member of the Rajya Sabha.
2. He cannot hold the office, at any stage during his tenure, without being a Member of the Parliament.
3. He cannot be a member of any Departmentally-related Standing Committee.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

56. In the absence of the Chairman/Speaker and the Deputy Chairman/Speaker of the House, anyone from the panel of Vice-Chairmen/Chairpersons may preside over the House. This panel is elected/nominated by the:

- (a) members of the House.
- (b) Chairman/Speaker of the House.
- (c) Deputy-Chairman/Speaker of the House.
- (d) President of India.

57. India's first proton therapy centre was recently inaugurated in Chennai. Proton therapy is primarily used for

- (a) removal of contaminants from wastewater.
- (b) enrichment of uranium for use in nuclear reactors.
- (c) treatment of cancer.
- (d) extending the shelf life of foods.

58. In the context of Residuary powers, consider the following statements:

1. Power to legislate on the residuary subjects is vested with the Parliament.
2. Provision of residuary power in the Indian constitution has been borrowed from the Constitution of Canada.

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

59. The "Doctrine of Occupied field" is associated with:

- (a) synthesis of Parliamentary sovereignty and Judicial supremacy.
- (b) apparent conflict between Fundamental rights and Directive principles of state policy.
- (c) distribution of legislative powers between the centre and state legislatures.
- (d) balance between the individual rights and interests of the society.

60. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding 'Municipalities'?

- (a) The term for every municipality provided under the Constitution is for maximum five years from the date scheduled for its first meeting.
- (b) Every municipality shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before its dissolution.
- (c) If the remainder period of the dissolved municipality is less than six months then it is not necessary to hold elections within that time frame (six months).
- (d) Retrospective laws can be brought to dissolve a municipality.

61. The term 'PRIASoft' sometimes mentioned in the news is best described as
- (a) Digital media tool recently introduced in Uttar Pradesh to report cases of eve-teasing.
 - (b) Digital accounting tool to keep track of all the receipts and expenditure of the Panchayati Raj Institutions.
 - (c) Software aimed at increased linkages of Self Help Groups (SHGs) with formal banking.
 - (d) New soft drink introduced in the market consisting of herbs known to have anti-ageing effects.

62. With reference to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), consider the following statements:

1. It is a body under Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.
2. India is a member of the Financial Action Task Force.
3. It issues the FATF blacklist to declare individuals engaged in money laundering activities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

63. 'One Health Concept', often seen in news, refers to:

- (a) an approach that seeks to establish a link between human health and animal health.
- (b) a new scheme launched by the government for women and child development.
- (c) an initiative of World Health Organization to integrate communicable and non-communicable diseases in their health prevention strategy.
- (d) a strategy adopted by government for equitable distribution of medical personnel in the country.

64. Consider the following statements regarding Starred and Unstarred Questions:

1. While a starred question requires an oral answer, an unstarred question requires a written answer.
2. While supplementary questions cannot follow in a starred question, they can follow for an unstarred question.

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding 'Office of profit':

1. The Indian constitution does not define the term 'Office of profit'.
2. Laws relating to the office of profit seek to enforce the principle of separation of power between the legislature and the executive.
3. Only the Parliament has the power to enact laws and keep certain offices out of the purview of the Office of Profit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. Who among the following takes part in the election of President?

1. Elected members of both house of parliament
2. All members of Legislative Assemblies of States/Union territories
3. Elected members of Legislative Councils of States

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

67. Consider the following statements regarding Rajya Sabha:

1. The allocations of seats is based on population of each state, with a higher seat to population ratio for smaller states.
2. There is no constitutional provision for reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Rajya Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements regarding Committee on Public Undertakings:

1. The chairman of the committee is appointed by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
2. It has no authority to examine the reports of the CAG.
3. A minister can not be appointed as a member of the committee.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. The establishment of the Inter-State Councils can be best explained as an exercise in

- (a) Administrative delegation
- (b) Direct democracy
- (c) Cooperative Federalism
- (d) Democratic decentralisation

70. In the context of the Panchayati Raj system in India, which of the following provisions were recommended by Balwant Rai Mehta Committee?

1. Establishment of a directly elected three-tier Panchayati Raj system.
2. All planning and development activities should be entrusted to these bodies.
3. Constitutional recognition to Panchayati Raj institutions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

71. Which among the following subjects come under the State list?

1. Inter-State pilgrimage
2. Labour welfare
3. Forests
4. Water
5. Medical profession

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

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72. Consider the following statements regarding rules of procedure and conduct of business in the Lok Sabha:

1. Until the formulation of rules, the procedure and conduct of business in Lok Sabha was regulated by the rules of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.
2. These rules can be amended by the Speaker and require no approval from the House.
3. When the Rajya Sabha does not have a rule on a particular matter, it follows the Lok Sabha rule on that matter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- (e) None

73. Consider the following statements regarding the local governance:

1. It is mandatory for the state legislatures to transfer the subjects listed under Eleventh schedule to the panchayati raj institutions.
2. The state legislature can provide for mandatory educational qualifications for the candidates to contest elections to local bodies.

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

74. Consider the following passage:

"It is granted when the actual expenditure incurred exceeds the approved grants of the Parliament. Such grants are brought to the notice of the Parliament by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. However, before these grants are submitted to the Lok Sabha for voting, they must be approved by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament."

Which of the following is being referred to in the above passage?

- (a) Exceptional grant
- (b) Excess grant
- (c) Additional grant
- (d) Supplementary grant

75. Consider the following statement with respect to Constitutional provisions related to official language and mother-tongue:

1. Article 350-B provides for instruction in mother-tongue at primary stage.
2. Any change in the official language of a state needs the approval of the Council of States.
3. Until Parliament provides otherwise, all proceedings in the Supreme Court and in every high court are to be in the English language only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. Consider the following statements regarding the Notified Area Committee:

1. Notified Area Committee is a statutory body created by an act of the state legislature.
2. All the members of the committee are nominated members.

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

77. With reference to the recently inaugurated, Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's largest multi-stage and multi-purpose lift irrigation project.
2. It has been established on the river Krishna in Andhra Pradesh.

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

78. Consider the following passage:

"The objective of this instrument is to put off further consideration of the business in hand for the time being. It is intended to have a postponing or indefinitely delaying effect on a debate. If it is moved and carried, the subject under discussion is either shelved or the debate is postponed."

Which of the following Parliamentary instrument is being referred to in the above passage?

- (a) Point of Order
- (b) Calling Attention motion
- (c) Closure motion
- (d) Dilatory motion

79. With respect to the concurrent list, consider the following statements:

1. Amendment to the Concurrent list requires only the special majority of both the Houses of the Parliament under Article 368 of the constitution.
2. A law made on the subject under the concurrent list by the Centre will always prevail over the law made by the state.

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

80. With reference to 'Normalized Difference Vegetation Index', consider the following statements:

1. It measures the density of vegetation in a particular region by measuring the difference between visible and near-infrared sunlight reflected by the plants.
2. It is a technique used in tracking the presence of wild elephants.

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

81. 'Circular Economy', a term often seen in the news, refers to an:

- (a) economic model in which resources are recovered and reused at the end of each service life of a product.
- (b) economy in which every buyer is also a producer.
- (c) economic model in which an entrepreneur reinvests profit to increase the scale of business.
- (d) economy in which government finances all its expenditures from the taxes received.

82. Which of the following will lapse on the dissolution of the Lok Sabha or the legislative assembly of a state?

1. A Bill introduced in the Rajya Sabha and referred to the Joint Committee set up by the Rajya Sabha.
2. A Bill which has been passed by the legislative assembly of a state and is pending in the legislative council.
3. Any business pending before the Parliamentary committees of the Lok Sabha.

Select the correct code using the code given below.

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

83. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Advocate-General for a State?

1. He is constitutionally obligated to resign when the council of ministers resigns.
2. He cannot appear in a court lower in rank to a district court.

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

84. The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is elected by the:

- (a) Elected as well as nominated members of the Rajya Sabha.
- (b) Elected members of the both houses of the Parliament.
- (c) Elected as well as nominated members of the two houses of the Parliament.
- (d) Elected members of the Parliament as well as state legislative assemblies.

85. *Libra* and *Monero*, recently seen in the news are:

- (a) Digital Wallets
- (b) Electric vehicles
- (c) Nanosatellites
- (d) Cryptocurrencies

86. Consider the following statements about the Cabinet Secretary of India:

1. He is the administrative head of the cabinet secretariat.
2. He enjoys the same rank as the Comptroller and Auditor General India in the table of precedence.

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

87. With reference to the National mission on Natural Language Translation, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to train school students in various international languages to bridge the gap of trained translator personnel.
2. It has been announced by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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

88. Which of the following parts of the constitution were amended/inserted by the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992?

1. Directive Principles of State Policy
2. Part XIII
3. Schedule XI
4. Part IX

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

89. Which of the following instruments is/are used by the Indian Parliament to exercise control over the executive?

1. Half-an-Hour discussions
2. Consultative committees
3. Parliamentary forums
4. Prime Minister's Questions

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

90. With reference to the ordinance-making power of the President, consider the following statements:

1. This power is parallel to and coextensive with the legislative powers of Parliament.
2. The President can withdraw an ordinance only on the advice of the council of ministers.

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

91. With reference to the Resilient Kerala Program, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to enhance Kerala's resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change.
2. It is financially supported by the World Bank.

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

92. Which of the following states are fully exempted from the applicability of Part IX of the constitution?

1. Nagaland
2. Assam
3. Manipur
4. Tripura

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

93. In the context of the seventh schedule of the constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Over the years, the subjects under the State List have gradually reduced.
2. Sarkaria Commission recommended that all residuary powers must remain with the Parliament.

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

94. Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary privileges:

1. The Parliamentary privileges prevail in case of any conflict between the privileges of an MP and the fundamental rights of citizens.
2. In case of breach of privilege committed by the members, the House can impose punishment in the form of suspension and expulsion from the House.

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

95. With reference to Presidential Elections in India, consider the following statements:

1. The method of voting in the election is by secret ballot.
2. Provisions of NOTA are not applicable to the Presidential Elections.

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

96. With reference to 'Generalized System of Preferences', consider the following statements:

1. It is a preference program to help developing nations use trade to grow their economies.
2. It was initiated by the World Trade Organization.
3. Currently, the United States of America is the only country to operationalise this system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

97. With reference to the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a multi-national forum in Asia focussed on increasing cooperation in military-political, economic and environmental dimensions.
2. For becoming a member of CICA, a state must have at least a part of its territory in Asia.
3. India-Central Asia dialogue is an initiative of CICA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

98. Which of the following statements regarding Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is **not** correct?

- (a) He is the *ex-officio* chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Rajya Sabha.
- (b) He is authorized to correct patent errors in a Bill passed by the Rajya Sabha.
- (c) He is elected by an electoral college consisting all the members of Parliament via open ballot.
- (d) He can be removed from office by a resolution of the Rajya Sabha, passed by a majority of its members at that time and agreed to by the House of the People.

99. Consider the following statements regarding the election of the President :

1. Only Supreme court is authorized to inquire into and decide over any disputes in the election of the president.
2. A candidate has to secure more than 50% of votes of total valid votes polled in order to be elected as President.

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

100. With reference to the 'attached office' to a government department, consider the following statements:

1. They are responsible for providing executive direction required in the implementation of the policies laid down by the department.
2. They function as field establishments or as agencies responsible for the detailed execution of the policies of government.
3. They serve as repository of technical information and advise the department on technical aspects of question dealt with by them.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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