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GENERAL STUDIES (P) 2020 – Test–2973

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1. In the context of governance, which of the following is a defining feature of a 'night-watchman' state?
- (a) Strict regulation of all the economic activities of the citizens by the state.
 - (b) Public provision of all social services such as education and health.
 - (c) The powers of state are limited to imposition of rule of law only.
 - (d) Regulations by state that restrict personal choice "for the individual's own good".

2. Consider the following statements with respect to the ceiling on election expenditure:

1. The Election Commission imposes limits on campaign expenditure incurred by both candidates and political parties.
2. The expenditure ceiling for a candidate of the Lok Sabha elections is the same as the ceiling for a candidate of the Assembly elections.
3. Candidates must mandatorily file a true account of election expenses with the Election Commission.

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

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

3. Consider the following statements with respect to Mandal Commission:

1. It was the first Backward Classes Commission appointed by the President.
2. It recommended that 27 percent of central government jobs should be reserved for Other Backward Classes.
3. The Supreme Court upheld the implementation of Mandal Commission recommendations in Indra Sawhney case judgment.

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

4. With reference to the Code on Wages, 2019, consider the following statements:

1. It ensures statutory protection for minimum wages to workers of both organized as well as unorganized sector.
2. It mandates the respective state governments to declare a minimum 'floor wage' for workers in their state.
3. It provides that minimum wages be fixed based on the skills of the workers and the difficulty of work.

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

5. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Police initiatives</i>	<i>State/UT</i>
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|----------------------|----------|
| 1. Friends of Police | : Delhi |
| 2. Cyberdome | : Kerala |
| 3. Saanjh | : Punjab |

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

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

6. Consider the following statements with reference to India's National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2006:

1. It stipulates a minimum of 10% reservation for the disabled in institutes of higher education and government jobs.
2. It recognizes the NGO sector as an important institutional mechanism to provide affordable services to complement the endeavors of the Government.
3. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is the nodal Ministry to coordinate all matters relating to the implementation of the Policy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. Which of the statements is/are correct regarding the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017?

1. It compulsory for employers to make women aware of maternity benefits at the time of their appointment.
2. It introduces the option of 'work from home'.
3. The Act extends to adoptive mothers as well as mothers who use surrogates to bear a child.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding the e-Governance initiative eSamikSha:

1. It is an online monitoring mechanism to fast track the pending projects of the Government.
2. It is one of the components of the eOffice initiative of the government.

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. In the context of the anti-corruption regime in India, which of the following statements best describes the term 'Single Directive'?

- (a) It refers to the process where the different petitions concerned with a corruption case are consolidated and heard at once by the Judiciary.
- (b) It refers to the convention of handling of multiple corruption cases against a civil servant by a single anti-corruption agency.
- (c) It refers to the prior approval of the government for conducting an inquiry against government servants under laws against corruption or abuse of their official position.
- (d) It refers to the directive issued by an anti-corruption agency against Civil Servants to explain the sources of their disproportionate assets.

10. Which of the following measures are available in India for promoting public participation in law-making?

1. A policy on Pre-Legislative Consultation
2. Formulation of a formal Code of Practice on Consultation by the Cabinet Secretary
3. Provision for public consultation by the Parliamentary committees

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) 3 only

11. With regard to Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), consider the following statements:

1. The 2019 MPI indicated India was one of the worst performers in reducing the incidence of multidimensional poverty.
2. The report is prepared and published 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

12. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Swatantra Party?

1. The party was led by the old Congressmen K.M.Munshi and N.G.Ranga.
2. It favored the expansion of the free private sector.
3. It was critical of the policy of non-alignment in foreign affairs.

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013:
1. A complaint under this act must pertain to an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
 2. The Lokpal has jurisdiction to inquire into allegations of corruption against any society or trust receiving foreign contribution.
 3. The Lokpal does not need the prior sanction of the government for prosecution of a public servant.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 3 only
14. "It was a spontaneous mobilisation of women demanding a ban on the sale of alcohol in their neighbourhoods. It started in Andhra Pradesh in the 1990s. It touched upon larger social, economic and political issues of the region that affected women's life. "
- Which of the following movements is being described in the passage given above?
- (a) Nav Nirman movement
 - (b) Anti Arrack movement
 - (c) Gulabi Gang movement
 - (d) SEWA movement
15. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding the Information Commissioners of the Central Information Commission?
- (a) He/She may resign by writing to the Chief Information Commissioner.
 - (b) He/She can not be a Member of the Parliament or hold any other office of profit.
 - (c) He/She is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the committee headed by the Prime Minister.
 - (d) The total number of Information Commissioners can not exceed *ten*.

16. Consider the following statements regarding Corruption Perceptions Index:
1. It is a measure of how willingly a nation's business sector appears to engage in corrupt business practices.
 2. It is published annually by Transparency International.
- 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
17. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding Dalit Panthers movement?
- (a) It was inspired by the social movement that sought to combat racial discrimination against Afro-Americans in US.
 - (b) It aimed at elevating the rank of the dalits without destroying the caste system.
 - (c) It sought to include other oppressed sections like the landless poor peasants in its movement.
 - (d) Many accounts of dalit atrocities were published in Marathi literature as part of the movement.
18. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-Dhan Yojana, consider the following statements:
1. It provides for minimum income support to all small traders of up to ₹6,000 per year.
 2. A Laghu Vyapari is not eligible to join the Scheme if he is covered under the National Pension Scheme contributed by the Central Government.
 3. It is an initiative under the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

19. In the context of the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. The policy aims to promote the use of biofuels for commercial air flights.
2. The major focus of the policy is to enhance international connectivity.
3. It allows only airlines with a fleet of a minimum of 20 aircraft to fly on foreign routes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. Consider the following pairs regarding scientific and military operations conducted since the Independence:

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Conducted for</i>
1. Operation Polo	: Annexation of Hyderabad
2. Smiling Buddha	: Nuclear Bomb test in Pokhran in 1974
3. Operation Blue star	: Amalgamation of Sikkim

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

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

21. With reference to the recently constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds, consider the following statements:

1. It has been set up by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in consultation with RBI.
2. It would examine and recommend action in all categories of online banking frauds.

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. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding the process of registration and recognition of political parties?

- (a) Election Commission does not have the power to deregister a political party.
- (b) Every national party is allotted a symbol exclusively reserved for its use throughout the country.
- (c) Recognition by the Election Commission provides political parties time for political broadcasts on the state owned television channels.
- (d) Registration of Political parties is governed by the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

23. Consider the following pairs of Supreme Court cases and their judgments:

<i>Case</i>	<i>Judgment</i>
1. Lily Thomas Case, 2013	: Immediate disqualification of a convicted MP or MLA
2. People's Union For Civil Liberties (PUCL) Case, 2013	: Introduction of NOTA button
3. Lok Prahari Case, 2018	: Disclosure of information relating to sources of income of candidates

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

24. In the context of Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA), consider the following statements:

1. AERA regulates tariffs and other charges for aeronautical services provided at major civilian airports and at all private airports.
2. AERA is responsible for registering the civil aircraft and gives license to pilots in India.
3. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. With reference to the role of media during elections, consider the following statements:

1. The Election Commission regulates the content of media from the formal beginning of the election process till the declaration of results.
2. The media is prohibited from displaying any election matter during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll.

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 Director of CBI, consider the following statements:

1. The mechanism for his/her selection is defined under the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003.
2. He/she has been provided security of two-year tenure.

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

27. Consider the following statements about minority rights:

1. The central government recognizes and notifies religious minorities at the national as well as at the state level.
2. National Commission for Minorities Educational Institutions gives the minority status to educational institutions run by both religious as well as linguistic minorities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the Competition Commission of India?

1. It is a statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002.
2. It is administered by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
3. It regulates the hoarding of essential commodities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

29. Which of the following is/are the objectives of the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority?

1. Increase liquidity in rural areas.
2. Encourage scientific warehousing of goods.
3. Lower the cost of financing to farmers.

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

30. The E-Government Development Index is released by which of the following?
- (a) International Telecommunication Union
 - (b) World Bank
 - (c) World Economic Forum
 - (d) United Nations Public Administration Programme

31. With reference to the 'Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting', consider the following statements:

1. It is a project led by the G-20 group of nations and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.
2. It is a single comprehensive framework which will subsume the already existing tax-avoiding treaties in the signatory countries.
3. India has ratified this convention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

32. Consider the following pairs of environmental movements and places of origin of the movements:

<i>Environmental movement</i>	<i>Place of origin</i>
1. Baliapal movement	: Madhya Pradesh
2. Appiko movement	: Karnataka
3. Chipko movement	: Uttarakhand

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

33. The NGO-DARPAN, a platform that provides space for interface between NGOs and key Government Ministries is managed by:

- (a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (b) Prime Minister's Office
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

34. Which of the following have been ratified by India in order to reduce corruption?

1. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC)
2. United Nations Convention against Corruption
3. Anti-Bribery Convention of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

35. With reference to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2015, consider the following statements:

1. All minerals concessions will be granted only through auction.
2. The Act establishes a National Mineral Exploration Trust to take care of people and areas affected by mining.
3. The prior approval of the Central Government is required for grants of all mineral licenses.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. With reference to Consumer Protection Act 2019, consider the following statements:

1. As per the act, consumers are required to file a case only at the place where the product is purchased.
2. The Act establishes the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to promote, protect and enforce the rights of consumers.
3. It provides for mediation, as an Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism for the early and simplified settlement between parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct?

1. Union government is responsible for the development and promotion of major and minor ports in India.
2. Inland Water Authority of India decides and regulates the fee charged by the major ports.

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

38. In the context of the National Rainfed Area Authority, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It provides the knowledge inputs regarding systematic up-gradation and management of the country's dry land and rainfed agriculture.
2. It releases Rainfed Agricultural Atlas.
3. It is the nodal agency for implementing the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for the development of rainfed and degraded areas of the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Emergency was imposed for the first time during the Prime Ministership of Lal Bahadur Shastri.
2. The National Emergency in 1975 was declared based on the threat of armed rebellion.

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

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40. Which of the following is/are the salient features of National Electronics Policy 2019?

1. Creation of Sovereign Patent Fund (SPF) by the Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA).
2. Promote the use of secure chips to reduce cybersecurity risk.
3. Create an eco-system for globally competitive Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

41. The government has taken a series of e-Governance initiatives for better public service delivery and transparency. In this context, arrange the following events in the chronological order:

1. Creation of a separate Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
2. Launch of National e-Governance Plan
3. Launch of Digital India Programme

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

42. Which of the following authorities is vested with the authority to superintend and conduct elections to the board of Cooperative Societies?

- (a) A body provided by state legislature
- (b) State Election Commission
- (c) Multi State Cooperative Societies under Ministry of Agriculture
- (d) None of the above

43. Consider the following statements regarding Prime Ministers Awards for Excellence in Public Administration:

1. It was instituted on the recommendations of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission.
2. All officers of Central & State Governments individually or as organizations are eligible for this award.
3. The awards are given only for implementing identified priority programmes of the Government of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

44. With reference to lateral entry in civil services, consider the following statements:

1. It seeks to fulfill the twin objectives of bringing in fresh talent as well as augment the availability of manpower.
2. NITI Aayog has been entrusted with the responsibility to undertake the selection and appointment process.

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

45. Humane Society International often seen in news is

- (a) an agency formed by the United Nations check the levels of anthropogenic emissions.
- (b) a non-governmental organization which specializes in promoting the human-animal bond.
- (c) an organization to develop applications of artificial intelligence.
- (d) a group of individuals involved in evolving persistent social interaction among humans.

46. In context of governance, what is an Alternative Service Delivery Mechanism?
- (a) Dedicated mechanism to extend welfare services exclusively to the weaker sections of the society.
 - (b) A mechanism to provide opportunities for employees to work remotely through the digital medium.
 - (c) A process of improving service delivery by sharing governance functions with individuals and community groups.
 - (d) Reserving certain public services for exclusive delivery by the non government agencies.

47. With respect to the Bar Council of India, consider the following statements:
1. It is a body formed by an executive resolution.
 2. It is chaired by the Attorney General of India.
 3. It recognises the universities whose degree in law shall be a qualification for enrolment as an advocate.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

48. Consider the following statements with respect to None Of The Above (NOTA) option used in the election process:
1. NOTA was used for the first time in the General elections of 2014.
 2. It is not used in the elections to the Rajya Sabha and the State Legislative Councils.
 3. The NOTA votes do not impact the result of the election process.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

49. With reference to the recently passed Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2019, which of the following will be prescribed by the Central Government?

1. Person to be appointed as Chief Information Commissioner.
2. The term of office of the State Chief Information Commissioner.
3. The salaries and allowances payable to Information Commissioners

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

50. Ashadi Beej (Bij), sometimes seen in news, is related to
- (a) new year festival in Kutch region in Gujarat.
 - (b) a form of martial dance in eastern India.
 - (c) an organic farming method employed in Assam
 - (d) a genetically modified variety of wheat crop used in Haryana for pest resistance.

51. Which of the following Indian cities has/have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Cities?

1. Jaipur
2. Agra
3. Ahmedabad

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

52. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Finance Industry Development Council?
- (a) It is an overarching body to regulate credit rating agencies in India.
 - (b) It is a body monitoring corporate insolvency resolution processes and performance of insolvency professionals.
 - (c) It is a self regulatory organization of the Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs).
 - (d) It is a body set up to improve credit creation for MSMEs.
53. The term 'Osaka Track' recently seen in news is
- (a) an initiative designed to establish international understanding and cooperation on refugees.
 - (b) an alliance to eradicate cross-border terrorism and organized crime by increasing police cooperation.
 - (c) an initiative to track global temperature not increasing beyond 2 degree Celsius than pre-industrial levels.
 - (d) a framework for promoting cross-border data flow with enhanced protections.
54. In the context of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), consider the following statements:
1. FSSAI has taken initiative to encourage the reuse of cooking oil for making food products.
 2. The '+F' logo has been recently notified to identify food that is organically produced.
 3. It is under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 1 and 3 only

55. In which of the following cases can a party be recognised as a state party?
1. If it wins three per cent of seats in the legislative assembly at a general election to the legislative assembly of the state concerned.
 2. If it secures six per cent of the valid votes polled in the state at a general election to the legislative assembly of the state and, in addition, it wins 1 seat in the assembly of that state.
 3. If it secures eight per cent of the total valid votes polled in the state at a General Election to the Lok Sabha from that state.
- 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
56. Consider the following statements with reference to the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019:
1. It increases the term of the Chairperson and Members of the National Human Rights Commission and makes them ineligible for re-appointment.
 2. It makes a former Judge of the Supreme Court eligible to be appointed as Chairperson of the Commission.
 3. It provides to include Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes as a deemed Member of the Commission.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

57. Consider the following statements with reference to the grant of Navratna, Maharatna and Miniratna status to Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs):

1. All CPSEs which have made profits in the last three years continuously and have positive net worth are eligible to be considered for the grant of Miniratna status.
2. Only CPSEs having Navratna status are eligible to be considered for grant of Maharatna status.
3. Presently, there are nine Navratna CPSEs.

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

58. Consider the following events:

1. French-ruled Pondicherry (now Puducherry) becomes part of India as a Union Territory.
2. Bombay state is split along linguistic lines, forming Maharashtra and Gujarat.
3. Goa becomes a Union Territory.

Arrange the events given above in chronological order.

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

59. With reference to MOSAiC Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to study Antarctic waters to understand global climatic change.
2. India's Maitri station is a key partner institution of this mission.

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

60. The Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI) project of the World Bank reports aggregate and individual governance indicators for over 200 countries and territories over the period 1996–2018. Which one of the following are the dimensions of the Worldwide Governance Indicators?

1. Political Stability and Absence of Violence
2. Frequency of elections
3. Rule of Law
4. Regulatory Quality

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

61. Consider the following statements regarding the National Informatics Centre:

1. It is executive authority under the Ministry of Communications.
2. It provides e-Governance support to central and state governments and district administrations.
3. It is responsible for the implementation of the MyGov initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

62. With reference to the newly discovered material, "Black Gold", consider the following statements:

1. It is a newly discovered form of crystalline carbon which is structured like a diamond.
2. It can be used to harvest solar energy and to desalinate seawater.
3. It has a unique property to absorb light and carbon dioxide.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

63. Which of the following privileges is/are available **only** to recognized parties?
1. The candidates of the recognized parties do not need a proposer for filing the nomination.
 2. They can select a symbol from a list of 'free symbols' specified by the Election Commission.
 3. They are allowed to have "star campaigners" during the time of elections whose travel expenses are not included in the election expenditure of the candidates.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3
 - (d) None
64. With reference to the Automated Facial Recognition System proposed to be used in India, consider the following statements:
1. It is a biometric software application primarily using iris scan data to identify people.
 2. It is being implemented by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
65. 'STRIDE' an initiative of Government of India, aims to
- (a) increase the share of renewable energy in total energy generation in the country.
 - (b) identify young talent and strengthen research culture in Indian universities and colleges.
 - (c) provide financial and technical assistance to young start-up entrepreneurs.
 - (d) promoting the Self Help Groups in rural areas.

66. Which of the following provides Government to Business (G2B) e-Governance Services?
1. Goods and Services Tax Network
 2. Shram Suvidha Portal
 3. GeM Portal
 4. NREGASoft
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
67. With respect to the Right to Information Act, 2005, consider the following statements:
1. The Act provided that all public authorities must take steps to disclose information suo moto.
 2. NRIs are not eligible to file applications under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
 3. Any citizen residing in India can obtain information under the act without paying any fees.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
68. Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Rural Development. Which of the following is **not** an objective of CAPART?
- (a) To act as a catalyst for the development of technology appropriate for rural areas.
 - (b) To support the district administration in sustainable development of rural NGOs and voluntary organisations.
 - (c) To encourage, promote and assist voluntary action for the implementation of projects intending enhancement of rural prosperity.
 - (d) To plan projects aimed at creation of employment opportunities and promotion of self-reliance in rural areas through voluntary action.

69. Which of the following can be considered as the essential characteristics of Good Governance?

1. Transparency
2. Consensus Orientation
3. Effectiveness and efficiency
4. Participation

Select the correct answer using the code below.

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

70. Which of the following is/are the directives given by the Supreme Court in the Prakash Singh judgment (2006)?

1. Setting up of National Security Commission to shortlist the candidates for appointment as Chiefs of the central armed police forces.
2. Minimum tenure of two years for the Director-General of Police only.
3. Establishment of Police Complaints Authority (PCA) at the state level to examine service-related complaints from police officers.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

71. Which of the following are components of a Citizen's Charter?

1. Details of business transacted by the organization.
2. Statement of services including their standards and where to get these services
3. Details of grievance redress mechanism and how to access it
4. Expectations of the organization from the 'Citizens' or 'Clients'

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

72. Consider the following statements with reference to the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB):

1. It is a high powered body under the Department of Personnel and Training.
2. It advises the Government on appointments to the top management posts in Central Public Sector Enterprises.
3. It is headed by the secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).

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

73. What is *Dracaena cambodiana* often seen in the news?

- (a) It is an invasive species that has affected natural vegetation of the Eastern Himalayas.
- (b) It is a type of algae which can be used in the production of biodiesel.
- (c) It is a dragon tree species discovered in Assam which gives out blood-red resin.
- (d) It is a species of civet endemic to South East Asia.

74. With reference to All India Services, consider the following statements:

1. State Services Officers are inducted into the All India Services through Union Public Service Commission.
2. Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) is the cadre controlling authority of All India 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

75. With reference to Digital Signature Certificates, consider the following statements:
1. It is issued only by the National Payments Corporation of India.
 2. Once it is issued by the authorities it remains valid for only 6 months.
 3. It is legally admissible in a court of law.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
76. Consider the following statements with reference to the Consumer Protection Act, 2019:
1. A consumer under the Act includes a person who obtains a good for resale or a good or service for commercial purposes.
 2. It penalises the manufacturer for misleading advertisements but does not penalise the endorser.
 3. It provides for product liability mandating a product manufacturer to compensate a consumer for any harm or injury caused by a defective product.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
77. Consider the following statements with respect to Electronic Voting Machines (EVM)?
1. EVMs were first used in a by-election in Kerala in the year 1982.
 2. An EVM used by the Election Commission of India (ECI) can record a maximum of 10,000 votes.
 3. An EVM can cater to a maximum of fifty candidates including NOTA.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1 and 2 only
78. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)?
- (a) The governor of a State, with the previous approval of the President, is authorized to relieve the CAG from the responsibility for compiling the accounts of the State.
 - (b) CAG compiles the accounts of all States except the State of Goa.
 - (c) The CAG shall cause the audit of accounts of the District and Regional Councils under Schedule VI of the Constitution of India.
 - (d) CAG can levy penalties on the government department for not sharing the desired information within a specified time.
79. Consider the following statements with respect to the election of members of Panchayats:
1. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1992) makes the reservation of seats for SCs, STs and backward classes mandatory.
 2. All questions of disqualifications in elections to panchayats are referred to the State Election Commission.
- 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. The terms 'Jiwamrita', 'Bijamrita' and 'Waaphasa' were recently seen in news, in the context of:
- (a) ayurvedic medicines for tackling cardiovascular diseases.
 - (b) techniques used by farmers under zero budget natural farming.
 - (c) environment friendly techniques for solid waste management.
 - (d) traditional practices for conservation of crop pollinating bees.

81. Consider the following statements regarding Self Help Group (SHG) in India:

1. Self-Help Groups are formal associations which have to be compulsorily registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
2. The Deendayal Antodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) uses this concept for poverty alleviation.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. A person can enrol as a voter in only one constituency.
2. A non-resident Indian (NRI) settled in a foreign land is entitled to have his name registered in an electoral roll in 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

83. Which of the following committees are related to Police reforms in India?

1. Frazer Commission, 1902
2. Gore committee, 1971
3. Malimath Committee, 2001
4. Soli Sorabjee Committee, 2005

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

84. With reference to the recently enacted Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019, consider the following statements:

1. It has put in place a mechanism to secure depositors/investors from Ponzi schemes.
2. It designates the Competition Commission of India as a competent authority to look into the fraudulent cases.

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

85. With reference to National Conference of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commissions (PSCs), consider the following statements:

1. These conferences strive to bring uniformity in the functioning of both the Union and the State PSCs.
2. UPSC Chairman is the ex-officio Chairman of the National Conference of Chairpersons of State PSCs.

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

86. Consider the following statements with reference to the public sector enterprises in India:

1. Statutory Corporation (or public corporation) refers to a corporate body that is registered under the Companies Act and is fully governed by the provisions of the Act.
2. A Government Company refers to any company in which 51 percent or more of the paid-up capital is held by the government.
3. A Departmental Undertaking is an organisation created by the Parliament or State Legislature by a special Act that defines its powers, functions, and pattern of management.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. JATAN software, often seen in news, is related to:

- (a) a digital collection management system for Indian museums.
- (b) managing demand and supply of labour force.
- (c) skill development using information technology.
- (d) providing information about welfare schemes for tribal.

88. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH):

1. It is a premier institute under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It has a special focus on working towards dust related respiratory morbidities such as silicosis.
3. The National Institute of Miners' Health (NIMH) has recently been merged with the NIOH.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

89. In the context of the recent Chandrayaan-2 mission, consider the following statements:

1. The mission was aimed at studying the exosphere, the surface as well as the sub-surface of the moon in a single mission.
2. It targeted the Lunar South pole for exploration as it is expected to have a higher possibility of presence of water than the North Pole.
3. It was carried into its designated orbit by the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III (GSLV Mk-III).

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

90. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Defence equipments</i>	<i>Nature</i>
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| 1. LCU 56 | : amphibious ship |
| 2. AK 203 | : assault rifles |
| 3. SS11B1 | : anti-tank missile |
| 4. BARAK 8 | : nuclear submarine |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

91. With reference to state funding of elections, consider the following statements:

1. It means that the government gives funds to political parties or candidates for contesting elections.
2. Indrajit Gupta Committee on State Funding of Elections proposed that state funds should be given only to recognised national and state parties.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 92.** With reference to legal aid in India, consider the following statements:
1. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is a statutory body for providing free legal services to the weaker sections of the society in India.
 2. Legal aid as a human right is envisaged in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948.
 3. Right to free legal aid service is a fundamental right.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
- 93.** The 'Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership' is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of
- (a) World Trade Organization
(b) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
(c) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
(d) International Monetary Fund
- 94.** With reference to social audit in India, consider the following statements:
1. In social audit, citizens themselves assess the impact of government schemes by comparing official records with the actual ground situation.
 2. The audit execution relies on documented evidence and no oral evidence is acceptable.
 3. Under MGNREGA, 2005, the District Magistrate is required to conduct regular social audits of all the projects under the scheme taken up within the Gram Panchayat.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 95.** Consider the following statements regarding *Sevottam*:
1. It is a generic framework for bringing continual improvement in public service delivery to achieve excellence.
 2. Citizen Charter is one of the components of this framework.
 3. NITI Aayog has created an Indian Standard for certifying organizations that fulfill the requirements of *Sevottam*.
- 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
- 96.** With reference to the Delimitation Commission, consider the following statements:
1. It comprises the Chief Election Commissioner and two judges or ex-judges from the Supreme Court or High Court.
 2. It is constituted after every census.
 3. The orders of commission can not be modified by Parliament.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

97. Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes:

1. It is consulted by the Union and every State Government on all major policy matters affecting Scheduled Tribes.
2. It is empowered to intervene in the vigilance and disciplinary cases of the government employees belonging to Scheduled Tribes.

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

98. In the context of Child labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. It provides for a complete prohibition on employment or work of children below 14 years in any enterprise.
2. Employment of adolescents (14-18 years) in hazardous occupations and processes is illegal under the Act.
3. State governments may add or omit any hazardous occupation from the list included in the Act.

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

99. With reference to the Swiss Challenge method of bidding, consider the following statements:

1. Under the model, a private entity submits its proposals after the government initiates the bidding process for the project.
2. It involves submission of competing counter proposals by other private entities to match or better the terms of the first proposal.
3. This model offers a certain disadvantage to the private entity that makes the first proposal.

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

100. With reference to the National Policy on Biofuels-2018, consider the following statements:

1. It allows the use of surplus food grains for the production of ethanol for blending with petrol.
2. A Biofuel Steering Committee is headed by the Prime Minister to oversee the implementation of the National Policy on Biofuels-2018.

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

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