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1. With reference to the Atlee's declaration, consider the following statements:
  1. It indicated the British intention to transfer the power to Indians by June 1948.
  2. It lacked clarity regarding the transfer of power to a central government.
  3. Wavell disapproved of the declaration.
 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
  
2. With reference to the Panel of the Chairpersons of the Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:
  1. The panel is elected by the members of the Lok Sabha from amongst its members.
  2. If the offices of the speaker and deputy speaker are vacant, any member of the panel can preside over the sittings of 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
  
3. Which one of the following statements best describes the term "Clean meat", sometimes seen in news?
  - (a) It is plant based meat produced using plant ingredients like proteins, fats and carbohydrates.
  - (b) It is a cell-based meat, which is created by cultivating a small sample of animal cells in a laboratory instead of breeding and slaughtering animals
  - (c) It is a meat produced by those industries which use cleaner technologies in the production of meat.
  - (d) It is a meat produced by using the 3D printing technology.
  
4. In relation to which of the following events did Mahatma Gandhi admit to have committed a 'Himalayan blunder'?
  - (a) Rowlatt satyagraha
  - (b) Second Round Table Conference
  - (c) Royal Navy mutiny
  - (d) Entry into legislative councils
  
5. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the British response to the Champaran satyagraha?
  1. Government appointed an enquiry committee with Gandhi as its member.
  2. The Champaran Agrarian Act was enacted which freed the tenants from the special tax levied by the indigo planters.
 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. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the President's Rule?
  1. A proclamation imposing President's Rule must be approved by both the Houses of Parliament within two months from the date of its issue.
  2. Every resolution approving the proclamation of President's Rule must be passed by either House of Parliament by a special majority.
 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

7. Which of the movements/associations were associated with the empowerment of Dalits or backward castes?

1. Aravipuram movement
2. Praja Mitra Mandali
3. Kuka movement

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

8. Pretomanid, bedaquiline and linezolid, recently seen in the news, are:

- (a) chemicals used for cloud seeding.
- (b) chemical pesticides.
- (c) drugs used for the treatment of tuberculosis.
- (d) Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) recently listed under the Stockholm Convention.

9. Consider the following statements regarding 'Central Administrative Tribunal' :

1. The officers and servants of the Supreme Court and the secretarial staff of the Parliament are not covered under its jurisdiction.
2. Appeals against the orders of the CAT could be made only in the Supreme Court.

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

10. Which of the following persons is/are eligible for the membership of Gram Sabha as constituted under Part IX of the constitution?

1. All the adult members residing in the village.
2. Persons registered in the electoral rolls relating to the village comprised within the area of a Panchayat.
3. The Member of Legislative Assembly from the constituency to which the village belongs but not registered in the electoral roll of the village.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

11. Which of the following are the features of a federal government?

1. Division of powers between the national and regional government
2. Flexible constitution
3. Supremacy of the Constitution
4. Bicameral legislature

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

12. Which of the following Constitutional amendments is/are related to Part IV-A of the Indian Constitution?

1. 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act
2. 44th Constitutional Amendment Act
3. 86th Constitutional Amendment Act

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

- 13.** In the context of the Paika rebellion of 1817, consider the following statements:
1. Paikas were tribals who were the original inhabitants of the eastern Bengal region.
  2. The rebellion was a result of the changes introduced by the British in the local currency and revenue settlement systems.
  3. Bakshi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar who was the highest-ranking military general of the local king led the uprising.
- 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
- 14.** Which of the following recently launched the SDG dashboard to monitor the progress in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in India?
- (a) NITI Aayog  
(b) Ministry of Finance  
(c) The Prime Minister's Office (PMO)  
(d) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 15.** Consider the following statements regarding the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA):
1. It was founded in 1924 by Sachindra Nath Sanyal and other revolutionaries.
  2. In 1928, revolutionaries began to move away from acts of violence under the influence of socialist ideas.
- 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.** Consider the following statements regarding the council of ministers:
1. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha administers the oath of office to all the ministers.
  2. The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to both the houses of 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
- 17.** Consider the following statements:
1. Chief Electoral Officer of the State is appointed by the President.
  2. All Election Commissioners have equal say in the decision making of the Commission.
  3. Once the polls are completed and the result declared, the Commission cannot review any result on its own.
- 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
- 18.** Kalapani Territorial Dispute, recently seen in news, is between:
- (a) India and Pakistan  
(b) India and Bangladesh  
(c) India and Nepal  
(d) India and Myanmar

19. Indian constitution establishes an independent judiciary. The phrase 'independent judiciary' means:

1. other organs of the government should not arbitrarily interfere with the decision of the judiciary.
2. judges must be able to perform their functions without fear or favour.
3. there is absence of accountability of judges of the higher courts.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

20. Consider the following pairs :

<i><b>Pardoning power</b></i>	<i><b>Implications</b></i>
1. Commutation	: Reducing the period of the sentence without changing its character.
2. Reprieve	: Substitution of one form of punishment to a lighter form.
3. Pardon	: Completely absolves the convict from all sentences.

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

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

21. Consider the following statements regarding the differences between Financial Bill (I) and Financial Bill (II):

1. While Financial Bill (I) contains provisions involving expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India, Financial Bills (II) contains provisions related to Money bill apart from general legislation.
2. While Financial Bill (I) can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha, Financial Bill (II) can be introduced in either House of 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

22. Consider the following statements regarding 'Anthropocene epoch', a term sometimes seen in news:

1. Anthropocene epoch is a geological time unit to mark the beginning of climatic change on earth, brought about by human activity.
2. Its beginning marks the end of the Holocene epoch.
3. It was recently ratified by the Union Nations General Assembly.

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

**23.** Consider the following statements regarding the State legislatures:

1. The Constitution of India fixes the maximum and minimum strength of the State legislative assemblies.
2. Governor can nominate one member having special knowledge in the field of Literature, science, art and social service.
3. Some members of legislative assemblies of some states can also be elected indirectly.

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

**24.** In the context of the socio-religious reform movements in British India, consider the following statements regarding the 'Ahmadiyya movement':

1. It was led by Syed Ahmad Barelvi.
2. It was based on principles of universal religion of all humanity.
3. It spread western liberal education among the Indian Muslims.

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

**25.** Consider the following statements with reference to the 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in the parliamentary elections:

1. It allows voters to exercise their right not to vote for candidates while maintaining the secrecy of their ballot.
2. Even if the number of electors opting for NOTA options is more than the number of votes polled by any of the candidates, the candidate who secures the largest number of votes is declared elected.
3. The votes polled against the NOTA option are taken into account for calculating the total valid votes polled for the purpose of return of security deposits to candidates.

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

**26.** What is the purpose of the recently launched NISHTHA programme?

- (a) To train teachers of primary and elementary government schools to improve the quality of school education
- (b) To improve the quality of education in government schools by inviting guest teachers from the private schools and abroad.
- (c) To encourage voluntary monetary contributions from private individuals and organizations for improving the infrastructure facilities for primary and secondary schools
- (d) To enable the famous foreign educational institutions to open their campuses in India

**27.** Consider the following statements about Nizam-ul-Mulk:

1. He laid the foundations of the state of Hyderabad.
2. He played a leading role in the overthrow of the Saiyid brothers.
3. He consolidated his power by establishing an orderly administration in the Deccan by abolishing jagirdari system of Mughal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**28.** World Press Freedom Index is published by :

- (a) Reporters Without Borders
- (b) World Press Institute
- (c) Transparency International
- (d) Economic Intelligence Unit

**29.** Which of the following are the exclusive or special powers enjoyed by the Rajya Sabha?

1. Power to authorize the Parliament to make a law on a subject enumerated in the State List.
2. Power to initiate the removal of vice-president.
3. Power to authorize the Parliament to create new All-India Services.

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

**30.** Consider the following events associated with reference to the Round Table Conferences held in the early 1930s:

1. Gandhi-Irwin pact
2. Third Round Table Conference
3. Poona Pact
4. Communal Award

Which of the following is the correct sequence in chronological order of the given events?

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

**31.** Consider the following statements regarding Nehru Report:

1. It was drafted as an answer to the challenge given by Lord Irwin to Indians.
2. The subcommittee set up to draft this report included Subhash Bose and Tej Bahadur Sapru.
3. Its provisions were confined to British India only.

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

**32.** Elections to which of the following offices is/are conducted by means of single transferable vote under the Proportional representation system?

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Speaker of the Lok Sabha

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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



33. Which of the following statements is correct about “PUNCH” Mission, recently mentioned in the news?
- (a) It is NASA’s mission to study the Sun’s outer atmosphere and track how sun generates solar winds.
  - (b) It is ISRO’s early warning system in the space to detect debris and other hazards to Indian satellites
  - (c) It is a Russian space mission to carry a humanoid robot to the International Space Station (ISS).
  - (d) It is a joint mission of European and Japan Space agency to study the Mercury’s surface and its magnetic field.

34. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Constitutional Amendment bill':
1. An amendment to the Constitution can be initiated only by the introduction of a bill in either House of Parliament and not in the state legislatures.
  2. The bill can be introduced only by a minister, not by a private member.

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. With respect to Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), consider the following statements:

1. ETPBS is developed by Bharat Electronics Limited and Electronics Corporation of India Limited.
2. It enables the entitled voters to cast their vote using an electronically received postal ballot from anywhere outside their constituency.
3. Persons employed under Government of India on posts outside India can use ETPBS to cast their vote.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

36. Consider the following statements with reference to the Quit India Movement:

1. It placed the demand for independence on the immediate agenda of the nationalist movement.
2. Due to the arrest of all prominent leaders, the movement failed to attract popular participation.

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

37. With reference to writ jurisdiction of Supreme Court and High Courts, consider the following statements:

1. Both the Supreme Court and the High Courts can issue writs for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
2. Supreme Court can issue writs for enforcement of legal rights, unlike High Court.
3. A person has to move a high court first, before moving the Supreme Court, against the violation of Fundamental Rights.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Which of the following is **not** correct regarding the administration of the Carnatic region?

- (a) It was one of the subahs of the Mughals.
- (b) It came under the authority of the Marathas.
- (c) Saadutullah Khan became the Nawab of Carnatic.
- (d) The office of the Nawab of Carnatic became hereditary.



39. In the context of modern Indian history, the Rajah-Moonje Pact of 1932 argued for
- (a) joint electorates with reservation of seats for the Depressed Classes.
  - (b) immediate grant of dominion status to India.
  - (c) provincial autonomy under the next Government of India, Act.
  - (d) integration of people of the princely states in the freedom struggle.

40. Consider the following statements with reference to the police administration under the British rule:

1. Warren Hastings relieved the zamindars of their police functions and established a regular police force to maintain law and order.
2. Cornwallis established a system of thanas headed by a 'daroga', who was an Indian.
3. The Indian Police Act (IPA) of 1861 brought uniformity in administration with the district police placed under the control of the District Magistrate.

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

41. With reference to 'Dark Matter', consider the following statements:

1. It does not interact with the electromagnetic force.
2. It has no gravitational effects on visible matters.
3. It makes up approximately 68% of the universe.

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

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

42. Recently inducted 'Varunastra' into the Indian Navy, is a/an:

- (a) nuclear powered submarine
- (b) aircraft carrier
- (c) anti-submarine torpedo
- (d) navigation satellite system.

43. Which of the following were factors that contributed to the decline of the Mughal Empire?

1. Aurangzeb's arduous campaign against the Marathas.
2. A fixed rule of succession to determine the political heir.
3. Paucity of jagirs with the nobles and the reduced income of the existing jagirs.
4. A series of peasant uprisings as a result of discontent among the peasantry.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

44. With reference to the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), consider the following statements:

1. It is an intergovernmental organisation supported by experienced seed scientists and analysts.
2. It provides accreditation to seed testing laboratories.
3. Recently, India became the first Asian country to host the ISTA Congress.

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

45. Consider the following statements regarding the Press Act of 1835:
1. It initiated the policy of censorship of the press in India.
  2. It required for the first time that a publisher has to give a precise account of the premises used for printing and publication.
- 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. Consider the following statements:
1. Like the Directive Principles, the fundamental duties are also non-justiciable.
  2. Like some of the Fundamental Rights, some of the fundamental duties also extend to both citizens and foreigners.
- 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
47. Which of the following acts are in violation of Article 18 of the Indian Constitution?
1. A person using the title of Padma Shree before his/her name after being conferred with the award of Padma Shree.
  2. An Indian citizen who is an employee under the government of Maharashtra, accepting a gift from the Government of United States of America with the consent of the Governor of Maharashtra.
  3. A citizen of the United Kingdom, while he holds an office of profit under the Government of India, accepting a title from Government of United Kingdom, without the consent of the President of India.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

48. Consider the following statements with reference to the revolutionary activities in the beginning of the 20th century in British India:
1. Indian revolutionaries drew inspiration from the methods of the Irish terrorists and the Russian Nihilists.
  2. Anushilan Samiti was a secret society of revolutionaries organised by V.D. Savarkar.
  3. Newspapers such as the Yugantar encouraged participation in revolutionary activities.
- 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
49. Which among the following organizations recently released the Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services?
- (a) Conservation International  
(b) World Wide Fund for Nature  
(c) International Monetary Fund  
(d) None of the above
50. Consider the following pairs:
- | City      | Country     |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Beirut | : Palestine |
| 2. Atbara | : Sudan     |
| 3. Aden   | : Yemen     |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1 and 3 only

51. Consider the following statements regarding the Attorney General (AG) of India:
1. To be appointed as the AG, one must be qualified to be a judge of the Supreme Court.
  2. The term of office of the AG is not fixed by the Constitution.
  3. He is the ex-officio law secretary to the Government of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
52. Which of the following was the primary objective of the makers of the Indian constitution behind adopting a parliamentary form of government?
- (a) To ensure accountability of executive towards the people's representatives.  
(b) To establish a stable government at the centre.  
(c) To ensure proper representation of all the sections of society.  
(d) To ensure regular and fair elections at fixed tenure.
53. Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct with respect to the reign of Tipu Sultan:
1. He is often called the innovator of the world's first war rocket
  2. He laid the foundation for the construction of the Kannambadi dam on the Kaveri river
  3. The Mysore silk industry was first initiated during the reign of Tipu Sultan
  4. He acknowledged the overlordship of the Nizam of Hyderabad
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 2 and 4 only  
(b) 4 only  
(c) 3 and 4 only  
(d) 1 and 2 only

54. Consider the following differences between Adjournment and Prorogation regarding session of Parliament:
1. While Adjournment terminates a sitting of the House, Prorogation terminates both the sitting and the session of a House.
  2. While the power of Adjournment lies with the Presiding officer of the house, the power of Prorogation lies with 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
55. In the context of the transfer of a High Court judge, consider the following statements:
1. The President can transfer a judge from High Court to another after consulting the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court.
  2. The transfer of judges is out of the purview of Judicial Review.
  3. In matters of transfer of High Court judge, consent of the concerned judge is not required.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 3 only  
(b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

56. Which of the following Directive Principles of State Policy is/are based on the Gandhian ideology?

1. To promote the educational and economic interests of SCs, STs, and other weaker sections of the society.
2. To organise agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines.
3. To raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living of people and to improve public health.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

57. Which of the following statements are **not** correct regarding the 'Finance Commission'?

1. Members of Finance commission are not eligible for reappointment.
2. Recommendations made by the Finance Commission are binding on the government.
3. The Constitution states the qualifications of members of the commission and the manner in which they should be selected.

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

58. With reference to commercial whaling and International Whaling Commission (IWC), consider the following statements:

1. IWC prohibits its members from all types of whaling activities.
2. Japan is the only country that practices commercial whaling.
3. The first-ever whale sanctuary was designated in the Indian Ocean.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the Charter Act of 1813?

1. It limited the number of British troops the Company was allowed to maintain in India at its own expenses.
2. It restricted the movement of missionaries to India.
3. It provided for setting apart an annual sum for promotion of knowledge of sciences in India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

60. Consider the following statements with reference to the All India Muslim League (AIML):

1. The formation of the AIML was opposed by the leaders of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College.
2. The British played a vital role in the establishment of the AIML.
3. The AIML in its initial years was dominated by the Muslim elite with little or no influence of the Ulama.

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

**61.** Which of the following judgements laid down that the Indian Constitution is federal and federalism is "not a matter of administrative convenience, but one of principle"?

- (a) Keshavanand Bharti case (1973)
- (b) IR Coelho case (2007)
- (c) SR Bommai case (1994)
- (d) Minerva Mills case (1980)

**62.** With reference to Foreigners Tribunals, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. The powers to constitute Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) are vested only with the Central Government.
- 2. They are set up under the Citizenship Act of 1955.

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

**63.** Which of the following factors contributed to the loss of the French in the Anglo-French Struggle in India?

- 1. State control of the French East India Company.
- 2. British superiority in trade and in naval strength.
- 3. British control over the resources of Bengal.

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

**64.** Consider the following pairs :

<i>Association</i>	<i>Founder</i>
1. Abhinav Bharat Society	: Aurobindo Ghose
2. Jugantar	: Barindrakumar Ghosh
3. Hindustan Association of Pacific Coast	: Lala Har Dayal

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

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

**65.** With reference to Samudrayaan Project, consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to maintain a constant vigil on sea piracy activities in the Indian Ocean region.
- 2. It has been launched by the National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai.

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

**66.** With reference to the Arya Samaj, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Arya Samaj fixed the minimum marriageable age at 25 years for boys.
- 2. Inter-caste marriages and widow remarriages were encouraged by the Samaj.
- 3. It started the shuddhi movement to reconvert to the Hindu fold the converts to Christianity and Islam.

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

67. Consider the following statements regarding members of the State Council of Ministers:
1. They are appointed by the Chief Minister.
  2. Their total number can not exceed 10 per cent of the total strength of the legislative assembly of the state.

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

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

68. Consider the following statements with regard to the office of the Prime Minister:

1. A person who is not a member of either House of the Parliament cannot be appointed as the Prime Minister.
2. As long as the Prime Minister enjoys majority support in the Lok Sabha, he/she can not be dismissed by the President on any grounds.

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

69. Article 17 of the Indian Constitution abolishes 'Untouchability' and forbids its practice in any form. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. The term 'Untouchability' has nowhere been defined in the Constitution.
2. It is the only fundamental right available against the State as well as private individuals.

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

70. Which of the factors were responsible for the increasing interest of the British India in Tibet?

1. The rising power of China and the need to keep Tibet as a buffer state.
2. The advance of Russia which posed a threat to British India from the northern side.
3. The increasing demand of the British India traders to restrict trade through Tibet so as to protect their profits.

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. The Shimla Conference of 1945 ended in a failure as the discussion was stuck on which of the following point?

- (a) Jinnah's insistence that Muslim League had the sole right to nominate Muslim representatives.
- (b) The right of the provinces to secede from the centre.
- (c) The veto given to powerful sections of the minorities.
- (d) Election of representatives of princely states.

72. Consider the following pairs:

	<b><i>Constitutional amendment</i></b>	<b><i>Provisions</i></b>
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| 1. | 91st | : Restriction posed on maximum numbers of Ministers in the council of ministers. |
| 2. | 42nd | : Advice given by the council of ministers made binding on President.            |
| 3. | 44th | : Mention of the term 'Cabinet' for the first time in the constitution.          |

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

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



73. Consider the following statements:
1. India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) established at Tamil Nadu aims to measure cosmic ray produced neutrinos.
  2. India was the first country in the world where cosmic-ray-produced neutrinos were detected in the deep mines of Kolar Gold Fields (KGF).

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 statements with respect to the election of Rajya Sabha members:

1. The election to Rajya Sabha is conducted by the Rajya Sabha secretariat.
2. The provision of the election of Rajya Sabha members was borrowed from the Constitution of South Africa.

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 the Swadeshi Movement, consider the following statements:

1. It was organized as a response to Lord Minto's announcement to the partition of Bengal.
2. It marked the cooperation between the moderates and the extremists.

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

76. Which of the following Directive Principles of State Policy was/were added by the 44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978?

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

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

77. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Maritime Anti-Corruption Network':

1. It is an inter-governmental network working towards corruption-free maritime industry.
2. It started Port Integrity Campaign in India to reduce bottlenecks in the maritime trade.

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 pairs of missiles, frequently seen in the news, and their description:

<i>Missile</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. NAG	: Anti-Tank Guided Missile
2. Nirbhay	: Subsonic Cruise Missile
3. Spike	: Long-range Air to Air Missile

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



- 79.** Consider the following statements:
1. The Lahore Resolution of the Muslim League put forward the idea that Muslims formed a separate political entity owing to their socio-economic differences from the Hindus.
  2. The Muslim League announced 16th August 1946 as 'Direct Action Day' for winning its demand for a separate Pakistan.

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 main objective of the Hindustan Republican Association, founded in October 1924, was:

- (a) to organize a people's army to overthrow the colonial rule and establish a socialist India that stood for abolition of all systems which make the exploitation of man by man possible.
- (b) to organize anti-British propaganda and train men to terrorise the British officials crippling the British administration wherever possible.
- (c) to inspire the youth of India through individual heroic examples.
- (d) to organize an armed revolution to overthrow the colonial rule and establish in its place a Federal Republic of the United States of India whose basic principle would be adult franchise.

- 81.** Consider the following statements regarding the scheme of Youth Parliament:

1. It was initiated on the recommendations of the Conference of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India.
2. It is aimed at training the young members of the Parliament with practices and procedures of the Parliament.
3. The Lok Sabha Secretariat is responsible for providing the necessary training to the states in introducing the scheme.

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

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

- 82.** Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the National Emergency?

1. The President proclaims a national emergency on the advice of the Prime Minister.
2. The proclamation of a national emergency can be challenged in a court.
3. A proclamation by the President to revoke the emergency must be approved by the Lok Sabha within one month from the date of its issue.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**83.** With reference to Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), consider the following statements:

1. Through this Centre, information on commercial shipping will be exchanged with countries in the region to improve maritime security.
2. This initiative was started by the Indian Army.

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

**84.** In the context of the Indian national movement, which of the events happened earliest?

- (a) Haripura session of Congress
- (b) Formation of the All India Kisan Congress
- (c) Formation of the Congress Socialist Party
- (d) Establishment of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry

**85.** With reference to the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946, consider the following statements:

1. The mutineers displayed a strong communal unity cutting across lines of religion.
2. The mutiny was supported by both the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League.
3. The mutiny compelled Britishers to send the Cabinet Mission to India.

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

**86.** Which of the following statements regarding Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS) scheme is/are correct?

1. The objective of IM-PDS is to create a central repository of all ration card holders under National Food Security Act, 2013.
2. Under the scheme, beneficiaries can obtain entitled foodgrain from any fair price shop across the country.
3. It is implemented by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED).

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**87.** Which of the following states have bicameral legislature?

1. Bihar
2. Gujarat
3. Telangana
4. Karnataka

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**88.** Consider the following statements about Bal Gangadhar Tilak:

1. He founded the newspaper Kesari in English and Mahratta in Marathi.
2. He was arrested under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code on the charges of sedition for writing articles on the Bengal partition.
3. He founded the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha.

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

89. With reference to Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The scheme aims to encourage individual farmers or groups of farmers to set up renewable energy based power plants.
2. Renewable energy based power plants under the scheme would be implemented primarily on barren or uncultivable land but not on agricultural land.
3. An important objective of the scheme is to promote water conservation and provide water security to farmers.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

90. With reference to the Swadeshi Movement, consider the following pairs:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Leaders</i>
1. Delhi	: Syed Haider Raza
2. Madras	: Chidambaram Pillai
3. Punjab	: Ajit Singh

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

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

91. With respect to the recently launched 'Not all animals migrate by choice' Campaign, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a joint initiative of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau of India and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).
2. The campaign aims at wildlife conservation through awareness and public support.

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

92. Consider the following statement about Khilafat Movement:

1. It was formally launched on 1st August 1920 under the leadership of Gandhiji.
2. The Moplah uprising in Malabar was an outcome of the evoked religious emotions due to the Khilafat Movement.

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

93. With reference to recently formed 'Alliance for Multilateralism', consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of Germany and France.
2. It seeks to establish an international network to support multilateralism and cooperation on global issues like climate change.

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. The objective of PM Karam Yogi Maan Dhan scheme is to

- (a) provide pension benefits to retail traders and shopkeepers
- (b) provide health insurance coverage to workers in the unorganized sector.
- (c) provide subsidy to for farmers to purchase agricultural equipment
- (d) provide accident insurance coverage to construction workers

- 95.** Which of the following can be the grounds on which preventive detention can be made?
1. Maintenance of supplies and essential services
  2. Defamation
  3. Incitement to an offence
  4. Security of the state
  5. Contempt of court

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 96.** With reference to the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, which of the following statements are correct?

1. Territories of his empire extended from Kabul in Afghanistan to Ladakh in India.
2. He was known for his just and secular rule.
3. He turned Harimandir Sahib at Amritsar into the Golden Temple by covering it with gold.

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

- 97.** With reference to the modern Indian History, the Sydney Rowlatt committee of 1918 was related to:

- (a) Promotion of technical education
- (b) Local government empowerment
- (c) Constitutional reforms
- (d) Law and order

- 98.** Which of the following was/were supported by the Hindu Mahasabha?

1. Nehru Report
2. Government of India Act, 1935
3. Quit India Movement

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 99.** Consider the following statements regarding the protections available to the person holding the office of the Governor:

1. He is immune from any criminal proceedings for both his official and personal acts.
2. Civil proceedings can be instituted against him for his official acts after giving two months' notice.

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.** The 'Right to Property' was deleted from the list of fundamental rights during the prime ministership of :

- (a) Indira Gandhi
- (b) Morarji Desai
- (c) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- (d) Jawahar Lal Nehru

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