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1. Consider the following statements about Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs):

1. They raise funds from a large number of investors and directly invest in real estate properties.
2. SEBI has regulatory jurisdiction over REITs.
3. Mutual Funds are allowed to invest in REITs while Banks are not.

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding Central Issue Price (CIP) in India:

1. It is the price at which central government issues food grains to state governments and UTs.
2. It is more than the economic cost of food grains incurred by the Central 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

3. Regarding the benefits of signing Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs), consider the following statements:

1. It leads to more certainty with respect to the tax outcome of the tax payer's international transactions.
2. It minimizes the requirement for recurring audit procedures.

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

4. Which of the following is the objective of recently launched Accelerating Growth of New India's Innovations (AGNIi) initiative?

- (a) To connect innovators across industry, individuals and the grassroots, to the market and help commercialize their innovative solutions
- (b) To fund the grassroots level innovations in the space and defence sector.
- (c) To promote vocational skills among school girl dropouts.
- (d) To promote international exports of rural traditional handicrafts.

5. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the National Mineral Policy 2019?

1. It pertains to all major and minor minerals, including coal-based and other fuel-based minerals.
2. It introduces the concept of Exclusive Mining Zones which come with in-principle statutory clearances for grant of mining lease.
3. It provides for the right of first refusal to the Prospecting Licence holders at the time of auction.

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

6. Which of the following is patentable under the Indian Patent system?

- (a) Any common universally practised method of agriculture or horticulture.
- (b) Inventions relating to atomic energy.
- (c) Cinematographic works and television productions.
- (d) None of the above

7. NITI Aayog has recently released its vision document for the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP), which aims to:
- host latest data from government websites and democratize its access.
 - collect data through public and private online surveys such as those conducted by NSSO.
 - collate all documents and information prohibited from public disclosure under the Official Secrets Act, 1923.
 - act as a repository and stockpile all official records and files of the union government.

8. Consider the following pairs regarding different modes of services under the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS):

<i>Mode of Service</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. Mode 1	: Cross-border supply of services
2. Mode 2	: Cross border temporary movement of a natural person to consume services
3. Mode 3	: Cross border commercial presence of a company
4. Mode 4	: Cross border temporary movement of a natural person to provide services

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- 1 and 4 only
- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

9. In the context of medical tourism in India, consider the following statements:

- India currently has more than 10 percent of the global medical tourism market.
- The e-tourist visa regime has been expanded to include medical visits as well.
- Ministry of Tourism has constituted a National Medical and Wellness Tourism Board.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 1, 2 and 3

10. With reference to the "Rashtriya Gokul Mission", consider the following statements:

- It seeks to improve indigenous livestock breeds through crossbreeding with foreign breeds.
- It provides subsidized credit to promote the setting up of modern dairy farms.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

11. With reference to Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL), consider the following statements:

- It is a joint venture company promoted by Coal India Limited, NTPC Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited.
- It is currently responsible for reviving a few sick urea public sector enterprises.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

12. It is the lowest wage necessary to maintain a worker and his family at the minimum level of subsistence, which includes food, clothing and shelter. It is fixed by the government in consultation with business organizations and trade unions.

Which type of wage is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Fair wage
- (b) Minimum wage
- (c) Living wage
- (d) Daily wage

13. Consider a foreign investor, who invested in an Indian listed company (on the stock exchange) to the tune of 20%. At a later stage, the foreign investor decides to reduce its shareholding to 5%. Under such a scenario, how would such an investment be classified?

- (a) FDI in the first stage and FPI in the second stage
- (b) FPI in both the stages
- (c) FDI in both the stages
- (d) FPI in the first stage and FDI in the second stage

14. Consider the following statements regarding the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP):

- 1. It seeks to generate employment opportunities in rural as well as urban areas through setting up of self-employment ventures.
- 2. It is implemented through Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

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. Consider the following statements regarding the World Bank group:

- 1. Through the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank lends to private companies and financial institutions in developing countries.
- 2. International Development Association was formed to provide loans and grants to the poorest countries.
- 3. To become a member of the World Bank, a country must first join the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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

16. Regarding the 'Financial Support to MSMEs in ZED Certification Scheme', consider the following statements:

- 1. It certifies MSMEs based on the quality of manufacturing and energy efficiency.
- 2. It applies only to the manufacturing units.

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 regarding the India's foreign exchange (forex) reserve:

- 1. India's forex reserves do not include gold reserves.
- 2. Forex reserves increase only when there is a current account surplus.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Which among the following can widen the Current Account Deficit of India?
1. A rise in crude prices.
 2. Reduction in the export subsidy.
 3. Imposing import quota.
 4. Indian companies raising money from External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs).
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 4 only
(c) 1 and 4 only
(d) 3 and 4 only
19. Which of the following are functions of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal trade (DPIIT)?
1. Monitoring of industrial growth.
 2. Formulation of FDI policy and its regulation.
 3. Formulation of policies relating to various Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).
- 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
20. Consider the following statements regarding the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF):
1. The SDR is the currency of IMF.
 2. The value of the SDR is decided based on the money raised and dispersed by the IMF.
 3. For a currency to be included in the SDR basket, the only condition is that the issuer of currency has to be one of the top five exporters of the world.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

21. Consider the following statements with reference to the Thirty Metre Telescope project:
1. It is a joint venture involving India, Canada, China, Japan and USA.
 2. It will provide images with resolution more than 10 times sharper than the Hubble Space Telescope.
 3. It is being constructed in the Svalbard, in the Arctic region.
- 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
22. Consider the following statements regarding the World Bank's classification of the world's economies:
1. The World Bank classifies the world's economies into four income groups — high, upper-middle, lower-middle, and low.
 2. The classification is based on estimates of a country's Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.
 3. India and China fall in the same category of the World Bank's classification.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

23. Which of the following correctly describes the recently launched Future Skills PRIME?

- (a) A Ministry of Human Resource Development initiative to inculcate emotional intelligence among school students.
- (b) A Ministry of women and child development initiative to impart self-defense training among adolescent girls.
- (c) A joint venture between the Government and the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) to provide the reskilling/upskilling of IT manpower for employability.
- (d) A NITI Aayog and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) initiative to promote green skills among college youth.

24. Which of the following bodies are mandated to be set up under the Companies Act, 2013?

- 1. National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
- 2. Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)
- 3. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)
- 4. Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRT)

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding Short Term Capital Gains Tax in India:

- 1. It refers to a tax on the gain that arises from the sale of an asset after holding it less than sixty months.
- 2. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) is an indirect tax levied on sale and purchase of equities.

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY):

- 1. It follows a centralized approach where project planning is done at the central level.
- 2. It covers all the states and union territories.
- 3. The primary objective of the scheme is to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level.

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding the floating exchange rates:

- 1. A rise in the interest rates at home often leads to an appreciation of the domestic currency.
- 2. If a country's imports grow faster than its exports, then the domestic currency tends to depreciate.

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. With reference to the recently launched PM-AASHA, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It provides minimum income support to small and marginal farmers.
2. It allows private participation in the procurement of various crops at MSP.

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

29. Consider the following comparative statements regarding the National Investment & Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs) & Special Economic Zone (SEZ):

1. NIMZs seeks to promote world-class manufacturing activity while SEZs are established mainly for the promotion of exports.
2. No separate law is needed to be passed to establish an NIMZ, while SEZs are established under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005.
3. Approval for the establishment of NIMZ is given by the Union Government, while SEZs are approved by State Government.

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

30. With reference to Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) Codes, consider the following statements:

1. It is an international nomenclature system for the systematic classification of goods.
2. It has been developed by the World Trade Organization (WTO).
3. Traders in India can import any good into the country without mentioning its HS Codes.

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

31. Xenobots, recently seen in the news

- (a) fossil remains of a desert-inhabiting plant species.
- (b) nano satellites used exclusively in low Earth orbit.
- (c) a malware that infected nuclear installations.
- (d) tiny robots built from the cells of a frog.

32. SFURTI recently seen in the news is related to:

- (a) Development of traditional industries.
- (b) Promotion and development of technical textiles.
- (c) Development scheme for promoting port-led development in India.
- (d) Research and development promotion scheme by NITI Aayog.

33. Which of the following reports is/are published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

1. World Investment Report
2. Global Financial Development Report
3. Global Financial Stability Report

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

34. Consider the following statements with respect to foreign investments in India:

1. FII increases capital availability in general, whereas FDI simply targets specific enterprises.
2. FII helps bring better management skills and technology, while FDI only brings in the capital.
3. As per Foreign Exchange Management Regulations, FDI is not allowed in startups.

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

35. ASPIRE scheme often seen in news is related to:

- (a) providing skill training and enhancing the employability of unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (b) financially incentivizing families for better upbringing and education of the girl child.
- (c) providing free coaching to students with disabilities to enable them to appear in various competitive exams.
- (d) accelerating entrepreneurship and promote start up for innovation in rural and agriculture-based industry.

36. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED)?

1. NAFED is the central nodal agency for procurement and fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of oilseeds and pulses.
2. It is entrusted with the supply of agri-commodities to different countries during emergency relief.
3. It supplies various essential items during their abnormal price rise.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

37. Which of the following correctly describes the term 'green channel combination', recently seen in the news?

- (a) Proposed mergers of renewable energy companies with conventional energy PSUs by NITI Aayog.
- (b) Automatic approvals for the merger of companies by the Competition Commission of India.
- (c) Channelizing long term global funding for promoting green energy technologies via Global Environment Facility.
- (d) Shared responsibility of producer and seller to buyback the electronic waste from the customer mandated by Central Pollution Control Board.

38. TrueNat, recently seen in the news, is
- a broadband portal connecting gram panchayats across the country.
 - a TB diagnostic test developed in India.
 - a fiat cryptocurrency launched by Venezuela.
 - a brand of organic and naturally grown vegetables.

39. Super Earths, sometimes seen in the news, are:
- rocky planets which are much more massive than Earth.
 - planets lying in the habitable zone of stars that are bigger than the Sun.
 - distant planets in orbit around a black hole.
 - massive snowballs of frozen gases, rock and dust that orbit the Sun.

40. With reference to the mandatory licensing norms for various industries, consider the following pairs:

<i>Items manufactured</i>	<i>Licensing Authority</i>
1. Items for Civil Aerospace	: Ministry of Civil Aviation
2. Small Arms	: Ministry of Defense
3. Potable Alcohol	: Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

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

- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- None of the above

41. Which of the following is **not** correct about fixed-term employment?
- It is a form of contract in which a company hires an employee for a specific period of time.
 - The contract can be terminated even before the due date on certain grounds.
 - Their payment is altered based on the performance with respect to basic pay.
 - Workers are entitled to all statutory benefits available to a permanent worker.

42. NetSCoFAN, recently launched by the Government of India, is
- A scheme to digitally connect every village to the nearest town or city.
 - A portal to warn the internet users of all types of digital threats in currency.
 - A network of research & academic institutions working in the area of food & nutrition.
 - A scheme to digitally link all the microfinance institutions in India for pooling resources.

43. Consider the following statements regarding the National Skill Development Council (NSDC):

- It provides funds to companies and organizations that provide skill training.
- It is a not for profit, public-private partnership company.
- It works under the NITI Aayog.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3
- None

44. Consider the following statements regarding Agricultural Census in India:
1. It is conducted once in every five years.
 2. It is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics, Programme, and Implementation.
 3. The recent census (2015-16) reported an increase in operational holdings but decrease in the operated area in agriculture.
- 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
45. 'Vyom Mitra', recently seen in news is:
- (a) a humanoid which will be sent by ISRO in space.
(b) a nanosatellite developed by India in association with Bangladesh.
(c) an unmanned aerial vehicle to predict the date and amount of monsoon rainfall.
(d) an indigenously designed aircraft to rescue people from natural disasters.
46. Which of the following statements is *not* correct about Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM)?
- (a) The scheme is for unorganized sector workers only.
(b) Subscribers to the scheme are assured of a monthly pension of Rs. 6000 per month after they reach 60 years age.
(c) Equal contribution is made by the subscriber and the Central Government.
(d) The contributions from workers per month will change depending on the applicant's age.

47. Which of the following is correct regarding the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund?
- (a) The telecom service providers will deposit all unclaimed money of consumers in the fund.
(b) The fund will be financed through cess on spectrum pricing.
(c) The telecom companies will deposit the amount equivalent to their CSR requirements into the fund.
(d) The fund will be financed through penalties on the telecom providers for call drops.
48. With reference to the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, consider the following statements:
1. It aims to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group 0-6 years.
 2. Pregnant and lactating mothers form a target group of the scheme.
 3. District health centers are used for providing all services under the Scheme.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 2 and 3 only
49. The Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA), previously the Bangkok Agreement, is a preferential tariff arrangement that aims at promoting intra-regional trade. Which of the following countries are the Participating States of APTA?
1. India
 2. China
 3. Thailand
 4. Sri Lanka
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only
(d) 1, 3 and 4 only

50. Consider the following events:
1. First bank nationalization
 2. Appointment of Narasimham Committee II on banking reforms.
 3. Introduction of priority sector lending norms

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

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

51. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), a free trade agreement (FTA) involving which of the following countries/groups?

1. United States
2. European Union
3. China
4. Japan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

52. Consider the following statements regarding the recently launched Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) Scheme?

1. It seeks to address the financing needs of MSMEs as well as the delayed payments issue.
2. It is an initiative of RBI.

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

53. With reference to the economy, what does the term *de minimis* refer to?

- (a) It is the minimum level of special drawing rights (SDRs) that has to be maintained by IMF members.
- (b) It is the minimal amount of subsidies or domestic support that is allowed under the Agreement on Agriculture.
- (c) It is the minimum level of capital required for a foreign bank to operate in India.
- (d) It is the minimum amount of trade required for a country to get the status of Most Favoured Nation (MFN)

54. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the AGMARKNET portal?

1. It provides details of the various organizations concerned with agricultural marketing.
2. It provides weekly price trend report for important markets of major agricultural commodities.
3. It is linked with the Online Exchange Portals for providing spot and future prices for important commodities.

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

55. Consider the following statements with regard to Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) in India:

1. All the envisaged and launched UMPPs are coal-based power plants
2. The use of super-critical technology provides for higher fuel efficiency and lower greenhouse gas emissions
3. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) is the nodal implementing agency for UMPPs.

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

- 56.** Carbon Disclosure Project, sometimes seen in the news, aims to
- assess the levels of carbon sequestration required to meet global targets under the Paris Agreement.
 - report the changes in the stock of forest-based carbon sink.
 - promote the emission trading system under the UNFCCC framework.
 - examine the carbon reduction activities of major corporations.

- 57.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Soil Health Cards (SHCs) issued to the farmers?

- It informs farmers about the appropriate dosage of nutrients required to improve soil health and fertility.
- Under the SHC scheme, it is mandatory to undertake GPS based soil sample collection.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

- 58.** With reference to the Index of Eight Core Industries, consider the following statements:

- These industries comprise more than half of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- It is a production volume index released every three months.
- Electricity generation carries the highest weight among the core industries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 2 only
- None

- 59.** Which of the following reports is/are released by the World Bank?

- The Global Gender Gap Report
- Women, Business and the Law
- The World's Women

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 2 only

- 60.** With reference to the horticulture sector in India, arrange the following products in decreasing order of their respective percentage contribution to total horticulture production:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Flowers & Aromatics
- Spices
- Plantation Crops

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 2-1-5-4-3
- 1-2-5-3-4
- 5-1-2-4-3
- 4-5-2-1-3

- 61.** The Human Capital Index (HCI) is released by:

- World Bank
- International monetary fund
- United Nation Development Program
- World Economic Forum

- 62.** Which of the following is/are correct regarding the K-4 Missile?
1. It is a submarine-launched ballistic missile.
 2. It has a strike range of up to 750 km.
- 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.** Consider the following statements regarding the Aviation sector in India:
1. The share of domestic cargo traffic, in total air cargo, is much higher in comparison with that of international cargo traffic.
 2. Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is uniformly taxed throughout the country.
- 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
- 64.** With reference to the newly created 'National Startup Advisory Council', consider the following statements:
1. It will suggest measures to promote innovation in all sectors of the economy across the country.
 2. It will be chaired by the Cabinet Secretary of Government 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

- 65.** Consider the following statements:
1. Indian Rupee is completely convertible on current as well as capital account.
 2. Full convertibility on the capital account can increase volatility in the exchange market.
- 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.** Consider the following statements regarding the International Monetary Fund (IMF):
1. It provides loans to member countries experiencing balance of payments problems to help them restore conditions for strong economic growth.
 2. The Quota assigned to members of IMF is based on their weighted average of GDP and international reserves only.
- 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
- 67.** Sirimavo-Shastri pact, signed in 1964 and sometimes seen in the news, is related to:
- (a) repatriation of Tamil Indians from Sri Lanka.
 - (b) resolving of fishing disputes in the Palk Strait.
 - (c) inclusion of Sri Lanka in the non-alignment movement.
 - (d) maritime boundary agreement between India and Sri Lanka

68. Consider the following statements with respect to the Insurance Sector:

1. 100% FDI under automatic route is allowed in the Indian Insurance sector.
2. Insurance penetration is measured as the percentage of insurance premiums to GDP.
3. Insurance density is calculated as the ratio of premium to population.

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

69. Consider the following statements:

1. Minimum Support Price is declared after harvesting and the Food Corporation of India is the nodal agency for implementation.
2. Fair and Remunerative price for sugarcane is declared by the respective state governments.

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 following acts provides for the Government of India to temporarily impose a ban on internet services in the entire nation?

- (a) Indian Telegraph Act, 1885
- (b) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973
- (c) IT (Amendment) Act, 2008
- (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997

71. Consider the following statements about farm loan waiver:

1. It worsens the balance sheet of banks.
2. It necessarily leads to pushing up rural demand.
3. It distorts the credit culture in the rural sector.

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

72. Consider the following statements with respect to the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID):

1. It is a World Bank group institution devoted to the settlement of international investment disputes.
2. It provides for settlement of disputes for state-state disputes only.
3. India is one of its founding members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the statements regarding the status of the edible oil industry in India:

1. More than 60% of the domestic requirements of edible oil are met by domestic production.
2. Soybean oil is the most imported edible oil by 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

- 74.** Consider the following statements regarding power consumption in India:
1. Consumption of electricity in the agricultural sector is the highest compared to other sectors.
 2. All the thermal power stations in India are running at full capacity.
 3. Transmission and Distribution (T&D) Losses in India are negligible when compared to power production.
- Which of the statement given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) None
- 75.** Consider the following statements with reference to the National Startup Advisory Council:
1. It advises the government on measures to foster a culture of innovation amongst students.
 2. It is chaired by the Union Minister for Commerce & Industry.
- 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.** Consider the following statements about rain-fed agriculture in India:
1. A region is classified as rainfed if it has less than 10% net irrigated area.
 2. More than 75% of pulses production in India is dependent on rainfed areas.
- 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.** In the context of the Parker Solar Probe mission, consider the following statements:
1. It is a mission by NASA to probe the Sun's outer atmosphere.
 2. The sun's outer atmosphere (corona) is hotter than the surface of the sun.
 3. The probe will orbit the sun twice during its mission period.
- Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
- 78.** Consider the following statements regarding the 'Blue Corner Notice' often seen in the news:
1. It is issued by the International Criminal Police Organisation.
 2. It is issued to collect additional information about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a crime.
- 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
- 79.** Consider the following statements regarding the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority:
1. It is a statutory body established under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
 2. The body is responsible for the maintenance of the National Register of Plant Varieties and the National Gene 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

80. With reference to the recently discovered 'Yada Yada virus', consider the following statements:

1. It is a single-stranded RNA alphavirus that is transmitted primarily by mosquitoes and pathogens.
2. It is harmful to human beings and can cause diseases like Eastern equine encephalitis.

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. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)?

1. It provides for a system of issuing separate licenses for each kind of hydrocarbons such as oil, gas, coal bed methane.
2. It replaces the earlier system of production sharing contract (PSC) by the revenue sharing model.
3. It provides for open acreage under which a company can select the exploration blocks on its own, without waiting for the formal bid round from the Government.

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

82. Which of the following is applicable for the Indian Standards Institute (ISI) mark?

1. Switches
2. Electric motors
3. Heaters
4. Kitchen appliances
5. Gold and silver
6. LPG cylinders

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 2, 3 and 5 only
- (b) 1, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

83. With reference to the various initiatives taken for the development of the MSME sector in India, consider the following pairs:

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Objective</i>
1. MSME Sambandh	: Monitor procurement from MSEs by Central Public Sector Enterprises.
2. MSME Sampark	: Promote employment among MSME trainees
3. MSME Samadhaan	: Promote settlement of delayed payments.

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

84. Consider the following statements with regard to the concept of Predatory pricing:

1. In this, prices are set higher than the cost of production to gain initial profits.
2. This practice is prohibited in India under the Competition Act, 2002.

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. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to Transit-Oriented Development?
1. It involves the concentration of jobs, housing, and services around public transport stations.
 2. It advocates pedestrian and bicycle-friendly infrastructure for access to various facilities such as shopping, entertainment, and work.
 3. India does not have a policy on Transit Oriented Development.
- 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
86. Which of the following is **not** the characteristic features of Biofertilizers?
- (a) They have antibiotic compounds which suppress the growth of disease-causing pathogens.
(b) Biofertilizers have the capacity to avoid water stress in plants.
(c) Some biofertilizers also aid plant growth by providing them with hormones like auxins etc.
(d) They are of bacterial types only.
87. In the context of tourism, consider the following statements:
1. The outbound tourism from India in recent years has been more than double the tourist arrivals in India.
 2. In terms of the domestic tourist visits, Goa has been the top destination state in recent years.
 3. HRIDAY scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism to promote conservation of heritage cities in an inclusive manner.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

88. Which of the following statements best describe the aim of 'Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)'?
- (a) To provide technical support for development of agriculture and allied activities.
(b) To guarantee a minimum of 100 days employment to rural youth.
(c) To improve rural-urban road and rail connectivity.
(d) To mobilize all rural poor households into Self Help Groups (SHGs).
89. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding the Deposit Insurance Scheme for the banking sector?
- (a) The scheme is applicable for both demand and time deposits.
(b) It is implemented by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority.
(c) All the commercial and foreign banks operating in India are eligible under the purview of this scheme.
(d) Under the scheme, deposits up to one lakh rupees per account are insured.
90. Consider the following statements regarding GSAT-30:
1. It will provide communication services from Geostationary orbit in C and Ku bands.
 2. It will serve as a replacement to INSAT-4A spacecraft services with enhanced coverage.
- 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. Consider the following statements regarding Import Substitution Industrialization (ISI) strategy:

1. The concept of Import substitution was introduced during the First Five Year Plan.
2. Import Substitution seeks to eliminate the import of the commodity and allows for its production in the domestic market.

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. Consider the following statements with reference to silk production in India:

1. India is the only country producing all known varieties of commercial silks.
2. Tasar silk accounts for the maximum share of the total silk production.
3. Assam is the largest silk producing state of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements with respect to exports and imports of India during 2018-19:

1. Refined petroleum products continue to have the largest share in India's import basket.
2. China has been the major source of Indian imports during this period.
3. Pharmaceuticals are the largest items of Indian exports to the USA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. What are the proposed benefits of the e-National Agriculture Market?

1. Promoting real-time price discovery based on actual demand and supply.
2. Removing information asymmetry between buyers and sellers.
3. Assuring the quality of products to the consumer.

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

95. With reference to the unorganized sector in India, consider the following statements:

1. There is no formal definition of the unorganized sector in India.
2. The unorganized sector employs more than three-quarters of the total workforce.
3. Workers in the unorganized sector are not entitled to minimum wages.

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding the National Social Security Board:

1. It has been constituted exclusively for the welfare of unorganized sector workers.
2. It is under the purview of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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

97. What roles are played by private players in the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) Models for a road construction project?

1. Arranging all finances for the project
2. Collecting Toll
3. Operation and maintenance of the road
4. Provision of engineering expertise

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

98. Consider the following statements:

1. India's allows 100% FDI through automatic route in the steel and mining sectors.
2. District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) are statutory bodies that work for benefit of the persons living in and areas affected by mining-related operations.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

99. Consider the following statements with respect to the Five Year Planning (FYP) phase:

1. Implementation of Family Planning Programmes was amongst the major targets of the seventh FYP.
2. The ninth FYP for the first time had a separate plan document on states.
3. The concept of Inclusive growth was introduced for the first time in the eighth FYP.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

100. With reference to the Henley Passport Index, consider the following statements:

1. It ranks countries on the basis of the number of destination countries to which its citizens can travel without a prior visa.
2. The United States of America is ranked first and its passport is considered the most powerful in the world.

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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