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1. Depositories play a vital role in the stock market. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to depositories?

1. These are institutions which hold securities in dematerialised form.
2. Depositories are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
3. At present, there are only two depositories in India.

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

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Constitution of India provides a provision for the nomination of Anglo-Indians to either House of the Parliament.
2. Anglo Indians have not been defined anywhere in the Constitution.
3. No Anglo-Indian has been nominated to any State Assembly to date.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. Which of the following adaptation mechanism is/are seen in the tropical rainforests?

1. The leaves have drip tips
2. Buttress and stilt roots
3. Growth of epiphytes

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

4. A bill to amend the Article 368 of the constitution would require to be

1. passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members of each House of Parliament present and voting.
2. passed by a majority of the total membership of each House of the Parliament.
3. ratified by Legislatures of not less than one-half of the States.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

5. Consider the following statements:

1. According to the Indian Constitution, the President with respect to any Union Territory may specify any caste as scheduled caste by public notification.
2. State Legislatures have the power to include/exclude any caste from the list of Scheduled castes.
3. Any bill to modify the list of schedule caste should be agreed by the Registrar General of India only.

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

6. With reference to 'credit rationing', which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) It is a situation in which banks lend credit to borrowers at a subsidised interest rate.
- (b) It is a situation in which banks deny credit to borrowers even if they are willing to pay higher interest rate.
- (c) It is a situation in which banks lend credit only to the priority sector areas.
- (d) It is a situation in which banks lend credit to only the non-priority sector areas, for faster economic development.

7. Which of the following can be considered as the causes of the deflationary gap in an economy?

1. Fall in consumer spending
2. Fall in investment
3. Production is more than demand

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is released by:

- (a) World Wide Fund for Nature
- (b) Germanwatch
- (c) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- (d) World Meteorological Organization

9. In which of the following cases can a court issue the writ of Mandamus?

1. To prevent a tribunal from exceeding its jurisdiction
2. To enforce a contractual obligation
3. To command a public official to perform his official duties

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

10. *Pathalgadi movement*, often seen in news refers to a movement to protest against:

- (a) against the illegal immigrants through community policing in Assam.
- (b) the coal mining by forming human chains in Madhya Pradesh.
- (c) the minimum support price mechanism for sale of non-timber forest in Maharashtra.
- (d) the dilution of tribal rights by erecting stones outside the village in Jharkhand and making tribals aware of their forest rights.

11. Consider the following statements in the context of Pitt's India Act of 1784:

1. This act made a distinction between the commercial and political activities of the East India Company.
2. It combined the offices of the Governor-General of Bengal and Commander-in-Chief.
3. The authority to appoint Governor-General was still held with the Court of Directors, but only with the approval of the Crown.

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

12. Which of the following countries border the North Sea?

1. Norway
2. France
3. Ireland
4. Netherland
5. Belgium

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding the Tiger Census:

1. It is a quinquennial exercise carried out by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
2. According to the recent census, Karnataka has the maximum number of tigers.
3. Among the tiger reserves, the Buxa tiger reserve records the highest number of tigers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 14.** He was a pioneer of social reform through journalism in Bombay. He started the newspaper Darpan. He is known as the father of Marathi journalism. He founded the Bombay Native General Library. Which of the following personality is being described above?
- (a) NM Joshi
 - (b) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
 - (c) Balshastrri Jambhekar
 - (d) MG Ranade

- 15.** With reference to Flue-Gas Desulphurisation (FGD), often seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a process that can be used to remove sulfur and nitrous oxides from exhaust flue gases of thermal power plants.
2. Dry Sorbent Injection technique is one of the popular methods of flue-gas desulphurisation.

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 with reference to salt production in India:

1. Rajasthan state is the largest producer of salt in India.
2. In India, salt production and distribution are monitored by the Food Safety and Standards Authority 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

- 17.** With reference to the district judge, consider the following statements:

1. He/She has supervisory powers over all the subordinate courts in the district.
2. Appeals against his orders and judgments lie to the sessions judge.
3. He/she has the power to impose any sentence including life imprisonment and capital punishment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 18.** With reference to the two important genres of Indian music i.e. Hindustani music and Carnatic music, consider the following statements:

1. While the origin of Hindustani music is often associated with religion, the origin of Carnatic music was secular.
2. While Carnatic music is associated with several classical dance forms, Hindustani music is not related to any classical dance form.
3. The sarangi is a major accompaniment in Hindustani, while the violin reigns in Carnatic.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. With reference to ocean currents, consider the following statements:
1. Oceans currents flow in an anticlockwise direction in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern hemisphere.
 2. Counter equatorial current moves from east to west.
 3. In the lower latitudes, warm ocean currents move along the eastern margins of the continents.
- Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
20. Biocontrol agents are natural enemies or competitors of crop pests. They are used to control plant diseases and pests. Which of the following are proven biocontrol agents?
1. Bacillus thuringiensis
 2. Dragonflies
 3. Baculoviruses
- Select the correct answer from the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
21. Pheromone Application Technology, often in the news, was recently used by cotton farmers in Telangana to tackle the deadly pink bollworm. In this context, pheromones are best described as
- (a) Pesticides used to tackle a particular type of pests produced from the discharges of the same pests.
 - (b) Hormones present in plants that ooze out to serve as a defence mechanism when the stems are slightly cut.
 - (c) Chemicals which can act like hormones and have an impact on the behaviour of a targeted organism.
 - (d) Powdered form of insecticides which not only kill insects, but also help increase agricultural yield.

22. If you want to see Barasingha (swamp deer) in their natural habitat, which one of the following is the best national park to visit?
- (a) Gir National Park
 - (b) Pin Valley National Park
 - (c) Keibul Lamjao National Park
 - (d) Kanha National Park
23. In the context of the economy, consider the following pairs:
- | Term | Process |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. Merger | : Two or more companies combine to form an entirely new company. |
| 2. Amalgamation | : Two or more companies are combined together to form an existing company absorbing the other target companies. |
| 3. Acquisition | : One company purchases most or all of another company's shares to gain control of that company. |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
24. Food cooks faster in a pressure cooker because
- (a) It increases the boiling point of water by increasing the pressure inside.
 - (b) It decreases the boiling point of water by increasing the pressure inside.
 - (c) It increases the boiling point of water by reducing the pressure inside.
 - (d) It decreases the boiling point of water by reducing the pressure inside.

25. Consider the following statements regarding Ijaradari system:
1. It entailed a system under which through which the revenue-collecting right was auctioned out to the highest bidder.
 2. It was introduced for the first time in India by Robert Clive.
- 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. Which of the following were the sources of revenue for the kingdoms of the south during the Sangam age?
1. Agricultural share from peasants
 2. Custom duties from merchants
 3. Spoils of war
- 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
27. In the context of economy, what do you understand by 'Washington Consensus'?
- (a) It refers to set of free market economic policies supported by international financial institutions
- (b) It is a principle agreed by WTO members which stipulates that every decision of WTO should be taken by consent of every member
- (c) It is a principle that forms the basis of mutual evaluation process of FATF to combat money laundering
- (d) It refers to an agreement of G20 members to offer protection to foreign investment in their domestic territories

28. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Indian Bank Association (IBA)?
1. The members of the association are drawn from public sector banks only.
 2. It decides the wages of bank employees.
 3. As of now, IBA is not considered as a public authority under section 2 of the RTI act.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
29. Consider the following statements:
1. The Chairmen of all Parliamentary Committees in Lok Sabha are nominated by the Speaker.
 2. The General Purpose Committee and the Rules Committee are headed by the Deputy speaker.
- 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
30. The power to make laws with reference to which of the following subjects lies only with the Parliament, and not with the State legislatures?
1. Prescribing residence as a condition for certain employments in a State
 2. Empowering subordinate courts to issue writs for enforcement of fundamental rights.
 3. Laws on Preventive Detention
- 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

31. With reference to the Indian Councils Act of 1861, consider the following statements:

1. It initiated the process of decentralization and thus reversed the centralizing tendency that started from the Regulating Act of 1773.
2. It made the beginning of representative institutions by associating Indians as non-official members of Viceroy's council.
3. It introduced an open competition system of selection and recruitment of civil servants.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

32. With reference to the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices, consider the following statements:

1. It is a set of guidelines issued to doctors and health care personnel for ethical practices in prescribing medicines.
2. It is binding in nature and non-compliance attracts monetary penalties for doctors.

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

33. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the protections in respect of conviction for offenses provided under Part III of the constitution?

1. A compulsory narco-analysis test does not violate the right to protection against self-incrimination.
2. These constitutional protections are available to both citizens as well as foreigners.
3. A civil liability or a tax can be imposed retrospectively.

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

34. Fridays For Future movement is sometimes seen in news related to:

- (a) protection of children rights.
- (b) protest against lack of action in climate change crisis.
- (c) prevention of proliferation of nuclear weapons
- (d) reproductive rights of women.

35. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

<i>Ecological Term</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
1. Ecophene	: Changes in species owing to environmental adaptations without genetic changes
2. Ecotype	: A genetically distinct geographic variety within a species.
3. Ecospecies	: Morphologically similar species producing viable offsprings.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

36. The term 2020CD3 seen recently in news is related to
- (a) A testing kit for HIV.
 - (b) An International network system to trace the online payment fraud.
 - (c) An asteroid orbiting the earth.
 - (d) A telescope to measure the gravitational waves.
37. The rulers of this ethnic stock were known as the Indo-Scythians. They ruled through governors or subordinate rulers known as kshatrapas. Their history is known largely through inscriptions and coins. King Moga was one such Indo-Scythian ruler. Which dynasty or ethnic stock has been described in the passage given above?
- (a) Shakas
 - (b) Hunas
 - (c) Kushans
 - (d) Shungas
38. Consider the following statements regarding the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS):
1. The Scheme allows all resident individuals, corporates, partnership firms to remit a certain amount of money during a financial year.
 2. The remittance facility under the Scheme is not available for trading in foreign exchange abroad.
 3. Recently, the government removed the tax collected at source on LRS to improve ease of doing business.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 1 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

39. "Diwali declaration", made during the tenure of Lord Irwin is related to:
- (a) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's demand of constitutional safeguards for the depressed classes.
 - (b) The resolution adopted in 1927 annual Congress Session at Madras. (to be modified)
 - (c) Lord Irwin's announcement about the British government's intention to facilitate India attain dominion status in the future.
 - (d) Ramsay MacDonald's announcement in British Parliament about organisation of Round Table conferences to discuss Simon Commission Report
40. Which the following steps of the nitrogen cycle allows for the release of atmospheric nitrogen from the soil?
- (a) Assimilation
 - (b) Ammonification
 - (c) Nitrification
 - (d) Denitrification
41. Consider the following passage:
- "According to a legend, he had been in the service of the Kakatiyas of Warangal. However, after the fall of Warangal at the hands of the Delhi Sultans, he shifted to Kampili and then to Delhi where he unwillingly embraced Islam. He was subsequently sent to Kampili where he laid the foundation of an independent kingdom as its first king."
- Who among the following is being referred to in the above passage?
- (a) Ballala Deva
 - (b) Mahendravarman I
 - (c) Narasimha II
 - (d) Harihara

42. With reference to monsoons experienced by the west coast of India, consider the following statements:

1. The West Coast of India mainly receives orographic rainfall.
2. The position of the equatorial jet stream over Africa determines the intensity of monsoons here.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Arrange the following events in the correct chronological sequence:

1. Appointment of Simon Commission
2. First Round Table Conference
3. Delhi Proposals
4. Nehru Report

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

44. Consider the following statements regarding Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs):

1. REC mechanism is a market-based instrument to facilitate the compliance of renewable purchase obligations.
2. Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) is the only power bourse in the country engaged in trading of RECs.
3. Recently, RECs are exempted from GST to promote renewable sources of energy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. There is no Right to Recall at Centre, State or Local Levels in India.
2. There has been no referendum in India since the Constitution has come into force.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements about Money Bills:

1. It cannot be referred to a Joint Committee of the Houses.
2. The Speaker is under obligation to consult the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs in coming to a decision or in giving a certificate that a Bill is a Money Bill.
3. President cannot withhold his assent to a money bill.
4. A Constitution Amendment Bill is treated as a Money Bill if all its provisions are dealing with matters mentioned under Article 110(1).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 47.** Consider the following statements about Gram Nyayalayas:
1. These courts are backed by a law made by the Parliament.
 2. They have jurisdiction over civil cases only.
 3. The appeals shall lie from any judgment, sentence or order of a Gram Nyayalaya to the High Court in the State.
- 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
- 48.** Which of the following disease-causing viruses have reportedly spread to humans via Bats?
1. Ebola virus
 2. SARS coronavirus
 3. Nipah virus
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1 and 2 only
- 49.** With reference to Northern Plains, consider the following statements:
1. It is the largest alluvial tract of the world.
 2. It was formed by depositional action of rivers of both Himalayan and peninsular rivers in geo-synclinal depressions.
- 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

- 50.** Arrange the speed of sound in different media in increasing order:
1. Solid
 2. Liquid
 3. Gas
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 2-3-1
(b) 3-2-1
(c) 1-2-3
(d) 2-1-3
- 51.** Consider the following statements with reference to Net Domestic Product (NDP):
1. It is calculated after adjusting the weight of the value of depreciation from the gross domestic product (GDP).
 2. For two economies with the same GDP, the one with a higher value of the consumption of capital goods will have a higher NDP.
- 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
- 52.** Jatakas, the stories of Gautama Buddha's previous births, are a part of which of the following?
- (a) Sutta Pitaka
(b) Milinda panho
(c) Abhidhamma Pitaka
(d) Dipavamsa

53. Which of the following are the causes of coral bleaching?

1. Extremely high tide
2. Warming of oceans
3. The influx of pollutants like fertilizers and pesticides
4. Predation by fish

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

54. Consider the following statements regarding Chola ruler Rajendra I:

1. He carried forward the annexationist policy of Rajaraja Chola by completely overrunning the Pandya and Chera countries.
2. He assumed the title of Gangaikondachola.
3. He built a capital city called Gangaikondacholapuram on the banks of river Ganga near Varanasi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. Consider the following pairs:

Endocrine gland	Hormone
1. Pituitary	: Progesterone
2. Thyroid	: Calcitonin
3. Adrenals	: Epinephrine
4. Ovaries	: Oxytocin

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

56. Which of the following radiations is used in a breath analyzer?

- (a) Radio waves
- (b) X rays
- (c) Infrared rays
- (d) Ultraviolet rays

57. Recent excavations at a site near Nagpur have provided fresh evidence about the Vakataka dynasty, which ruled during the mid-third century CE. In this context, which of the following statements is *not* correct with reference to the Vakataka dynasty?

- (a) They ruled around the central deccan region from Malwa in Gujarat to Tungabhadra in south.
- (b) It is the only dynasty to have been founded by a female ruler.
- (c) The rulers of the dynasty are believed to have been Shaivites.
- (d) The dynasty had matrimonial alliances with the contemporary Gupta dynasty.

58. With reference to steppes, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. They are found in continental interiors.
2. It is characterized by high temperatures with rainfall throughout the year.

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

59. Recently scientists have discovered a blind mahseer fish in India. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Blind Mahseer fish?

1. It is a subterranean fish.
2. It is endemic to the peninsular rivers of India.

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

60. Which of the following indices are published by NITI Aayog?

1. State Education Quality Index
2. Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) Index
3. India Innovation Index
4. Composite Water Management Index

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

61. World Adaptation Science Programme often seen in the news is a joint initiative of the UN Environment and

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) World Meteorological Organization
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) UNICEF

62. With reference to REDD+, consider the following statements:

1. It is a global initiative by UNCCD to use the carbon sequestration potential of the forests to manage climate change.
2. The National REDD+ Strategy of India aims to facilitate the implementation of the REDD+ program in conformity with the Paris Agreement.

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

63. "As the economy develops, market forces (income per capita) will increase and so will the inequality. But, later on, the inequality will decrease".

Which of the following curve exactly defines the above statement?

- (a) Phillips Curve
- (b) Laffer Curve
- (c) Kuznets Curve
- (d) Lorenz Curve

64. With reference to the International Maritime Organization, consider the following statements:

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations which sets standards for the safety and environmental performance of the shipping industry.
2. It has recognized the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System as a part of the Worldwide Radio Navigation System.

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. India is the 5th largest economy in the world in terms of nominal GDP at constant prices.
 2. India is the 3rd largest economy in the world in terms of GDP in PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) at current prices.
 3. World Bank through its World Economic Outlook Report lists the GDP of all countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. With reference to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to promote understanding of the purposes of UNESCO among the people of India.
2. The minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is the ex-officio president of the 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

67. Which among the following was the chief port of the Golconda empire and presently the nerve center of Kalamkari painting?
- (a) Kakatiya
 - (b) Machilipatnam
 - (c) Nagapattinam
 - (d) Krishnapatnam

68. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

<i>European president</i>	<i>INC session</i>
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| 1. George Yule | : Allahabad Session |
| 2. William Wedderburn | : Calcutta Session |
| 3. Annie Besant | : Bombay Session |
| 4. Alfred Webb | : Madras Session |

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

69. Which of the following protected areas is/are defined in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972?

1. Marine Protected Areas
2. Community Reserves
3. Biosphere Reserves

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

70. Which of the following can be a ground for imposing reasonable restrictions on the freedom of movement provided to citizens under Article 19 of the constitution?

1. Maintaining friendly relations with foreign states
2. Protecting interests of any scheduled tribe
3. In the interest of public morality

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

71. Consider the following statements about the formation of states in India:
1. To alter the areas and boundaries of a union territory with the legislature, the president shall refer such a bill to the legislature for expressing its views.
 2. Parliament is the sole body having the power to change the name of a state.
 3. Jammu & Kashmir is the first full-fledged State to be converted into Union Territory.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following pairs:

Programme	Implementing Agency
1. Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme	: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
2. Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme	: Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
3. National Monsoon Mission	: Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

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

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

73. Which of the following best describes the "Karnataka Method" in the context of Modern Indian History?

- (a) A variant of Ryotwari system implemented in the northern Karnataka.
- (b) A phase of Quit India Movement, which is characterised by violent and underground activities and sabotaging of British properties during nights.
- (c) An approach carved out by Aluri Venkata Rao for unification of Karnataka in Independent India.
- (d) A phase of revolutionary terrorism observed in Karnataka region during mid 1920s.

74. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

1. It works to protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in India.
2. CCI approval is required in case the acquisition of firms with revenue over and above 1000 crore.
3. The Commission is required to give an opinion on competition issues on a reference received from a statutory authority established under any law.

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

75. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the Preamble to the Indian constitution?

1. It acted as a guide to the Constituent Assembly in drafting the Constitution of India.
2. It reveals the source from which the Constitution derives its authority.
3. It has been amended only once since its adoption.

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

76. Which of the following best defines DNA computing?
- (a) It is a branch of computing which uses DNA and molecular hardware instead of traditional silicon-based computer based technologies.
 - (b) It is the comparison and analyses of differences of different genome sequences using traditional silicon-based computer technologies.
 - (c) It is the study of genes to understand protein synthesis and encoding in DNA.
 - (d) It is the process of counting of the total number of DNA sequences present in any living organism.
77. Which of the following countries has enacted a "National sword" policy to ban the import of plastics and waste material for processing and recycling?
- (a) India
 - (b) China
 - (c) Australia
 - (d) The United States of America
78. Arrange the given statements in chronological order:
1. First Nuclear test by India
 2. First major Bank Nationalisation
 3. Keshavanand Bharati Case
 4. Lowering of voting age of elections to Lok Sabha & Legislative Assemblies of State from 21 years to 18 years.
- Select the correct answer from codes given below:
- (a) 2-1-3-4
 - (b) 4-2-3-1
 - (c) 2-3-1-4
 - (d) 4-1-3-2

79. Which of the following provisions were associated with the Cabinet Mission Plan?
1. Residuary power with the provinces.
 2. Threefold classification of provinces.
 3. Indirect election to Constituent Assembly.
- 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
80. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Development Support Services to States for Infrastructure Projects Initiative (DSSSI)?
1. DSSSI initiative was implemented by the Ministry of Finance with the help of the World Bank.
 2. The key objectives include creating PPP success stories and rebooting infrastructure project delivery models.
 3. It is an initiative only for the state governments and not union territories.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
81. Consider the following statements with respect to the Stockholm Convention:
1. It deals with controlling the transboundary movement of hazardous waste and their disposal.
 2. It is an initiative of United Nations Environment Program.
 3. India ratified the convention in 2017.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 1 and 3 only

82. Which among the following are the members of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)?

1. Pakistan
2. Somalia
3. Iran
4. Myanmar
5. Thailand

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

83. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Women Organisations</i>	<i>Associated with</i>
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| 1. Bharat Stree Mahamandal | : Sarla Devi Chaudrani |
| 2. Ladies' Social Conference | : Ramabai Ranade |
| 3. Women's Indian Association | : Annie Besant |

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

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

84. With reference to Keynesian Economics, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) It is considered as a 'supply-side' theory and focuses on higher interest rates as a solution to economic woes.
- (b) It is considered as a 'demand-side' theory and focuses on higher interest rates as a solution to economic woes.
- (c) It is considered as a 'supply-side' theory and focuses on lower interest rates as a solution to economic woes.
- (d) It is considered as a 'demand-side' theory and focuses on lower interest rates as a solution to economic woes.

85. Which of the following are the uses of activated charcoal?

1. For curing drug overdose
2. Water filtration
3. Cheesemaking
4. Purifying air

Select the correct answer code given below.

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

86. The Global EV Outlook an annual publication that identifies and discusses recent developments in electric mobility across the globe. It is published by:

- (a) International Energy Agency
- (b) Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles
- (c) World Electric Vehicle Association
- (d) International Council on Clean Transportation

87. If you travel through the Ladakh Himalayas, you are likely to see which of the following mammals living there?

1. Snow Leopard
2. Pallas's cat
3. Red Fox

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

88. Inscriptions related to which of the following emperors/rulers can be found on the Allahabad Pillar?

1. Ashoka
2. Samudragupta
3. Jahangir

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

- 89.** With reference to Leptospirosis disease, consider the following statements:
1. It is a bacterial infection that is transmitted from animals to humans.
 2. It is detected in areas that have witnessed excessive rainfall or flooding.
- 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
- 90.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Aligarh movement started by Syed Ahmed Khan:
1. The leaders of the movement supported the formation of Congress.
 2. It aimed at spreading modern education among Muslims.
 3. Syed Ahmed Khan founded Jamia Milia Islamia University as a part of this movement.
- Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
- (a) 3 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) 2 and 3 only
- 91.** Saranda forests or the Land of the Seven Hundred Hills is a dense forest in the hilly region of West Singhbhum district in the Indian state of Jharkhand. It is Asia's largest reserve of which of the following tree species?
- (a) Sal
(b) Neem
(c) Rosewood
(d) Mahogany

- 92.** In the context of Medieval India, arrange the following battles in the chronological order:
1. Battle of Haldighati
 2. Battle of Samugarh
 3. Battle of Chausa
 4. Battle of Khanwa
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 3-4-2-1
(b) 4-3-1-2
(c) 4-3-2-1
(d) 3-4-1-2
- 93.** Which of the following correctly describes the term 'Unemployment Trap'?
- (a) Fall in employment growth despite robust economic growth.
(b) The situation where unemployed people are unwilling to join the labor force.
(c) The situation where the majority of workers are employed in the low paying unorganized sector.
(d) The situation where number of jobs created is less than the number of people entering the job market.
- 94.** Consider the following statements about the tradition of Mathematics in ancient India:
1. Brahmagupta and Bhaskaracharya were prominent mathematicians during the Gupta period.
 2. The Indians were the first to use the decimal system.
 3. The earliest reference to mathematical numbers could be found in Vedic texts.
- 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

95. In the context of astronomy, consider the following pairs.

Astronomical Concept	Description
1. Pulsar	: Gamma rays emitted by stars
2. Event Horizons	: Boundary defining the region around a black hole
3. Kuiper belt	: Asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter

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

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

96. Which of the following offices are ineligible for reappointment to the same office notwithstanding the age qualification?

- 1. Chief Election Commissioner
- 2. Comptroller & Auditor General
- 3. Chief Information Commissioner
- 4. Central Vigilance Commissioner

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

97. With reference to the Gupta period, the term *sarthavahas* refers to

- (a) the designated priests who conducted rituals for the king.
- (b) the leaders of the caravan traders.
- (c) the provincial governors appointed by the reigning king.
- (d) the military advisors to the emperor.

98. *These are a category of plants that close their stomata during the day and open them in the night. They accumulate proline, an amino acid, in their cells to maintain osmotic potential in their leaves. Cacti and pineapple belong to this category.*

Which of the following type of plants is best described in the above passage?

- (a) Xerophytes
- (b) Saprophytes
- (c) Epiphytes
- (d) Mesophyte

99. Consider the following pairs:

Characteristics	Drainage pattern
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| 1. Drainage pattern resembling the branches of a tree | : Dendritic drainage |
| 2. When the rivers discharge their waters from all directions in a lake | : Radial drainage |
| 3. When the rivers originate from a hill and flow in all directions | : Trellis drainage |

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

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

100. Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Swap Auction', recently seen in the news?

- (a) It is a type of liquidity adjustment facility by RBI for faster transmission of policy rate.
- (b) It is a scheme of RBI for reworking the financial structure of big corporate entities facing genuine difficulties.
- (c) It is a disinvestment plan of the Government regarding Central Public Sector Undertakings.
- (d) It is a resolution plan of RBI to improve the balance sheet of the public sector banks.

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