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1. Consider the following statements about the Public Accounts Committee:
1. The term of office of members of the Committee is two years.
 2. A Minister cannot be a member of the Committee.
 3. While members of the Committee from Lok Sabha are elected, the members from Rajya Sabha are nominated to the Committee.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
2. With reference to food fortification in India, consider the following statements:
1. The food fortification logo is assigned by Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks.
 2. Milk, edible oil, wheat flour, salt and rice are approved fortified commodities in India.
 3. According to the State Food Fortification Index, developed by NITI Aayog, Gujarat is the top scorer.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Vanguard Bank recently seen in the news is located in which of the following seas?
- (a) Caspian Sea
 - (b) Red sea
 - (c) Aral Sea
 - (d) South China sea

4. Which of the following statements is *not* correct in the context of constitutional reforms introduced by the British through various acts?
- (a) Government of India Act of 1919 extended the right to vote to women for the first time.
 - (b) Government of India Act of 1935 introduced the provision of Joint sitting in legislature.
 - (c) Indian Councils Act of 1909 introduced communal representation for Sikhs and Anglo-Indians.
 - (d) The Indian Council Act of 1892 gave legislative councils the power of discussing the budget .
5. Consider the following statements:
1. While the Harappan people inhabited the north-western part of the Indian subcontinent, the chalcolithic people settled predominantly in the deep south.
 2. Both the Harappans and the chalcolithic people used burnt bricks on a large scale.
 3. The chalcolithic people knew the art of terracotta like the Harappans.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) None
6. Ornamental fisheries refer to the breeding and rearing of colored fish of marine water and freshwater. In this context consider the following statements:
1. They are predominantly found in the Western Ghats region.
 2. West Bengal is the largest exporter of ornamental fishes.
- 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

7. Which of the following is correct with reference to stock market?
If a Stockbroker 'A' has access to colocation facility in Stock exchange, it implies that
- (a) A can use his/her own trading front-end software in order to trade in the stock exchange
 - (b) A has fewer restrictions than others to trade in participatory notes in the stock exchange
 - (c) A can provide electronic facilities for his/her clients to place their orders directly on the exchange
 - (d) A has faster access to the price feed (buy/sell quotes) distributed by the stock exchange
8. Consider the following statements about Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha:
1. Any amendment in the rules requires the approval of both the Houses of Parliament.
 2. The Committee on Rules recommends any amendments or additions to these rules.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Recently locust attacks have been reported in India which originated in Sudan and Eritrea. In this context, consider the following statements:
1. In India, locust attacks are predominantly seen in areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat.
 2. The locusts spread zoonotic diseases.
- 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. Indian Constitution embodies the concept of "Equality". What are the features of this Equality?
1. No person can be discriminated by the State on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.
 2. Benefits extended to some persons, even if illegal, can be claimed by the others on the ground that they have been denied the same.
 3. Equal subjection and similar application of the same laws to all persons who are similarly placed, administrated by ordinary courts
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
11. Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) an operational arm of UNFCCC Technology Mechanism. In this context which of the following statements regarding CTCN is/are correct?
1. It provides monetary funding to developing countries for adopting climate change mitigation technologies.
 2. It provides for technology transfer to both public and private sector entities.
- 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

12. With reference to the economy, what does the *Seigniorage*, refers to?
- (a) The delivery of financial services at affordable costs to disadvantaged and low-income segments of society.
 - (b) The difference between the value of currency/money and the cost of producing it.
 - (c) The total value of all goods and services produced over a specific time period in an economy.
 - (d) Actions taken by a country's central bank to counter the effects on the money supply caused by a balance of payments surplus.
13. If any question arises as to whether a member of Parliament has become subject to disqualification for holding an office of profit under the government, the question is referred for the decision of the President and his decision is final. The President takes his decision in accordance with the opinion of:
- (a) the Supreme Court.
 - (b) the Election Commission of India.
 - (c) the Council of Ministers.
 - (d) Speaker/Chairman of the concerned house of the Parliament.
14. Consider the following statements with regard to the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty often seen in the news:
1. It is an agreement between two or more countries for gathering and exchanging information to enforce public laws or criminal laws.
 2. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for seeking and providing mutual legal assistance in criminal law matters
- 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. Which of the following conditions are associated with October heat?
1. The weakening of Monsoon trough
 2. Clear skies
 3. Increase in humidity
- 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
16. Rutherford's alpha-particle scattering experiment was responsible for the discovery of:
- (a) Electron
 - (b) Proton
 - (c) Neutron
 - (d) Atomic Nucleus
17. Which of the following form the sources of income of Reserve Bank of India?
1. Interest on government bonds held for conducting open market operations.
 2. Fees from governments market borrowing programmes.
 3. Income from investments in foreign currency assets.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 18.** Which of the following is/are the significance of High Nitrogen Steel?
1. It possesses excellent mechanical and ballistic properties.
 2. It is generally cheaper than single hot-rolled steel composition.
 3. It can be used only for defence purposes.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only
(d) 1 and 3 only
- 19.** In the context of ancient India, which of the following is/are correct with respect to the Satavahanas?
1. The Satavahana rulers claimed to have been Brahmanas.
 2. They were opposed to Buddhism and destroyed Buddhist monasteries and stupas.
- 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
- 20.** Consider the following statements:
1. If there is equality of votes and no decision has been made, then the Election Commission decides the election by a lottery.
 2. There has been no instance in India, where an election has been decided by the lottery.
- 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

- 21.** Which of the following pollutants are measured by World Air Quality Index?
1. PM_{2.5}
 2. Ozone
 3. Lead
 4. Ammonia (NH₃)
 5. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 4 and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- 22.** With reference to National Mission On Natural Language Translation, consider the following statements:
1. Ministry of Culture is the lead agency in implementing the mission.
 2. It aims to make science and technology accessible to all by facilitating access to teaching and researching material bilingually.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 23.** This dynasty ruled over the eastern parts of India during the early medieval period. The rulers of this dynasty were supporters of Buddhism and established close trade and cultural relations with South-East Asia kingdoms. One of the rulers of this dynasty established the Vikramshila University. Which of the following dynasties does the passage given above refer to?
- (a) Senas
(b) Palas
(c) Eastern Gangas
(d) Gajapatis

24. Consider the following statements about Attorney General of India:
1. His term in office is ordinarily of 3 years and is eligible for reappointment.
 2. He is prohibited from practicing private cases while in office.
 3. He cannot represent independent constitutional bodies like Union Public Service Commission and Election Commission of India in any court.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
25. Consider the following statements with respect to the Indian islands:
1. The Lakshadweep Islands are entirely made up of coral deposits.
 2. Barren Island is the only confirmed active volcano located in the Andaman sea.
 3. There are no coral reef islands in the Gulf of Khambat.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 1 and 2 only
26. Consider the following statements:
1. Unlike the National Emergency, Martial Law doesn't affect center-state relations.
 2. Martial Law suspends ordinary laws and institutions in the area, while courts & government continue to work under National Emergency.
 3. Grounds of the imposition of National Emergency has been defined in the Constitution, but no such grounds have been defined for Martial Law.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

27. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Indian Operations</i> | <i>Regions involved</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sankalp | : Maldives |
| 2. Bandar | : Pakistan |
| 3. Sanjeevani | : Gulf of Oman |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 2 only
(d) 1 and 2 only
28. Consider the following pairs regarding rural society in the Sangam Age?
- | <i>Term</i> | <i>Meaning</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. Adimai | : Large landowners |
| 2. Uzhavar | : Ploughmen |
| 3. Vellalar | : Slaves |
- Which of the pairs given above is/ are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
29. Consider the following statements with respect to Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in India:
1. At present, the corporate resolution process under IBC can be initiated only when the minimum amount of the default is Rs.1 lakh.
 2. The Code provides for tribunals to adjudicate the resolution process for companies and individuals but does not provide any appellate mechanism.
- 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. Which of the following geographical regions was/were the bone of contention between the Bahmani sultans and the Vijayanagara empire?

1. Tungabhadra doab
2. Krishna Godavari delta
3. Konkan Coast

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

31. Which of the following statements about a Substitute Motion is **not** correct?

- (a) It is moved in the substitution of the original motion.
- (b) It is not dependent on the original motion.
- (c) No amendments are permissible to such motion.
- (d) After discussion, it is alone put to vote and not the original motion.

32. Which of the following statements about the Himalayas is **not** correct?

- (a) The rivers of Kosi and Sutlej originated before the upliftment of Himalayan region.
- (b) Snow line in Western Himalayas is higher than Eastern Himalayas.
- (c) Kail and Silk cotton trees are naturally found in Himalayan region.
- (d) Duns are located between Lesser Himalayas and Shiwaliks.

33. Which of the following statements with reference to 'interest coverage ratio' is/are correct?

1. It helps determine how easily a company can pay interest on its outstanding debt.
2. In India, nearly 40 percent of corporate debt is owned by companies with an interest coverage ratio less than 1.5

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

34. With reference to the ancient history of India, Avadanas form a part of:

- (a) Jain literature
- (b) Vedic literature
- (c) Buddhist literature
- (d) Sangam literature

35. Consider the following statements about Rajya Sabha:

1. Rajya Sabha is not subject to dissolution, and one-third of the members retire every two years.
2. Constitution has defined the term of members of Rajya Sabha as six years.
3. The members elected through bye-elections remain a member for the remainder of the term in that seat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements about the Supreme Court:

1. Parliament, as well as State Legislatures, can enlarge the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court with respect to Union and State List respectively.
2. To date, no such law enlarging the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court has been passed.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. The 1929 Lahore session of the Indian National Congress declared dominion status as the aim of Congress.
2. Lord Irwin's declaration stated that the ultimate goal of British policy for India was to confer Dominion Status.
3. Dominion status was explicitly offered in Lord Linlithgow's August Offer.

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

38. With reference to the Ramsar Convention, consider the following statements:

1. To become a member, a country must have at least 15% of its region as wetlands.
2. Both the natural and manmade wetlands can be classified as Ramsar wetlands sites.

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

39. Consider the following statements about Karachi Resolution, 1931:

1. It withdrew the Congress Party's commitment to 'Purna Swaraj'.
2. The socio-economic provision in the Karachi Resolution went on to influence the Constituent Assembly in drawing up the Directive Principles of State Policy.
3. Resolution on Fundamental Rights was also passed in this Session.

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

40. Consider the following statements:

1. India is the largest importer of vegetable oils in the world.
2. Groundnut contributes the highest to the total oilseeds production in 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

41. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the Intensive Subsistence type of agriculture?

1. Operations of cultivation from ploughing to harvesting are generally mechanised.
2. It is largely found in densely populated regions of monsoon Asia.

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

42. *Khimp, Pala, Sinia* and *Murath* are the species planted as brushwood to create micro-wind breaks. These are most likely found in which of the following regions of India?

- (a) Thar desert of Rajasthan
- (b) Evergreen forests of Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Alpine meadows of Ladakh
- (d) Mangroves of Andaman Islands

43. Which of the following committees/commissions set up by the British aimed at military reforms?

- 1. Hilton Young Commission
- 2. Eden commission
- 3. Lyall commission

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

44. Consider the following statements about Basohli school of Paintings:

- 1. Basohli paintings are considered among the earliest school of Pahari paintings
- 2. The well-known miniatures in the form of Rasamanjari belong to this school.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Which of the following statements is correct with reference to the medieval India traveler Ibn Battuta?

- (a) He was an Iranian traveller who visited India during 14th Century AD.
- (b) He lived at the court of Alauddin khilji for eight years.
- (c) He was appointed as the ruling sultan's envoy to the Chinese emperor.
- (d) Kitab ul-Hind is a classic travel account by of his journey in India.

46. Phage therapy is sometime seen in news is related to:

- (a) Use of somatic cells to cure genetic disorders.
- (b) Treat the bacterial infection by viruses.
- (c) Destroy cancer cells with the help of nano particles.
- (d) Cure mental illness by using peer to peer connections.

47. With reference to National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF), consider the following statements:

- 1. It seeks to fund research in clean energy technologies of both the public and private sectors.
- 2. It is funded through the levy of clean energy cess.
- 3. It is under the purview of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

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

48. Consider the following statements about the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) species in India:

1. It is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world.
2. It is categorised as critically endangered by the IUCN Red List.
3. The largest concentration of GIBs could be found in the state of Gujarat.
4. There exist a national programme for the conservation of the GIBs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

49. Brown to Green Report is recently in news published by:

- (a) United Nation Environment Programme
- (b) Climate Transparency
- (c) International Energy Agency
- (d) UN Secretariat

50. Which of the following correctly describes the term 'Debt-for-Nature Swap', sometimes seen in news?

- (a) An arrangement allowing a developed country with an emission-reduction commitment to implement an emission-reduction project in developing countries.
- (b) A mechanism to reduce a developing country's debt in exchange for a commitment to protect nature.
- (c) It is a process of mutual buying and selling permits and credits to emit greenhouse gases.
- (d) A mechanism allowing low-cost loans for the corporate sector in exchange for emission-reduction commitment.

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

Acid		Source
1. Oxalic acid	:	Tomato
2. Lactic acid	:	Lemon
3. Citric acid	:	Curd
4. Acetic acid	:	Vinegar

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

52. Consider the following statements regarding Dark Fermentation, a process to convert organic waste into biohydrogen:

1. It can take place both in the presence and absence of oxygen.
2. Farm and food waste can be utilized as input material.

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. Consider the following statements in the context of the developments in the first half of the first millennium AD:

1. Alvars and Nayanars emerged as a response to the rigid caste system that was prevalent in the Brahmanical religion.
2. The austerities of Jainism and Buddhism were supported by the Alvars and Nayanars.

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

54. Consider the following statements with respect to the role of hydroxyl radicals in the atmosphere:

1. They have a high oxidizing capacity which helps in reducing the concentration of greenhouse gases.
2. They help in killing bacteria and viruses in the atmosphere.

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. Consider the following statements about Fast Track Courts in India:

1. The setting up of Fast Track Courts comes within the domain of the Central Government.
2. The administrative control over members of the court lies with the state government.
3. The judges for these are appointed on an ad hoc basis, selected by the High Courts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. Consider the following statements regarding the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA):

1. It is a statutory body established under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.
2. It is composed of members of the scientific community, regulatory authorities and animal activists.
3. It is the nodal authority to grant permission for conducting experiments involving the use of animals.

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

57. CITIIS (City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain) program is an initiative of

- (a) NITI Aayog and United Nations
- (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and European Union (EU)
- (c) NITI Aayog and World Economic Forum
- (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and World Bank Group

58. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Keystone Species?

1. They are always the most abundant species in an ecosystem.
 2. Herbivores cannot be keystone species.
- 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. Consider the following statements about Election to President's Office:

1. Proxy voting is not permitted for the presidential election in India.
2. All doubts and disputes in connection with the election of the President are inquired into and decided by the Supreme Court.
3. The political parties can issue any direction or whip to their members to vote in a particular manner at the election.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. "Born into the royal family, she was educated in Oxford and returned to India in 1918. She was drawn towards the work and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. Later on, she became his secretary. She took an active part in Salt Satyagraha and Quit India Movement. She went on to become independent India's first health minister. In 1950, she was elected the president of the World Health Assembly, becoming the first woman and the first Asian to hold that post." Which of the following famous Indian women of the 20th century is described in the above passage?

- (a) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
- (b) Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
- (c) Sarojini Naidu
- (d) Madam Bhikaji Cama

61. Hindu Kush Himalayan region is drained by which of the following rivers?

1. Amu Darya
2. Brahmaputra
3. Irrawaddy
4. Mekong

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

62. In the removal of the occupants of which of the following offices does the Parliament play a role?

1. Chief Election Commissioner of India
2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
3. Attorney General of India
4. Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

63. In the context of various British expansionary and consolidatory doctrines/policies, Policy of Proud Reserve was associated with which of the following governors-general/viceroy?

- (a) Lord Wellesley
- (b) Lord Dalhousie
- (c) Lord Auckland
- (d) Lord Lytton

64. Consider the following statements regarding, Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)’:
1. It provides assistance to the Central and State Government agencies to create appropriate infrastructure for the growth of exports.
2. Scheme addresses quality and certification measures including phytosanitary and technical barriers to trade compliance.

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 with respect to the e-commerce sector in India:

- 1. 49% FDI under automatic route is allowed in the inventory-driven models of e-commerce.
- 2. A market place entity will become ineligible to get FDI if it allows a vendor to sell more than 25% of the vendor's wares on its platform.
- 3. Market place entities are not allowed to mandate any seller to sell any product exclusively on its platform

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

66. Which of the following is **not** correct with reference to the GST Council?

- (a) It is a constitutional body for making recommendations to the Union and State Government on issues related to Goods and Service Tax.
- (b) It is chaired by the Union Finance Minister.
- (c) The decisions of the Council are taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- (d) It recommends the date on which the goods and services tax be levied on petrol and natural gas.

67. Consider the following statements with reference to the trade to GDP ratio of a country:

- 1. It is calculated by dividing the value of exports by the gross domestic product for a particular period.
- 2. It indicates the degree of trade openness of a country.
- 3. India's trade-GDP ratio is higher than in the USA and China.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements with respect to indicators of the Indian Stock market i.e. Sensex and Nifty:

- 1. Sensex is an index of the top 50 companies traded on the Bombay stock exchange while Nifty is an index of the top 30 companies traded on the National Stock Exchange.
- 2. For Sensex, the base year is 1978-79 whereas for the Nifty base year is 1995.

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. With reference to the elections to state legislative councils, consider the following statements:

1. The eligible voters elect members by first-past-the-post system to represent their respective constituencies.
2. In a teachers' constituency, only a full-time teacher in at least a secondary school or higher is eligible to vote.
3. A graduates' constituency is one in which only graduates from any recognized Indian university or those with equivalent qualifications are eligible to vote.

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

70. Consider the following statements with respect to Ease of Living Index in India:

1. It is prepared by NITI Aayog.
2. It ranks states on the basis of liveability parameters in both rural and urban 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

71. In the context of the economy, consider the following statements with reference to 'Discount and Finance House' in India:

1. It acts as an intermediary between commercial lenders and borrowers for, trading in various short-term securities.
2. It was set up by the Reserve Bank in India, in collaboration with the public sector banks and financial institutions.

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

72. Consider the following statements:

1. The parliamentary system ensures a more responsible government than the presidential system.
2. In India, the council of ministers is collectively responsible to 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

73. Which of the following best describes 'Solidarity Trial', recently seen in the news?

- (a) It is a movement to seek a lenient trial for juvenile rape convicts.
- (b) It is an initiative to determine an effective drug against COVID-19.
- (c) It is a campaign to convince developed economies to adopt a low emission path to growth.
- (d) It is a UN-led initiative to bring respite to the humanitarian crisis in conflict ridden regions.

74. Consider the following statements with reference to the National School of Drama:

1. It was set up by the Sangeet Natak Akademi as one of its constituent units in 1959.
2. It trains students in all aspects of theatre and offers a diploma.

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. Quantum dots are increasingly gaining importance in electronics. What are Quantum dots?

- (a) They are artificial nano scale crystals that can transport electrons.
- (b) They are sub atomic particles capable of exhibiting two quantum states at a time
- (c) They are elementary particles that constitute various subatomic particles like protons and neutrons.
- (d) They refer to a group of rare earth doped material platforms used in electronic manufacturing.

76. Which of the following regions have proven uranium reserves in India?

- 1. Jaduguda mines
- 2. Aravalli Range
- 3. Cuddapah basin
- 4. Mahadek basin

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

77. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Global Maritime Energy Efficiency Partnership?

- 1. It is jointly developed by the United Nations Development Programme and International Maritime Organization.
- 2. Its aim is to contribute to a significant reduction of GHG emissions from international shipping.

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

78. This is the traditional form of rod puppetry of Bihar. The puppets are made of wood. Unlike the traditional rod puppets of West Bengal and Orissa, these puppets are in one piece and have no joints. The manipulation of the puppets is different from other rod puppets and requires great dexterity.

Which form of puppetry is being referred to in the passage given above?

- (a) Putul Nach
- (b) Gombeyatta
- (c) Yampuri
- (d) Kathputli

79. Cartaz system refers to a naval trade policy that was operated in the Indian seas. Which of the following European powers devised the Cartaz system?

- (a) Dutch
- (b) British
- (c) Portuguese
- (d) French

80. Consider the following statements with reference to the different types of political systems:

- 1. In constitutional monarchies, the constitution serves as a symbolic document while the real power rests with the monarch.
- 2. An oligarchy is a form of government in which all power resides with a few people or in a dominant group within the society.

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. With reference to the architectural style of historical buildings in India, consider the following pairs:

<i>Building</i>	<i>Architectural style</i>
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| 1. Se Cathedral, Goa | : Gothic style |
| 2. Connaught place | : Georgian style |
| 3. Victoria Terminus | : Neo-Gothic style |

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

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

82. Which of the following forms the components of 'Jal Kranti Abhiyan'?

- 1. Jal Gram Yojana.
- 2. Development of Model Command Area.
- 3. Pollution Abatement.
- 4. Mass Awareness Programme.

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) 1, 2, 3 and 4

83. Which of the following measures can be taken to treat diarrhea?

- 1. Rehydration with oral rehydration salts (ORS) solution
- 2. Zinc supplements
- 3. Rehydration with intravenous fluids

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

84. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Mitochondria and nucleus are the two organelles in the human cell which contain DNA.
- 2. In Mitochondrial Replacement Therapy (MRT), fertilization of the cell takes place only after the transfer of a nucleus from mother cell to donor cell

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. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Book</i>	<i>Author</i>
1. The High-Caste Hindu Woman	: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
2. A Nation in the Making	: Surendranath Banerjee
3. Pather Dabi	: Sachindranath Sanyal

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

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

86. Which of the following personalities were associated with the Mahalwari System in India?

- 1. Holt Mackenzie
- 2. Robert Martins Bird
- 3. Francis Hastings

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

- 87.** Helsinki Rules, Campione Rules, and Berlin Rules are often seen in the news in which of the following context?
- Water Sharing
 - Nuclear Disarmament
 - Conservation of Biodiversity
 - Ozone Depletion
- 88.** Consider the following statements about Constitution Amendment Bill:
- They cannot be introduced as Private Members' Bill.
 - Any amendment to the clause or schedule of such Bill has also to be decided by a special majority.
 - In case of any disagreement between the two Houses, there cannot be a joint sitting of the Houses of Parliament on the Bill.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1, 2 and 3
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 3 only
- 89.** Government of India has recently launched the Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS) Web Portal, to:
- detect the early build and landfall of cyclones in the Bay of Bengal.
 - real time monitor the prices of tomato, onion and potato.
 - regulate the supply of all essential commodities in the market.
 - determine the penetration of e-commerce in the retail industry.
- 90.** The International Debt Statistics Report is published by the
- International Monetary Fund
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
 - World Economic Forum
 - World Bank
- 91.** With reference to India's Polar and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicles (SLVs), consider the following statements:
- PSLV is a four-stage launch vehicle whereas GSLV has three stages.
 - PSLV is utilized to launch only earth observation satellites in circular orbits whereas GSLV is mainly used to launch communication satellites in highly elliptical orbits.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 92.** In the case of the recent moratorium on Equated Monthly Installments(EMI), which of the following statements is/are correct?
- Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, empowers the RBI to impose such moratorium.
 - It is mandatory for banks to follow this moratorium.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

93. Consider the following statements with reference to investors of Venture Capital Funds:

1. They usually invest in startups and small to medium-sized enterprises.
2. They often play an active role in the companies in which they invest.
3. They are under the regulation of RBI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. Consider the following pairs:

Monastery	Place
1. Bomdila	: Sikkim
2. Rangdum	: Ladakh
3. Rumtek	: Arunachal Pradesh

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

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

95. Consider the following statements in the context of Newspaper (Incitement to Offences) Act, 1908:

1. It was enacted during the tenure of Lord Minto II.
2. It provided for the confiscation of press property of any newspaper house in India which published objectionable articles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements about Adjournment Motion in Parliament:

1. It can be introduced in both Houses of Parliament.
2. More than one adjournment motions can be made at the same sitting.
3. Matter pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any commission can be ordinarily raised.

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

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

97. What is ICE 360 Degree Survey, recently seen in the news?

- (a) It is a survey to gauge the economic and social well-being of Indian households.
- (b) It is a WHO survey to build the evidence base necessary for policy-makers to monitor if health systems are achieving the desired overall goal.
- (c) It is the survey of RBI to measure the overall health of banking sector in India.
- (d) It is the survey conducted by European Research in Polar Regions, to measure the thickness of ice-sheets in Polar regions.

98. Consider the following statements in the context of sudden stratospheric warming:

1. It is observed in both North and South Poles.
2. The occurrence of the phenomenon aggravates the stratospheric ozone hole formation.

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

- 99.** The NIDHI PRAYAS program recently seen in the news aims to:
- (a) promote entrepreneurship and innovation among youth.
 - (b) set up dedicated COVID -19 hospitals in every district.
 - (c) train Asha workers to fight against tuberculosis.
 - (d) provide sanitary napkins to the school girls.

100. Consider the following statements:

1. Cession of territory by Union to a foreign state can be done by executive action.
2. The settlement of boundary disputes between India and a foreign state requires the Constitution Amendment Act.
3. The acquisition and admission of foreign territory under the International Convention can be done by the ordinary legislative process.

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

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