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1. With reference to Inter Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), consider the following statements:
   1. ICBMs are self guided and follow ballistic trajectory to deliver payload to a predetermined target
   2. BrahMos missile is an ICBM
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)
Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 14

- ICBMs have minimum range of 5500 kms. Brahmos, which is a short range missile, is not ICBM.

2. Bisphenol A (BPA) is a key building block of epoxy resins. Epoxy resins are mainly used as
   (a) Food preservative
   (b) Inside coating of metal cans
   (c) Outer coating in space vehicles
   (d) Bottom coating of large ships

Solution: b)
Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 7

- These days, use of BPA in food cans is controversial.

3. With reference to remote sensing, consider the following statements:
   1. Remote sensors collect data by detecting the energy that is reflected from Earth
   2. Cartosat 2D, recently launched by PSLV – C37 is a remote sensing satellite
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only

Solution: c)
Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 14


4. With reference to Higgs Boson, consider the statements:
   1. They help give particles their mass
   2. The presence of Higgs Boson, which is also known as God’s Particle, is yet to be proved empirically
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: a)
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- Their presence is proven recently through Large Hadron Collider.

5. Which of the following is/are salient features of Gandhi – Irwin Pact?
   1. The Congress would participate in the Round Table Conference.
   2. The Government would release all persons undergoing sentences of imprisonment for their activities in the civil disobedience movement.
   3. Manufacture of salt by Indians will be allowed
   4. The Congress would discontinue the Non-Cooperation Movement
Select the correct answer using codes below:
(a) 1,3 and 4 Only
(b) 2,3 and 4 Only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 Only
(d) 1, 2 and 3 Only

Solution: (d)

Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 18

6. Olympic Dam is world’s largest
   (a) Gravity dam built in China
   (b) Sports complex in China
   (c) Artificial lake in Olympic National Park, USA
   (d) None of the above

Solution: (d)

Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 23

You should also know few things about uranium mines around the world!

It is world’s largest Uranium-copper mine located in Australia.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympic_Dam_mine

7. What is the main difference between Delhi-class destroyers and Kolkata class destroyers?
   (a) The latter class of destroyers are nuclear based, whereas former are steam based
   (b) The latter class of destroyers are more advanced and stealth guided missile destroyers, whereas former are just guided missile destroyers
   (c) The former class of destroyers are built at Mazagaon Dockyard Limited, whereas latter ones are built at Kolkata dockyard
   (d) The former class of destroyers are built with the help of Russia, whereas the latter ones are built with the help of the US

Solution: (b)

Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 45

8. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an alliance of many countries, most of them being sunshine countries. What does ‘sunshine country’ mean?
   (a) Countries which come either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn
   (b) Countries that are directly located between Tropic of Capricorn and the Equator
   (c) Countries that are directly located between Tropic of Cancer and the Equator
   (d) None of the above

Solution: (a)

Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 87

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi-class_destroyer
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolkata-class_destroyer

9. A high powered committee of the National Security Council, headed by former home secretary Madhukar Gupta, recently presented its report to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The report is about
   (a) On strengthening border protection and addressing the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along the India-Pakistan border
   (b) On strengthening border protection and addressing the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along the India-Bangladesh border
   (c) On strengthening border protection and addressing the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along the India-Nepal border
   (d) On strengthening border protection and addressing the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along the India-Myanmar border

Solution: (b)

Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 11, Q 87

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi-class_destroyer
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolkata-class_destroyer
10. Dhrubajyoti Ghosh has received the Luc Hoffmann award, one of the highest international awards in environmental leadership. Dr. Ghosh was involved in mapping East Kolkata Wetlands and calculating its economic value. The Luc Hoffmann award is given by

(a) WWF
(b) UNDP
(c) IUCN
(d) UNEP

Solution: c)

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11. Greenland sharks have been named the longest-living vertebrate on Earth. With reference to Greenland sharks, consider the following statements:

1. They are found in the Arctic and North Atlantic Oceans
2. They can live to at least 272 years—and possibly to the ripe old age of 500
3. Their age was determined using radiocarbon dating of their lens nuclei

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: d)

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12. The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, which is a UN Heritage site, which was recently in news, is located in

(a) The Atlantic Ocean
(b) The Indian Ocean
(c) The Antarctic
(d) The Pacific Ocean

Solution: d)

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It’s located near Hawaii Islands, the Pacific Ocean.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Papah%C4%81naumoku%C4%81kea_Marine_National_Monument

13. If the union government provides universal basic income (UBI) of INR 3240 per capita per year to all females in India, approximately how much percent of GDP this would cost (according to the latest Economic Survey)?

(a) 1 percent of GDP
(b) 2 percent of GDP
(c) 3 percent of GDP
(d) 4 percent of GDP

Solution: a)

Economic Survey 2017, Page 190-191

14. Eighth Meeting of SAARCSTAT was held in Delhi in August 2016. This meet was about

(a) Discussion of trade statistics between SAARC countries
(b) Discussion on launch of SAARC satellite
(c) Discussion on SAARC interregional connectivity
(d) None of the above

Solution: a)

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15. The success of the universal basic income (UBI) depends upon
   1. Effective financial inclusion
   2. Proper authentication of Aadhaar numbers
   3. Linking of Aadhaar with Jan Dhan Accounts
   4. The amount of UBI
   5. Transparent and safe financial architecture

Select the correct answer using codes below:
   (a) 1,2,3 and 5 Only
   (b) 1,3,4 and 5 Only
   (c) 1,3 and 5 Only
   (d) All

Solution: d)
Economic Survey 2017, Page 194

16. Which of the following economists coined the “Hindu Growth Rate” term?
   (a) Prof Mahalanobis
   (b) Amartya Sen
   (c) Prof Raja Krishna
   (d) Jagdish Bhagwati

Solution: c)
Economic Survey 2017, Page 213

17. Consider the following statements:
   1. India, unlike most growth successes in Asia, has relied on growth of skill-intensive sectors rather than low-skill ones
   2. Compared to Canada and the European Union, trade within India is very low

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
   (a) 1 only
   (b) 2 only
   (c) Both 1 and 2
   (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: a)
Economic Survey 2017, Page 219

18. The death or resignation of the Prime Minister automatically brings about
   (a) The dissolution of the Council of Ministers
   (b) The dissolution of the Lok Sabha
   (c) No change in the continuation of government
   (d) None of the above

Solution: a)
Insights Prelims Test 2017, Test 12 Q 4

19. The Red Corridor is a region in the east of India that experiences considerable Naxalite–Maoist insurgency. Which of the following states is not part of the Red Corridor?
   1. Andhra Pradesh
   2. Bihar
   3. Odisha
   4. West Bengal
   5. Uttar Pradesh

Select the correct answer using codes below:
   (a) 2 and 5 Only
   (b) 5 only
   (c) 2 only
   (d) All are part of Red Corridor

Solution: d)
20. Global warming is causing coral bleaching. But why do corals lose their colours?
   (a) Due to warm water and acidification, corals undergo chemical reaction losing their distinct colour
   (b) Due to warm waters, corals expel symbiotic algae which gives them distinctive colour
   (c) Warm and acidic waters kill corals, making them dead tissue
   (d) None of the above

Solution: b)

21. Consider the following statements:
   1. According to 2011 census, in India among religions, Jains have highest literates whereas Muslims have lowest percentage of literates above 7 years of age
   2. The percentage of literates above 7 years of age among Christians and Buddhists is lower than that of Hindus

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
   (a) 1 only
   (b) 2 only
   (c) Both 1 and 2
   (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: a)

22. Which of the following languages is/are not part of the VIII Schedule of Indian Constitution?
   Bhojpuri

Solution: c)

23. The Supreme Court of India’s famous judgement in the Kedar Nath Singh vs State of Bihar (1962) case is related to
   (a) Inclusion of Property related legislations in the 9th Schedule
   (b) Anti - defection activities
   (c) Sedition law
   (d) Right to property

Solution: c)
24. With reference to provisions of the Constitution (122nd Amendment) (GST) Bill, 2014, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Parliament and state legislatures will have concurrent powers to make laws on GST.
2. The Bill empowers the centre to impose an additional tax of up to 1%, on the inter-state supply of goods for two years or more.
3. Parliament may, by law, provide compensation to states for any loss of revenue from the introduction of GST, up to a five year period

Select the correct answer using codes below:
(a) 2 Only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution: d)

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http://www.prsindia.org/billtrack/the-constitution-122nd-amendment-gst-bill-2014-3505/

25. With reference to Rail Development Authority (RDA), consider the following statements:

1. It will be mandated to set passenger and freight tariff
2. It will make suggestions regarding policies for private investment to ensure reasonable safeguards to PPP investors and to resolve disputes regarding future concession agreements
3. It will make appointments to key posts in the Railway organization


Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1 and 2 only

Solution: d)

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http://www.prsindia.org/billtrack/the-constitution-122nd-amendment-gst-bill-2014-3505/

26. With reference to the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2016, consider the following statements:

1. The Bill confers admiralty jurisdiction on warships and naval auxiliary and vessels used for non-commercial purposes
2. Admiralty jurisdiction relates to powers of the High Courts in respect of claims associated with transport by sea and navigable waterways

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: b)

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Salient Features of Admirability Bill, 2016

- This legislative proposal will fulfill a long-standing demand of the maritime legal fraternity. The salient features are as follows:-
- The Bill confers admiralty jurisdiction on High Courts located in coastal states of India and this jurisdiction extends up to territorial waters.
- The jurisdiction is extendable, by a Central Government notification, upto exclusive economic
zone or any other maritime zone of India or islands constituting part of the territory of India.

- It applies to every vessel irrespective of place of residence or domicile of owner.
- Inland vessels and vessels under construction are excluded from its application but the Central Government is empowered to make it applicable to these vessels also by a notification if necessary.
- It does not apply to warships and naval auxiliary and vessels used for non-commercial purposes.
- The jurisdiction is for adjudicating on a set of maritime claims listed in the Bill.
- In order to ensure security against a maritime claim a vessel can be arrested in certain circumstances.
- The liability in respect of selected maritime claims on a vessel passes on to its new owners by way of maritime liens subject to a stipulated time limit.
- In respect of aspects on which provisions are not laid down in the Bill, the Civil Procedure Code, 1908 is applicable.

**Background:**

India is a leading maritime nation and maritime transportation caters to about ninety-five percent of its merchandise trade volume. However, under the present statutory framework, the admiralty jurisdiction of Indian courts flow from laws enacted in the British era. Admiralty jurisdiction relates to powers of the High Courts in respect of claims associated with transport by sea and navigable waterways. The repealing of five admiralty statutes is in line with the Government’s commitment to do away with archaic laws which are hindering efficient governance.

27. The Union Cabinet has approved the creation of the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA). With reference to HEPA, consider the following statements:

1. The HEFA would finance the civil and lab infrastructure projects through a 10-year loan
2. The HEFA will be fully funded by the union government through the Ministry of HRD

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: a)

28. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assesses and accredits which of the following type of institutions?

1. Engineering colleges  
2. Medical colleges  
3. Arts and Science colleges  
4. Kendriya Vidyalayas  
5. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

Solution: a)

29. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) is a

(a) A private MNC specializing in providing affordable artificial limbs
(b) Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(c) A government of Rajasthan undertaking
(d) None of the above

Solution: b)
30. The main objective of the UJALA scheme is to
   (a) Provide affordable lighting to BPL families
   (b) Promote efficient lighting
   (c) Provide light for all villages
   (d) None of the above

Solution: b)

31. Which is the main aim of the National Skill Development Mission?
   (a) To provide outcome-based skill training to youth at village level
   (b) To provide a strong institutional framework at the Centre and States for implementation of skilling activities in the country
   (c) To provide skill training aligned to international standards for overseas employment in European and Gulf countries etc
   (d) All of the above

Solution: b)

32. UDAAN scheme aims to
   (a) Provide flight connectivity to small cities
   (b) Upgrade small airports to enable them to handle commercial flight operations
   (c) Encourage more people to fly by providing affordable flight choices
   (d) None of the above

Solution: d)

33. Which of the following is/are an objective of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign?
   1. Enforcement of PC & PNDT Act
   2. Ensuring survival and protection of a girl child
   3. Ensuring education of the girl child
   4. Providing healthy nutrition to adolescent girls

Select the correct answer using codes below:
   (a) 1,2 and 4 Only
   (b) 1 and 3 Only
   (c) 1,2 and 3 Only
   (d) 1,2,3 and 4

Solution: c)

34. POCSO e-Box initiative of the Indian government aims to
   (a) Provide a system for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children
   (b) Partner with social media companies to launch a platform to identify and locate online sexual offenders
   (c) Provided tools for parents to monitor activities of children online
   (d) None of the above

Solution: a)
35. Digital India awards, earlier known as the Web Ratna Awards, are given to

(a) Individuals who have set example to use online mode to provide social service to the poor

(b) Facilitate a Ministry or Department of the Government of India which has a comprehensive web presence and displays quality and innovation in delivery of services

(c) Reward Gram Panchayats that use digital means to deliver services efficiently

(d) Reward a private company which provides excellent web services to government’s e-initiatives

Solution: b)
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36. With reference to MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge), consider the following statements:

1. It is a renamed version of The INSPIRE Awards (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research)

2. It is sponsored and managed by the Department of Science & Technology

3. It believes in conducting competitive exams for identification of talent at all levels

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 3 Only

(b) 2 and 3 Only

(c) 3 Only

(d) 1 and 2 Only

Solution: d)
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37. Which of the following agencies can access NATGRID database on a case-to-case basis?

1. CBI
2. RAW
3. IB
4. NCRB
5. CBDT
6. ED

Select the correct answer using codes below:

(a) 1,2,3,4 and 5 Only

(b) 1,2,3 and 4 Only

(c) 1,2,3,5 and 6 Only

(d) 1,2,3 and 6 Only

Solution: c)
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There are 11 agencies which can access NATGRID database on case to case basis. NCRB is not one of them.

The database would be accessible to authorised persons from 11 agencies on a case-to-case basis, and only for professional investigations into suspected cases of terrorism. This combined data will be made available to 11 central agencies, which are:

Research and Analysis Wing, Intelligence Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation, Financial intelligence unit, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Enforcement Directorate, Narcotics Control Bureau, Central Board of Excise and Customs, Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence

38. Which of the following is/are the components of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)?

1. Setting up of AIIMS like Institutions in backward states

2. Providing state of the art diagnostic centres at PHC level

Select the correct answer using codes below:

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: d)
39. With reference to the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), consider the following statements:

1. It is a 100% centrally sponsored Scheme
2. It has the objective of reducing maternal and infant mortality by promoting institutional delivery among pregnant women
3. The scheme includes services by gynaecology specialists and physicians with support from private sector doctors to supplement the efforts of the government sector

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 Only
(b) 2 and 3 Only
(c) 1 and 3 Only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution: d)

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40. During the National Deworming Day, single dose of Albendazole is administered to children from under 1 to 19 years of age group through the platforms of schools and aanganwadi centers. What is Albendazole?

(a) It is a broad-spectrum antihelminthic agent
(b) It is an antibacterial WHO recommended medicine
(c) It is antiviral WHO recommended oral medicine
(d) None of the above

Solution: a)

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41. With reference to Project SAKSHAM, consider the following statements:

1. This project is being implemented by the Ministry of HRD, Govt of India
2. The project, being a literacy mission, aims to increase literacy rates among adults

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: d)

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42. Which of the following reasons explain why Bhutan opted out of BBIN motor vehicle initiative?

1. Possible loss of business to Bhutanese truck drivers
2. Possible environmental pollution in Bhutan due to inflow of huge number of trucks
3. King of Bhutan’s lack of personal interest in the initiative
4. Opposition by Bhutan’s members in its Upper House of Parliament
5. China’s coercion to Bhutan to stay away from such initiatives

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

Solution: a)

Albendazole, marketed as Albenza among others, is a medication used for the treatment of a variety of parasitic worm infestations. It is useful for giardiasis, trichuriasis, filariasis, neurocysticercosis, hydatid disease, pinworm disease, and ascariasis, among others. It is taken by mouth.
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Solution: b)
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China factors is not involved here, neither King or Prime Minister are opposed to the initiative.

http://www.livemint.com/Politics/oI0E49p8V9WqXpJUXBqFPL/India-to-redraw-BBIN-connectivity-project-as-Bhutan-opts-out.html

43. Under the National Civil Aviation Policy, approved by the Union Cabinet earlier this year, India intends to enter into ‘open-sky’ agreements with SAARC countries and with those beyond the 5,000-km radius from Delhi. With reference to this policy, consider the following statements:

1. Under open sky policy, airlines from India can operate unlimited number of flights to countries which have signed this agreement with India
2. Except Pakistan and Afghanistan, all the SAARC countries have signed open sky agreement with India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samoa

44. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of Agreement between India and Samoa for the exchange of information with respect to Taxes. With reference to Samoa, consider the following statements:

1. Samoa is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations
2. Samoa is located south of the equator in the Polynesian region of the Pacific Ocean

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samoa

45. Brazil has asked India to expand its commercial and multilateral footprints in South America, especially among MERCOSUR. With reference to MERCOSUR, consider the following statements:

1. India is an observer country in MERCOSUR
2. Chile, one of the largest countries in South America, is not a full member of MERCOSUR

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: b)
Insights Current Affairs, September 2016, Page 54
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercosur
46. Chabahar is located on the Makran coast in southeastern Iran. But, which is the Gulf in which this Port is located?
   (a) Persian Gulf
   (b) Gulf of Oman
   (c) Gulf of Hormuz
   (d) None of the above

Solution: b)
Insights Current Affairs, September 2016, Page 58
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chabahar_Port

47. The kafala system which is followed many Middle Eastern countries, is a system where
   (a) Migrant workers are required to convert into native religion if they want long term stay in these countries
   (b) Migrant workers’ activities and stay are monitored by in-country sponsors
   (c) Migrant workers are given opportunities to pursue any job of their choice with free movement in and outside countries where they work
   (d) None of the above

Solution: b)
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafala_system

48. Which of the following cities/places is/are part of China–Pakistan Economic Corridor?
   1. Lahore
   2. Islamabad
   3. Kashgar
   4. Gwadar
   5. Karachi

Select the correct answer using codes below:
   (a) 1,2 and 4 Only
   (b) 1,2, 4 and 5 Only
   (c) 1,3, 4 and 5 Only
   (d) 1,2,3,4 and 5

Solution: d)
Insights Current Affairs, September 2016, Page 60
Even though these places are scattered, CPEC plans to integrate all of them.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China%E2%80%93Pakistan_Economic_Corridor#Roadway_projects

49. With reference to EB-5 visa program of the US, consider the following statements:
   1. It is also known as Green Card
   2. It provides a method for eligible Immigrant Investors to obtain United States visas as a path to permanent residence
   3. The new President of USA, Donald Trump has ended this program through an executive order

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
   (a) 1 and 2 Only
   (b) 1 and 3 Only
   (c) 2 and 3 Only
   (d) All

Solution: a)
Insights Current Affairs, September 2016, Page 61
Trump has renewed this program, not ended it.

50. ‘Planet at the crossroads’ – was the theme at
   (a) 2016 World Economic Forum meet
   (b) 2016 IUCN Congress
   (c) 2016 G-20 meet
   (d) 2016 UNEP Congress
51. Which of the following Ministry is concerned with Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme?

(a) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs  
(b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI)  
(c) Ministry of Rural Development  
(d) Ministry of Panchayat Raj

Solution: b) Insights Module on Govt Schemes, Page 39

MPLADS is a centrally-sponsored plan scheme fully funded by the government of India under which funds are released in the form of grants in aid directly to the district authorities. It was launched in December, 1993, to provide a mechanism for the Members of Parliament to recommend works of developmental nature for creation of durable community assets and for provision of basic facilities including community infrastructure, based on locally felt needs. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) has been looking into its working.

52. Seeking to end Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) — one of the most devastating contagious animal diseases affecting all susceptible cloven-footed animals from India – the agriculture ministry has conceived a ‘FMD Mukta Bharat’ (FMD Free India) programme to cover all the states. FMD is caused by

(a) Bacteria  
(b) Virus  
(c) Fungi  
(d) Genetic factors

Solution: b) Insights Module on Govt Schemes, Page 40

It is a viral disease.  

53. With reference to Indian Railway’s Antyodaya Express, consider the following statements:

1. Antyodaya Express are completely Unreserved/General coaches meant for common man  
2. This was launched by the UPA II government  

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: a) Insights Module on Govt Schemes, Page 45

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antyodaya_Express

54. Which of the following is not an objectives of HRIDAY initiative of the union government?

(a) Planning, development and implementation of heritage-sensitive infrastructure in heritage cities  
(b) Development of medical tourism in Indian metros  
(c) Development of ecotourism in India  
(d) None of the above

Solution: a) Insights Module on Govt Schemes, Page 48

55. Which of the following schemes of union government provides Free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households?

(a) Udaya Jyoti Scheme
56. With reference to Setu Bharatam Project, consider the following statements:
1. It seeks to build world class bridges across all rivers, especially in remote regions
2. The Ministry of Shipping is the nodal ministry for this initiative
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: d

57. World Economic Freedom Index 2016 is released by
(a) World Economic Forum
(b) World Bank
(c) IMF
(d) None of the above

Solution: d

58. Under the Sovereign Gold Bond scheme, the bonds are sold at
1. Banks
2. Post Offices
3. Bombay Stock Exchange
4. Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited
Select the correct answer using codes below:
(a) 1,2 and 4 only
(b) 1,2 and 3 Only
(c) 2,3 and 4 Only
(d) 1,2,3 and 4

Solution: d

59. The Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2016 report titled “Connecting to Complete 2016” was released by
(a) World Bank
(b) IMF
(c) UN World Tourism Organization
(d) UNDP

Solution: a)

60. At 35%, India accounts for the highest burden of preterm births in the world.
What is preterm birth?
(a) Babies born with genetic defects
(b) Babies born before 37 completed weeks of gestation
(c) Babies born with underweight
(d) Babies that do not survive birth process

Solution: b)
61. With reference to the disease of Sickle Cell Anaemia, consider the following statements:
1. It is an inherited, genetic disorder
2. In patients with this disease, the number of red blood cells is usually lower than normal
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 Only
(b) 2 Only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)

62. With reference to Credit default swap (CDS), consider the following statements
1. If a buyer of CDS defaults, the seller will not compensate the buyer
2. A credit default swap is the most common form of credit derivative and may involve municipal bonds, emerging market bonds, mortgage-backed securities or corporate bonds
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)

63. With reference to Sakhalin, consider the following statements
1. It is Russia’s largest island
2. It is located just north of Japan
3. Ainu people are one of its indigenous inhabitants
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution: d)

64. Fortaleza Declaration seen in news sometimes back led to the creation of BRICS New Development Bank (NDB). With reference to Fortaleza, consider the following statements:
1. The city was one of the host cities of the 2014 FIFA World Cup
2. It is a famous coastal city in Brazil
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)
65. With reference to Inter State Council, consider the following statements:
1. It is a non-constitutional body
2. It was formed by based on recommendation of Sarkaria Commission
3. It is chaired by the Prime Minister of India
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 2 and 3 only

Solution: d)

66. With reference to the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), consider the following statements:
1. It is the biodiversity working group of the Arctic Council
2. Russia, USA and Japan are its prominent members
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: a)

67. With reference to Legislative Councils, consider the following statements:
1. The size of the Legislative Council cannot be more than one-third the membership of the Vidhan Sabha
2. The Parliament can create a legislative council (where it does not exist), if the legislative assembly of the concerned state passes a resolution to that effect
3. The size of the legislative assembly can never be less than 40 in any state
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution: c)

68. Transfer pricing is mainly related to
(a) Taxation and accounting
(b) Government budgeting
(c) Pricing of generic drugs
(d) None of the above

Solution: a)

Eight member countries constitute the council: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States.
69. Why is Heavy water used in nuclear reactors?
   (a) Because heavy water absorbs more neutrons than light water
   (b) Because heavy water absorbs less neutrons than light water
   (c) Because heavy water, which is deuterium, is itself radioactive and facilitates nuclear reaction
   (d) Because heavy water is cheap and unharmful

Solution: b) Insights 2017 Prelims Tests, Test 16, Q 41

An even more effective coolant and moderator is heavy water, or deuterium (liquid D_{2}O), because its absorption cross section is three orders of magnitude smaller than that of hydrogen. However, it is also prohibitively expensive: approximately $2400/L

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heavy_water#Neutron_moderator

70. With reference to olive ridley sea turtle, consider the following statements:
   1. They are found only in India as Indian climate near coastal regions of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh provides unique habitat features for them to breed and survive
   2. According to IUCN, they are categorised as vulnerable species

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
   (a) 1 only
   (b) 2 only
   (c) Both 1 and 2
   (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: b) Insights 2017 Prelims Tests, Test 16, Q 53

They are found in Pacific Ocean countries where warm waters are present.


71. The power of a higher court to review decisions and change outcomes of decisions of lower courts is known as
   (a) Original jurisdiction
   (b) Appellate jurisdiction
   (c) Write jurisdiction
   (d) Exclusive jurisdiction

Solution: b) Insights 2017 Prelims Tests, Test 16, Q 59

Appellate jurisdiction is the power of a higher court to review decisions and change outcomes of decisions of lower courts. Most appellate jurisdiction is legislatively created, and may consist of appeals by leave of the appellate court or by right. Depending on the type of case and the decision below, appellate review primarily consists of: an entirely new hearing (a non trial de novo); a hearing where the appellate court gives deference to factual findings of the lower court; or review of particular legal rulings made by the lower court (an appeal on the record).

72. Consider the following statements:
   1. Introduction of raga such as ghora and sanam
   2. Development of modern tabla

Above are attributed to which of the following musician?
   (a) Tansen
   (b) Nizamuddin Aulia
   (c) Ustad Amir Khan
   (d) None of the above

Solution: d) Insights 2017 Prelims Tests, Test 16, Q 60

They are attributed to Amir Khusrow

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amir_Khusrow

73. With reference to Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme, consider the following statements
   1. It is a small savings scheme
   2. The scheme aims to ensure a bright future for the girl children by
facilitating their education and marriage expenses

3. Under the scheme, anyone can open an account in the name of the girl child until she attains the age of ten years

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 2 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution: b)
Insights PT Module on Govt Schemes, Page 69

Statement 3 is incorrect as only parent or legal guardian can open account.

http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=137471

74. With reference to Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016, consider the following statements:
1. The Bill applies to all the states of India
2. Overseas Indians are not barred from commissioning surrogacy
3. Unmarried couples and live-in partners can opt for surrogacy

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 Only
(c) 1 and 3 Only
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)
Insights PT Module on Govt Schemes, Page 65

75. With reference to Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, consider the following statements:
1. As of now it applies to organized sector only
2. The Act covers only adult women (18 to 60 years)

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 Only
(c) 1 and 3 Only
(d) None of the above

Solution: b)
Insights PT Module on Govt Schemes, Page 65

76. With reference to Jan Aushadhi Scheme, consider the following statements:
1. Provides medicine free of cost to the poor people
2. Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) is the implementing agency
3. Program wants to create demand for generic drugs across India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution: b)
Insights PT Module on Govt Schemes, Page 65 – 66

It applies to both organized and unorganized sectors. Applies to all women who are working.

http://janaushadhi.gov.in/about_jan_aushadhi.html

77. “Bunkar Mitra” is the Government of India’s

(a) Helpline for distressed soldiers
(b) Helpline for handloom weavers
(c) Helpline for aged women
(d) Helpline for girl children

Solution: b)
78. When the aggregate demand in the economy is low during a recession that it is inadequate to create sufficient number of jobs, this situation is called

(a) Frictional unemployment
(b) Structural unemployment
(c) Disguised unemployment
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)

79. Which of the following members is not part of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)?

(a) Minister of Home Affairs
(b) Minister of External Affairs
(c) Minister of Corporate Affairs
(d) Minister of HRD

Solution: d)

80. Jnanpith Award is India's highest literary honour. Consider the following statements:

1. It is bestowed only on Indian writers writing in Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India and English
2. It is given posthumously
3. Literary works in the Kannada language have received highest number of Jnanpith Awards

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: a)

81. Consider the following statements:

1. He founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House and The Indian Sociologist in London
2. His birth anniversary was celebrated on 4th October 2016

To whom does above statements refer?

(a) Vir Savarkar
(b) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
(c) M S Golwalkar
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)

82. Global Gender Gap Report is published by

(a) UN Women
(b) UNDP
(c) International Council of Women
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)

Published by World Economic Forum
83. Which of the following countries have abolished the practice of triple talaq?
1. Pakistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Indonesia
4. Egypt
Select the correct answer using codes below:
(a) 4 only
(b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
Solution: d)
All have banned as per below source:
Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 8

84. With reference to the National Commission for Women (NCW), consider the following statements:
1. It is a statutory body
2. It was established immediately after independence through Nehru’s plea
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
Solution: a)
Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 8

85. Vice-President of India has formally recognised a group of 22 MPs as a consolidated block — the United Group. With reference to this Group, consider the following statements:
1. This Group is formed selecting MPs from both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
2. United Group excludes independent and nominated Members of Parliament
3. For the first time such a move is taken in the Parliament
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 only
(d) None of the above
Solution: d)
Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 12 – 13

86. Which of the following is/are riparian states of River Krishna?
1. Telangana
2. Maharashtra
3. Karnataka
4. Chhattisgarh
5. Andhra Pradesh
Select the correct answer using codes below:
(a) 1, 2 and 3 Only
(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Only
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 5 Only
(d) 1, 2, 3 4 and 5
Solution: c)
Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 13 – 14
87. Five Zonal Councils (Northern, Western, Eastern, Central and Southern) were set up to foster Inter-State co-operation and co-ordination among the States. They were set up under which of the following laws?

(a) The States Reorganization Act, 1956
(b) The Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Act, 1956
(c) Delimitation Act
(d) None of the above

Solution: a)

Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 15

Five Zonal Councils (Northern, Western, Eastern, Central and Southern) were set up under the States Reorganization Act, 1956 to foster Inter-State co-operation and co-ordination among the States. The Zonal Councils are mandated to discuss and make recommendations on any matter of common interest in the field of economic and social planning, border disputes, linguistic minorities or inter-State transport etc. They are regional fora of cooperative endeavour for States linked with each other economically, politically and culturally. Being compact high level bodies, specially meant for looking after the interests of respective Zones, they are capable of focusing attention on specific issues taking into account regional factors, while keeping the national perspective in view.

88. The inter-state council is

(a) A permanent constitutional body
(b) A permanent statutory body
(c) A permanent advisory body
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)

Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 17

The inter-state council is not a permanent constitutional body for coordination between the states and union government. It can be established ‘at any time’ if it appears to the President that the public interests would be served by the establishment of such a council.

89. The Centre has constituted a four-member Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). With reference to IBBI, consider the following statements:

1. It is a regulatory body
2. It covers Individuals, Companies, Limited Liability Partnerships and Partnership firms
3. It was formed during the global financial crisis

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: a)

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It was formed in 2016 under the new Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.


http://www.ibbi.gov.in/about-ibbi.html

90. Currently, pension products sold by mutual funds are overseen by

(a) SEBI
(b) PFRDA
(c) IRDA
(d) RBI

Solution: a)

Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 19

Currently, pension products floated by insurance companies come under the purview of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) while those sold by mutual funds are overseen by the SEBI.
91. With reference to the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, consider the following statements:

1. The Act provides for prosecution of women and even non-adults for subjecting a woman relative to violence and harassment
2. The Act allows a woman to seek legal action against her daughter-in-law and even her minor grandchildren for domestic violence

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: c)

Insights Current Affairs, October 2016, Page 22

These changes are brought by the SC in its recent order.

92. Who is empowered to declare an area to be a Scheduled Area?

(a) The Parliament
(b) The President
(c) The Union Cabinet
(d) Inter State Council

Solution: b)

Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 3

The President can also increase or decrease its area, alter its boundary lines, rescind such designation or make fresh orders for such redesignation on an area in consultation with the governor of the state concerned.

93. Which of the following concept argues that a large fall in prices would stimulate an economy and create the ‘wealth effect’ that will generate full employment?

(a) Parkinson’s law
(b) Laffer Curve
(c) Keynesian Principle

Solution: d)

It is known as Pigou’s Effect.

Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 4

http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/Pigou-effect.html

94. At the centre of a mature tropical cyclone

1. Air rises
2. Pressure increases
3. Calm weather prevails

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Solution: b)

Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 7

The eye is a region of mostly calm weather at the center of strong tropical cyclones. The eye of a storm is a roughly circular area, typically 30–65 km (20–40 miles) in diameter. It is surrounded by the eyewall, a ring of towering thunderstorms where the most severe weather occurs. The cyclone’s lowest barometric pressure occurs in the eye and can be as much as 15 percent lower than the pressure outside the storm.

95. The park bounded is by the Brahmaputra and Lohit rivers in the north. It mainly consists of moist mixed semi-evergreen forests, moist mixed deciduous forests, canebrakes and grasslands. It has tropical monsoon climate with a hot and wet summer and cool and usually dry winter.

To which of the following national parks does this description refer?

(a) Nokrek National Park
(b) Manas National Park
(c) Kaziranga National Park
(d) None of the above
**96.** Who represented Indian women at the Second Round Table Conference?

(a) Usha Mehta  
(b) Vijayalakshmi Pandit  
(c) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay  
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)

**Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 32**

Sarojini Naidu represented Indian women at the Second Round Table Conference.

**97.** The power of superintendence, direction and control of elections to the office of president of India and the office of vice-president of India is vested in the

(a) A special Parliamentary Committee  
(b) Union Cabinet  
(c) Election Commission  
(d) Cabinet Secretary

Solution: c)

**Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 84**

Statement one is wrong as it is not ‘any coalition’, but a ‘single party’ which should get 10% seats in either House to have a recognized leader of the opposition.

While the position also existed in the former Central Legislative Assembly of British India, and holders of it there included Motilal Nehru, it received statutory recognition through the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977 which defines the term “Leader of the Opposition” as that member of the Lok Sabha or the Rajya Sabha who, for the time being, is the Leader of that House of the Party in Opposition to the Government having the greatest numerical strength and recognised, as such, by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha or the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. However, in order to get formal recognition, the concerned party must have at least 10% of the total strength of the House (55 seats in the Lok Sabha). If any party fails to get 10% seats in opposition, the House will

**98.** Mutually advantageous relationships between business leaders and government officials is known as

(a) Nepotism  
(b) Jingoism  
(c) Crony capitalism  
(d) Corporatocracy

Solution: c)

**Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 64**

Corporatocracy sounds similar, but differs in the fact that here big businesses and its leaders control governments.

**99.** Consider the following statements:

1. If any coalition gets 10% seats in opposition, the Lok Sabha will have recognised leader of the opposition  
2. The Leader of the Opposition has received statutory recognition through the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: b)

**Insights Prelims Tests 2017, Test 17, Q 84**

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not have recognised leader of the opposition. **A single party has to meet the 10% seat criteria, not an alliance.**

100. The Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) scheme, which was recently launched by the Prime Minister, is meant for

(a) Road Projects  
(b) Large manufacturing industries  
(c) Health sector  
(d) None of the above

Solution: d)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) scheme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

**What is it all about?**

The ZED Maturity Assessment Model has been conceived and structured to offer graded benchmark levels of an organisation’s performance through a set of standard enabler and outcome parameters focusing on quality and environmental performances. It aims to rate and handhold all MSMEs to deliver top-quality products using clean technology. The aim is to help MSMEs evolve and grow by providing them adequate training and funding to move up the value chain and produce quality products. The ZED model will sensitise MSMEs to emphasise delivery of high quality products with zero defects. There will be sector-specific assessment parameters for each industry such as food processing, textiles, leather, auto parts, etc.