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1. The area of Sariska Tiger reserve is part of which of the following mountain ranges?
 - (a) Vindhyan Ranges
 - (b) Aravalli Ranges
 - (c) Satpura Range
 - (d) Shiwalik Ranges
2. A technique used in molecular biology research to study gene expression by detection of RNA (or isolated mRNA) in a sample is known as
 - (a) Southern Blotting
 - (b) Northern Blotting
 - (c) RNA interference
 - (d) Nucleography
3. Which following group of planets in our solar system have rings around them?
 - (a) Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune only
 - (b) Saturn, Uranus and Neptune only
 - (c) Saturn Only
 - (d) Saturn and Uranus only
4. Which of the following locations are the sources of highest amount of freshwater on earth?
 - (a) The Great Lakes, North America
 - (b) Greenland
 - (c) Antarctica
 - (d) Lake Baikal
5. Which of the following amendments made to the Indian Constitution prescribes that the total number of Ministers, including the Prime Minister, in the Council of Ministers shall not exceed 15 per cent of the number of members of the House of the People?
 - (a) 91st Amendment Act
 - (b) 90th Amendment Act
 - (c) 93rd Amendment Act
 - (d) 92nd Amendment Act
6. Which of the following provides a transparent legal framework for the effective implementation of one of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources?
 - (a) Cartagena Protocol
 - (b) Nagoya Protocol
 - (c) Geneva Protocol
 - (d) Montreal Protocol
7. The Financial Sector Regulatory Appointment Search Committee (FSRASC) has been set up to recommend names for top posts at regulatory bodies such as the RBI, SEBI, IRDA etc. Who heads FSRASC?
 - (a) The Prime Minister
 - (b) The Finance Minister
 - (c) The Cabinet Secretary
 - (d) The Secretary of Finance, Govt of India
8. RBI decided to shift from base rate to marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) because
 - (a) The rates based on marginal cost of funds are more sensitive to changes in the policy rates
 - (b) To bring transparency in the methodology followed by banks for determining interest rates on advances
 - (c) To enable banks to become more competitive and enhance their long run value and contribution to economic growth
 - (d) All of the above

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9. Which of the following tenets is **not** related to Dvaita vedanta philosophy?
- The world has no separate existence apart from Brahman
 - God and the individual souls exist as independent realities
 - God takes on a personal role and is seen as a real eternal entity that governs and controls the universe
 - The individual souls are depicted as reflections, images or shadows of the divine, but never in any way identical with the divine
10. The 'Kisan Harit Rajmarg Yojana' is launched by
- The ministry of rural development
 - The agriculture ministry
 - The ministry of forests and environment
 - None of the above
11. With reference to Ken-Betwa River linking project, consider the following statements:
- It aims to transfer surplus water from the Betwa River to the Ken basin
 - It seeks to irrigate India's worst drought-prone Bagelkhand region.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
12. In which of the following states would you find Pakhui Tiger Reserve?
- Assam
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Sikkim
 - Nagaland
13. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified the Graded Response Action Plan to
- Address the problem of poaching in protected wildlife regions
 - Combat air pollution in Delhi
 - Clean River Ganga by 2020
 - Prevent forest fires across India on war foot basis
14. With reference to Gangetic Dolphins, consider the following statements:
- They are generally blind and use ultrasonic sound to catch their prey.
 - Ganges River dolphin has been officially declared as National Aquatic Animal of India
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
15. Consider the following statements:
- Under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders
 - Legal protection has been provided to wild animals under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 against hunting and commercial exploitation
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

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- 16.** Mahogany, ebony and rosewood are prominently found in which of the following forest types?
- Tropical rain forests
 - Tropical dry deciduous forests
 - Tropical moist deciduous forests
 - Mountain vegetation
- 17.** Which forests type you would likely find in the Dachigam National Park?
- Tropical rain forests
 - Coniferous forests
 - Sub tropical broad leaved forest
 - Wet Evergreen forest
- 18.** Why rainforests are characterized by high diversity of species?
- Round the year supply of abundant energy in a consistent manner
 - The canopy structure of rainforests
 - High rainfall and temperature
- Select the correct answer using codes below:
- 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 19.** In which part of India Hope Island is located?
- Lakshadweep Islands
 - Nicobar Islands
 - Godavari Delta
 - Ganga - brahmaputra Delta
- 20.** Russia's new Project 22220 nuclear-powered vessel dubbed "Arktika" is designed to
- Excavate minerals from deep waters of the Arctic region
 - Break large ice in the Arctic region
 - Extract oil in the Arctic region
 - To guard Russia's oil facilities in its northern parts
- 21.** The treaty which controls supply of uranium from key mineral hubs of Africa to the rest of the world is known as
- Nairobi Treaty
 - Kampala Convention
 - Pelindaba Treaty
 - Non Proliferation treaty
- 22.** In 2016, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal to undertake scientific deep drilling in the Koyana region. One of its objectives is
- To explore availability of natural gas
 - To assess earthquake hazard in a stable continental region
 - To examine extent of aquifers in the region to assess their irrigation potential
 - To explore possibility of existence of shale gas
- 23.** The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) has demanded from India binding concessions to consider India's membership to APEC. Which of the following is/are these demands?
- An agreement to reduce industrial tariffs to very low levels or eliminate them over a specified time period
 - Signing of Non Proliferation Treaty
 - An early deal on a Bilateral Investment Treaty with the U.S.

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Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

24. With reference to Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following statements:

1. The United States holds second largest proportions of shares in ADB
2. The bank admits the members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. In which of the following sectors 100% FDI has been permitted by the union government?

1. India based airlines
2. DTH, Mobile TV and Cable networks
3. Food products manufactured or produced in India
4. Pisciculture, Aquaculture and Apiculture

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

26. Under the new aviation policy, the Indian government is considering to develop about 350 dilapidated or underused airstrips across India into "no frills airports". What do you understand by 'No Frills airports'?

- (a) Airports that connect only major airports located in their vicinity
- (b) Airports that are categorized as secure and least sensitive airports from security point of view
- (c) Airports that eliminate non-essential services to make them more affordable for common man
- (d) Airports which are meant to cater only to tourists and VIPs

27. With reference to the Periodic Table, consider the following statements:

1. Elements in the same period have the same number of atomic orbitals
2. Nihonium is the last element in the periodic table with an atomic number 118

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28. With reference to DNA sequencing, consider the following statements:

1. It is the process of determining the precise order of nucleotides within a DNA molecule
2. Biomolecule sequencer developed by NASA can also be used to diagnose infectious diseases in remote locations and in developing countries

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

29. Under the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), which India has signed with the US, India can

- (a) Allow stationing of US troops in the Indian territory
- (b) Access the string of U.S. facilities across the globe for logistical support
- (c) Access latest military technology from the US
- (d) Both b and c

30. With reference to the Surat split of the Indian National Congress, consider the following statements:

1. Moderates were opposed to the resolutions on Swaraj, Swadeshi, Boycott of foreign goods and National Education which were passed by extremists in Calcutta session
2. Moderates wanted Rash Behari Bose to be the president of Surat session

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

31. The famous Salween Sittaung and Yangon rivers empty into which of the following regions?

- (a) The Bay of Bengal
- (b) The Gulf of Mottama
- (c) The Gulf of Thailand
- (d) Malacca Strait

32. Elevated temperature of water bodies caused by either discharge of waste water by industries or from urban runoff, affects aquatic animals adversely because

1. Elevated temperature typically decreases the level of dissolved oxygen of water affecting aquatic animals
2. It may increase the metabolic rate of aquatic animals resulting in loss of biodiversity

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

33. Which of the following political party or an organization was **not** founded by Dr Ambedkar?

- (a) Samata Sainik Dal
- (b) The Republican Party of India
- (c) Independent Labour Party
- (d) Dalit Mukti Morcha

34. The Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) theory aims to determine the adjustments needed to be made in the exchange rates of two currencies to make them at par with the purchasing power of each other. If a country is experiencing inflation, what needs to be done to bring this parity?

- (a) Country's exchange rate must depreciated
- (b) Country's exchange rate must appreciated
- (c) Country should decrease bank lending rate
- (d) None of the above

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- 35.** In the symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae in lichens,
- Algae protect fungi from external environment
 - Fungi provide nutrition to algae in the form of solutions
 - Phycobiont component is always either green algae or blue green algae
 - Heterotrophic nutrition is prominently seen
- 36.** The Paracel Islands located in the South China Sea is a disputed region between
- China and Vietnam
 - China and Taiwan
 - China, Taiwan and Vietnam
 - China, Vietnam and Philippines
- 37.** With reference to Arsenic, consider the following statements:
- People who smoke tobacco can also be exposed to arsenic
 - Arsenic is one of WHO's 10 chemicals of major public health concern
 - Arsenic has no place in the periodic table
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1 only
- 38.** The Living Planet Report is published every two years by
- UNEP
 - IUCN
 - World Nature Organization (WNO)
 - None of the above
- 39.** Ross Sea was declared as world's largest Marine Protected Area (MPA) to protect the Earth's most pristine marine ecosystem. Which of the following species is **not** found in Ross Sea region?
- Emperor Penguin
 - Killer Whale
 - Polar Bear
 - Weddell Seal
- 40.** Doha Amendment which was in news recently, is related to
- Trade disputes between developed and developing nations
 - The future of WTO and its trade deals
 - Amendment made to the Kyoto Protocol
 - None of the above
- 41.** Consider the following statements:
- The island lies 256 km northeast from Port Blair
 - This Island holds the easternmost point of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 - It is classified as a dormant volcano by the Geological Survey of India
- To which of the following islands does above statements refer?
- Barren Island
 - Narcondam Island
 - Great Coco Island
 - Landfall Island
- 42.** With reference to invasive species, consider the following statements:
- They can change habitats and alter ecosystem function and ecosystem services
 - They crowd out or replace native species

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3. They damage human activities, especially economic activities
4. They can cause diseases

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 43.** A halophyte is a plant that grows in waters of high salinity. Then, what are glycophytes?

- (a) Plants which thrive in high concentration of sugar
- (b) Plants which thrive in an anaerobic environment
- (c) Plants that will only grow healthily in soils with a low content of sodium salts
- (d) Plants that live in symbiosis with halophytes

- 44.** In India, where do you find Phumdis – a floating mass of matted vegetation, organic debris, and soil?

- (a) River Brahmaputra
- (b) River Godavari
- (c) In many coastal backwaters of Kerala
- (d) None of the above

- 45.** The Whanganui River, which was in news recently, is a major river in

- (a) Australia
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Canada
- (d) China

- 46.** With reference to Quarks, consider the following statements:

1. They possess electric charge, mass, color charge, and spin
2. They are fundamental constituent of matter
3. For the first time, scientists are able to observe quarks directly and in isolation thanks to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

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 Only

- 47.** In 1987, Indo-Sri Lanka Accord was signed between India and Sri Lanka. Who was the President of Sri Lanka then, who signed the Accord?

- (a) Ranasinghe Premadasa
- (b) J L Jayawardene
- (c) William Gopallawa
- (d) Chandrika Kumaratunga

- 48.** Which of the following Mudras is characteristic of Buddha Shakyamuni and Dhyani Buddha Amoghasiddhi?

- (a) Vitarkamudra
- (b) Varadamudra
- (c) Abhayamudra
- (d) Shramanamudra

- 49.** With reference to Lima Declaration, consider the following statements:

1. It calls upon the developed countries to eliminate barriers to trade with developing countries and encourage their manufactured exports
2. It was signed in 2005 at UNIDO

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

50. With reference to Polarization of light and Polaroid sunglasses, consider the following statements:

1. Polarized light waves are light waves in which the vibrations occur in a single plane
2. A reflected light is naturally polarized
3. Polaroid sunglasses contain polarizers with the polarization direction oriented vertically

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

51. Which of the following light is unpolarized?

- (a) Light emitting from candle
- (b) Light emitting from LED bulb
- (c) Light from sun
- (d) All the above

52. Which of the following functionaries is **not** appointed by the President of India?

- (a) The Attorney General of India
- (b) The Judges of the High Courts of India
- (c) The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi
- (d) The Solicitor General of India

53. Which of the following books is **not** authored by Mahatma Gandhi?

- (a) An Autobiography-The Story Of My Experiments With Truth
- (b) Hind Swaraj of Indian Home Rule
- (c) Key to Health
- (d) Non-Violence and Social Change

54. The union government has decided to develop the Doyang lake as an eco-tourism spot. With reference to this Lake, consider the following statements:

1. It is in Manipur
2. It is a breeding site for longest travelling raptors Amur Falcon

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

55. Karnataka's Kalasa-Banduri Nala project intends to use waters from which of the following rivers?

- (a) Krishna River
- (b) Mahadayi River
- (c) Ghataprabha River
- (d) Cauvery River

56. The effectiveness of large telescopes is maximized if it is placed

- (a) On an high altitude surface such as Tibet
- (b) In a remote desert that has high altitude
- (c) Above the earth's atmosphere
- (d) In Polar regions where disturbances are minimal

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- 57.** Which of the following Curves describes a historical inverse relationship between rates of unemployment and corresponding rates of inflation that result within an economy.
- (a) Lorenz Curve
 - (b) Laffer Curve
 - (c) Phillips Curve
 - (d) Kuznets Curve
- 58.** India is the first country to be officially acknowledged as being Yaws-free. What is Yaws?
- (a) It is a chronic bacterial infection that affects the skin, bone and cartilage
 - (b) It is a chronic infection of kidneys in children
 - (c) It is a vector borne disease that affects respiratory organs in children
 - (d) It is a chronic infection of that affects pregnant women in rural regions
- 59.** The Nokrek National park is located in
- (a) West Garo Hills
 - (b) East Khasi Hills
 - (c) Jaintia Hills
 - (d) West Khasi Hills
- 60.** Petrapole Integrated Check Post is located between
- (a) India - Pakistan border
 - (b) India - Nepal border
 - (c) India - Bhutan border
 - (d) India - Bangladesh border
- 61.** Contingent convertibles or contingent convertible notes are
- (a) Convertible bonds that bondholders can convert into equity at any point of time
 - (b) Bonds that cannot be converted into equities at any point of time
 - (c) Bonds that can be converted to equity on a specified event, such as the stock price of the company exceeding a particular level for a certain period of time
 - (d) Bonds that the government itself issues as a contingency measures during financial crisis
- 62.** With reference to seafloor spreading hypothesis, consider the following statements:
1. Seafloor spreading occurs at convergent plate boundaries
 2. Seafloor spreading occurs along mid-ocean ridges
 3. The age, density, and thickness of oceanic crust increases with distance from the seafloor spreading junction
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 Only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 63.** Oxfam, which is often in the news, is a/an
- (a) Official initiative of the Oxford university to fight famine and poverty around the world
 - (b) Thinktank dedicated to improving education standards around the world, especially in poor countries
 - (c) International NGO that fights for human rights of population affected by various conflicts
 - (d) None of the above

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- 64.** A process by which molecules of a solvent tend to pass through a semipermeable membrane from a less concentrated solution into a more concentrated one is known as
- Reverse osmosis
 - Osmosis
 - Plasmolysis
 - Diffusion
- 65.** With reference to Arakan Range, consider the following statements:
- This is the most prominent of a series of parallel ridges that arc through Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Burma
 - Geologically, Java and Sumatra islands are extensions of Arakan Range
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 66.** In the marine food chain, which of the following animals sit at the top i.e. at Level Four?
- Dolphin
 - Pelican
 - Tuna
 - Shark
 - Penguin
- Select the correct answer using codes below:
- 2,3 and 4 Only
 - 4 Only
 - 1, 4 and 5 Only
 - 1,2,3,4 and 5
- 67.** Whose motto and mission is “Every Child in School and Learning well”?
- Teach for India (TFI)
 - Make a Difference (MAD)
 - Pratham
 - Child Rights and You (CRY)
- 68.** With reference to “Tejaswini” project, consider the following statements:
- It is a jointly funded project by the Indian government and the World Bank
 - The government of Jharkhand is the implementing agency of this project
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- 69.** Which of the following is **not** an objective of National Agriculture Market (NAM)?
- One license for a trader valid across all markets in the State
 - Provision of Soil Testing Laboratories in/ or near the selected mandi to facilitate visiting farmers to access this facility in the mandi itself
 - Setting up of national e-market platform for transparent sale transactions and price discovery initially in regulated markets
 - Gradual removal of APMC across states to unify all markets to ultimately benefit farmers

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70. Under the new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, government wants to encourage Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP). What is OALP?

- (a) Allowing bidding companies to acquire blocks based on their own surveys but with government permission
- (b) Allowing companies to acquire blocks directly from public companies but with government permission
- (c) Giving an option to a company looking for exploring hydrocarbons to select the exploration blocks on its own, without waiting for the formal bid round from the Government
- (d) None of the above

71. Which of the following is/are objectives of Mission Indradhanush?

- 1. To immunize all children under the age of 2 years, as well as all pregnant women, against seven vaccine preventable diseases
- 2. To provide life-saving vaccines to all children across the country free of cost to protect them against diseases such as Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus and Polio

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

72. Recently, the union government approved the scheme for grant of Permanent Residency Status (PRS) to foreign investors subject to the relevant conditions as specified in the FDI Policy notified by the Government from time to time. As a PRS, can avail which of the following facilities?

- 1. Can purchase one residential property for dwelling purpose
- 2. The spouse/ dependents of the PRS holder will be allowed to take up employment in private sector
- 3. Permanent Residency Status will be granted for a period of 10 years initially with multiple entry facility, which can be renewed for another 10 years

Select the correct answer using codes below:

- (a) 1 and 3 Only
- (b) 1 and 2 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) All

73. The Global Corruption Barometer is published by

- (a) Transparency International
- (b) OECD
- (c) World Bank
- (d) Oxfam

74. With reference to North Sea, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is in the Arctic Ocean
- 2. Brent crude is extracted from the North Sea

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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75. With reference to the Question Hour in Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first hour of a sitting session of Lok Sabha
2. The concerned Minister is can choose not to answer the question during this Hour

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

76. The following Consumer Price Indices (CPI) are released at national level:

1. CPI for Industrial Workers (IW)
2. CPI (Rural/Urban/Combined)
3. CPI for Agricultural Labourers (AL)/ Rural Labourers (RL)

Which of the above is/are released by the Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment?

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

77. The Supreme Court recently ruled that a Speaker should refrain from deciding the disqualification of MLAs for defection under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution if he himself is facing the prospect of removal. On which of the following Articles of the Constitution, did SC depend for its judgement?

- (a) Article 179
- (b) Article 93
- (c) Article 94
- (d) Article 96

78. Bertelsmann Stiftung is known for

- (a) Social Justice Index
- (b) Sustainable Governance Indicators
- (c) Transformation Index
- (d) All the above

79. In 2016, Indian government signed a Line of Credit Agreement for US\$ 29.95 million to with an African country to upgrade Rift Valley Textiles Factory (RIVATEX). This factory is located in which country?

- (a) Mozambique
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) South Sudan

80. With reference to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, consider the following statements:

1. It is a network of investigative journalists working for various news organizations in the US
2. It recently leaked Panama Papers
3. It is funded by the Pulitzer Foundation

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

81. With reference to Nominal GDP and Real GDP consider the following statements:

1. Nominal GDP often appears higher than real GDP
2. Real GDP values are evaluated at current market prices

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

82. Which of the following observations is/are made in the recent Economic Survey (2017) on the issue of redistribution?

1. Under government programmes, often the very districts that house the most number of poor are the ones facing the greatest shortfall in the allocation of funds
2. Universal basic income (UBI) could be a solution to fix misallocation of funds and to eradicate poverty in India
3. Universal basic income (UBI) is less likely to be prone to exclusion errors which is often the case in government programmes

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

83. The latest economic survey argues that India's ambivalence toward the private sector manifest in multiple ways. The most well-known example is the difficulty of privatizing public enterprises, even for firms where economists have made strong arguments that they belong in the private sector. In this light, which of the following sectors are the best candidates for privatisation, according to the Economic Survey?

1. Aviation sector
2. Fertilizer sector
3. Banking sector
4. Telecommunications sector

84. India has signed many Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other countries. Which of the following is/are features of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)?

1. It is legally binding
2. Usually it doesn't involve the exchange of money
3. MoUs are quicker than treaties and can be kept as secret

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

85. Which of the following Articles of the Constitution provide constitutional safeguard against manual scavenging?

1. Article 14
2. Article 19
3. Article 21
4. Article 23
5. Article 26

Select the correct answer using codes below:

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

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- 86.** The Krishna – Godavari inland and offshore basins said to have good prospects of tight oil and tight gas reserves from the conducted field studies. What's tight oil?
- (a) Oil that is found in reservoir rocks which have high permeability to allow vertical drilling
 - (b) Oil that is found in reservoir rocks with very low permeability which allows only horizontal drilling
 - (c) Oil that is stored in ancient rocks that have very high permeability
 - (d) None of the above
- 87.** Although there are several enzyme systems within the body that scavenge free radicals, the principle micronutrient antioxidants are certain Vitamins. Which of the following Vitamins does **not** function as an antioxidant?
- (a) Vitamin A (Beta Carotene)
 - (b) Vitamin C
 - (c) Vitamin E
 - (d) Vitamin D
- 88.** Which of the following is/are benefits of low inflation?
1. The purchasing power of money held by consumers and businesses will hold for long term
 2. Lower inflation results in lower cost of borrowing
 3. Lower inflation results in low interest rates
- Select the correct answer using codes below:
- (a) 1 and 2 Only
 - (b) 2 and 3 Only
 - (c) 1 and 3 Only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 89.** The Economic Survey 2017 describes India's recent demonetization as a "reverse helicopter drop", or a "helicopter hoover". Why?
- (a) Because demonetization was a sudden and surprise move
 - (b) Because demonetization involved reduction of money supply
 - (c) Because demonetization was a 'surgical strike' on terrorist money supply and counterfeit currency
 - (d) None of the above
- 90.** To which of the following factors does the Economic Survey attribute NPA problem in Indian banks?
1. Reckless borrowing by private firms from banks
 2. Low interest rates by RBI
 3. Delayed environment clearances and land acquisition
- Select the correct answer using codes below:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3 only
- 91.** Harmika, Medhi, Vedhika are parts of which of the following structures?
- (a) Dravida Temple
 - (b) Buddhist Stupa
 - (c) Pagoda
 - (d) Chaitya

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- 92.** Mangroves help in stabilizing the coastline and preventing erosion from waves and storms. How do they do it?
- (a) The short height of mangroves slow down tides, hence coastal erosion
 - (b) The dense roots of mangroves trap sediments flowing down rivers and off the land, which helps in prevention of erosion
 - (c) Leaves of mangroves thrive on excess water and help maintaining normal water levels
 - (d) None of them
- 93.** Which of the following is/are negative effects of forest fires?
1. They increase probability of further burning in subsequent years
 2. Fires can be followed by insect colonization and infestation
 3. The replacement of vast areas of forest with pyrophytic grasslands results in loss of biodiversity
 4. Smoke from fires can significantly reduce photosynthetic activity
- Select the correct answer using codes below:
- (a) 1,2 and 3 Only
 - (b) 2 and 3 Only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 Only
 - (d) 1,2,3 and 4
- 94.** With reference to in vitro fertilisation (IVF), consider the following statements:
1. It involves fertilization of egg and sperm in a liquid medium outside the body
 2. IVF is used in gestational surrogacy practice
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 Only
 - (b) 2 Only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 95.** Experts have proposed advancing the Indian Standard Time (IST) by half an hour. What is the rationale behind this proposal?
- (a) This will save lots of energy running into thousands of crores for India
 - (b) This will result in more working hours for Indians
 - (c) Both a and b
 - (d) Neither a nor b
- 96.** The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act of 1961. Which of the following is **not** one of these amendments?
- (a) Increase maternity leave to 26 weeks in all establishments, including both organised and unorganised sectors irrespective of number of employees in the establishment
 - (b) Provide 12 weeks leave for commissioning and adopting mothers
 - (c) Making it mandatory to provide creche facility for establishment where the number of workers is 50 and above
 - (d) Provide full payment by employer during maternity leave
- 97.** Chit fund companies are regulated by
- (a) RBI
 - (b) SEBI
 - (c) IRDA
 - (d) None of the above

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- 98.** RBI came up with Strategic Debt Restructuring (SDR) in 2015 to
- (a) Provide an opportunity to banks to convert debt of companies to equity and sell them to the highest bidders, subject to authorization by existing shareholders
 - (b) Provide an avenue for the government to reduce its debt burden by selling more securities to RBI
 - (c) Provide an opportunity for domestic banks to restructure their securities to raise more offshore funds
 - (d) None of the above
- 99.** 'TARANG' Mobile App, 'e-Trans' & 'DEEP' e-bidding web portals are launched by the government to
- (a) Bring transparency in telecom sector
 - (b) Enhance transparency in power transmission sector
 - (c) Boost e-governance in higher education sector
 - (d) Bring transparency in police departments across India
- 100.** Harun Rashid Khan Committee recommendations are related to
- (a) Debt restructuring of banks
 - (b) Regulation of non-banking finance activities
 - (c) Prevention of flow of illicit money in banking sector
 - (d) Corporate bond market