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DAY - 5 (InstaTest-5)

1. Which of the following languages is **not** recognized as the classical language by the government?

- (a) Sanskrit
- (b) Kannada
- (c) Telugu
- (d) Bengali

2. Consider the following statements regarding Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)

1. It is implemented by the Department of Rural Development
2. It is a sub-component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission.
3. It aims to empower women by enhancing their participation in agriculture and to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for them.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF)

1. LAF is a facility extended by RBI to the scheduled commercial banks including RRBs.
2. LAF is a facility to avail of liquidity in case of requirement or park excess funds with RBI in case of excess liquidity on an overnight basis against the collateral of G-Secs including SDLs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4. Which of the following banks are covered under Deposit Insurance Scheme

1. All commercial banks
2. Local Area Banks
3. Regional Rural Banks
4. Co-operative banks

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Global Electric Vehicle Outlook, sometime seen in the news, is published by

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Energy Agency
- (c) The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
- (d) None of the above

6. Consider the following statements regarding Commercial Paper (CP)

1. Commercial Paper (CP) is a secured money market instrument issued in the form of a promissory note.
2. A CP is issued in minimum denomination of ₹1 lakh and multiples thereof and shall be issued at a discount to face value.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976

1. The Act provides for an institutional mechanism at the district level in the form of Vigilance Committees.
2. The Act is being implemented by the Union government through Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment.

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

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding startups in India

1. 55 per cent of startups in India are from Tier I cities and 45 per cent from Tier II and Tier III cities.
2. Karnataka has largest distribution of startups, followed by Maharashtra and Delhi.
3. Sector wise, about 14% of the startups are under IT services, followed by Health and Education.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. Which of the following forms the part of Income from Abroad while calculating Gross National Product (GNP)

1. Private Remittances
2. Interest on External Loans
3. External Grants

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding National Dairy Plan Phase I

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It aims to help increase productivity of milch animals and thereby increase milk production to meet the rapidly growing demand for milk.
3. It is supported by World Bank.
4. India ranks first in global milk production

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Engel's Law states that

- (a) The percentage of income allocated for food purchases decreases as income rises.
- (b) The relationship between tax rates and the amount of tax revenue collected by governments.
- (c) It is a graphical representation of the distribution of income or of wealth.
- (d) None of the above

12. Consider the following statements regarding Kanyashree Prakalpa Scheme

1. It is a conditional cash transfer scheme with the aim of improving the status and well-being of the girl child in West Bengal.
2. Girls regularly attending institutions for education or vocational/sports training are eligible for it.

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act

1. Any Indian or foreign national charged under UAPA is liable for punishment under this Act, irrespective of the location of crime / offense committed
2. It has death penalty and life imprisonment as highest punishments.
3. It allows detention without a charge sheet for up to 180 days and police custody can be up to 30 days.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. Consider the following statements regarding European Union (EU)

1. The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 27 member states that are located primarily in Europe.
2. The EU and European citizenship were established when the Maastricht Treaty came into force in 2013

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Inflation targeting

1. India commenced inflation targeting formally in 2005, when Agreement on Monetary Policy Framework was signed between the GoI and the RBI.
2. It was New Zealand which went for inflation targeting in 1989 for the first time in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. UN Security Council Resolution 2462, sometime seen in the news, is related to

- (a) Sustainable Development Goals
- (b) Permanent solution for Israel and Palestine conflict
- (c) Terrorist Financing
- (d) None of the above

17. Consider the following statements regarding Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme

1. This Scheme allows exporters to import capital goods for pre-production, production and post-production at zero customs duty.
2. In return, the exporters are required to fulfill the export obligation to the tune of three times the import duties, taxes and cess saved amount on capital goods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Merchant Discount Rate

1. It is a discount provided by Union government to the retailers who use card payments for the purpose of increasing cashless economy.
2. The government pays the amount directly to the bank account of merchant/retailer.

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding commercial services exports

1. India ranks 8th among the world's largest commercial services exporters.
2. India's share in world's commercial services exports has risen over the past decade to reach 3.5 per cent in 2018.

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

20. India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

21. Consider the following statements regarding Banks Board Bureau (BBB)

1. It had replaced Appointments Board of Government.
2. It was set up as an autonomous body based on the recommendations of the Srikrishna Committee.

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Security Council

1. It is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.
2. India is a present non-permanent member of it.
3. A state which is a member of the United Nations but not of the security council may participate, without a vote in its discussion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA)

1. It is an attached office under Ministry of Finance.
2. It Compiles and releases monthly Wholesale Price Indices

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

24. Recently, *Malai poondu* Garlic has received the geographical indication (GI) tag, is grown in:

- (a) Baba Budangiri Hills
- (b) Kodaikanal Hills
- (c) Ratnagiri Hills
- (d) Garo Hills

25. Consider the following statements regarding Cash Management Bills (CMBs)

1. These are short-term instrument to meet the temporary mismatches in the cash flow of the Government of India.
2. The CMBs have the generic character of T-bills but are issued for maturities more than 91 days.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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26. Consider the following statements regarding Coronaviruses

1. They are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).
2. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a new strain that was discovered in 2019 and has not been previously identified in humans.
3. Several known coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding Community

1. It is a group of organisms usually of the same species, occupying a defined area during a specific time.
2. Communities in most instances are named after the dominant plant form (species).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Jalyukta Shivar Scheme has been started by which of the following state?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Maharashtra

29. Consider the following statements regarding West Nile fever

1. Birds are the natural hosts of the West Nile Fever virus
2. Female Anopheles mosquito spreads the infection
3. Virus is serologically similar to the Japanese Encephalitis virus

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding Environmental Information System (ENVIS)

1. The aim is to integrate country-wide efforts in environmental information collection, collation, storage, retrieval and dissemination through ENVIS websites.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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

31. Consider the following statements regarding Pyramid of Numbers

1. This deal with the relationship between the numbers of primary producers and consumers of different levels.
2. Inverted pyramid of numbers is found in pond ecosystem.
3. A pyramid of numbers does not take into account the fact that the size of organisms being counted in each trophic level.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding Coniferous forest (boreal forest)

1. It is characterized by evergreen plant species such as Spruce, fir and pine trees, etc.
2. The productivity and community stability of a boreal forest are lower than those of any other forest ecosystem.

3. Boreal forest soils are characterized by thick podzols but poor nutrients.

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding Spent Pot Lining

1. It is produced by the smelting plants
2. It contains high level of cyanide and fluoride.
3. It has also been classified as a hazardous waste under the Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2016.

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding Mission Shakti

1. It is an anti-satellite missile test.
2. The mission was carried out by ISRO
3. India is the 4th country in the world to demonstrate the capability to shoot down satellites in orbit

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding Red Tide

1. They are scientifically referred as Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).
2. Ride tides are usually not harmful

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

36. Which of the following elements/compounds is/are Indoor air pollutants?

1. Volatile organic compounds
2. Radon
3. Asbestos
4. Pesticides

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding bioremediation techniques

1. *Bioaugmentation*: Microorganisms are imported to a contaminated site to enhance degradation process.
2. *Bioventing*: Injection of air under pressure below the water table to increase groundwater oxygen concentrations and enhance the rate of biological degradation of contaminants
3. *Biosparging*: supply of air and nutrients through wells to contaminated soil to stimulate the growth of indigenous bacteria.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements regarding International Charter 'Space and Major Disasters'

1. It is a non-binding charter.
2. It provides for the charitable and humanitarian related acquisition of and transmission of space satellite data to relief organizations in the event of major disasters.
3. ISRO is not a member of it.

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

39. Consider the following statements regarding maintaining the Internal environment of an organism

1. *Regulate*: Some organisms are able to maintain homeostasis by physiological means.
2. *Conform*: An overwhelming majority (99 per cent) of animals and nearly all plants cannot maintain a constant internal environment and change according to the external environment.
3. *Suspend*: They do so by reducing their metabolic activity and going into a state of 'dormancy'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding Biotic Relations

1. Lichens represent a mutualistic relationship between a fungus and photosynthesizing algae
2. Parasitism: An orchid growing as an epiphyte on a mango branch
3. Predation: sparrow eating any seed.

Which of the statement above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES)

1. It is a non-governmental organisation.
2. It aims to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding standing crop

1. Each trophic level has a certain mass of living material at a particular time called as the standing crop.
2. The biomass of a species varies with abiotic factors of the ecosystem.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)

1. It is developed by ISRO
2. It can be launched from both land and air based platforms.

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

44. Torrefaction technology is used for

- (a) Reducing water pollution
- (b) Stubble burning
- (c) Bioremediation
- (d) None of the above

45. Consider the following statements regarding Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

1. It is a viral respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus that was first identified in Saudi Arabia.
2. Dromedary camels are a major reservoir host for MERS-CoV.
3. Nearly 80% of reported patients with MERS-CoV infection have died.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements regarding Climate vulnerability assessment map

1. The map is being developed by UN Environment.
2. It is being developed for preparing communities and people to meet the challenge arising out of climate changes.

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

47. Consider the following statements regarding Sulphur dioxide emissions

1. India is the largest emitter of anthropogenic Sulphur dioxide in the world.
2. India has over 50 percent of all anthropogenic Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) hotspots in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

48. Consider the following statements

1. The State Government is empowered to constitute land other
2. than reserved forests as protected forests over which the Government has proprietary rights.
3. In reserved forests, extraction of forest resources by local people are prohibited, unless specifically allowed by a Forest Officer in the course of settlement

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

49. Consider the following statements regarding Air Quality Index (AQI)

1. Air Quality Index (AQI) is a tool for effective dissemination of air quality information to people.
2. AQI will consider eight pollutants for which short-term National Ambient Air Quality Standards are prescribed.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. Consider the following statements regarding Fly ash

1. It is the end product of combustion during the process of power generation in the coal based thermal power plants.
2. It can settle on water and other surfaces.
3. Fly ash can be used in the production of bricks for building construction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

DAY - 7 (InstaTest-7)

51. Consider the following statements regarding Gas Hydrates

1. Gas hydrates are formed when a gas such as methane gets trapped in well-defined cages of water molecules forming crystalline solids.
2. Their decomposition can release large amounts of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) that could impact Earth's climate.
3. Sudden release of pressurized methane gas from ocean base may cause submarine landslides, which in turn can trigger tsunamis.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. Consider the following statements regarding Biodiversity

1. Biodiversity is the term popularized by the socio-biologist Edward Wilson.
2. Species diversity means a single species might show high diversity at the genetic level over its distributional range.

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 regarding Biodiversity across the world

1. More than 70 per cent of all the species recorded are plants
2. Among animals, insects are the most species-rich taxonomic group, making up more than 70 per cent of the total.

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 regarding Raisina Dialogue

1. It is a multilateral conference committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community.
2. It is annually conducted by MEA and Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

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. Which of the following are Ex situ Conservation methods

1. Botanical gardens
2. Zoological parks
3. Sacred groves
4. Wildlife safari parks

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. Consider the following statements regarding Kartarpur Corridor project

1. The Kartarpur Corridor will provide visa-free access to the shrine
2. It will be developed from Dera Baba Nanak village in Gurdaspur, Punjab to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur.

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding measurement of Biodiversity

1. *Alpha diversity*: It refers to the diversity within a particular area or ecosystem.
2. *Beta diversity*: It measures the proportion of species at a given site.
3. *Gamma diversity*: It is a measure of the overall diversity for the different ecosystems within a region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements regarding the Jerdon's Courser bird species:

1. It is a nocturnal bird found only in the northern part of the state of Madhya Pradesh in peninsular India.
2. The majority of the species are contained within the Sri

Lankamaleswara Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. It has been listed as Critically Endangered under IUCN Red list.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. Consider the following statements regarding Anthrax

1. It is caused by *Bacillus anthracis*
2. It affects animals more often than people.
3. It spreads directly from infected animal to humans.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding IUCN Red List

1. The IUCN Red List is a critical indicator of the health of the world's biodiversity.
2. It was established in 1964 by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
3. It divides species into only seven categories: Least Concern, Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild and Extinct.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 61.** Consider the following statements regarding Seaweeds
1. Seaweeds are (thalloid plants) macroscopic algae, which mean they have no differentiation of true tissues such as roots, stems and leaves.
 2. Seaweeds grow in deep coastal waters wherever sizable substrata is available.
- 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
- 62.** Consider the following statements regarding Lal Bahadur Shastri
1. He became a life member of the Servants of the People Society (Lok Sevak Mandal), founded by Lala Lajpat Rai.
 2. He participated in both non-cooperation movement and the Salt Satyagraha.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 63.** *Polypedates Bengalensis*, new frog species was found in
- (a) Kerala
(b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(d) West Bengal
- 64.** The first-of-its-kind rehabilitation center for freshwater turtles will be set up at
- (a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Orissa
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Bihar
- 65.** Consider the following statements regarding National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF)
1. The Fund has been created out of cess on coal produced / imported under the polluter pays principle.
 2. Project/scheme relating to innovative methods to adopt to the Clean Energy technology and research & development are eligible for funding under the NCEF.
 3. It is a lapsable fund under Public Accounts.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 only
(d) 1 and 2 only
- 66.** Which of the following is/are Critically endangered species
1. Brown Bear
 2. Malabar Civet
 3. Pygmy Hog
 4. Gharial
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

67. Consider the following statements regarding difference between Wild life sanctuary and National Park (NP)

1. National parks are declared by Central Government only, while Wild life sanctuary is declared by State Government only.
2. Certain activities like grazing of livestock are regulated in sanctuaries and are prohibited in National Parks.
3. Wildlife sanctuary can be created for a particular species whereas the national park is not primarily focused on a particular species.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements regarding Internet Saathi programme

1. It is a joint initiative of Facebook Inc and Tata Trusts
2. It aims to facilitate digital literacy among Tribal in rural India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding Hangul or Kashmir Stag

1. IUCN's Red List has classified it as least concern species.
2. It is largely found in Dachigam National Park

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

70. Consider the following statements regarding Green Crackers

1. It has been developed by Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
2. They are known as 'green' firecrackers because they have a chemical formulation that produces water molecules, which substantially reduces emission levels and absorbs dust.
3. The green crackers will be 25-30 per cent costlier to manufacture than the conventional ones.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding Swine Flu

1. Swine Flu is a highly contagious acute respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza virus.
2. Swine flu viruses can spread from human to human.

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 regarding *Senna Spectabilis*

1. It is an evergreen tree native to tropical areas of America.
2. It is an invasive species found in Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR).

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. Consider the following statements regarding National Crèche Scheme

1. The Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme
3. It is an intervention towards protection and development of children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding Central Water Commission (CWC) report on Heavy metals contaminating rivers

1. Arsenic and zinc are the two toxic metals whose concentration is always found above the limits.
2. Iron emerged as the most common contaminant.

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. Municipal Performance Index (MPI) in India is released by:

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Ministry of Panchayat Raj
- (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

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76. Consider the following statements regarding the mechanisms to reduce emissions forms

1. Electrostatic precipitator is used to remove over 90 per cent particulate matter present in the exhaust.
2. A scrubber can remove gases like oxides of sulfur.
3. Catalytic converters are used to convert unburnt hydrocarbons into carbon dioxide and water.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding Ozone

1. Ozone formed in the lower troposphere acts as pollutant and harms plants and animals.
2. Ozone found in the stratosphere acts as a shield absorbing ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
3. The thickness of the ozone in a column of air from the ground to the top of the atmosphere is measured in terms of Dobson units (DU).

- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 78.** Which of the following gas/compound is the biggest overall contributor to the greenhouse effect?
- (a) Carbon dioxide
(b) Water vapour
(c) Methane
(d) Oxides of Nitrogen
- 79.** Consider the following statements regarding Skybot F-850
1. It is a life-size humanoid robot which spends some days in space and learns to assist astronauts in the International Space Station.
 2. It is the first robot to go into space in the human history.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 80.** Consider the following statements regarding Global Warming Potential (GWP)
1. The GWP for a gas is a measure of the total energy that a gas absorbs over a particular period of time (usually 100 years), compared to carbon dioxide.
 2. Carbon dioxide has a GWP of 1 and serves as a baseline for other GWP values.
 3. Perfluorocarbons have highest GWP.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 81.** Which of the following methods is/are Geo-Engineering technique?
1. Copy a Volcano
 2. Seed the Sea with iron
 3. Whiten the clouds with wind-powered ships
 4. Build fake trees
- Select the correct answer using the code given below
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 82.** Consider the following statements regarding English Channel
1. It is a part of the Atlantic Ocean.
 2. It separates the island of Britain from northern France.
- 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
- 83.** Consider the following statements regarding The Blue Carbon Initiative
1. It is a program working to mitigate climate change through the restoration and sustainable use of coastal and marine ecosystems.
 2. The initiative is coordinated by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and brings together research institutions, non-governmental organizations and communities from around the world.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

84. Consider the following statements regarding mechanisms initiated under Kyoto Flexible Market Protocol mechanisms

1. Joint Implementation (JI)
2. The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)
3. Emission Trading

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

85. Consider the following statements regarding European Green Deal

1. It is an announcement made by European Union on additional measures it would take on climate change.
2. The EU has promised to bring a law, binding on all member countries, to ensure it becomes "climate neutral" by 2030.

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

86. Consider the following statements regarding INS Vikramaditya

1. It is a nuclear powered air craft carrier of India
2. It was indigenously built in India
3. It was retrofitted with a Barak missile system under joint development with Israel.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding Shri Krishna Temple in Bahrain

1. It is considered to be the first and the oldest temple in the Gulf countries.
2. It was built by Thathai Bhatia Hindu community.
3. The temple completes 1500 years recently.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements regarding Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID)

1. India is the first country in the world to issue Biometric seafarer identity document.
2. The project is launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology
3. Every Indian seafarer who possesses a valid continuous discharge certificate issued by the Government of India will be eligible for issue of a BSID.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

89. Consider the following statements regarding The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001

1. It is in conformity with International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), 1978.
2. The legislation recognizes the contributions of both commercial plant breeders and farmers in plant breeding activity and also provides to implement TRIPs.
3. Under the act Researchers will have exclusive rights to produce, sell, market, distribute, import or export the protected variety.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

90. Consider the following statements regarding Green Climate Fund

1. The GCF was set up in 2015 under the UNFCCC's Paris agreement to channel funding from developed countries to developing countries.
2. It is intended to be the centerpiece of efforts to raise Climate Finance of \$100 billion a year by 2020.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding MOSAiC Expedition

1. It is the largest ever Antarctic expedition in history.
2. It is spearheaded by the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements

1. Bolivia is a landlocked country
2. Brazil shares border with all South American countries except Chile

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

93. Which of the following are the Reports and programmes initiated by World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

1. Living Planet Report
2. Debt-for-nature swaps
3. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
4. Healthy GrownPotato

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. Consider the following pairs

	Military Exercises	:	Countries Involved
1.	Bold Kurukshetra	:	India and Singapore
2.	AUSINDEX – 19	:	India and Australia
3.	Hand in Hand	:	India and Japan

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

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding Blue flag programme

1. The Blue Flag Programme is run by the international non-governmental organization, Foundation for Environmental Education.
2. Chandrabhaga beach of Odisha's coast has recently got the Blue Flag certification process.

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. UNEP Colombo Declaration is related to

- (a) Pollution caused by ships.
 (b) Pollutions caused by aviation sector.
 (c) Global Nitrogen Challenge.
 (d) Peat land development.

97. Gaza strip, often seen in the news, shares border with which of the following countries/territories?

1. Israel
2. Egypt
3. Syria
4. Jordan

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

98. Consider the following statements

1. Spratly Island is located in East China Sea
2. Socotra Island is located in Indian Ocean

3. The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

99. Consider the following statements regarding Rotavirus

1. It is a leading cause of severe diarrhoea and death among children less than 14 years of age.
2. It is transmitted by the faecal-oral route, via contact with contaminated hands, surfaces and objects

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

100. Consider the following statements regarding Geologic Sequestration Trapping Mechanisms

1. Hydrodynamic Trapping refers to the process where carbon dioxide can be dissolved into a liquid, such as water or oil.
2. Mineral Carbonation refers to the process where carbon dioxide can react with the minerals, fluids, and organic matter in a geologic formation to form stable compounds/minerals.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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Vishal Mishra • 3 days ago

Thanks...

One point fromy side..
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Make strong them

And

Fight back

We are in war zone.

Your weakness will through you out

Get up and fight...

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Thank you insights for inspiring and holding our hand in this great journey...hope we make use of your effort and last till the end as a matter of gratitude...pls keep going with your work and inspiring us :)

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Fridzy • 2 days ago

I have devoted everything to insights. revision plan, tests, modules, CA etc. This was much needed.

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Warrior Sammy • an hour ago

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I usually donot post much but here i m today for u @Insights.

When i was in colg i got to noe abut ur website during artika ma'am toppers talk. She has all d praise for u. Nd frm den nd till today i am a daily visitor of ur website. I had been following it since approx 2018 whn i started my preparation. Ur selfless, upto mark quality content nvr made me feel to go to delhi regarded as hub of upsc preparation (i m frm agra . U made me a btrn person today. Ur consistency, discipline inspire me to wrk more hard to achieve my dream I

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sunesara dhaval • 30 minutes ago

Thank you insights for this 10 days... Due to your 75 days plan I cleared upsc prelim 2019 with around 130+ marks in my second attempt .. Right now I am selected as a police inspector in 2018 through state pcs and my training is going , and I am getting less hours for reading but with your consistant support and motivation stories, I am still fighting for my ultimate dream ...and I am getting the results too... Thank you insights!!! :)

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Veena S • 33 minutes ago

All the 10 tests prepared by INSIGHTS are really worthy...even though my marks range is from 10-18,i didn't get discouraged because of the timely motivation and the feel that INSIGHTS is guiding me on the right track for my destination...your all free initiatives really needs much appreciation..thanks a lot INSIGHTS

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Kapil • 3 days ago

We should not worry about low score, instead we are lucky, we get the chance to improve us further and yes we are here to commit mistake so that those mistakes keep distance from us during prelims

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Shefali Kayasth → Vinoth Kumar • an hour ago

great buddy...when i started this journey(2016) I was 20...now going to be 24...tb se insights ka hi sahara hai. after my family and some of my close friends...insights hi hai jinko me apna sahil manti hu...

shukriya @@Insights

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Shubham Bharti • 18 minutes ago

@Insights, The best part i feel about INSTA test is - It has set a great momentum which is increasing day by day.

I had started my preparation roughly Sept/Oct 2019. Finishing syllabus for the 1st time along with job, took almost 4 months.

Thereafter, when I had started with Subject wise test (with my 1st revision) in Feb, I was performing consistently very low and wasn't exactly sure how to fix those efficiently since the exam is approaching very fast.

Since, we have 75 days plan at hand, It has set a proper structure to my revisions. Also, the MITRA sheet and noting down the mistakes i do, have come into pictures. Now, I am able to realize, how i can fast-pace the resolution of my mistakes.

Hence, Accuracy seems to be increasing slowly day by day. I am learning new things, getting better at making guesses.

I will follow this to the last day. Hope, My accuracy and learning will reach a level to make me qualify for the exam.

Thank you Insights.

I will be working hard. :)



Aashi singh → Insights • 15 minutes ago

@Insights

THANK YOU SO MUCH

what you are doing is beyond words

one thing i will say that

because of you

people like us who do not know much who come from different background could dream

and may achieve them

thank you so much

god bless you AND TEAM

HOPE IF GOD GIVE ME CHANCE I CAN DO

SOMETHING IN RETURN

thank you so much

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Saikat → Insights · an hour ago

Thank you @Insights for this initiative. I was looking forward to it and after 10 days, I am feeling much more confident. I have uploaded MITRA sheets for 8 days as I did not attempt day 4 and day 5 due to the reason which is known to your team. It's your words and regular feedback that gave me strength to come back and now, come what may, I will continue this journey. We are now under a state of complete lock down now and we can use this time either by panicking or by preparing ourselves to be the officers this nation needs. Our choice will shape the future.

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DISK21 → Insights · an hour ago · edited

Thank you @Insights .Its bcz of you only .Though I do not know where I will end this journey but my heart n mind always says it will not stop untill I reached the destination .Coming to your all prgms CA, quiz, RTM and this INSTA ..I am following since beginning of my journey(excluding break in between due to personal reason) and learning a lot from it .INSTA helping me a lot to revise the things and where I am lacking .Hope I will learn n give my best to it untill I get through.Rest I will surely share with you about my identity (name..hehe) and my journey .Thanks to the team .ur team is great .

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Rohit verma · an hour ago

@

sir my experience is too good, i used to analyse myself on a daily basis as u can see in screenshot.Alongwith ,i used to note down elimination skills and try to recall them by revising all of them at one place & through your revision plan i'm getting a push day by day that i have committed to insights to make them proud so it keeps me going.

i got good observation slowly and will trying them day by day to applying it in every test and insta revision plan and i take these 30 questions as an edge over others because i'm not following any PT365 or any compilations apart from your resources so i take these questions as a learning opportunity and add these in my notes.that's it
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Hermione Granger · 3 hours ago

Scored 23/30 today.

Not a perfect score, but i am just proud that i have been consistently giving these tests and examining my mistakes and planning the next day's preparation accordingly. Thank you @Insights .

In these panic driven days, you are one constant source of push and encouragement.

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Ezhil · 2 hours ago

8 of 15 questions answered correctly

Your time: 00:25:11, little progress, thank you @Insights, I believe that you are the only reason for keeping me busy whatever happened around me, I am preparing from last one year but I could not able to keep my plans, because of so many issues, now I am happy and get confident that surely I will land safely. Now I am realizing that " Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new end", I started on 15.03.2020, to make a new end, thank you Insights.

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Alok yadav · an hour ago



@insight i have been using this type of MITRA Analysis shows too much changes b/w first day and 10th day i am enjoying this journey breaking and making mine better tomorrow due to covid-19 in days of grief it's feeling very mental pressure but in guidance of ur team moving gradually THANKS A LOT team @INSIGHT for precious contribution in our journey

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Stoic · 2 hours ago · edited

T10,
Attempted 27,
Right answers 13

@Insights

I'm happy I have been doing this for past ten days. What makes me happier is the fact that the schedule makes for extensive dynamic coverage of topics as well.

I have been uploading MITRA sheets every day. I will continue doing the same no matter what. My scores aren't pretty and I know that. I also know that I will get better. I'm understanding how i think when I'm given different questions.

Thank you for providing this schedule.