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DAY – 29 (InstaTest-29)

1. Consider the following statements regarding Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

1. Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) is an intergovernmental body with more than 180 members.
2. It was jointly established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO)

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

2. Nuakhai, a harvesting festival is celebrated in

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Jharkhand

3. Consider the following statements regarding Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

1. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was observed on 31st October and marks the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
2. Operation Polo was launched to liberate and integrate Hyderabad with 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

4. Which of the following wildlife sanctuaries and National Parks are located in Assam?

1. Nameri National Park
2. Deepor Beel Bird Sanctuary
3. Gorumara National Park
4. Manas National Park

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

5. Consider the following statements regarding Guru Gobind Singh

1. Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th Sikh guru.
2. He founded the principles of Khalsa or the Five 'K's.
3. He is known for the introduction of the turban to cover hair.

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding Humayun's Tomb

1. It was commissioned by Akbar.
2. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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 pairs

<i>Navigation System</i>		<i>Developed/Owned by</i>
1. GALILEO	:	United Kingdom
2. GLONASS	:	Russia
3. QUASI-ZENITH	:	China

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

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

8. Under Buddhism, *Abhaya Mudra* indicates

- (a) Gesture of reassurance, blessing and protection.
- (b) Gesture of Charity
- (c) To invoke earth as witness to the truth
- (d) Gesture of threat and warning

9. Consider the following statements regarding Kala Kumbh

1. Its objective is to promote Geographical Indication (GI) crafts and heritage of India.
2. It is organized by Ministry of Culture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. Consider the following statements

1. Haqqani network is a Syria based guerrilla insurgent group using asymmetric warfare to fight against US-led NATO forces in Syria and Iraq.

2. Boko Haram is a jihadist terrorist organization based in Nigeria.

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

11. Consider the following statements regarding Jain Councils

1. The First Jain Council was held in the 3rd century B.C. under the leadership of Sthulabhadra at Pataliputra.
2. The Second Council was held at Vallabhi in the 5th century A.D under the leadership of Devridhigani.

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

12. Consider the following statements regarding Zoroastrianism

1. This religion has its origin in Persia by the prophet Zarathustra around 6-7 BCE.
2. Their sacred text is called Zend Avesta is written in Persian.
3. They are a monotheistic religion who believe in one eternal god.

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

- 13.** Which of the following passes is/are located in Western Himalayas?
1. Khardung La
 2. Bara-Lacha-La
 3. Zoji – La

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 14.** A Code of Gentoo Laws is a translation of

- (a) Sangam Literature
- (b) Srautasutras
- (c) Dharma sastra
- (d) Manu smriti

- 15.** The work '*Mricchakatika*' deals with

- (a) Love affair of young brahmin Charudatta with a wealthy courtesan.
- (b) Love story of Vikram and Urvashi
- (c) Story of Duryodhana during and after his fight with Bhima
- (d) Love story of princess Ratnavali

- 16.** Consider the following statements regarding Canary Islands

1. It is located in the Mediterranean Sea
2. The Canary Islands are a French archipelago.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 17.** Consider the following statements regarding Zonal Cultural Centres

1. The Ministry of Culture has set up seven 'Zonal Cultural Centres' (ZCCs) across the country.
2. The main objective of these Centres is the development, preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional arts of the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 18.** Consider the following statements regarding Yoga school of Philosophy

1. The yogic techniques of meditation and physical application will lead to the release of the Purusha from the Prakriti and would eventually lead to salvation.
2. This origin of Yoga has been expounded in the Yogasutra of Patanjali.

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.** The International IP Index has been released by

- (a) World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- (b) Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC)
- (c) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- (d) Institute of Economics & Peace (IEP)

20. Consider the following statements regarding Vaisheshika school

1. According to this school, everything in the universe was created by the four main elements: air, water, earth and ether (sky).
2. They developed the atomic theory and are responsible for the beginning of physics in Indian subcontinent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements regarding Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)

1. It has been launched by Department of Science and Technology
2. It aims to provide professionally managed services with efficiency, accessibility and transparency of highest order under one roof to service the demands of industry, start-ups and academia.
3. The facilities provided by the SATHI shall be utilized by any user/organization on payment of nominal charge.

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding Lokayata Philosophy

1. Brihaspati laid the foundation stone of this school.

2. They argued in favour of Gods and their representatives on the earth.
3. The philosophy is old enough to find mention in the Vedas and Brihadarankya Upanishad.

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

23. The Farmers' Innovation Fund has been launched by

- (a) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
- (b) Central Soil Salinity Research Institute
- (c) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
- (d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research

24. Consider the following statements regarding Sangeet Natak Akademi

1. It is an autonomous statutory body funded by Ministry of Culture.
2. It is India's national academy of music, dance and drama.

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding Bhitarkanika National Park

1. It is located in the state of Odisha
2. It has one of the largest populations of endangered saltwater crocodile in India.
3. It is identified as Ramsar site.

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

DAY – 30 (InstaTest-30)

26. Consider the following statements regarding Coal Bed Methane (CBM)

1. It is an unconventional form of natural gas found in coal deposits or coal seams.
2. It can be used as feedstock for fertilizers
3. It can be used for production of Methanol

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding Khyal

1. The origin of this style was attributed to Amir Khusrau.
2. Khyal is based on the repertoire of long songs.
3. Usually, the theme for the Khyal bandish is romantic in nature.

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

28. Consider the following statements regarding Hampi

1. It was a part of the Mauryan Empire back in the third century BC.
2. It is a UNESCO world heritage site.

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding Earth Hour

1. Earth Hour is a global environmental movement to stop the destruction of nature.
2. Civilians are encouraged to switch off their lights for one hour to help reduce the effect of global warming
3. Earth Hour was started in Earth Summit, 1992.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30. Markandeshwar temple is located in which of following state?

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

- 31.** Consider the following pairs of the Indian harvest festivals with the states they are performed
1. Pongal : Karnataka
 2. Uttarayan : Gujarat
 3. Saaji : Himachal Pradesh
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 32.** 'Operation Save Kurma', often seen in news, is about conserving
- (a) Indian Gazelle
 - (b) One horned rhinoceros
 - (c) Turtles
 - (d) Gangetic Dolphins
- 33.** Consider the following statements regarding Chindu Yakshaganam
1. It is a form of theatre practised by members of the Chindu Madiga community.
 2. It is a form of entertainment in villages across Karnataka.
- 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
- 34.** The Hornbill Festival is celebrated in the state of
- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| (a) Nagaland | (b) Manipur |
| (c) Mizoram | (d) Assam |
- 35.** Which of the following countries *doesn't* open out to the Caspian Sea?
- (a) Turkey
 - (b) Kazakhstan
 - (c) Iran
 - (d) Russia
- 36.** Consider the following statements regarding Aryabhata
1. Aryabhata wrote *Aryabhattiya* in which the concepts of mathematics as well as astronomy were mentioned.
 2. Aryabhata in his book stated that the earth is round and rotates on its own axis.
 3. Aryabhata in his book, mentioned Zero for the first time as a number.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 37.** Consider the following statements regarding Varahamihira
1. King Vikramaditya awarded him with the title of "Varaha".
 2. The earth cloud theory was propounded by him in his book Brihat Samhita.
- 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

38. Consider the following statements regarding Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme
2. It is being implemented by the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
3. The objective is to give a boost to economic activities, skill development and infrastructure amenities in the regions.

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

39. Consider the following statements regarding Dadasaheb Phalke

1. He is known as the father of Indian cinema.
2. The first motion venture by an Indian was by Dadasaheb Phalke.
3. He produced the film titled Raja Harishchandra and made the first indigenous Indian silent film.

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding Putul Nautch

1. It is a traditional string puppet form of West Bengal.
2. The puppets are about 3 to 4 feet in height and are costumed like the actors of Jatra.
3. These puppets have mostly three joints.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding HCFC-141b:

1. Recently, India prohibited the export of HCFC-141b.
2. HCFC-141b is used in the production of rigid polyurethane and polyisocyanurate or phenolic insulation foams for residential and commercial buildings

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 Ramman

1. The religious festival is organized once in three years in the twin villages of Saloor-Dungra in the state of Uttarakhand.
2. The festival is organized by villagers, and each caste and occupational group has a distinct role.
3. This event is made up of highly complex rituals and the recitation of a version of the epic of Rama.

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding Odissi Dance

1. Odissi has derived a great deal from the Abhinaya Darpana Prakasha by Jadunatha Sinha.
2. Odissi closely follows the tenets laid down by the Natya Shastra.
3. The techniques of movement are built around the two basic postures of the Chowk and the Tribhanga.

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

44. Consider the following pairs of active volcanoes and their respective countries:

<i>Active Volcano</i>	<i>Country</i>
1. Mount Merapi	: Malaysia
2. Taal Volcano	: Indonesia
3. Mount Erebus	: Sweden
4. Mount Etna	: France

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) None

45. Consider the following statements regarding Hindu Calendar

1. Hindu Calendar takes into account four angas or limbs, viz., year, month, paksha and tithi.
2. The solar year is divided into two halves and one solar year equals one day and one night of the God.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements regarding the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS):

1. It is the annual flagship event of the International Organization for Sustainable Development (IOSD)
2. Theme of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), 2020 is "Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count"
3. The WSDS has continued the legacy of the erstwhile Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) which was initiated in 2001 with the aim of making 'sustainable development' a globally shared goal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following pairs of folk dances with the associated community

<i>Folk Dance</i>	<i>Community</i>
1. Bizu dance	: Chakma community
2. Cheraw dance	: Hindu Manipuris
3. Basanta Raas	: Lusai woman
4. Bamboo Dance	: Mizos

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

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

48. Consider the following statements regarding Solar Orbiter Mission

1. It is a cooperative mission between NASA and ISRO
2. The spacecraft will provide images of the Sun's poles.
3. It will help researchers to know how the star's energy affects Earth and humans in space

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following pairs of folk music with their associated state

<i>Folk Music</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Lavani	: Gujrat
2. Rabindra Sangeet	: West Bengal
3. Bhavageete	: Karnataka
4. Naatupura Paadalgal	: Tamil Nadu

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

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

50. Recently, JAGA mission received World Habitat Award, which was launched by

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Odisha
- (d) West Bengal

DAY – 31 (InstaTest-31)

51. Consider the following statements regarding the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP):

1. It is Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) flagship programme for channeling climate and environmental finance to smallholder farmers.
2. Women Empowerment is one of the focus areas of the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) funds.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. Which of the following animals have been found on Pashupati Seal?

1. Elephant
2. Tiger
3. Rhinoceros
4. Bull
5. Antelopes

Select the correct answer using the code given 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

- 53.** Arrange the following temple architecture chronologically from the earliest to latest
1. Brihadesvara temple
 2. Kailasa temple
 3. Sun temple at Konark
 4. Ladkhan temple

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 54.** Consider the following statements

1. The BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes is administered by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
2. New Development Bank (NDB) is one of the implementing agencies for Clean Technology Fund (CTF) investments
3. The Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (GEEREF) is managed by World Bank.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 55.** Consider the following statements regarding Kathakali Dance

1. Kerala is the home of the classical dance Kathakali.
2. Chakiarkoothu, Koodiyattam, Krishnattam and Ramanattam are the ritual performing arts of Kerala which have had a direct influence on Kathakali.
3. Kathakali derives its textual sanction from Balarama Bharatam and Hastalakshana Deepika.

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

- 56.** Consider the following statements regarding Surajkund International Crafts Mela

1. It is the largest crafts fair in the world.
2. The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism.

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 the different committees related to banking sector:

1. Ratan P. Watal committee was set up to make recommendations for the promotion of digital payments in the country.
2. P.J. Nayak committee was constituted by the Ministry of Finance to review Governance of Boards of Banks in India.
3. Urjit Patel Committee recommended the nominal anchor or the target for inflation should be set at 6 per cent with a band of +/- 2 per cent around it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Kharchi puja is organized in the state of

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Tripura

59. Consider the following pairs of theatre forms and the region they are performed:

<i>Theatre Forms</i>	<i>Region</i>
1. Bhand Pather	: Kashmir
2. Nautanki	: Uttar Pradesh
3. Bhavai	: Rajasthan
4. Bhaona	: Jharkhand

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

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding the cultural sites of India, recently seen in news:

1. The historic town of Orchha was founded in the 16th century by the Bundela Rajput Chief, Rudra Pratap.
2. Phupgaon is situated in the vast meander of the river Purna.
3. Markandeshwar temples belong to the Nagara group of temples.

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 puppetry

1. The earliest reference to the art of puppetry is found in Tamil classic 'Silappadikaaram' written around the 1st or 2nd century B.C.
2. Natyashastra, the masterly treatise on dramaturgy does not refer to the art of puppetry.

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 Buddhist and Jain literature

1. The Buddhist canonical literature was written in Pali language.
2. Many of the Jain tales were written in some forms of Prakrit.
3. Both Buddhism and Jainism have refrained from using Sanskrit in any form.

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

63. Consider the following statements regarding Gram Nyayalayas

1. The Gram Nyayalaya shall be bound by the rules of evidence provided in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872
2. They have jurisdiction over only civil offences
3. The pecuniary jurisdiction of the Nyayalayas are fixed by the respective High Courts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

64. Consider the following pairs of folk music and the States they are originally performed

<i>Folk Music</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Rasiya Geet	: Rajasthan
2. Pankhida	: Uttar Pradesh
3. Pandavani	: Chhattisgarh
4. Mando	: Goa

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

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding National School of Drama

1. It was set up by the Sangeet Natak Akademi as one of its constituent units.
2. Bharat Rang Mahotsav is the annual theatre festival of National School of Drama (NSD).

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding Payment and settlement systems Act, (PSS) 2007

1. It provides for the regulation and supervision of payment systems in India
2. Any person desirous of commencing or operating a payment system needs to apply for authorization under the PSS Act, 2007

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

67. Consider the following statements regarding Amaravati School of Art:

1. It was developed indigenously and not influenced by external cultures.
2. The sculptures were made using spotted red sandstone.
3. It was patronized by Kushana rulers.

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

68. Which of the following are the features of Indo-Islamic architecture

1. The human and animal figures were used extensively.
2. The buildings had intricate jaali works, which signifies the importance of light in Islamic religion.
3. Indo-Islamic architecture used calligraphy as means of decoration.

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding Nyaya Bandhu (Mobile Application) scheme

1. It provides a platform to connect the registered eligible beneficiaries with the practicing advocates who are willing to volunteer their time and money in providing their services.
2. It aims to fulfill the Constitutional commitment under Article 49 for providing access to justice to all.

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 Sittanavasal Cave Paintings

1. Sittanavasal Caves are located in the state of Tamil Nadu
2. These famous rock-cut caves are known for the paintings in the Buddhist structures.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding National Productivity Council (NPC)

1. It is an autonomous registered society under Ministry of Human Resource and Development.
2. It aims to improve productivity of educational institutes in rural India
3. It is a constituent of the Tokyo-based Asian Productivity Organization (APO)

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following statements regarding the characteristics of Carnatic Music

1. There is a vast freedom to improvise.
2. There are several sub-styles of singing.
3. It gives more emphasis on vocal music.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 73.** Consider the following statements regarding Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF)
1. It will be created under the ambit of Reserve Bank of India
 2. It will provide the state/ UT governments subsidized loans for their proposal for developing marketing infrastructure

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

- 74.** Consider the following statements regarding Nyaya School of philosophy:
1. They believe in the technique of logical thinking to achieve salvation.
 2. On the concept of God, they argue that the creation of the Universe was through God's hands.

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.** Tungareashwar Wildlife Sanctuary, sometime seen in the news, is located in which of the following state?
- (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Gujarat
 - (d) Madhya Pradesh

- 76.** Consider the following statements regarding SnowEx campaign

1. It aims to create awareness regarding the declining number of Snow Leopard species in Himalayan region.
2. It was launched by The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

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

- 77.** Consider the following pairs of organizations and their founders

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Founder</i>
1. The Bangabhasha Prakasika Sabha	: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
2. The East India Association	: Dadabhai Naoroji
3. The Indian League	: Sisir Kumar Ghosh

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

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

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78. Which of the following was/were discontent among Sepoys during British rule?

1. The discontent of the sepoys was limited to military matters.
2. The passing of General Service Enlistment Act and not giving the foreign service allowance (bhatta).
3. The conditions of service in the Company's army came into conflict with the religious beliefs and prejudices of the sepoys.
4. The Indian sepoy was discriminated against racially and in matters of promotion and privileges.

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding 1000 springs initiative

1. It aims to improve access to safe and adequate water for the tribal communities living in difficult and inaccessible part of rural areas in the country.
2. It includes the provision of water for irrigation
3. It was jointly launched by Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Jal Shakti

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

80. Consider the following statements regarding Doctrine of Lapse

1. Lord Dalhousie was the originator of the concept of Doctrine of Lapse.
2. The first state to be annexed under Dalhousie's Doctrine of Lapse was Jhansi.

3. Awadh was annexed on the grounds of misgovernment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding Paika Rebellion

1. The Paiks of Odisha were the traditional landed militia and enjoyed rent free land tenures for their military service and policing functions on a hereditary basis.
2. The rebellion was organized under the leadership of Bakshi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar.

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

1. It is a scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior citizens belonging to BPL category.
2. The scheme is fully funded by the Central Government.
3. Under the scheme, the physical aids will be provided only to the senior citizens of the nation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

83. Black Hole Tragedy is associated with

- (a) The Carnatic wars
- (b) The Anglo Maratha wars
- (c) The Battle of Buxar
- (d) The Battle of Plassey

84. Which of the following were the items of export during Mughal periods?

- 1. Raw silk and silk fabrics
- 2. Saltpetre
- 3. Pepper
- 4. Coffee

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

85. Consider the following statements regarding National Calamity Contingent Duty

- 1. It was introduced under the Disaster Management Act 2005.
- 2. It is tax imposed on pan masala, cigarettes, cellular phones and other tobacco products.
- 3. NCCD in the present form has been imposed as a surcharge on Excise Duty

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

86. Consider the following statements regarding regional kingdom of Hyderabad

- 1. The founder of the regional kingdom of Hyderabad was Kilich Khan.
- 2. It was Nizam-ul-Mulk who had first conceived the idea of an independent state in the Deccan.

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding Vigyan Jyoti Scheme

- 1. It was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- 2. It will create a level-playing field for the meritorious girls in high school to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in their higher education.
- 3. The programme will cover girl students from Higher Secondary to Post Graduation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements regarding Melamine

- 1. It is an organic base chemical rich in nitrogen.
- 2. It is usually added to increase the taste of the food
- 3. It can cause bladder stones in animals

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

89. Consider the following statements regarding Farrukhsiyar

1. He became the new emperor with the help of Sayyid brothers.
2. In 1632, he issued the Golden Farman to English.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

90. Consider the following statements regarding Battles of Panipat

1. First Battle of Panipat laid the foundation of the Mughal Empire.
2. Second Battle of Panipat laid the foundation of the Sur dynasty
3. Third Battle of Panipat was fought between the Marathas and the Mughals.

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding National Security Act

1. It empowers the central government and state governments to detain a person to prevent him/her from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of India.
2. The act also gives power to the governments to detain a foreigner in a view to regulate his presence or expel from the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding Danes

1. The Danish East India Company was established in 1616 and they founded a factory at Tranquebar.
2. The Danes are better known for their missionary activities than for commerce.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Joseph Francis Dupleix

1. Dupleix was the first European to interfere in the internal politics of the Indian rulers.
2. Dupleix was the originator of the practice of subsidiary alliance in 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

- 94.** Consider the following statements
1. Defence Acquisition Council is chaired by Prime Minister.
 2. Nirbhay is India's first indigenously produced cruise missile.
 3. Bold Kurukshetra is a joint military exercise between India and France.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 95.** Consider the following statements regarding English merchants

1. Queen Elizabeth I issued a charter with rights of exclusive trading to a company in 1600.
2. Initially, a monopoly was granted for indefinite period, which was later restricted to fifteen years by a fresh charter.
3. Captain Hawkins arrived in the court of Aurangzeb for requesting trade rights.

Which of the statements given above is/are Not correct?

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

- 96.** Consider the following statements regarding Mosquirix

1. It is the world's first licensed malaria vaccine
2. It can be used against parasitic disease of any kind.
3. India is instrumental in developing this vaccine.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 97.** Consider the following statements regarding Alfonso de Albuquerque

1. Albuquerque was the first Portuguese governor in India.
2. He was considered as the real founder of the Portuguese power in the East.
3. One of the notable features under his rule was the abolition of sati practice.

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

- 98.** Consider the following statements regarding The World Food Programme (WFP)

1. It is the food-assistance branch of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
2. WFP works to help people who cannot produce or obtain enough food for themselves and their families.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

99. Consider the following statements regarding Dutch invasion

1. The Dutch founded their first factory in Nagapatam in 1605.
2. The battle of Hooghly dealt a crushing blow to Dutch ambitions in 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

100. Consider the following statements regarding ExoMars

1. It is a joint endeavour between ESA and Roscosmos.
2. It aims to address the question of whether life has ever existed on Mars.

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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thnx insight nd team for all ur motivation,

Nd m a person with very weak immune system nd multiple organ disfunctioning, prone to minor weather nd circumstances changes, facing all these tantrums since 2009, so m habitual to breaks in routine nd planning again nd again, nd dont knw whether this spiral hve END or not,,,, so i always do my best with my circumstances without any complaint, bcoz this hs become a reality of my lyf nd i cnt escape from it whether being in my hometown or in Lbasna or at any other place with any other work than study, i'll be back to slightly normal routine of study perhaps from 14 or at max 15 april.,bcoz these dayz having some neuro nd eye issues so cant read more thn 10 to 15 minute in one shot...,nd yes i really want to end this journey as happy all is well story,, BE WITH ME TILL THE END, I REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT ND GUIDANCE, THNKU TEAM

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