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ECONOMY

1. The principle known as 'Most-Favoured-Nation' or MFN, under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, essentially means that
 - (a) Only one country can be designated as MFN by another nation as per its discretion, under which special favours such as lower customs duty rates can be granted to the MFN nation.
 - (b) Any number of nations can be granted the MFN status by another nation as per its discretion, under which special favours such as lower customs duty rates can be granted to the MFN nation.
 - (c) Countries cannot normally discriminate between their trading partners.
 - (d) 'X' nation with which 'Y' nation accounts for the largest share in value of the former's foreign trade shall be granted special favours, in accordance with MFN norms, by the latter.
2. What are Surety Bonds?
 - (a) Insurance policies that protect individuals or businesses against financial losses due to natural disasters.
 - (b) Financial instruments used to invest in the stock market.
 - (c) Legal agreements where a third party guarantees the performance or payment of a contract by another party.
 - (d) Securities issued by the government to raise funds for public infrastructure projects.
3. Consider the following statements regarding Government security (G-sec) yields.
 1. Government securities or government bonds, are instruments that governments use to borrow money.
 2. G-sec yields indicate the broader trend of interest rates in the economy.
 3. If G-sec yields start going up, it means lending to the government is becoming riskier.

How many of the above statements are correct?

 - (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. The Reserve Bank of India manages and services Government of India Securities but not any State Government Securities.
 2. Treasury bills are issued by the Government of India and there are no treasury bills issued by the State Governments.
 3. Treasury bills are issued at a discount from the par value.

How many of the above statements are correct?

 - (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
5. Which of the following statements correctly describe the Sovereign Green Bond?
 - (a) A financial instrument issued by a government to fund military projects with a commitment to environmentally sustainable practices.
 - (b) A type of bond issued by a government to finance projects with positive environmental and climate benefits.
 - (c) A bond exclusively issued by environmentally conscious sovereign nations to support renewable energy initiatives.



- (d) A financial security offered by a government to raise funds for wildlife conservation and preservation efforts.
6. What does the phrase "financial inclusion" mean to you?
- A marketing strategy for luxury brands.
 - The process of making financial services accessible to all individuals and businesses, especially those in underserved or remote areas.
 - A stock market trading technique.
 - The exclusive financial services offered to high-net-worth individuals.
7. 'Investor Risk Reduction Access' (IRRA) platform launched under the aegis of
- Reserve Bank of India
 - Securities and Exchange Board of India
 - Directorate General of Foreign Trade
 - None of the above
8. With reference to the current trends in the cultivation of sugarcane in India, consider the following statements:
- A substantial saving in seed material is made when 'bud chip settlings are raised in a nursery and transplanted in the main field.
 - When direct planting of setts is done, the germination percentage is better with single-budded setts as compared to setts with many buds.
 - If bad weather conditions prevail when setts are directly planted, single-budded setts have better survival as compared to large setts.
 - Sugarcane can be cultivated using settlings prepared from tissue culture.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
9. Consider the following statements about Periodic Labour Force Survey:
- It is a survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSO).
 - It estimates key employment and unemployment indicators in a three-month interval for urban areas under 'Current Weekly Status' (CWS).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
10. What is disguised unemployment?
- It refers to the situation where people are employed but are not satisfied with their jobs.
 - It is a condition where individuals are unemployed but are actively seeking employment.
 - Disguised unemployment occurs when more people are engaged in a task than required for its efficient performance.
 - It is a term used for individuals who are employed part-time and are actively looking for full-time employment.



ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- In which of the following states is Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary located?
 - Kerala
 - Delhi
 - Sikkim
 - Goa

- In which of the following states is Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary located?
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Maharashtra
 - Karnataka
 - Andhra Pradesh

- What is the Minamata Convention?
 - A treaty focused on maritime security and preventing piracy in international waters.
 - A global agreement to address the health and environmental effects of mercury pollution.
 - A convention that aims to regulate international trade in endangered species.
 - An international accord to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Consider the following statements:
 - "National Efficient Cooking Programme" (NECP) is a subset of the Clean Cooking Scheme.
 - NECP focuses on Non-Solar/Electricity-based Induction Cookstoves, aligning with the Go-electric initiative by the NITI Aayog.
 - Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), operating under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, is a leading Energy Service Company.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- Which of the following is/are NOT criteria for being qualified as a 'biodiversity hotspot'?
 - Each one must be irreplaceable
 - It must have 30% or less of its original natural vegetation

Select the correct answer using codes given below

- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
- Consider the following statements with reference to Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve:
 - It lies between the west coast of Sri Lanka and the southeastern tip of India.
 - It incorporates two National parks of India.
 - It is home to indigenous Shompen people.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- Consider the following statements regarding the 'Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve'(GOMBR).
 - Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve is the first marine Biosphere in India.
 - It extends from Rameswaram to Tuticorin.
 - It is internationally recognised under the UNESCO-MAB programme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- Consider the following Biosphere Reserves:
 - Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
 - Manas Biosphere Reserve
 - Nokrek Biosphere Reserve
 - Kachchh Biosphere Reserve



5. Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve
How many of the above are part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves?
- Only two
 - Only three
 - Only four
 - All five
9. Consider the following statements regarding UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB).
- UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) is an Intergovernmental Programme that aims to establish a scientific basis for the improvement of relationships between people and their environments.
 - Under this, Protection is granted to the flora and fauna of the protected region and also to the human communities who inhabit these regions.
 - Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve is the first of India's reserves to make it to UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
10. Consider the following statements.
- Biodiversity hotspots are located only in tropical regions.
 - India has four biodiversity hotspots i.e. Eastern Himalayas, Western Himalayas, Western Ghats and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
11. Consider the following pairs [Wildlife Sanctuary: State]:
- Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary: Karnataka
 - Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary: Odisha
 - Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary: Goa
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
12. Consider the following statements regarding Jim Corbett National Park.
- Jim Corbett National Park is India's and Asia's first national park.
 - It was the first to come under the Project Tiger initiative.
 - It completely encompasses the Shivaliks, near the foothills of the Himalayas.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
13. Consider the following statements regarding Snow leopard.
- Spiti valley of Himachal Pradesh provides a good habitat for Snow leopard and its prey species.
 - Siberian ibex and blue sheep are the important prey species for Snow leopards.
 - They are Classified as 'Critically Endangered' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red list and listed in Schedule-I species of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two



- (c) All three
(d) None
14. 'Composite Water Management Index' (CWMI) report is published by the
- Central Ground Water Board
 - Central Water Commission
 - Central Pollution Control Board
 - NITI Aayog
15. What is carbon monoxide (CO)?
- A common greenhouse gas produced during photosynthesis in plants.
 - A highly flammable gas used as a fuel source in industrial processes.
 - A colorless, odorless, toxic gas formed by incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels.
 - A naturally occurring gas essential for respiration in humans.
16. The 'Noise Pollution' (Regulation and Control) Rules 2000 were notified under the
- The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
 - Environment Protection Act, 1986
 - Biological Diversity Act, 2002
 - None of the above
17. What defines an invasive species?
- Species that naturally belong and coexist within an ecosystem, maintaining its ecological balance.
 - Organisms that have been introduced, deliberately or accidentally, into a new environment and cause ecological or economic harm.
 - Wildlife species that migrate seasonally across different ecosystems without causing any disturbance.
 - Native species that adapt to changing environmental conditions by evolving rapidly within their existing habitat.
18. Consider the following statements regarding the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is a statutory body whose primary objective is to reduce the energy intensity of the Indian economy.
 - BEE gives financial assistance to institutions for promoting efficient use of energy and its conservation.
 - The items covered under the Star Labeling Programme includes Deep Freezers, Light Commercial Air Conditioners, Domestic Gas Stove, Ballast and Microwave Oven.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
19. With reference to India's Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), 2017 consider the following statements:
- ECBC sets minimum energy standards for commercial buildings, with the objective of enabling energy savings of between 25 and 50 per cent in compliant buildings.
 - ECBC is for both new buildings and retrofitting existing buildings.
 - While ECBC acts as a national standard, states across India have the flexibility to modify the code depending on unique regional needs.



How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

20. State Energy Efficiency Index is published by

- (a) Rural Electrification Corporation
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- (d) Reserve Bank of India

21. With reference to 'Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health' (ATACH), consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the International Medical Corps and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, established in 2020.
2. It is an informal voluntary network which works to realize the ambition set at COP26 to build climate-resilient and sustainable health systems.

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. 'Pusa-2090', sometimes mentioned in the news, is a/an/the

- (a) Bio-fertilizer
- (b) Variety of wheat
- (c) Military acquisition initiative
- (d) None of the above

23. Consider the following statements about 'Loss and damage' fund:

1. The fund aims to provide financial assistance to nations most vulnerable and impacted by the effects of climate change.
2. During the 2013 COP 19 in Warsaw, Poland, member nations of UNFCCC formally established the 'Loss and damage' fund.

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. Which of the following best describes the meaning of the word 'echidna'?

- (a) A type of bird known for its elaborate mating dances.
- (b) A marine mammal with a streamlined body and flippers.
- (c) A monotreme, laying eggs and possessing spines, native to Australia and New Guinea.
- (d) A large herbivorous mammal found in African savannas.

25. Consider the following statements about National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA):

1. It is an apex Body of Government of India, with a mandate to lay down policies for disaster management.
2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is the 'Nodal Ministry' for the management of natural disasters in India.
3. It is headed by the Home Minister of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

26. Consider the following statements.

1. The World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated to mark the establishment of CITES.
2. CITES is an international agreement between governments that aims to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.



3. The CITES Secretariat is administered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature(IUCN).
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
27. Consider the following statements regarding Appendices covered under CITES.
- Appendix I includes species not threatened with extinction.
 - Appendix II includes species that are necessarily threatened with extinction.
 - Appendix III contains species that are protected in at least one country, which has asked other CITES Parties for assistance in controlling the trade.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
28. Consider the following statements about Red Sanders:
- It is classified as endangered by the IUCN.
 - It is an Indian endemic tree species, with a restricted geographical range in the Eastern Ghats.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
29. What is the primary role of algae?
- Algae are terrestrial plants crucial for agricultural practices.
 - Algae are microscopic animals found in marine environments.
 - Algae are photosynthetic organisms that produce oxygen and serve as the base of aquatic food chains.
 - Algae are fungi contributing to decomposition processes in soil.
30. Which one of the following statements about greenhouse gas is correct?
- Greenhouse gases are only emitted by human activities and not present naturally.
 - Greenhouse gases include water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.
 - Greenhouse gases have a cooling effect on the Earth's atmosphere.
 - Greenhouse gases primarily contribute to air pollution.
31. Consider the following statements with reference to Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023:
- It seeks to restrict the conservation scope of the Act to only certain forest lands.
 - It exempts border lands from the obligation to seek permissions to clear forests in order to construct "strategic linear projects of national importance".
 - As per the new amendment to the act, the State government requires prior approval of the central government to assign forest land to any entity not owned or controlled by the government
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None



32. Consider the following statements regarding Community Forest Resource rights.

1. The Community Forest Resource rights are recognised under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act.
2. It recognises the community's right to use, manage and conserve forest resources.
3. Simlipal National Park in Odisha is the first national park to recognise Community Forest Resource rights.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

33. Consider the following statements regarding Community Reserve

1. The Community Reserve was established under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
2. Any state government can declare a community-owned forest area as "community reserve" if locals are willing to participate in conservation efforts for the same.
3. Community reserves receive the same legal protection as National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

34. Which one of the following best describes the term "greenwashing"?

- (a) Conveying a false impression that a company's products are eco-friendly and environmentally sound
- (b) Non-inclusion of ecological/environmental costs in the Annual Financial Statements of a country
- (c) Ignoring the disastrous ecological consequences while undertaking infrastructure development
- (d) Making mandatory provisions for environmental costs in a government project/programme

35. Consider the following statements regarding C40 Cities.

1. C40 is a global network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis
2. From India, New Delhi and Mumbai are the only two cities that are member cities of the C40.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

36. Regarding the 'Gambusia fish', which statement is accurate?

- (a) Gambusia is a species of deep-sea fish found in the Atlantic Ocean.
- (b) Gambusia is a freshwater fish known for its use in biological pest control.
- (c) Gambusia is a saltwater fish commonly used in the aquarium trade.
- (d) Gambusia is a predatory species found in the Amazon rainforest.



37. Consider the following statements regarding Seabuckthorn.
1. It is a shrub which produces an orange-yellow coloured edible berry.
 2. It is a soil-binding plant which prevents soil-erosion, checks siltation in rivers and helps preserve floral biodiversity.
 3. In India, it is found in the Himalayan region, generally in dry areas such as the cold deserts of Ladakh and Spiti.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
38. Which of the following statements about Green Leaf Volatiles (GLVs) is correct?
- (a) GLVs are primary pigments responsible for the green color of leaves.
 - (b) GLVs are released by plants as a defense mechanism against herbivores.
 - (c) GLVs play a role in the process of photosynthesis.
 - (d) GLVs are inert substances and do not participate in any biochemical reactions.
39. How can the process of "Decarbonising Transport" be achieved? Choose the correct statement:
- (a) Increasing the use of fossil fuels in vehicles.
 - (b) Promoting the development and use of electric vehicles.
 - (c) Encouraging the construction of more highways.
 - (d) Ignoring public transportation initiatives.
40. How does improving public transportation contribute to decarbonising transport?
- (a) By increasing the use of private vehicles.
 - (b) By reducing traffic congestion.
 - (c) By using fossil fuels exclusively.
 - (d) By promoting individual car ownership.
41. Which natural process is a significant contributor to the release of carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere?
- (a) Combustion
 - (b) Photosynthesis
 - (c) Respiration
 - (d) Nuclear fission
42. Which of the following greenhouse gases is primarily associated with livestock and agricultural activities?
- (a) Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)
 - (b) Methane (CH₄)
 - (c) Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)
 - (d) Ozone (O₃)
43. Which of the following statements about carbon monoxide (CO) is correct?
- (a) Carbon monoxide is a greenhouse gas responsible for global warming.
 - (b) Carbon monoxide is a odorless and colorless gas that can be produced by incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels.
 - (c) Carbon monoxide is a major component of Earth's atmosphere, constituting about 20% of the air we breathe.
 - (d) Carbon monoxide is a nutrient that plants absorb through their leaves to support photosynthesis.
44. In which of the following states is Shettihalli wildlife sanctuary located?
- (a) Kerala
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Karnataka
 - (d) Goa



45. Consider the following statements regarding Eco-Sensitive Zones.
1. Eco-Sensitive Zones are notified as per the National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016), issued by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 2. Only lands within 10 km of the boundaries of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries are declared as Eco-Sensitive Zones.
 3. These areas are meant to act as a transition zone from areas requiring higher protection to those requiring lesser protection.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

46. Consider the following activities:

1. Commercial mining
2. Saw mills
3. Horticultural practices
4. Rainwater harvesting

How many of the above activities are prohibited in Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) in India?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

47. What is the role of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)?

- (a) IOTC is primarily focused on promoting tourism in the Indian Ocean region.
- (b) IOTC is responsible for managing and conserving tuna and other marine resources in the Indian Ocean.
- (c) IOTC is a political organization aiming to establish trade agreements among Indian Ocean countries.
- (d) IOTC focuses on climate research and monitoring in the Indian Ocean.

48. Which of the following statements about tuna is correct?

- (a) Tuna is a type of freshwater fish commonly found in lakes and rivers.
- (b) Tuna is a warm-blooded fish, allowing it to thrive in various ocean temperatures.
- (c) All tuna species are herbivores, primarily feeding on algae and aquatic plants.
- (d) Tuna is a small-sized fish, typically reaching a maximum length of 6 inches (15 cm).

49. Which of the following statements about "Rat Hole Mining" is correct?

- (a) It is a conventional method used for large-scale coal extraction.
- (b) It is a safer and more environmentally friendly alternative to other mining techniques.
- (c) It is primarily associated with the extraction of metallic minerals.
- (d) It refers to a hazardous and illegal practice related to coal extraction in certain regions.

POLITY AND GOVERNANCE

1. Consider the following statements about the Ethics committee in Lok Sabha:

1. It was first constituted in 2000.
2. It consists of not more than fifteen members and nominated by the Speaker.
3. It is responsible for examining cases of ethical misconduct among Members of Parliament (MPs).

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None



2. What is the Prisoner's Dilemma?
- A negotiation strategy where both parties always cooperate for mutual benefit.
 - A game theory scenario where two rational individuals may not cooperate, even if it appears that it is in their best interest to do so.
 - A legal principle that mandates reduced sentences for prisoners who provide information about their fellow inmates.
 - A competitive game in which prisoners compete for better living conditions in a jail.
3. Consider the following statements about the Competition Commission of India:
- It is the chief national competition regulator in India.
 - It is a statutory body within the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
 - It looks into cases and investigates them if the same has a negative impact on competition.
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
4. What is "split voting" in the context of politics?
- It refers to the practice of casting multiple votes in a single election.
 - It involves voters changing their political party affiliation during an election season.
 - It describes the phenomenon where voters support different political parties or candidates for various offices in a single election.
 - It pertains to the process of dividing a legislative body into two separate chambers for decision-making.
5. What is an Advocate-on-Record (AOR)?
- An attorney who specializes in record-keeping for legal cases.
 - A legal professional qualified to represent clients in court proceedings in India.
 - A legal expert responsible for archiving court documents.
 - A law enforcement officer responsible for recording witness statements.
6. Consider the following statements regarding the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013.
- The law mandates that 75% of the total population must be covered by the PDS.
 - The NFSA requires that the latest completed Census be used to calculate the total PDS coverage.
 - Some States use their own budgets to top up PDS coverage through the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None



7. Consider the following statements about Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities:

1. The Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was set up under the Right to Information Act 2005.
2. The office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) is a part of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. It undertakes and promotes research in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

8. With reference to Government of India's "Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023", consider the following statements:

1. The policy enables and empowers the Central Bureau of Communication which is the advertising wing of the Government of India to undertake campaigns in the Digital Media Space.
2. The policy encompasses campaigns to be run on mobile applications, apart from websites.
3. It mandates that the Digital Media platforms need to be at least a year old to be eligible to apply under the scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

9. Consider the following statements.

1. Article 341 of the Constitution provides certain privileges and concessions to the members of Scheduled Castes.
2. Parliament alone is vested with the power to include or exclude any entry in the Scheduled Castes (SC) list.
3. There is provision for the reservation of Scheduled Castes both in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None

10. What does the term "code of conduct" mean to you?

- (a) A set of traffic rules for pedestrians.
- (b) Guidelines for ethical behavior and professional conduct within a specific organization.
- (c) Programming instructions for computer software.
- (d) A code used by secret societies for communication.

11. A citizen can seek information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 by filing a:

- (a) representation.
- (b) application.
- (c) affidavit.
- (d) None of the above.

12. Which of the following statements about the Right to Information Act, 2005, is correct?

- (a) The Act is available to the citizens of India only.
- (b) Information seekers have to provide a reason for seeking information.
- (c) Public authorities are obligated to proactively disclose information requested by the seekers.
- (d) The Act covers only the central government and not state governments.



13. Which Article of the Constitution of India barred the courts from inquiring into the advice given by the Council of Ministers to the President?
- Article 73(1)
 - Article 74(2)
 - Article 75(3)
 - Article 76(4)

14. Consider the following statements:

- The AIJS was added to the constitution in 1978 by the 44th Constitution Amendment.
- Article 312 of the Constitution provides for the establishment of the AIJS for posts of district judge and above
- The AIJS will not include any post inferior to that of a District Judge.

How many of the above statements about All India Judicial Service(AIJS) are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

15. With reference to 'Special Category Status' (SCS) given to states in India, consider the following statements:

- It was introduced in 1969 on the recommendation of the fifth Finance Commission (FC).
- It is a classification granted by the Centre to assist the development of States that face geographical or socio-economic disadvantages.
- 'Low population density' is one of the factors considered before granting SCS.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

GEOGRAPHY

1. What do you know about the Sinai Peninsula?

- The Sinai Peninsula is part of South America and is bordered by the Amazon River to the south.
- It is primarily a desert region located in northeastern Africa, and it is separated from the rest of Egypt by the Suez Canal.
- The Sinai Peninsula is known for its lush rainforests and diverse wildlife, making it a popular ecotourism destination.
- It is a separate independent country with no political or territorial connections to any neighboring nations.

2. Consider the following statements about Subansiri River:

- It originates in the Tibet Plateau and enters India through Miri hills in Arunachal Pradesh.
- It is the largest tributary of Brahmaputra River.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

3. What are geoglyphs?

- Artistic designs carved into mountains.
- Large designs or motifs created on the ground surface by arranging stones or altering the landscape.
- Underground formations representing ancient cultural symbols.
- Temporary artworks made by painting on cave walls.

4. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Tuvalu':

- It is a Polynesian island nation in the Pacific Ocean
- It is located between Hawaii and Australia.



3. It is often referred to as the first country that will be totally submerged, due to climate change.'
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
5. What characterizes phreatomagmatic eruptions?
- They involve the eruption of molten rock and ash from a volcano's vent.
 - These eruptions result from the sudden release of gas and steam due to water interacting with magma.
 - They produce lava flows and pyroclastic flows.
 - Phreatomagmatic eruptions occur due to the build-up of pressure within the volcano's magma chamber.
6. Which of the following about the Suez Canal is correct?
- A man-made canal connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea.
 - A natural waterway connecting the Black Sea to the Aegean Sea.
 - A river in South America connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
 - A canal in Asia connecting the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.
7. What is the Mid-Atlantic Ridge?
- A tectonic plate boundary characterized by the collision of the North American and Eurasian plates.
 - An underwater mountain range running down the center of the Atlantic Ocean.
 - A geological fault line located in the western United States.
 - A meteor impact crater found in the Atlantic Ocean.
8. Consider the following statements about Mount Etna:
- It is an active stratovolcano.
 - It is located on the east coast of Sicily, Italy.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
9. Consider the following pairs [Volcano - Location]
- Merapi - Indonesia
 - Mauna Loa - Iceland
 - Santa Maria - Guatemala
- How many of the above given pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
10. Consider the following countries:
- Ethiopia
 - Djibouti
 - Kenya
 - Eritrea
- How many of the above nations share a land border with Somalia?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
11. Consider the following countries:
- China
 - Laos
 - Vietnam
 - Thailand
- How many of the above nations share a land border with Myanmar?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - Only three
 - All four
12. Regarding 'Cyprus', which statement is accurate?
- Cyprus is a landlocked country in Southeast Europe.



- (b) The island is divided into two separate entities, the Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- (c) Cyprus is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea.
- (d) Cyprus gained independence from Greece in the 21st century.
13. What is a 'tidal flat'?
- (a) A type of wetland ecosystem found in mountainous regions.
- (b) A coastal landform characterized by a sloping beach.
- (c) An area of land periodically submerged and exposed by the rise and fall of tides.
- (d) A geological formation resulting from volcanic activity in the ocean.
14. Consider the following statements:
1. Line of Control (LoC) is a demarcation line that separates Indian-controlled territory from Chinese-controlled territory.
 2. McMahon Line is the demarcation line between the Tibetan region of China and the Northern Himalayan region of India.
- Which of the given above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
15. Consider the following pairs (Valley/Pass - State):
1. Byans valley
Himachal Pradesh
 2. Valley of Flowers
Uttarakhand
 3. Rupin Pass
Sikkim
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None
16. Regarding the 'Moho discontinuity', which statement is accurate?
- (a) A geological boundary between the Earth's crust and mantle.
- (b) A weather phenomenon associated with extreme temperature variations.
- (c) A seismological feature indicating the presence of oil reserves.
- (d) A point of intersection between two tectonic plates.
17. Consider the following statements regarding cyclones and anticyclones.
1. Cyclones originate at the area of low pressure, while anticyclones originate at high pressure area.
 2. Both cyclones and anticyclones are associated with clouds, rain and thunderstorms.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. Consider the following statements.
1. Normally, cyclones weaken upon entering land.
 2. When cyclones come under the influence of western disturbances, it can retain its intensity even after entering land.
 3. The Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea generate around one-fourth of the world's cyclones.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None



19. Consider the following statements regarding the role played by tropical cyclones on regional and global climate.
1. They can often bring intense rainfall to drought prone regions.
 2. They carry heat energy away from the tropics and transport it toward temperate latitudes.
 3. They also act as the earth's filter system by cleansing the air of toxins and pollutants out of the atmosphere.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
20. The Noa Dihing is a tributary of the
- (a) Subansiri River
 - (b) Barak River
 - (c) Brahmaputra
 - (d) River Rangeet
21. Regarding the Baltic states, which of the following statements is accurate?
- (a) The Baltic states were never part of the Soviet Union.
 - (b) Lithuania is the largest of the Baltic states in terms of land area.
 - (c) Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are all members of the European Union.
 - (d) The Baltic states share a land border with Scandinavia.
22. Which of the following statements about Nordic countries is correct?
- (a) All Nordic countries are members of the European Union.
 - (b) The term "Nordic countries" refers exclusively to Scandinavian nations.
 - (c) Finland is not considered a Nordic country.

- (d) The Nordic Model is characterized by a combination of high taxes and strong social welfare programs.

23. Consider the following countries:

1. Chile
2. Bolivia
3. Paraguay
4. Brazil
5. Uruguay

How many of the above countries share a land border with Argentina?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. What do you know about the Moon?
 - (a) The Moon is a star that emits its own light, primarily at night.
 - (b) The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite, orbiting our planet.
 - (c) The Moon is composed mainly of liquid water.
 - (d) The Moon has a breathable atmosphere that can support human life without the need for spacesuits.
2. What can be said about the planet Venus?
 - (a) Venus is the closest planet to the Sun in our solar system.
 - (b) Venus is known for its extremely cold and icy surface.
 - (c) Venus has a rotation that is opposite to the majority of other planets.
 - (d) Venus has a thick atmosphere primarily composed of oxygen.
3. What are carbon nanoflorets?
 - (a) Tiny, flower-like structures made of carbon nanotubes.
 - (b) A type of carbon allotrope with a diamond-like structure.



- (c) Nanoscale materials used for water purification.
- (d) Carbon particles used in rocket fuel.
4. Consider the following statements:
1. Semiconductors are materials that have high resistance to electric current flow.
 2. Semiconductors are only used in electronic devices for energy storage.
 3. Semiconductors have no impact on the performance of computer processors.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
5. Consider the following statements.
1. India's semiconductor industrial policy is being managed mainly by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
 2. India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) focuses on manufacturing, assembly, displays and compound semiconductors.
 3. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) is an R&D organisation under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) that administers the policy for chip design.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
6. Consider the following statements.
1. A semiconductor is a material which has an electrical conductivity value falling between that of a conductor and an insulator.
 2. Quantum computing and enhanced wireless networks rely on semiconductors.
 3. The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) and Design Linked Incentive (DLI) schemes encourage building a semiconductor ecosystem in India.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
7. What is "White Hydrogen"?
- (a) Hydrogen gas that is produced from the electrolysis of water.
 - (b) A form of hydrogen gas that is used as rocket fuel.
 - (c) Hydrogen gas obtained from the steam methane reforming process.
 - (d) Hydrogen gas produced using renewable energy sources, such as wind or solar power.
8. 'ENCORE' software application associated with the
- (a) FIR Search
 - (b) Assets Mapping and Geo Tagging
 - (c) Human Resources Management System
 - (d) None of the above
9. What is the Lucy mission?
- (a) A JAXA mission to study the geological composition of the Moon.
 - (b) A European Space Agency (ESA) mission to explore Mars' polar ice caps.
 - (c) A NASA mission to study the Trojan asteroids, which share an orbit with Jupiter.
 - (d) A SpaceX mission to investigate the geysers on Saturn's moon, Enceladus.



10. Consider the following statements about KAVACH:

1. The KAVACH is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
2. It activates the train's braking system automatically if the driver fails to control the train as per speed restrictions
3. In India, the KAVACH system has been installed on every railroad track.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None

11. With reference to Small Modular Reactors(SMRs), consider the following statements:

1. SMRs are advanced nuclear reactors that have a power capacity of more than 3000 MW(e) per unit.
2. SMRs can be sited on locations not suitable for larger nuclear power plants.
3. There are currently four SMRs in advanced stages of construction in India.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

12. What is Environmental DNA (eDNA)?

- (a) eDNA refers to the electronic documentation of environmental samples.
- (b) eDNA is the extraction of DNA from historical artifacts.

- (c) eDNA is the genetic material obtained directly from environmental samples like water, soil, or air.
- (d) eDNA stands for Electronic Data Networking, a system used for tracking endangered species.

13. Consider the following statements regarding the Deep Ocean Mission.

1. Deep Ocean Mission is the initiative of International Seabed Authority (ISA).
2. As part of the Deep Ocean Mission, India plans to introduce deep ocean gliders to strengthen the capacity of observations in the Indian Ocean.
3. With the help of in-situ and satellite data of sea temperatures, currents and salinity, various climatic conditions and the monsoons can be predicted as accurately as possible.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

14. What are deepfakes?

- (a) Realistic computer-generated images used in virtual reality simulations.
- (b) Authentic videos captured by advanced surveillance technology.
- (c) Falsified media content created using artificial intelligence to manipulate or replace faces in videos.
- (d) High-quality photographs taken by deep-sea exploration devices.

15. Which of the following statements about Tuberculosis (TB) is accurate?

- (a) Tuberculosis is caused by a virus.



- (b) TB primarily affects the skin and external tissues.
- (c) The BCG vaccine is highly effective in preventing TB.
- (d) Drug-resistant strains of TB can develop due to incomplete or incorrect treatment.
16. What is the primary difference between White Holes and Black Holes?
- (a) Black Holes and White Holes are terms for the same astronomical phenomenon.
- (b) Black Holes are regions with extremely high gravitational pull, while White Holes repel matter and energy.
- (c) White Holes are older, collapsed Black Holes.
- (d) Black Holes result from the explosion of massive stars, while White Holes form from the merger of smaller stars.
17. What is the event horizon of a black hole?
- (a) The boundary surrounding a black hole beyond which nothing, not even light, can escape.
- (b) A bright ring of light surrounding a black hole formed by intense radiation.
- (c) The point at the center of a black hole where gravity is strongest.
- (d) A region around a black hole where gravitational effects are minimal.
18. What does the term "Hawking radiation" mean to you?
- (a) The emission of light from a black hole's event horizon.
- (b) The release of energy during a supernova explosion.
- (c) Theoretical radiation predicted to be emitted by black holes due to quantum effects near the event horizon.
- (d) The scattering of light by interstellar dust.
19. Which substance is commonly used in cloud seeding to promote the formation of ice crystals in clouds?
- (a) Sodium chloride
- (b) Silver iodide
- (c) Carbon dioxide
- (d) Oxygen
20. What is the primary goal of cloud seeding?
- (a) To create artificial clouds for aesthetic purposes.
- (b) To prevent the formation of clouds in specific regions.
- (c) To modify weather conditions by enhancing precipitation.
- (d) To increase atmospheric pressure in certain areas.
21. What is the role of hygroscopic seeding agents in cloud seeding?
- (a) To induce cloud condensation by absorbing water vapor.
- (b) To cool the surrounding air and promote cloud formation.
- (c) To generate electrical charges within the cloud.
- (d) To disperse clouds and reduce precipitation.
22. What is the main environmental concern associated with cloud seeding?
- (a) Accelerated global warming
- (b) Depletion of the ozone layer
- (c) Changes in local weather patterns
- (d) Contamination of water sources
23. Which meteorological conditions are often targeted for cloud seeding activities?
- (a) Clear skies and high temperatures
- (b) Low humidity and strong winds
- (c) Cumulus clouds and low temperatures
- (d) Stratocumulus clouds and moderate humidity



24. How does the Global Positioning System (GPS) work?
- (a) GPS determines location based on signals from ground-based radio towers.
 - (b) GPS calculates location by measuring the time it takes for signals to bounce off the Moon.
 - (c) GPS relies on signals transmitted by a network of satellites to triangulate the precise location of a receiver on Earth.
 - (d) GPS uses underwater sensors to determine the position of objects in the ocean.
25. What is the role of gravitational force?
- (a) Gravitational force is responsible for the acceleration of charged particles in electrical circuits.
 - (b) Gravitational force is a short-range force that holds atomic nuclei together.
 - (c) Gravitational force is the force of attraction between two masses and is responsible for phenomena like the Earth's orbit around the Sun.
 - (d) Gravitational force only acts between celestial bodies and has no influence on objects at the Earth's surface.
26. What is the role of the Strong Nuclear Force in atomic nuclei?
- (a) The Strong Nuclear Force repels protons within the nucleus.
 - (b) It is responsible for the radioactive decay of unstable isotopes.
 - (c) The Strong Nuclear Force binds protons and neutrons together in the nucleus.
 - (d) It controls the electromagnetic interactions between electrons.
27. Which of the following statements accurately describes electromagnetic waves?
- (a) Electromagnetic waves require a medium, such as air or water, for propagation.
 - (b) Electromagnetic waves consist of only electrical energy.
 - (c) Electromagnetic waves can travel through a vacuum.
 - (d) Electromagnetic waves are solely longitudinal in nature.
28. How do electric batteries work?
- (a) Batteries store and release electrical energy through magnetic fields.
 - (b) Batteries convert light energy into electrical energy.
 - (c) Batteries produce electricity by harnessing gravitational forces.
 - (d) Batteries generate electricity through chemical reactions.
29. What is a stem cell?
- (a) A cell that can only differentiate into one specific cell type.
 - (b) A specialized cell with limited regenerative capabilities.
 - (c) A cell with the unique ability to differentiate into various cell types.
 - (d) A type of immune cell responsible for fighting infections.
30. What are the differences between embryonic stem cells (ESCs) and induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)?
- (a) Embryonic stem cells are derived from the inner cell mass of embryos, while induced pluripotent stem cells are derived from adult tissues.
 - (b) Both embryonic stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells are derived from adult tissues.



- (c) Induced pluripotent stem cells are derived from the inner cell mass of embryos, while embryonic stem cells are reprogrammed adult cells.
- (d) Embryonic stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells are essentially the same and can be used interchangeably.
31. What are fractals?
- (a) Geometric shapes with smooth and regular patterns.
- (b) Complex structures characterized by self-similarity at different scales.
- (c) Simple, easily defined shapes found in classical geometry.
- (d) Two-dimensional representations of mathematical equations.
32. Which of the following statements correctly describes the 'isotope'?
- (a) An isotope is a type of molecule formed by the combination of two or more elements.
- (b) Isotopes are atoms of the same element with the same number of protons but different numbers of neutrons.
- (c) Isotopes are particles found in the nucleus of an atom that determine its chemical properties.
- (d) Isotopes are unstable atoms that undergo radioactive decay.
33. What is Nitrogen-9?
- (a) A stable isotope commonly found in the Earth's atmosphere.
- (b) An artificially produced isotope used in nuclear reactions.
- (c) A naturally occurring radioactive isotope with medical applications.
- (d) A stable isotope frequently used in the agricultural industry.
34. Consider the following statements about X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat):
- XPoSat is hailed as India's first polarimetry mission and the world's second of its kind after NASA's Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE).
 - It will be launched by using a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
 - is anticipated to be launched in a few months using a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
35. Consider the following statements about X-rays:
- X-rays have shorter wavelengths than ultraviolet (UV) rays.
 - X-rays can be used for medical imaging to visualize bones and tissues.
 - X-rays travel at the same speed as visible light.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
36. Consider the following statements regarding International Space Station (ISS).
- The ISS is the first space station to be built and operated.
 - ISS is not entirely in zero-gravity space and it does encounter a little bit of gravity.
 - Thrusters must be sent periodically, that attach themselves to the ISS for keeping it in orbit.
- How many of the above statements are correct?



- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
37. Regarding the 'Langlands Program', which statement is accurate?
- (a) A mathematical theory explaining the behavior of subatomic particles.
(b) A space exploration initiative focused on studying the atmospheres of gas giants.
(c) A set of conjectures connecting number theory and harmonic analysis.
(d) A cultural exchange program fostering international collaboration in the arts.
38. Which of the following statements about Tantalum is correct?
- (a) Tantalum is a highly radioactive element commonly used in nuclear reactors.
(b) Tantalum is primarily used in the production of lightweight alloys for aircraft construction.
(c) Tantalum is a noble gas known for its inert properties.
(d) Tantalum is a pure metal primarily employed in the electronics industry for capacitor production.
39. What is true about the 'near-space' area?
- (a) Near-space is a region in Earth's atmosphere that is between airspace Flight Level 18 km and 160 km above sea level.
(b) Near-space is characterized by a lack of gravity, allowing objects to float freely.
(c) Satellites in near-space experience less atmospheric drag compared to those in low Earth orbit.
(d) Near-space is beyond the reach of Earth's atmosphere, making it an ideal location for human habitation.
40. Which of the following statements about Amyloidosis is correct?
- (a) Amyloidosis is a type of cancer that primarily affects the brain.
(b) Amyloidosis is characterized by the accumulation of abnormal proteins called amyloids in tissues and organs.
(c) Amyloidosis is caused by a viral infection.
(d) Amyloidosis is a genetic disorder that cannot be influenced by lifestyle factors.
41. What statements about lysozyme are correct?
- (a) Lysozyme is an enzyme found in the stomach.
(b) It functions by breaking down lipids in the digestive system.
(c) Lysozyme is known for its antimicrobial properties.
(d) It is primarily involved in blood clotting.
42. What is the purpose of the Psyche spacecraft mission?
- (a) To search for signs of past or present life on Mars.
(b) To study the atmosphere and weather patterns of Jupiter.
(c) To explore the metallic asteroids and learn more about the building blocks of the solar system.
(d) To investigate the outer reaches of the Kuiper Belt.
43. Which of the following statements about sickle cell disease is correct?
- (a) Sickle cell disease is caused by a bacterial infection.
(b) Sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder affecting the structure of hemoglobin.



- (c) Sickle cell disease is primarily transmitted through contaminated water.
- (d) Sickle cell disease is a result of excessive iron accumulation in the body.
44. What statement accurately describes the 'CRISPR-Cas9' system?
- (a) CRISPR-Cas9 is a type of bacterial virus used in gene therapy.
- (b) CRISPR-Cas9 is a revolutionary gene-editing tool that allows precise modification of DNA.
- (c) CRISPR-Cas9 can only be used to edit human genes and is ineffective for other organisms.
- (d) CRISPR-Cas9 is primarily used to create genetically modified organisms for agriculture.
45. Consider the following statements:
- Generic drugs are always less effective than brand-name drugs.
 - Generic drugs have different active ingredients than brand-name drugs.
 - Generic drugs are typically less expensive than brand-name drugs.
 - Generic drugs are not regulated by health authorities.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four
46. What is the function of the cladding in an optical fiber?
- (a) To generate light signals
- (b) To protect the fiber from external damage
- (c) To amplify the transmitted signals
- (d) To modulate the frequency of the light
47. Which of the following statements about pneumonia is correct?
- (a) Pneumonia is caused only by bacteria.
- (b) Pneumonia is a viral infection that primarily affects the skin.
- (c) Pneumonia is an inflammation of the lungs commonly caused by infection with bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms.
- (d) Pneumonia symptoms include increased appetite and weight gain.
48. Which of the following statements about Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs) is correct?
- (a) DAOs are centrally controlled entities governed by a single authority.
- (b) DAOs operate on traditional centralized databases.
- (c) DAOs use blockchain technology and are governed by smart contracts.
- (d) DAOs are exclusively utilized in the financial sector.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

1. Consider the following statements about the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF):
- It was established in 2000 by the United Nations Environment Programme.
 - It has universal membership and is composed of all Member States of the United Nations.
 - It promotes the management, conservation, and sustainable development of all types of forests
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None



2. Consider the following statements about 'Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development'(OECD):
1. It is a group of 38 European, American, and Pacific countries.
 2. India is not a member, but a key economic partner of OECD.
 3. It maintains a "blacklist" of nations that are considered uncooperative tax havens.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

3. Consider the following statements about the International Solar Alliance (ISA):

1. It is an initiative jointly launched by India and France in 2015 on the sidelines of UNFCCC in Paris.
2. It is headed by the Director General, who leads the operations and carries out the functions of the ISA Secretariat.

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. With reference to 'Indo-Pacific Economic Framework' (IPEF), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched jointly by the USA and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region.
2. The framework is structured around four pillars relating to Trade (Pillar I); Supply Chains (Pillar II); Clean Economy (Pillar III); and Fair Economy (Pillar IV).

3. India had joined Pillars II to IV of IPEF while it has an observer status in Pillar-I.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

5. Consider the following statements about the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC):

1. It is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific.
2. India is not a member of APEC.
3. It is Headquartered in Singapore.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

6. consider the following statements about the 'United Service Institution of India' (USI):

1. USI is India's oldest think-tank, established in 1870.
2. It serves as a platform for research and debate on national security and military affairs.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Consider the following statements about the 'International Tropical Timber Organization'(ITTO):

1. It promotes conservation of tropical forest resources and their sustainable management, use and trade.
2. India has been the founding member of ITTO.
3. The ITTO is located in Yokohama, Japan.



How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

8. Consider the following statements United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC):

1. It was ratified by all UN members except the United States.
2. It is a non-binding agreement that countries can choose to adopt at their discretion.
3. It is a universal treaty that applies to all children, regardless of the economic development of their countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

9. International Labour Organisation, Conventions 138 and 182 are related to

- (a) Child labour
- (b) Adaptation of agricultural practices to global climate change
- (c) Regulation of food prices and food security
- (d) Gender parity at the workplace

10. Consider the following statements about the 'Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation' (APEC):

1. It is an international non-governmental organization for public - private sector collaboration.
2. It is headquartered in Singapore.
3. The heads of government of all APEC members except China attend an annual APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one

- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

11. Which of the following statements about the 'Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation' (APEC) is correct?

- (a) APEC is a political and military alliance formed by Asian and Pacific countries.
- (b) APEC's primary focus is on promoting economic cooperation and trade among its member economies.
- (c) APEC was established as a military alliance to counterbalance NATO.
- (d) APEC consists exclusively of countries from the Asia-Pacific region with no involvement from North America.

12. Regarding the International Sugar Organisation (ISO), which of the following statements is accurate?

- (a) ISO is primarily focused on setting international quality standards for sugar production.
- (b) ISO is an intergovernmental organization that aims to ensure stable sugar prices in the global market.
- (c) ISO was established to promote scientific research on the health effects of sugar consumption.
- (d) ISO operates as a non-profit organization working exclusively with sugar-producing countries.

HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. Pichwai art originated in Nathdwara, near Udaipur, and is traditionally created on cloth, typically khadi.
 2. The main image portrayed in Pichhwai paintings is Lord Shiva.

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. Consider the following statements:
- Statement 1: Recently UNESCO has added two Indian cities, Gwalior and Kozhikode, to its Creative Cities Network.
 - Statement 2: Kozhikode was selected for the recognition for a year following its commitment to grow and maintain the urban forests.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- (a) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct and Statement 2 is the correct explanation for Statement 1
(b) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct but Statement 2 is not the correct explanation for Statement 1
(c) Statement 1 is correct but Statement 2 is not correct
(d) Statement 1 is not correct but Statement 2 is correct
3. Consider the following statements about Kondaveedu Fort:
- It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
 - It is located in the present-day city of Madikeri, 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
4. Consider the following statements regarding Vijayanagara ruler Krishnadevaraya.
- Krishnadevaraya belonged to the Saluva Dynasty.
 - He defeated the Sultans of Bijapur, Golconda and the Bahmani Sultanate.
3. The great south Indian mathematician Nilakantha Somayaji lived in the Empire of Krishnadevaraya.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
5. With reference to Hampi the Capital City of Vijayanagara Empire, Consider the following statements:
- It was a part of the Mauryan Empire back in the third century BC.
 - It is located near the Netravati River.
 - It is a pilgrimage centre of the Hindu religion.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
6. Regarding the taxation system of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijayanagar, consider the following statements:
- The tax rate on land was fixed depending on the quality of the land.
 - Private owners of workshops paid an industry tax.
- 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. Who of the following founded a new city on the south bank of a tributary to river Krishna and undertook to rule his new kingdom as the agent of a deity to whom all the land south of the river Krishna was supposed to belong?
- (a) Amoghavarsha I
(b) Ballala II
(c) Harihara I



- (d) Prataparudra II
8. Consider the following statements.
1. The epic Mahabharata mentions puppet traditions.
 2. Leather puppets are not used in India for religious reasons.
 3. Tholu bommalata is a shadow puppet theatre tradition practised in Andhra Pradesh.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

9. Consider the following:
1. Bommalattam
 2. Ravanchaya
 3. Pavakoothu
 4. Yampuri

How many of the above are forms of glove puppetry?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

10. Consider the following statements regarding Tholpavakkoothu.

1. It is also called shadow puppetry, a traditional temple art in Kerala.
2. Speciality of Tholpavakkoothu is the complete absence of any instruments in the performance.
3. It narrates the tales from the Ramayana.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

11. Consider the following statements regarding Carnatic Wars.

1. The First Carnatic War (1744-48) was triggered by the War of the Austrian Succession.

2. Under the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, Madras was restored to the French.
3. The battle of Wandiwash ended the French threat to the British in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

12. Consider the following statements regarding Miniature paintings.

1. They were introduced by the Delhi sultanate as a reaction to the enormous wall paintings.
2. They were painted only on paper and palm leaves.
3. Mughal miniature paintings were filled with rich colors.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

13. Consider the following statements regarding Bundi School of Painting.

1. Bundi School of Painting is a Rajasthani style of Indian miniature painting.
2. The Bundi Paintings emphasized court scenes, procession, life of nobles and scenes from Lord Krishna's life.
3. The Bundi School has a close association with the Mughal style.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None



14. It is known as the "land of temples" and boasts more than 100 temples of significant historical value, one of which is devoted to Lord Brahma. Many kingdoms, spanning centuries, have left their marks on it, including the Eastern Chalukya, Velanati Choda, Kakatiya, Pota Rajulu, and Paristchedi." In the paragraph above, which archeological site is described?
- Hampi
 - Chebrolu
 - Kilnamandi
 - Kadalukanipara
15. Regarding the traditional sport of 'Kambala,' which statements are accurate?
- Kambala is a form of martial arts originating in Kerala.
 - Kambala involves racing traditional wooden plows pulled by water buffaloes.
 - Kambala is a traditional buffalo race that takes place in the Indian state of Karnataka.
 - Kambala is a type of traditional Indian dance performed during harvest festivals.
16. Which of the following statements about 'Kolkali' is correct?
- Kolkali is a traditional dance form originating from the Indian state of Rajasthan.
 - Kolkali is primarily a solo dance performed during religious ceremonies.
 - Kolkali involves a group of performers who dance in a circle, tapping small sticks in a rhythmic manner.
 - Kolkali is known for its intricate hand gestures and facial expressions, similar to classical Indian dance forms.
17. Consider the following statements:
- The Mahima cult was founded by Vallabhacharya Mahaprabhu.
 - The Hindu mystic poet Meerabai was a devoted follower of Krishna.
 - Guru Nanak Dev was the first Guru and founder of Sikhism.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
18. What was the name of the law code established by Napoleon, which had a lasting impact on legal systems around the world?
- Civil Code of 1804
 - French Legal Doctrine
 - Code of Imperial Justice
 - None of the above
19. In which famous Egyptian campaign did Napoleon Bonaparte lead French forces?
- Battle of Leipzig
 - Battle of Austerlitz
 - Battle of Jena
 - None of the above
20. Which document outlined the rights and freedoms of French citizens during the early years of the Revolution?
- The Magna Carta.
 - The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.
 - The Napoleonic Code.
 - The Edict of Nantes.
21. What event marked the end of the French Revolution and the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte?
- The execution of Louis XVI.
 - The Congress of Vienna.
 - The Battle of Waterloo.
 - The Directory.

DEFENSE AND SECURITY

- 'Prachand', mentioned in the news sometimes, is a
 - Light Combat Aircraft
 - Light Combat Helicopter
 - Crossover Utility Vehicle
 - Light-weight autonomous UAV



2. What is a 'state-sponsored cyber-attack'?
- An unauthorized intrusion into computer systems carried out by independent hackers.
 - A cyber-attack targeting the critical infrastructure of a country, launched by terrorist organizations.
 - A cyber-attack orchestrated or supported by a nation-state government for political, military, or economic purposes.
 - A cyber-attack initiated by multinational corporations to gain a competitive advantage in the market.
3. Consider the following statements about S-400 missile system:
- It is designed by Russia.
 - It can engage all types of aerial targets.
 - It can target ballistic missiles from 4000 km away.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
4. What is the 'Iglu-S'?
- A type of tropical fruit found in Southeast Asia.
 - A Russian surface-to-air missile system.
 - An international space station module.
 - A rare species of butterfly native to South America.
5. Consider the following pairs (Military Exercises - Countries Involved):
- Indra: India and Russia
 - Yudh Abhyas: India and USA
 - Hand-in-Hand: India and China

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three

(d) None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the National Standards body, working under the aegis of:
 - Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
- Consider the following statements about Atal Bhujal Yojana:
 - It is a Central Sector Scheme.
 - It is being implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - It is being funded by the Government of India and the World Bank on a 30:70 bases.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
3. 'Bletchley Declaration' was in news recently, is associated with the
- Artificial intelligence
 - Mitigating Water Pollution
 - Disaster Mitigation
 - Deep Space Network
4. Adaptation Gap Report 2023 released by the
- WEF
 - UNEP
 - IPCC
 - IUCN
5. Consider the following statements:
- Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) is part of the Atal Innovation Mission(AIM).
 - Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the Department Of Science and Technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only



- (c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
6. What is the Golden Mile?
- A historic trail through the Amazon rainforest in South America.
 - A famous stretch of beaches along the French Riviera.
 - An iconic road in Las Vegas, known for its concentration of luxury hotels and resorts.
 - A nickname for a historic mining district in Western Australia.

7. Climate Services Report for 2023 is published by the
- UNEP
 - WMO
 - WEF
 - IPCC
8. Consider the following statements about the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN or ICERT)
- It is the nodal agency to deal with cyber security threats like hacking and phishing.
 - It works under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
9. Consider the following statements.
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (Cert-In) functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 - Internet protocol address (IP address) helps law enforcement agencies track down individual users and their accurate location.
 - A virtual private network (VPN) creates several proxy identities for user's data and delivers it safely without disturbing the content of the data.

How many of the above options are correct?

- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
10. The "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign" launched by the
- NITI Aayog
 - Central Ground Water Authority
 - National Commission for Women
 - None of the above
11. Consider the following statements:
- A ban on online betting is issued under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.
 - The 'Betting and Gambling' are part of the State List under the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statements about Nikshay Poshan Yojana:
- It was launched in 2018 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - The objective of this initiative is to provide a monthly Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Rs 1000 to meet the dietary needs of each and every Tuberculosis (TB) patient.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
13. Consider the following statements about Electoral Trusts (ET) Scheme:



1. It is not available to individuals; only businesses incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act of 1956 may participate.
 2. It mandates that 95% of contributions received in a financial year must be donated to political parties registered under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- 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
14. LEAP AHEAD initiative is launched by
 - (a) Ministry of Rural Development
 - (b) Ministry of Science and Technology
 - (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - (d) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
 15. Production Gap Report is published by the
 - (a) WTO
 - (b) WEF
 - (c) IMF
 - (d) None of the above
 16. A movie titled The Man Who Knew Infinity is based on the biography of
 - (a) S. Ramanujan
 - (b) S. Chandrasekhar
 - (c) S. N. Bose
 - (d) C. V. Raman
 17. Annapurna Certificate Programme is an initiative of the
 - (a) NITI Aayog
 - (b) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
 - (c) Food Corporation of India
 - (d) Indian Council for Cultural Relations
 18. 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education' (SATH-E) report published by the
 - (a) NGO Pratham
 - (b) NITI
 - (c) National Council of Educational Research and Training
 - (d) National Council for Teacher Education
 19. Consider the following statements about National Health Authority (NHA):
 1. It is an autonomous entity established under the Society Registration Act, 1860.
 2. It oversees the design, technological infrastructure, and implementation of the "National Digital Health Mission"
 3. It is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

How many of the above statements are correct?

 - (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
 20. Consider the following statements about PM-KISAN scheme:
 1. It is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India.
 2. As per the scheme, eligible farmers will receive an installment of Rs 2000 in their registered bank accounts.
 3. All small and marginal landholder farmer families with cultivable landholding in their names are eligible under the PM-KISAN scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

 - (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
 21. Consider the following statements about the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA):



1. It is a statutory body of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. It was established under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, but was founded in 1990.
3. It is a nodal body for the adoption of Indian children.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

22. Consider the following statements about Technology Development Board (TDB):

1. It is a statutory body, established by the Indian Parliament through the Technology Development Board Act, 1995.
2. It consists of 11 board members and provides equity capital or loans to industrial concerns and financial assistance to research and development institutions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements about Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

1. It is the apex regulatory body for overall licensing and regulation of micro, small and medium enterprise finance companies in India.
2. It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
3. It is one of the four All India Financial Institutions regulated and supervised by the Reserve Bank of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

24. Consider the following statements about National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation:

1. It operates under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in New Delhi.
2. It oversees organ procurement, allotment, distribution, and registry of organs and tissue donation and transplantation in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. What is the 'Abel Prize'?

- (a) An award recognizing outstanding achievements in literature.
- (b) A prize awarded for excellence in the field of mathematics.
- (c) A prestigious honor in the field of environmental science.
- (d) An accolade presented for exceptional contributions to the field of astronomy.

26. "Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative" (AGNI) launched by the

- (a) Drugs Controller General of India
- (b) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- (c) Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences
- (d) NITI Aayog

27. Consider the following statements:

1. CERT-In is a team of experts who respond to computer security incidents.



2. CERT-In is responsible for issuing security advisories and alerts.
3. CERT-In coordinates with law enforcement agencies to investigate cybercrime

How many of the above statements regarding the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

28. Which of the following statements about the Booker Prize is correct?

- (a) The Booker Prize is awarded annually to outstanding achievements in the field of science and technology.
- (b) The Booker Prize is exclusively given to authors from the United Kingdom.
- (c) The Booker Prize was originally known as the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- (d) The Booker Prize is awarded for excellence in contemporary fiction by authors from the UK, Ireland, and the Commonwealth.

29. Consider the following statements:

1. The Booker Prize is awarded annually to the best novel written in the English language.
2. The Booker Prize is awarded by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).
3. The Booker Prize is named after Man Booker, a British book merchant.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

30. Consider the following statements regarding Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

1. The scheme has taken India closer to achieve one of the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. The scheme provides a health cover of Rs 5 lakh per person per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.
3. The scheme does not provide interstate portability.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

31. 'Amplifi 2.0' portal is launched by

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

32. What is the controversy surrounding the Parthenon Sculptures (also known as the Elgin Marbles)?

- (a) The Parthenon Sculptures are currently located in their original places within the Parthenon in Athens.
- (b) The controversy involves the ownership and display of the Parthenon Sculptures, with Greece and the United Kingdom having conflicting claims.
- (c) The Elgin Marbles were created in the 19th century and are not authentic pieces from the ancient Parthenon.
- (d) The Parthenon Sculptures were a gift from Greece to the United Kingdom, and there is no dispute over their ownership.



33. Consider the following statements about the 'Man, the Hunter' theory:

1. The theory suggests that early humans primarily survived by hunting large game.
2. 'Man, the Hunter' theory focuses on the idea that gathering and scavenging were the main sources of food for early humans.

3. The theory emphasizes the importance of agriculture in the development of early human communities.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

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