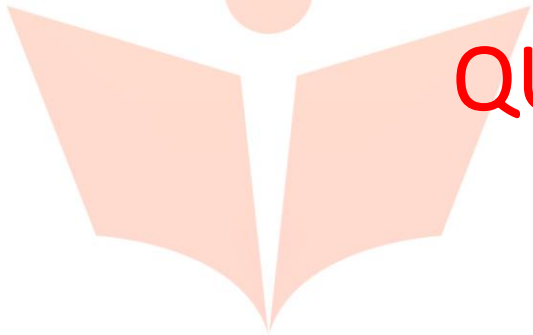




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1. Economy

- 1) Which of the following best describes Ex-Gratia Payment in India?
- (a) A legally mandated financial compensation granted by the government to disaster victims
- (b) A goodwill payment made voluntarily by the government or private organizations without a legal obligation
- (c) A fixed monthly payment under social security schemes such as PM-KISAN and PM Jan Dhan Yojana
- (d) A court-ordered compensation for wrongful death or injury under the Motor Vehicles Act

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding the impact of Rupee-Dollar Swap Auctions on the Indian economy:
1. These swaps improve banking system liquidity by injecting or absorbing rupees.
 2. They help stabilize the exchange rate by reducing currency volatility.
 3. Swap auctions are directly used by the RBI to control inflation.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI's) significance for economic analysis:
1. PMI is a leading indicator, providing early signals about business cycle changes.
 2. Central banks use PMI to make monetary policy decisions.
 3. PMI is highly correlated with GDP growth and stock market performance.
 4. PMI measures inflation trends directly by analyzing consumer price movements.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 4) Which of the following best describes the concept of Reciprocal Tariffs in international trade?
- (a) A trade policy where a country imposes tariffs equal to the tariff rates imposed by

other nations on its exports.

- (b) A World Trade Organization (WTO) principle mandating member countries to charge the same tariffs on all trading partners.
- (c) A protectionist policy that only applies to agricultural products, preventing excessive subsidies in global markets.
- (d) A system where countries agree to reduce tariff rates in a mutual exchange, known as Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs).

- 5) Consider the following statements about the protection offered by GI registration in India:
1. The GI tag helps to protect products against unauthorized use by individuals or entities outside the registered geographic area.
 2. GI registration helps promote exports by enhancing the marketability of products linked to their origin.
 3. A GI tag can be transferred or assigned to other producers outside the geographical region.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 6) Consider the following statements.
1. Royalties refer to the fees paid to the owner of a product in exchange for the right to use that product.
 2. According to Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDRA), those who obtain leases to conduct mining activities are required to pay royalty to the individual or corporation who leased the land to them.
 3. India's states does not have the power to tax mining activities, and collecting "royalties" from mining leaseholders.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 7) With respect to the Federal Reserve, which of the following statements is/are correct?

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1. The Federal Reserve serves as the central banking system of the United States.
2. The Fed directly controls the interest rates for consumer loans and mortgages.
3. The Federal Funds Rate is the rate at which banks lend money to each other overnight.

Select the correct answer code:

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

8) Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Intelligence Unit – India (FIU-IND):

1. FIU-IND has its headquarters in Mumbai.
2. FIU-IND shares intelligence with law enforcement agencies but does not investigate crimes.
3. It was formed as an independent body under the Department of Revenue.
4. FIU-IND works to combat financial crimes

under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) With reference to Third-Party Litigation Funding (TPLF) in India, consider the following statements:

1. TPLF can help marginalized communities pursue legal action by providing the necessary financial support.
2. There is currently a comprehensive national regulatory framework governing TPLF in India.
3. One of the concerns about TPLF is that funders may prioritize cases with high monetary returns over those with significant social impact.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements with respect to the revised MSME classification:

1. The classification considers both manufacturing and service sectors equally without sectoral distinction.

2. Enterprises must exceed both investment and turnover thresholds to move to a higher category.
3. The classification facilitates ease of doing business and improved credit access for growing enterprises.
4. MSME registration is now linked to PAN and Aadhaar-based digital verification.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding Anti-Dumping Duties (ADD) in India:

1. The authority to recommend anti-dumping duties lies with the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR).
2. These duties are imposed when imports are priced below the normal value and cause material injury to domestic industry.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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12) Consider the following statements regarding revised MSME classification.

Statement-I: The revised MSME classification allows units with higher turnover and investment to continue availing MSME benefits.

Statement-II: This move aims to ensure MSMEs are not prematurely excluded from policy incentives as they scale up.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

13) Consider the following statements regarding India's recent actions on Anti-Dumping Duties:

1. Anti-dumping duties are levied by the Ministry of Commerce and enforced by the Ministry of External Affairs.

2. The duty can be levied for a maximum of 5 years but is subject to a sunset review.

3. These duties aim to ensure fair trade rather than protectionism in violation of WTO norms.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding the Customs Act, 1962:

1. It empowers the central government to prohibit imports for reasons including public health and conservation.
2. The Act allows immediate confiscation of imported goods even if proper documentation is submitted.
3. The Act provides a warehousing mechanism for imported goods before duty is paid.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. Ecology and Environment

1) Consider the following statements regarding volcanic gases:

1. Carbon dioxide emissions from volcanic eruptions are the primary cause of global warming.
2. Volcanic gases such as sulfur dioxide can cause acid rain and atmospheric cooling.
3. Water vapor is the least abundant gas emitted during volcanic eruptions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2) Which of the following are objectives of the CAMPA funds?

1. Treatment of catchment areas

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2. Assisted natural regeneration
3. Urban infrastructure development
4. Managing human-wildlife conflicts

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Tiger Reserves in India:

1. Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) is legally inviolate and free from human habitation.
2. The declaration of a Tiger Reserve makes the area a 'no-go' zone, permanently prohibiting any human presence, including indigenous communities.
3. The core and buffer zones of Tiger Reserves are defined under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4) Which of the following best explains the ecological significance of Satkosia Tiger Reserve?

- (a) It is located at the confluence of the Mahanadi and Godavari rivers, making it one of India's largest riparian tiger reserves.
- (b) Satkosia Tiger Reserve is a completely uninhabited protected area, ensuring minimal human-wildlife conflict.
- (c) It was the first Tiger Reserve in India to successfully reintroduce tigers from another state under Project Tiger.
- (d) It acts as a transitional zone between the Eastern Ghats and Deccan Plateau, supporting a unique blend of biodiversity.

5) Consider the following statements regarding Smooth-Coated Otters and their conservation:

1. They are included in Appendix I of CITES, prohibiting international trade of the species.
2. The Ganga and Brahmaputra river basins provide major habitats for the species in India.
3. Smooth-Coated Otters build extensive burrows along riverbanks for shelter and breeding.
4. The species is known for forming large social groups and engaging in cooperative hunting behavior.

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How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Project Tiger and Tiger Reserves in India:

1. All Tiger Reserves in India are legally designated under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
2. The buffer zone of a Tiger Reserve allows regulated human activities for livelihood and conservation purposes.
3. The NTCA is empowered to disband a Tiger Reserve if it fails to maintain minimum tiger population thresholds.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Which of the following is a major environmental challenge affecting the North Sea?

- (a) Rising salinity levels due to reduced freshwater inflow.
- (b) Increased frequency of dead zones due to excessive nutrient runoff.
- (c) Formation of underwater volcanoes due to tectonic activity.
- (d) Expansion of mangrove forests along the coastline.

8) Consider the following statements regarding Soil Fertility Mapping:

1. It involves the use of geospatial techniques, remote sensing, and AI-based models for soil analysis.
2. The mapping process focuses primarily on physical soil properties rather than nutrient composition.
3. It helps in the implementation of precision agriculture.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding Solar Radiation Management (SRM) and the use of diamond dust:

1. SRM aims to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by increasing the amount of sunlight that reaches the Earth's surface.
2. Diamond dust is considered for SRM due to its low reflectivity and minimal effect on solar radiation.
3. The Mount Pinatubo eruption is an example of natural SRM effects, where sulfur dioxide release led to a temporary cooling of the Earth's surface.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding the distribution and lifestyle of the Indian flapshell turtle:

1. The Indian flapshell turtle is found across South Asia, including countries like Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.
2. This species is omnivorous, feeding on a variety of plants, insects, and small animals.
3. It is well adapted to drought conditions and can survive in low-water environments.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding the conservation status and threats to the Great Indian Bustard:

1. The Great Indian Bustard is listed under Appendix II of CITES.
2. The primary threats to its survival include habitat destruction, power line collisions, and human interference.
3. It is included under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, in India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements about Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI) and Cirrus Cloud Thinning (CCT):

1. Both SAI and CCT target shortwave solar radiation to mitigate global warming.
2. SAI involves dispersing reflective aerosols in the troposphere, while CCT focuses on

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reducing the amount of longwave radiation emitted by cirrus clouds.

3. Both techniques aim to increase the Earth's albedo to reduce the amount of heat absorbed by the surface.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

13) Consider the following statements about the composition and formation of coking coal:

1. Coking coal has high sulphur and phosphorus levels, making it ideal for steel production.
2. It is formed from the carbonization process, which produces metallurgical coke at high temperatures.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding Habitat Rights.

1. Habitat rights are granted under the Forest Rights Act and provide communities with rights over their customary territories, cultural practices, livelihood means and protection of their natural and cultural heritage.
2. They empower Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) communities to access government schemes and initiatives to develop their habitats.
3. In India, more than half of Particularly

Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) have been granted habitat rights.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements.

1. Mustard flowers contain both female and male reproductive organs, which makes the plant largely self-pollinating.
2. GM mustard is the first approved GM crop in India, that is meant for human consumption.
3. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is responsible for approving proposals relating to genetically engineered organisms.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding microplastics and initiatives to tackle them:

1. Microplastics are easily broken down into harmless molecules by natural processes.
2. The GloLitter Partnerships Project is a global initiative to address the issue of marine litter, including microplastics.
3. India's "Un-Plastic Collective" is a collaborative initiative to reduce plastic pollution in the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Consider the following statements regarding the differences between cheetahs, leopards, and jaguars:

1. Cheetahs have solid black spots, while leopards and jaguars have rosettes.
2. Jaguars have a stronger bite force compared to cheetahs and leopards, enabling them to crush the skulls of their prey.
3. Leopards have a relatively larger head compared to cheetahs and jaguars.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following key properties of Mycelium Bricks:

1. They are fire-resistant, but prolonged exposure to extreme heat can degrade them.
2. They naturally bind together, eliminating the need for synthetic adhesives.
3. They are completely impermeable to water, making them suitable for underwater structures.
4. Their biodegradability can be controlled using specific post-processing treatments.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding the physical behaviour of Plastic Ice VII:

1. It forms naturally in Earth's polar ice caps due to high compression from overlying ice layers.
2. It has a lower density than liquid water, causing it to float when placed in water.
3. It remains in a stable phase at room temperature if kept in a vacuum-sealed environment.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

20) India played a pivotal role in forming the Green Group alliance at the first Conference of Parties (COP) under the UNFCCC. What was the primary objective of this coalition?

- (a) To create a fund for technological advancement in developed nations
- (b) To counter demands from developed countries for stringent commitments on developing countries
- (c) To negotiate favorable trade agreements for developing nations
- (d) To promote the rapid development of renewable energy technologies

21) Consider the following statements regarding the energy sector and methane emissions:

1. Methane often escapes during oil and gas production, transportation, and storage.
2. Methane is less likely to leak during natural gas production than during coal extraction.
3. Flaring and venting processes contribute to methane emissions in the energy sector.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

22) Which of the following correctly describes Kanger Valley National Park, one of the sites added to India's UNESCO Tentative List?

- (a) It is a biodiversity hotspot with rare limestone caves and dense forests.
- (b) It is known for prehistoric rock paintings dating back to the Mesolithic Age.

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- (c) It is a mangrove ecosystem famous for its estuarine crocodiles.
- (d) It primarily consists of coastal sand dunes and desert wildlife.

23) What is the key characteristic of Oxo-degradable plastics?

- (a) They are compostable and yield biomass during decomposition
- (b) They are derived from renewable biomass
- (c) They contain additives that help break them into smaller fragments, leading to microplastic leakage
- (d) They are completely biodegradable in the environment

24) Consider the following statements about the impact of polar ice melt on marine ecosystems:

1. Habitat loss due to ice melt primarily affects species like polar bears and penguins.
2. Changing salinity levels and water temperatures in the ocean are altering the biodiversity of marine ecosystems.
3. Ocean acidification benefits shell-forming marine species by creating more favorable environments.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

25) Consider the following statements regarding swamps:

1. Swamps are found only in tropical regions.
2. Swamps can be either freshwater or saltwater ecosystems.
3. Swamps are usually located in areas with poor drainage where water accumulates.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26) Which of the following represents a significant application of green hydrogen in water management?

- (a) It is used to recycle wastewater more efficiently
- (b) It enhances the capacity of hydropower stations
- (c) It powers desalination plants to produce freshwater

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(d) It powers irrigation systems for agriculture

- 27) Which of the following statements best describes White Hydrogen?
- A hydrogen variant artificially synthesized in labs through electrolysis.
 - A hydrogen fuel that is extracted from methane and other hydrocarbons.
 - A by-product of nuclear fusion in controlled reactor environments.
 - Naturally occurring hydrogen found underground due to geological reactions.

- 28) How does green hydrogen benefit industrial operations?
- It reduces waste generation in industrial processes.
 - It offers lower energy efficiency compared to traditional combustion engines.
 - It enables on-site production and storage, reducing energy costs and grid dependence.
 - It increases dependence on the electricity grid for energy supply.

- 29) Consider the following statements regarding CO₂-to-methanol technology:
- The CO₂-to-methanol technology supports India's commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.
 - Methanol produced from CO₂ can be used in a wide range of industrial applications, including the chemical and energy sectors.
 - The primary challenge in scaling up the CO₂-to-methanol technology is the lack of CO₂ availability from industrial sources in India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 30) Consider the following statements regarding Wular Lake:
- Wular Lake was formed as a result of tectonic activity and is one of the largest freshwater lakes in South Asia.
 - The lake is primarily fed by the Jhelum River and also receives glacial meltwater from the Pir Panjal range.
 - The Wular Lake basin is designated as a Ramsar site due to its ecological importance and biodiversity.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 31) Consider the following statements regarding George VI Ice Shelf region, recently seen in news.

- The George VI Ice Shelf region is governed under the Antarctic Treaty System.
- The Antarctic Treaty permits sovereign control and exclusive research zones by signatory countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 32) Indore is set to launch India's first PPP-based green waste processing plant under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. Consider the following statements regarding PPP-based green waste processing plant.

Statement-I: India's PPP-based green waste processing plant helps in reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

Statement-II: The plant converts green waste into eco-friendly fuels that can replace coal.

Which one of the following is correct?

- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

- 33) Consider the following statements regarding the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

- The CBD's sole focus is on conserving endangered species.
- Sustainable use of biodiversity resources is not included in the CBD's goals.
- The CBD excludes benefit-sharing from genetic resources as part of its framework.
- The CBD does not address biodiversity-related issues in national policies.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 34) Consider the following statements about the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):
1. The Cartagena Protocol solely addresses climate change adaptation in biodiversity conservation.
 2. The Nagoya Protocol emphasizes marine biodiversity conservation exclusively.
 3. Both protocols are independent of the CBD and do not require CBD membership for participation.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 35) The 2023 update to India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) emphasizes which of the following as a major part of India's climate strategy?
- (a) Provision of subsidies for fossil fuel industries
 - (b) Setting up international partnerships for non-renewable energy resources
 - (c) Complete phase-out of coal-based energy by 2030
 - (d) Establishment of a domestic carbon market

- 36) Consider the following statements about the practice of light fishing:
1. It is most commonly used in the monsoon season when fish abundance is at its peak.
 2. It can interfere with the natural reproductive cycles of marine species.
 3. It increases the risk of biodiversity loss by attracting non-target marine species.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 37) Which of the following best defines the concept of 'Green Grabbing'?
- a) Legal conservation of forest lands under community rights
 - b) Appropriation of land and resources under environmental pretexts, displacing local people

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- c) Plantation of exotic species for commercial timber harvesting
- d) Introduction of green technologies in agriculture by local governments

3. Geography

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding the geographical significance of the Pir Panjal Range:
1. It is home to important passes such as the Banihal Pass and Pir Panjal Pass.
 2. It acts as a climatic barrier, influencing the precipitation pattern in the region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 2) The Pir Panjal Range is significant for which of the following reasons?

- (a) It forms the main water divide between the Ganges and Indus river systems.
- (b) It is part of the Shivalik Hills, forming the outermost range of the Himalayas.
- (c) It separates the Kashmir Valley from the outer Himalayas and plains.
- (d) It is an extension of the Eastern Himalayas into Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding the global impact of volcanic eruptions:

1. Large-scale volcanic eruptions can lead to a temporary cooling of the Earth's climate due to sulfur dioxide emissions.
2. Volcanic eruptions contribute to the formation of new landmasses, such as the Hawaiian Islands.
3. Volcanic eruptions have no effect on global ocean circulation.
4. Some volcanic eruptions release gases that contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1, 2, and 4
- (b) 2, 3, and 4
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

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- 4) Which of the following best explains the significance of The Wallace Line in biogeography?
- It marks the boundary between the Eurasian and Indo-Australian tectonic plates, influencing volcanic activity in the region.
 - It is a transition zone where species from both the Oriental and Australian biogeographic regions coexist without major differences in fauna.
 - It represents a sharp faunal boundary between Asian and Australian species, due to deep oceanic trenches that prevented species migration.
 - It is an imaginary line marking the divergence of early hominins between Southeast Asia and Oceania, explaining human migration patterns.

- 5) Consider the following statements in the context of Lightning characteristics and occurrence in India

- Lightning is a rapid discharge of atmospheric electricity.
- Eastern and central India experience the highest cloud-to-ground strikes.
- Palm trees provide immediate protection against lightning strikes.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 6) Why are palm trees considered suitable for mitigating lightning strikes?

- They have a wide canopy
- They are resistant to fire
- They contain high moisture and sap
- They have deep root systems

- 7) Which of the following best describes the primary cause of mass wasting?

- The erosion of coastal areas by tidal forces
- The influence of gravity on weakened slope materials
- The formation of glaciers at high altitudes
- The accumulation of sediment in river beds

- 8) Consider the following statements about the formation of tropical storms:

- High humidity and ocean temperatures above 26°C are necessary for the formation of tropical storms.
- The interaction between evaporating warm water and a mass of cold air leads to the formation of clouds and a low-pressure column.
- As the pressure in the eye of the storm increases, the speed of the surrounding winds increases.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 9) Consider the following statements regarding Greenland.

- Greenland is an autonomous territory under the Kingdom of Denmark but has full control over its foreign affairs and defence policies.
- The island is strategically located between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, making it crucial for global shipping and military operations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 10) Consider the following statements regarding the Yamuna River basin:

- It is the only major tributary of the Ganga that flows through the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.
- The Tons River, a major tributary of the Yamuna, contributes more water than the Yamuna itself at their confluence.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 11) Consider the following statements regarding the geography of Jordan:

- Jordan has a coastline along the Gulf of Aqaba, providing access to the Red Sea.
- The Dead Sea, located on Jordan's western border, is one of the saltiest bodies of water in the world.
- The Sea of Galilee is located entirely within Jordan's territory.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements about Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC):

1. OTEC systems work best in tropical regions where the temperature difference between surface and deep waters is significant.
2. OTEC can generate energy both day and night, making it a continuous energy source.
3. The system requires high tidal ranges to function efficiently.
4. OTEC is fully commercialized and widely deployed around the world.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements about Nal Sarovar:

1. Nal Sarovar is a saline lake located in the state of Gujarat.
2. It is known for its migratory bird population and has been designated a Ramsar site.
3. Nal Sarovar is the largest lake in Northeast India.
4. It is primarily a freshwater lake, with minimal saline properties.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

14) Which of the following best describes the unique features of Dal Lake?

- (a) A lake with no islands or notable scenic landmarks
- (b) Known for its expansive sand dunes and minimal water flow
- (c) Famous for floating gardens, shikara markets, and Mughal gardens along its shore
- (d) A dry lake located in the desert region of Jammu and Kashmir

15) Consider the following statements:

1. Strike-slip faults always produce vertical displacement of land.

2. The Indian Plate is moving southward relative to the Eurasian Plate.

3. The epicentre is the point of origin of the earthquake beneath the Earth's surface.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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1) Which of the following statements accurately reflects the Bharat Tech Triumph Program (TTP)?

- (a) A government-led initiative aimed at digitizing India's MSME sector through AI-driven solutions.
- (b) A program under the 'Create in India' initiative to promote the gaming industry globally.
- (c) A public-private partnership to develop gaming hardware infrastructure in India.
- (d) An incubation program for promoting blockchain-based gaming startups in India.

2) Which of the following is NOT a key objective of the Namami Gange Programme?

- (a) Establishing sewage treatment infrastructure along the Ganga basin
- (b) Promoting afforestation to improve river ecosystem health
- (c) Regulating the use of hydroelectric dams along the Ganga River
- (d) Restoring biodiversity, including the conservation of the Gangetic Dolphin

3) Consider the following statements regarding the Namami Gange Programme:

1. It is a 100% centrally funded scheme.
2. It follows a zero-liquid discharge policy, ensuring no untreated sewage enters the river.
3. It includes the Ganga Gram Initiative, aimed at improving sanitation in villages along the river.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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- 4) Consider the following statements regarding the Central Electricity Authority (CEA):
1. CEA is a statutory body responsible for power sector planning and technical regulations.
 2. CEA has the authority to enforce penalties on power distribution companies violating safety norms.
 3. CEA advises the government on electricity policy and grid management.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
- 5) Which of the following is a key feature of AI Kosha?
- (a) Hosting personal datasets for AI research
 - (b) Providing a platform for AI model deployment in production environments
 - (c) Offering a repository of datasets, models, and use cases to enable AI innovation
 - (d) Enforcing data sharing policies for private enterprises
- 6) Which of the following is the primary objective of the Revised Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) (2024-26)?
- (a) Providing direct cash transfers to livestock farmers for veterinary expenses
 - (b) Developing a nationwide digital database for tracking livestock health using blockchain technology
 - (c) Promoting indigenous livestock breeds by limiting the use of imported genetic material
 - (d) Eradicating economically significant livestock diseases through vaccination, surveillance, and treatment
- 7) Which of the following is NOT a component of the Global Engagement Scheme?
- (a) Grant-in-aid support for Indo-Foreign cultural societies
 - (b) Organization of virtual cultural programs with foreign artists
 - (c) Promotion of classical and contemporary Indian arts through global festivals
 - (d) International collaborations for academic research in Indian heritage
- 8) Consider the following provisions related to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)'s risk coverage:

1. It provides insurance coverage only for standing crops in the field and does not cover pre-sowing or post-harvest losses.
2. It covers localized calamities such as hailstorms, landslides, and inundation.
3. The scheme compensates farmers for mid-season crop losses if the yield is reduced by more than 50% due to adverse climatic conditions.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 9) Match the following technological interventions under PMFBY with their respective features:

Technology	Feature
A. YES-TECH	1. Online grievance redressal
B. WINDS	2. GIS-based satellite monitoring
C. Krishi Rakshak Portal	3. AI-based yield estimation
D. BHUVAN	4. Installation of automatic weather stations

Select the correct option:

- (a) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
- (b) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
- (c) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- (d) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1

- 10) Consider the following statements regarding PM-YUVA 3.0:

1. The scheme offers a mentorship program where selected young authors receive training from renowned writers.
2. It is implemented by Prasar Bharati to promote regional language literature in India.
3. Selected books under the scheme will be translated into multiple Indian languages and promoted internationally.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 11) Which of the following best explains the primary objective of Mission Amrit Sarovar?

- (a) To develop large-scale reservoirs for hydroelectric projects in Himalayan states.
- (b) To construct and rejuvenate ponds

- across India for water conservation and groundwater recharge.
- (c) To create artificial lakes in urban areas to promote tourism and biodiversity conservation.
- (d) To expand irrigation networks by linking major rivers through inter-basin water transfer.

12) Consider the following statements regarding National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)'s contribution to India's cooperative sector:

1. NCDC plays a major role in funding FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) under the Cooperative Development Program.
2. NCDC has been instrumental in promoting digital platforms for cooperatives, enabling online marketing of cooperative products.
3. The Mission Sahakar 2022 aimed to double the cooperative sector's contribution to India's GDP.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding the Price Deficit Payment Scheme (PDPS) under PM-AASHA?

1. Farmers are compensated when market prices fall below the MSP.
2. It involves procurement of crops by the government to stabilize market prices.
3. The scheme applies to non-MSP crops as well.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Which of the following is a feature of the loans provided under the PM Mudra Yojana?

- (a) Loans are collateral-free
- (b) Loans require government guarantees
- (c) Loans are only available to established businesses
- (d) Loans are interest-free

15) What role does the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) play in the operation of nuclear reactors like KAPS-4?

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- (a) It manages the day-to-day operations of nuclear power plants.
- (b) It provides funding for nuclear power projects.
- (c) It designs nuclear reactors for India.
- (d) It is responsible for regulating and approving the power levels and safety protocols of nuclear reactors.

16) The Public Liability Insurance Act (PLIA), 1991, mandates that:

- a) All industries must have insurance coverage for financial relief in case of industrial accidents involving hazardous substances.
- b) The insurance is optional for small-scale industries.
- c) Only government-run industries are required to obtain liability insurance.
- d) Industries handling non-hazardous materials are exempt from having insurance.

17) Which of the following facilities is NOT provided under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?

- a) Accidental insurance cover of ₹2 lakhs under PMSBY
- b) Life insurance cover of ₹2 lakhs under PMJJBY
- c) Overdraft facility of up to ₹10,000
- d) Mandatory minimum balance requirement

18) Consider the following statements regarding the PM Mudra Yojana:

1. The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. MUDRA directly lends to micro-entrepreneurs and individuals.
3. The PM Mudra Yojana offers loans for income-generating activities in sectors such as manufacturing, trading, and agriculture.
4. The udyamimitra portal has been introduced to facilitate online loan applications.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) What does "PDS leakage" refer to in the context of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013?

- a) The over-allocation of food grains to non-eligible households

- b) The amount of food grains released by the FCI that fail to reach the consumers
- c) The amount of money lost in maintaining the PDS system
- d) The wastage of food grains during transportation

20) Consider the following features of the Mission Saffron Initiative:

1. It promotes the use of drones for precision farming and climate monitoring in saffron fields.
2. The project is integrated with Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for water-efficient irrigation methods.
3. The initiative mandates the use of genetically engineered saffron bulbs for high productivity.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21) What is the primary purpose of the recall guidelines announced by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)?

- (a) To regulate the pricing of pharmaceutical drugs
- (b) To promote international trade of Indian drugs
- (c) To improve the manufacturing process of drugs
- (d) To ensure quick removal of drugs that fail testing from the market

22) Consider the following statements about Mission Mausam:

1. The mission focuses on enhancing India's maritime heritage through archaeological research.
2. The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is the nodal agency responsible for executing Mission Mausam.
3. The mission involves upgrading the infrastructure of organizations like the India Meteorological Department.
4. The mission includes the development of new weather models for seasonal and daily monsoon forecasts.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23) Consider the following statements about the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act, 2016:

1. The BIS Act, 2016 gives BIS the authority to certify products and systems in India.
2. Under the BIS Act, 2016, standards established by BIS are mandatory for all industries.
3. The BIS Act, 2016 allows BIS to operate as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.
4. The ISI mark under BIS is a mandatory certification for all Indian manufacturers.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding PM-Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA):

1. It ensures the saturation of existing schemes in Scheduled Tribe-majority villages.
2. The program is implemented solely by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
3. It includes sustainable agricultural practices for Forest Rights Act (FRA) patta holders.
4. PMJUGA aims to bring integrated development across all tribal villages in India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) Regarding the Indian government's AI initiatives, consider the following statements:

1. The National Supercomputing Mission aims to establish a network of high-performance computing systems in India.
2. FutureSkills PRIME focuses on developing digital skills related to AI, machine learning, cloud computing, and cybersecurity.
3. The India AI Mission emphasizes setting up AI centres of excellence in rural areas only.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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(d) None

26) Consider the following statements regarding the inclusion of gig workers in India's labour laws:

1. The Code on Social Security, 2020 classifies gig workers within the traditional employer-employee relationship.
2. Gig workers are excluded from minimum wage protections under current labour laws.
3. The Industrial Relations Code, 2020 includes gig workers in its dispute resolution mechanisms.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27) Consider the following statements about the TB Champion model:

1. TB Champions are typically healthcare professionals deployed to deliver door-to-door medication in urban slums.
2. The model focuses on peer-led advocacy by TB survivors to enhance treatment adherence.
3. It has been adopted effectively in Meghalaya, especially in hard-to-reach tribal belts.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

28) Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) consolidates all academic records, making them accessible via DigiLocker under the 'One Nation, One Student ID' initiative. Consider the following statements regarding APAAR.

Statement-I: APAAR will help prevent duplication and fraud in academic credentials.

Statement-II: APAAR mandates blockchain-based storage to secure academic records.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct

explanation for Statement-I

(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

29) Consider the following statements about the PM Internship Scheme:

1. The scheme aims to provide 1 crore youth with work experience over five years.
2. It offers internships in sectors like agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and automobiles.
3. The stipend is entirely funded by the companies offering the internships.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

30) Consider the following statements about the rights and autonomy of minority institutions in India:

1. Minority institutions cannot admit non-minority students under any circumstances.
2. Minority institutions are entirely exempt from educational quality standards set by the government.
3. The Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust v. Union of India (2014) ruling granted minority institutions exemption from RTE Act's reservation provisions.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

31) Consider the following statements regarding 6G technology:

1. Terahertz frequencies in 6G enable faster data transfer but can only travel short distances.
2. Integrated Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IIRS) improve signal quality in areas with weak reception.
3. Massive MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) technology uses multiple antennas to enhance data transmission, supporting numerous devices simultaneously.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 32) Consider the following statements regarding Bharat 6G Vision and Strategy:
1. The Bharat 6G Vision aims to achieve affordable 6G technologies specifically for rural connectivity within India.
 2. The core principles of Bharat 6G Vision is aligning with the national policy of "Make in India" to strengthen domestic telecom manufacturing.
 3. Bharat 6G Vision focuses on enhancing global intellectual property contributions from India in 6G technologies.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 33) Consider the following statements about CSR eligibility and compliance under the Companies Act, 2013:

1. CSR becomes mandatory for companies with a net worth of ₹500 crore or more.
2. Companies failing to meet CSR obligations may face monetary penalties, but responsible officers are not personally liable.
3. The law requires unspent CSR funds to be carried forward indefinitely if not utilized in the specified year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 34) Match the following TB-related initiatives with their primary focus:

Initiative	Focus
A. Nikshay Poshan Yojana	1. Public participation through adoption of TB patients
B. TB Harega Desh Jeetega	2. Nutritional support to TB patients via DBT
C. Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Abhiyan	3. National awareness and community participation

Select the correct answer code:

- (a) A-2, B-3, C-1
- (b) A-3, B-1, C-2
- (c) A-1, B-2, C-3
- (d) A-1, B-3, C-2

- 1) Which of the following is the most significant advantage of gene-editing in bananas over traditional genetic modification (GMO)?
- (a) Gene-edited bananas have been widely accepted and approved for human consumption globally.
 - (b) Gene-editing is faster but more unpredictable compared to traditional GMO methods.
 - (c) Gene-edited crops require continuous application of chemical regulators to maintain their traits.
 - (d) Gene-editing does not introduce foreign DNA, whereas GMO techniques do.

- 2) Consider the following applications of gene-editing technology:

1. Developing genetically engineered mosquitoes to prevent the spread of malaria.
2. Creating synthetic human embryos for organ transplantation.
3. Enhancing crop resistance to pests and environmental stress.

Which of the above are currently feasible using gene-editing techniques?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) All of the above

- 3) Which of the following best explains why Starlink's satellite broadband is considered superior to traditional internet services?
- (a) Starlink's satellites orbit in geostationary orbit (GEO), allowing seamless global coverage.
 - (b) It eliminates the need for ground stations, making it completely independent of terrestrial infrastructure.
 - (c) Starlink uses a low-Earth orbit (LEO) satellite constellation, reducing latency compared to traditional satellite internet.
 - (d) It operates using fiber-optic communication in space, ensuring higher speeds than terrestrial broadband.

- 4) Consider the following statements:
1. India accounts for 2% of the global rare disease burden.
 2. Thalassaemia and Muscular Dystrophy are examples of rare diseases in India.

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3. Rare diseases in India are usually detected within two years of birth.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

5) Match the following rare diseases with their corresponding types:

Rare Diseases	Descriptions
1. Thalassaemia	a. Genetic disorder affecting oxygen transport in the blood
2. Acquired Aplastic Anaemia	b. Condition where the bone marrow fails to produce blood cells
3. Paediatric Cardiomyopathy	c. Disease affecting the muscles of the heart

- a) 1-a, 2-c, 3-b
- b) 1-b, 2-c, 3-a
- c) 1-c, 2-b, 3-a
- d) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c

6) Consider the following statements about the functioning of atomic clocks:

- 1. Quartz crystal oscillators are essential components of atomic clocks.
- 2. Atomic clocks primarily depend on the vibration of caesium atoms for timekeeping.
- 3. Atomic clocks compare the vibrations of atoms with that of quartz oscillators to maintain precision.
- 4. Atomic clocks are less accurate than GPS satellites in time measurement.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD):

- 1. USSD works only in 4G and 5G networks.
- 2. USSD does not require an internet connection to function.
- 3. USSD messages are limited to 182 characters.
- 4. USSD can be used for various mobile services, including banking and call forwarding.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2, 3, and 4 only

- c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

8) Which of the following statements is incorrect about how a hydrogen fuel cell works?

- a) The only byproducts of the fuel cell reaction are water vapor and heat.
- b) Electrons flow from the anode to the cathode through the electrolyte, generating an electric current.
- c) Water is formed at the cathode by combining protons, electrons, and oxygen from the air.
- d) Hydrogen molecules are split into protons and electrons at the anode of the fuel cell.

9) Consider the following statements regarding Gallium and germanium?

- 1. Both minerals are crucial for the production of semiconductors and solar cells.
- 2. Gallium is known for its application in defense sectors, particularly in missile guidance systems.
- 3. Germanium plays a vital role in fiber-optic systems and infrared technology.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Remote Sensing.

- 1. It is the science of obtaining information about objects or areas from a distance, typically from aircraft or satellites.
- 2. It collects data by detecting the reflected energy from the Earth.
- 3. Hyperspectral imaging and seismograms are common application of the remote sensing.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding Listeria.

- 1. Listeria is a bacteria that can lead to an infection called listeriosis.
- 2. It is found in soil, vegetation, water and even the faeces of animals and humans.

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3. Most people who ingest listeria-infected food will fall sick or develop symptoms immediately. How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements.

1. Khanij Bidesh India Ltd is a private joint venture that aims to secure critical minerals globally.

2. Lithium is an alkali metal used in rechargeable batteries and medical devices like pacemakers.

3. Niobium is a silvery metal with a corrosion-resistant oxide layer on its surface.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding White phosphorus.

1. White phosphorus is a highly toxic, wax-like substance known for its ability to burn at extremely high temperatures.

2. It is used by militaries to create smokescreens due to its fast-spreading fires and thick smoke production.

3. It is categorized as an “incendiary weapon” and is banned by international conventions.

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

14) What physiological factor is primarily responsible for the athletic performance differences between men and women?

- (a) Bone density
- (b) Muscle fiber type
- (c) Chromosome count
- (d) Circulating testosterone levels

15) Consider the following chromosomal combinations with their corresponding sex characteristics.

- 1. XX: Development of male sex organs
- 2. XY: Development of female sex organs
- 3. XY (with Swyer syndrome): Development

of female reproductive organs despite XY chromosomes

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

16) Which biotechnology technique is used to increase the shelf life of food products?

- a) Tissue culture
- b) Gene therapy
- c) Edible vaccines
- d) Molecular diagnostics

17) Consider the following statements regarding the challenges associated with biotechnology:

1. Biotechnology can threaten the survival of certain species by interfering with their natural breeding processes.

2. The development of biotechnology has completely eliminated the risk of creating biological weapons.

3. There is a lack of public awareness about modern biotechnological tools, which poses a challenge to its acceptance and regulation.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

18) Consider the following statements about the nature and characteristics of quasars:

1. Quasars are primarily powered by the accretion of matter onto a supermassive black hole.

2. The energy output of a quasar can outshine its entire host galaxy.

3. Quasars are relatively common and can be found in many nearby galaxies.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding food irradiation:

1. Food irradiation prevents spoilage by slowing down decay and delaying premature ripening.

2. Irradiation processing usually requires multiple treatments to achieve food safety.

3. It reduces the need for chemical preservatives, contributing to a more sustainable food supply chain.

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4. The Codex Alimentarius Commission played a key role in setting global standards for food irradiation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20) Which of the following best explains the primary mandate of North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR)?

- (a) To establish large-scale industrial zones in Northeast India with foreign investments.
- (b) To promote research and development in space technology for ISRO's Northeast initiatives.
- (c) To bridge the gap between research institutions and grassroots innovations through technology-driven solutions.
- (d) To implement direct cash transfers for technology-based enterprises in Northeast India.

21) Consider the following statements regarding North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR):

- 1. It is an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.
- 2. One of its key projects includes the promotion of saffron cultivation in the Northeast, leveraging climate adaptation technology.
- 3. NECTAR primarily focuses on the renewable energy sector, funding solar and wind energy projects in the Northeast.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

22) Which of the following is not a notable feature of Saturn as compared to Jupiter?

- (a) Longer orbital period
- (b) Moon Titan
- (c) Great Red Spot
- (d) Spectacular ring system

23) What is the role of Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) in blockchain technology?

- (a) It allows developers to mine cryptocurrencies more efficiently

- (b) It replaces traditional blockchains with centralized cloud databases
- (c) It centralizes the blockchain ecosystem by hosting all decentralized apps
- (d) It provides infrastructure and tools to build blockchain applications without requiring users to manage the blockchain themselves

24) Consider the following statements about the moons of Jupiter and Saturn:

- 1. Both Jupiter and Saturn have numerous moons due to their large size and gravitational influence.
- 2. Jupiter has more moons than Saturn.
- 3. Titan is the largest moon of Saturn.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) Consider the following statements regarding the importance of Aditya-L1's position at Lagrange Point 1 (L1):

Statement-I: L1 allows Aditya-L1 to continuously observe the Sun without any interruptions from Earth's shadow.

Statement-II: L1 is located within Earth's magnetosphere, which protects the spacecraft from solar radiation.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

26) Consider the following statements regarding the use of helium in rockets:

- 1. Helium is used to pressurize fuel tanks in rockets because it remains a gas even at very low temperatures.
- 2. Helium is highly reactive and ensures that the fuel burns efficiently in rocket engines.
- 3. Alternatives like argon and nitrogen are commonly used instead of helium due to their lower costs.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one

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

27) Consider the following statements regarding sickle cell disease:

1. Sickle cell disease shortens the lifespan of patients to approximately 40 years.
2. It is caused by a genetic abnormality passed on when both parents carry the sickle cell trait.
3. Sickle cell disease can be treated with antiviral medications.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28) What does the term "Disease X" refer to?

- (a) A hypothetical pathogen that could cause a future pandemic
- (b) A known disease caused by mutations in genetic material
- (c) A bacterial infection caused by unknown sources
- (d) A new type of influenza virus

29) Consider the following statements regarding Hantavirus:

1. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is caused by the inhalation of aerosols containing the virus.
2. The virus is exclusively found in tropical regions, making it a low-risk infection for temperate climates.
3. Hemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome (HFRS) is another disease caused by Hantavirus, primarily affecting kidney function.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

30) What is the primary objective of ISRO's SpaDeX (Space Docking Experiment) mission?

- (a) To test space-based refueling technology for future interplanetary missions.
- (b) To demonstrate autonomous rendezvous and docking capabilities between two spacecraft.
- (c) To test India's first modular space station design for long-duration human spaceflight.

(d) To establish an in-orbit debris collection system using robotic arms.

31) Consider the following statements regarding the space weather implications of Flareless Coronal Mass Ejection (CME):

1. Unlike flare-associated CMEs, they have no effect on satellite operations.
2. They are harder to detect in advance, making space weather forecasting more challenging.
3. Their formation mechanism is completely independent of the Sun's magnetic field.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

32) Consider the following statements about Hantavirus:

1. Hantavirus can be eradicated using mass vaccination programs similar to polio.
2. The disease is highly contagious and spreads rapidly in human populations.
3. People working in agriculture, construction, and forestry are at higher risk due to rodent exposure.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33) Consider the following statements regarding hydrogen fuel cells in the transport sector:

1. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles produce zero emissions, emitting only water vapour as a by-product.
2. Hydrogen fuel cells offer a longer range and faster refuelling compared to battery electric vehicles.
3. Hydrogen fuel cells increase energy consumption compared to traditional combustion engines.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

34) Consider the following statements regarding the security and legal implications of autopen usage:

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1. Autopen-generated signatures are universally accepted in all legal and financial transactions worldwide.
2. Autopen devices require biometric authentication before initiating a signature.
3. The use of an autopen automatically invalidates the authenticity of a document in legal cases.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

35) Consider the following statements regarding Audible Enclaves:

1. Audible Enclaves emit sound omnidirectionally to surround the listener.
2. The technology has already been commercialized for long-range outdoor broadcasting.
3. Its functionality is unaffected by environmental noise or reflective surfaces.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

36) Consider the following statements regarding the Samarth Incubation Program:

1. It provides access to C-DOT labs and expert mentorship to selected startups.
2. It is implemented directly by the Department of Science and Technology.
3. Startups must be recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to be eligible.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

37) Consider the following statements about polio disease and its effects:

1. Polio primarily affects adults and is rarely seen in children under five.
2. Polio is highly infectious and affects the nervous system, potentially causing paralysis.

3. All types of polio infections lead to visible symptoms and paralysis in infected individuals.

4. Polio has no known impact on the respiratory system.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

38) What is a primary limitation of millimeter wave (mmWave) transceiver technology in wireless communication?

- (a) It is incompatible with Internet of Things (IoT) devices due to its size.
- (b) It has limited range and is easily blocked by physical obstructions.
- (c) It can only transmit data at low speeds over long distances.
- (d) It is highly susceptible to interference from other wireless systems.

39) Which of the following features in 6G technology allows for the creation of dedicated, smaller networks tailored for specific types of traffic?

- (a) Integrated Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IIRS)
- (b) Massive MIMO
- (c) Network Slicing
- (d) Terahertz (THz) Frequencies

40) Consider the following statements:

1. Fungi are considered prokaryotic organisms due to the absence of a nucleus.
2. Lichens are made solely of fungal species.
3. Some fungi have shown the ability to degrade synthetic plastic materials.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41) Which of the following best explains why photonic chips are considered superior for future technologies like 6G and quantum computing?

- (a) They require no electricity for operation
- (b) They rely solely on quantum bits (qubits) instead of classical bits
- (c) They offer ultra-high data transfer speeds and minimal heat generation
- (d) They can only be used in space applications

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42) Consider the following statements regarding Gene banks.

Statement-I: Gene banks are crucial for India's climate-resilient agriculture.

Statement-II: Gene banks provide immediate high-yield varieties to farmers.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

43) Consider the following statements regarding Parker Solar Probe

Statement-I: Parker Solar Probe helps improve forecasting of space weather.

Statement-II: Space weather has minimal effect on satellite communications and power grids on Earth.

Which one of the following is correct?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

44) Consider the following statements regarding xenotransplantation:

1. It involves the transfer of live tissues or organs from one human to another.
2. It can address organ shortages by providing alternative sources from animals.
3. Gene editing in donor animals reduces the risk of organ rejection.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45) Consider the following statements

Statement-I: Fungi are vital to the ecosystem because they are primary producers of organic matter.

Statement-II: Fungi break down organic material and recycle nutrients.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

6. International Relations and Organisations

1) Consider the following statements regarding the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995):

1. It called for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls in public and private spheres.
2. It led to the formation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).
3. The declaration introduced a quota system requiring at least 33% representation of women in all political institutions.
4. It recognized violence against women as a public health issue, not just a human rights concern.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding Strategic Bitcoin Reserve

Statement-I: The Strategic Bitcoin Reserve is designed to enhance U.S. leadership in the global cryptocurrency market.

Statement-II: The U.S. government actively purchases Bitcoin using tax revenues to maintain the reserve.

Which of the following is correct?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are

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correct, but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

3) Consider the following statements regarding India's extradition laws:

1. The Extradition Act governs extradition procedures and allows India to seek extradition even without a formal treaty.
2. India has an extradition treaty with the United Nations, allowing it to request extradition from any UN member state.
3. Interpol Red Notices are legally binding requests that mandate extradition.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Vanuatu:

1. Vanuatu is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it prone to frequent volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.
2. The country follows a strict policy of neutrality, refusing diplomatic relations with China or the United States.
3. The economy of Vanuatu is primarily based on agriculture, tourism, and offshore financial services.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and its functions:

1. SIPRI is an intergovernmental organization under the United Nations that tracks global arms transfers and military expenditure.
2. SIPRI publishes the "Trends in International Arms Transfers" report, which provides an analysis of major arms exporters and importers.
3. SIPRI's research focuses solely on arms trade and does not include nuclear disarmament or geopolitical conflicts.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

6) Which of the following best explains the primary objective of the No Money for Terror (NMFT) Conference?

- (a) To promote cashless transactions to prevent illicit financial flows in developing countries.
- (b) To develop an international treaty that bans cryptocurrency usage in global financial systems.
- (c) To strengthen global cooperation in tracking and preventing terror financing.
- (d) To create a single global regulatory body for anti-money laundering (AML) compliance.

7) Consider the following key provisions under the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025:

1. The Bill introduces special visa categories for high-skilled workers and foreign investors.
2. It strengthens penalties on carriers (airlines, shipping companies) for transporting unauthorized persons into India.
3. The Bill allows the government to deny visas to individuals based on their country's diplomatic relations with India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8) Which of the following statements about the Global Stocktake and its relation to nuclear energy is incorrect?

- a) Nuclear energy is seen as a key component in enhancing climate ambition by providing low-carbon electricity.
- b) Nuclear energy was included in the Global Stocktake for the first time at COP28 in 2023.
- c) The Global Stocktake's primary focus is on monitoring fossil fuel consumption and reducing coal usage.
- d) The Global Stocktake assesses the progress of national contributions towards the Paris Agreement's goals.

9) Consider the following statements regarding the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):

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1. The IAEA is a United Nations based organisation responsible for promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
2. The Additional Protocol of the IAEA allows for more stringent inspections of nuclear facilities to ensure peaceful use.
3. India is not a member of the IAEA as it is not a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

10) Consider the following statements about the United Nations (UN) and its structure:

1. The UN was established after World War I, with collective security and peacekeeping as some of its founding principles.
2. The General Assembly is the primary policymaking body of the UN, while the UNSC is responsible for peace and security.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements about Amnesty International:

1. Amnesty International is an international organization composed of volunteers who campaign for human rights.
2. The organization is known for publishing reports on human rights abuses worldwide.
3. Amnesty International is a governmental organization operating under the United Nations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) Consider the following statements regarding Global Compact?

1. A Global Compact is an initiative that unites countries or organizations to commit to shared goals and principles.
2. It often focuses on sustainable development, human rights, and global cooperation.
3. The Global Compact is a legally binding agreement among participating countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding India's visa regulations:

1. India follows an open-border policy with all its neighbouring countries, allowing visa-free entry.
2. India does not allow foreigners to apply for Indian citizenship through naturalization.
3. The Visa-on-Arrival policy is extended to citizens of all SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding India's refugee policies:

1. India follows a formal Refugee Recognition Framework under the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees).
2. The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019, provides automatic citizenship to all persecuted minorities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.
3. Tibetan refugees in India are issued Registration Certificates instead of Indian passports.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15) India, along with Brazil, South Africa, and China, formed the BASIC Group in the 2000s. What was the main reason behind the formation of this group?

- (a) To create a coalition for nuclear disarmament
- (b) To safeguard their developmental and poverty reduction objectives in climate negotiations
- (c) To promote technological innovation in AI
- (d) To negotiate favourable trade policies

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16) Consider the following statements regarding the UNESCO Tentative List:

1. It is a mandatory step before a site can be nominated for the World Heritage List.
2. A country can only submit one site per year for inclusion in the Tentative List.
3. The Tentative List is reviewed every 10 years, allowing for modifications.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17) Which of the following is not an initiative of BRICS?

- (a) BRICS Payment System
- (b) Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)
- (c) New Development Bank (NDB)
- (d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

18) What is the primary focus of the Global Biofuel Alliance?

- (a) Promoting the use of biofuels exclusively in the transportation sector
- (b) Leading efforts to establish global standards for hydrogen production from biomass
- (c) Funding the production of biofuels in developing countries
- (d) Establishing global trade agreements for biofuel exports

19) Which of the following is not one of the primary focuses of the Quad's working groups?

- (a) Critical and emerging technologies
- (b) Maritime security
- (c) Space exploration
- (d) Climate change

20) Consider the following statements regarding the dispute resolution mechanism under the Indus Waters Treaty:

1. The first step in resolving disputes is the involvement of a Neutral Expert, who adjudicates on technical issues.
2. The Permanent Indus Commission is required to meet at least once a year to discuss the implementation of the treaty and resolve any disputes.
3. If disputes persist after the Neutral Expert's decision, the matter can be referred

to an arbitral tribunal, known as the Court of Arbitration, consisting of seven members.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21) Consider the following statements about the FATF and its functions:

1. FATF is a legal body with the authority to impose sanctions directly on non-compliant countries.
2. The FATF works closely with regional organizations to monitor countries' progress in combating money laundering and terrorism financing.
3. The FATF's primary goal is to protect the global financial system from misuse by criminals and terrorist organizations.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) Which of the following statements is true about the compliance component of the FATF Mutual Evaluation?

1. Compliance is assessed only once, during a country's first evaluation.
2. It ignores the legal framework and focuses entirely on field results.
3. It checks whether the country complies with international trade agreements.
4. It only examines how well countries enforce their laws.

Select the correct answer code:

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

23) Consider the following statements regarding the 'Pact of the Future':

1. It aims to make the UN Security Council more representative of the current global realities.
2. It proposes adding more non-permanent members to the Security Council to increase inclusivity.
3. The focus is on providing special privileges to under-represented regions like Europe and North America.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

24) Consider the following objectives of the UN80 Initiative:

1. Strengthening strategic planning and cost-effectiveness.
2. Enhancing collaboration among different UN bodies for better coordination.
3. Establishing a separate financial institution to oversee UN funding.
4. Encouraging timely financial contributions from member states.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

25) Consider the following statements regarding India's rights and obligations on the western rivers under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT):

1. India can use the waters of the western rivers only for irrigation purposes.
2. India is allowed to develop hydroelectric projects on the western rivers.
3. India is obliged to conduct Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for all hydroelectric projects on the western rivers.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26) Consider the following statements on the no-harm rule in international law:

1. The no-harm rule is an explicit provision in the Indus Waters Treaty.
2. It requires states to prevent all potential harm to neighbouring states from transboundary projects.
3. It is considered a due diligence obligation under customary international law.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

27) Consider the following statements on customary international law in transboundary water treaties:

1. The no-harm rule is automatically enforceable in all treaties.
2. Equitable and reasonable utilization (ERU) is a principle applied in international watercourse management.
3. Customary law obliges states to conduct Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for projects with potential cross-border impacts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28) Consider the following statements on equitable and reasonable utilization (ERU) as per the UN Watercourses Convention:

1. ERU ensures that upstream states have exclusive rights to water usage.
2. ERU aims to allocate water resources based on social and economic needs of all riparian states.
3. ERU requires states to notify each other before utilizing shared water resources.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Polity

1) Which of the following correctly describes the jurisdiction of Lokpal under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013?

- (a) Lokpal can investigate only Ministers and Members of Parliament but not Group A officers.
- (b) Lokpal has jurisdiction over the Prime Minister in all matters, including national security.
- (c) Lokpal can initiate suo-motu investigations without a formal complaint or reference.
- (d) NGOs receiving foreign contributions above a prescribed limit also fall under Lokpal's jurisdiction.

2) Consider the following statements regarding the Composition of Lokpal:

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1. Lokpal consists of a chairperson and a maximum of eight members.
2. At least 50% of the members must be judicial members.
3. The chairperson must be a retired Chief Justice of India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 3) Which of the following states does NOT have Autonomous District Councils established under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Nagaland

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding D Voters and their legal challenges:

1. Once a person is declared a D Voter, they permanently lose their right to apply for Indian citizenship.
2. D Voters are allowed to contest elections but cannot cast votes until their status is resolved.
3. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is the final authority in deciding the citizenship status of a D Voter.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding the criteria for appointment of the Chief Justice of India (CJI):

1. The CJI can be appointed based on a rotation policy from different regional Supreme Court benches.
2. Merit and integrity are considered alongside seniority in CJI appointments.
3. The CJI is selected by a committee of sitting Supreme Court judges and then recommended to the President.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 6) Under Section 8(1) of the Representation of the People Act of 1951, which of the following offences can lead to disqualification of an MP.

1. Promoting enmity between two groups
2. Bribery
3. Undue influence or personation at an election
4. Defamation

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

- 7) Article 102 of the Indian Constitution deals with the disqualification of MPs from either house of the Parliament. The reasons under which an MP can be disqualified include:

1. if he has voluntarily acquired the citizenship of a foreign State.
2. if he is an undischarged insolvent.
3. if he holds any office of profit under the Government of India.
4. if he is disqualified by the Election Commission of India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 8) What did the Supreme Court rule in the 2023 case of Pankaj Bansal vs Union of India regarding the disclosure of 'grounds of arrest'?

- a) It is optional to disclose grounds of arrest
- b) Grounds of arrest must be disclosed verbally within 48 hours
- c) Disclosing grounds of arrest in writing at the time of arrest is mandatory
- d) Grounds of arrest can be disclosed after the accused is produced before a magistrate

- 9) How is the 'creamy layer' determination different for children of government employees compared to those from the private sector?

- (a) There is no difference in determination between the two sectors
- (b) Private sector employees' children are never in the creamy layer
- (c) For government employees, it's based on rank; for private sector, it's based on income
- (d) Government employees' children are always in the creamy layer

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10) How does Article 22(3) of the Indian Constitution affect the rights of individuals under preventive detention?

- (a) It limits preventive detention to a maximum of 24 hours
- (b) It mandates immediate judicial review of preventive detention cases
- (c) It exempts preventive detention from the protections of Article 22(1) and 22(2)
- (d) It grants additional rights to those under preventive detention

11) Consider the following statements regarding Statutory Bail in India:

1. Statutory bail is a right that becomes available to an accused when the police fail to complete their investigation within a specified period.
2. The time limit for statutory bail is uniformly 60 days across all types of cases.
3. Statutory bail is enshrined in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

12) Which doctrine allows for the invalidation of unconstitutional parts of a law while preserving the rest?

- (a) Doctrine of Substantive Due Process
- (b) Doctrine of Severability
- (c) Doctrine of Colorable Legislation
- (d) Doctrine of Eclipse

13) Consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court has the power to invalidate only those laws that are in direct violation of the Fundamental Rights.
2. The Doctrine of Severability allows the unconstitutional parts of a law to be invalidated while preserving the rest.
3. The Doctrine of Eclipse allows a law infringing Fundamental Rights to be suspended until it is brought in line with the Constitution.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Which of the following cases reaffirmed the right to a speedy trial as a fundamental right under Article 21?

- A) Justice K.S. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India (2017)
- B) Delhi Excise Policy Case (2024)
- C) Shreya Singhal vs. Union of India (2015)
- D) Maneka Gandhi vs. Union of India (1978)

15) Which committee or report first recommended the concept of lateral entry into the Indian civil services?

- a) Sarkaria Commission
- b) First Administrative Reforms Commission
- c) Punchhi Commission
- d) Surinder Nath Committee

16) Which of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution allows the Supreme Court to declare any law void if it contravenes Fundamental Rights?

- a) Article 142
- b) Article 136
- c) Article 13
- d) Article 32

17) Consider the following statements about Anticipatory Bail:

1. Anticipatory bail is granted before the arrest of an accused person.
2. The concept of anticipatory bail is explicitly mentioned in the Indian Constitution.
3. Anticipatory bail can be granted by both Sessions Courts and High Courts.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

18) Which of the following doctrines prevents the legislature from enacting laws indirectly that would violate constitutional limits?

- (a) Doctrine of Substantive Due Process
- (b) Doctrine of Eclipse
- (c) Doctrine of Colorable Legislation
- (d) Doctrine of Severability

19) Consider the following statements regarding Article 142:

1. Article 142 empowers the Supreme Court to pass orders necessary for complete justice.

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2. This article allows the Supreme Court to grant special leave to appeal against lower court decisions.

3. Article 142 can be used to protect civil liberties in cases where no specific law exists.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

20) Consider the following statements about the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (as amended in 2019):

1. The Act provided for the constitution of a National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) at the Union level.
2. The Act mandates the establishment of State Human Rights Commissions in every state.
3. The Act provides for the establishment of Human Rights Courts at the district level.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21) Consider the following statements about the State Election Commissions (SECs):

1. SECs were established under the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.
2. SECs prepare a separate voter list for local body elections.
3. SECs can remove political parties from their registration in state-level elections.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22) Consider the following statements regarding the legal provisions for foreigners in India:

1. The Foreigners Act, 1946, empowers the government to regulate the entry, exit, and presence of foreigners in India.
2. The Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, defines the conditions under which foreigners can obtain Indian citizenship.
3. The Citizenship Act, 1955, provides for naturalization, registration, and birthright citizenship as modes of acquiring Indian citizenship.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

23) Consider the following statements regarding the tenure and removal of the State Election Commissioner:

1. The tenure of the SEC is determined by the Election Commission of India.
2. The SEC can be removed only in the same manner as a High Court judge.
3. The conditions of the SEC's service can be varied to their disadvantage after appointment.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding the Public Accounts Committee (PAC):

1. Ministers are allowed to serve as members of the PAC if they are not in charge of any financial ministry.
2. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was first established in 1950.
3. The primary role of the PAC is to scrutinize government expenditure and ensure compliance with parliamentary grants.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25) Consider the following statements regarding electoral reforms in India:

1. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is legally enforceable and violators can be prosecuted under electoral laws.
2. The Supreme Court has mandated that candidates must disclose criminal records before elections.
3. The introduction of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) was directed by the Supreme Court to increase transparency in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).
4. The Election Commission has the power to disqualify a candidate if they fail to disclose their assets and liabilities.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

26) Which of the following committees was the first to recommend partial state funding of elections in India?

- (a) Dinesh Goswami Committee (1990)
- (b) Vohra Committee (1993)
- (c) Second Administrative Reforms Commission (2007)
- (d) Indrajit Gupta Committee (1998)

27) Consider the following statements regarding the powers and responsibilities of the CAG:

1. The CAG audits all transactions from the Consolidated Fund of India, State funds, and government undertakings.
2. The CAG submits audit reports directly to Parliament, bypassing the President and Governors.
3. The CAG has discretionary powers to initiate audits of private companies receiving significant government funds.
4. The CAG acts as an agent of Parliament in ensuring accountability in public financial management.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

28) Which of the following correctly describes the historical origin of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in India?

- (a) The CAG's office was established through the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919, which made it a constitutional authority.
- (b) The Government of India Act, 1935, formally provided constitutional status to the Auditor General for overseeing financial accountability.
- (c) The office of CAG originated from the British colonial setup, evolving from the position of Accountant General to the Government of India.
- (d) The CAG was established as an independent constitutional authority only after the enactment of the 1971 CAG Act.

29) With reference to the National Commission for Women (NCW), consider the following statements:

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1. NCW is a non-statutory body that works toward raising awareness about gender-based violence.
2. One of its roles is to address workplace harassment faced by women.
3. The NCW has the power to legislate policies to protect women's rights.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

30) The Law Commission of India is primarily:

- (a) An executive body with judicial powers
- (b) A non-statutory advisory body
- (c) A constitutional body
- (d) A statutory body under the Indian Constitution

31) Consider the following statements regarding the structure of the Law Commission of India:

1. The Law Commission consists only of full-time members appointed by the President of India.
2. The Chairperson of the Law Commission is always a retired Chief Justice of India.
3. Ex officio members of the Law Commission include the Secretaries of Legal Affairs and Legislative Affairs.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

32) With reference to the electoral processes for Presidents in the United States and India, consider the following statements:

1. Both the U.S. and India use an Electoral College system for the election of their Presidents.
2. In the U.S., electors are selected by popular vote in each state, while in India, electors are Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs).
3. The U.S. Presidential election employs a "winner-takes-all" system in most states, whereas India uses proportional representation with a single transferable vote.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

33) Consider the following statements regarding Form 17C used in the Indian electoral process:

1. Form 17C is legally required to be signed by both polling agents and the presiding officer at the close of polling.
2. It contains information about tendered votes and discrepancies in voter turnout.
3. Form 17C is governed by the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

34) Consider the following statements regarding Secret Sitting in Parliament:

1. The Constitution of India explicitly provides for secret sittings of both Houses of Parliament.
2. Lok Sabha Rules of Procedure permits secret sittings when recommended by the Leader of the House and approved by the Speaker.
3. The proceedings of secret sittings are published in the official records only if the House resolves to do so.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

35) Consider the following statements.

1. Parliament has never officially exercised the provision of secret sitting despite having the authority.
2. The only near-instance was in 1962 during the Indo-China war, where the idea was proposed but not executed.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

36) Consider the following statements regarding the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (RPA 1950):

1. It provides for the preparation of electoral rolls and the qualifications of voters.

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2. It deals with the conduct of elections and the removal of disqualified members from legislatures.
3. It lays down provisions related to the allocation of seats in Parliament and State Legislatures.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

37) Consider the following statements regarding the CAG's audit powers:

1. The CAG can audit only those financial transactions that involve tax revenues.
2. The CAG conducts three types of audits: compliance audit, financial audit, and propriety audit.
3. The CAG directly advises the Prime Minister on financial matters related to policy decisions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

SIMPLE 38) Which of the following Articles of the Indian

Constitution allows the State to make special provisions for backward classes?

- (a) Article 14
- (b) Article 15(4) and Article 16(4)
- (c) Article 21
- (d) Article 19(1)(a)

39) Consider the following statements about minority educational institutions:

1. The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004, provides minority institutions with absolute immunity from state interference.
2. Only institutions established post-Independence are eligible for minority status under the Constitution.
3. The Supreme Court in T.M.A Pai Foundation v. State of Karnataka (2002) laid down guidelines to identify minority status and autonomy in administration.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

8. History, Art and Culture

- 1) Match the following movements with their corresponding leaders or key contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel:

Movements	Contributions by Sardar Patel
A. Kheda Satyagraha	1. Mobilized significant funds for Khadi promotion
B. Bardoli Satyagraha	2. Gained the title "Sardar" for successful leadership
C. Quit India Movement	3. Called for mass protests against British Salt Laws
D. Non-Cooperation Movement	4. Supported farmers during a famine against tax collection

Select the correct match:

- (a) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1
- (b) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3
- (c) A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3
- (d) A-4, B-2, C-3, D-1

- 2) Consider the following statements.

1. Protohistory is the period where people didn't develop writing but were mentioned in the written records of a contemporary group.
2. Harappans were literate people, and their written materials were completely deciphered by historians.
3. For the Vedic period, there are no written records but have orally transmitted literature.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 3) Consider the following statements about Ashokan Edict Sites included in the UNESCO Tentative List:

1. These sites include rock edicts and pillar inscriptions commissioned by Emperor Ashoka.
2. The edicts are primarily written in Tamil and Sanskrit, reflecting Mauryan influence in South India.
3. The purpose of these edicts was to promote Dhamma (moral values) and governance policies.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

- 4) Consider the following statements about Periyar's Self Respect Movement:

1. It was primarily aimed at empowering women and promoting gender equality.
2. The movement sought to eliminate caste-based discrimination and promote rational thinking.
3. The Self Respect Movement encouraged individuals to reject rituals and superstitions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 5) Match the following Indus Valley Civilization sites with their corresponding features:

Site	Feature
a) Harappa	1. Discovery of a Great Bath
b) Mohenjodaro	2. Known for granaries and evidence of trade with Mesopotamia
c) Dholavira	3. Evidence of a dockyard and bead-making industry
d) Lothal	4. Known for a large water reservoir

Select the correct answer code:

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

- 6) Consider the following statements about Sardar Patel's contributions to the Indian administration and civil services:

1. He was instrumental in the creation of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).
2. Patel envisioned the IAS as a robust administrative framework to maintain governance stability in India.
3. He viewed the civil services as temporary structures for post-independence governance.
4. Patel's model of civil services was inspired by the British administrative structure but aimed to serve India's needs.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 7) Consider the following statements about Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's contributions to education in India:
1. He played a major role in establishing the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).
 2. He founded the Indian Statistical Institute.
 3. He advocated for liberal and universal education in post-independent India.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

9. Agriculture

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding the APEDA's export promotion initiatives:
1. APEDA provides financial assistance to exporters under the Agriculture Export Promotion Fund to enhance international competitiveness.
 2. APEDA promotes the Geographical Indication (GI) tagging of agricultural products for brand recognition in global markets.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2) What is the primary objective of the Digital Agriculture Mission?
- (a) To increase the number of agricultural exports
 - (b) To eliminate human intervention in farming practices
 - (c) To replace traditional farming methods with automated agriculture
 - (d) To enhance farm productivity and management using digital tools
- 3) Which of the following is not a focus area of AgriSURE – Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises?
- (a) Rural enterprises
 - (b) Technology-driven start-ups
 - (c) Traditional irrigation methods
 - (d) Farm mechanization

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- 4) What is the main environmental benefit of nano-fertilizers compared to traditional fertilizers?
- a) Nano-fertilizers are entirely organic and biodegradable
 - b) Nano-fertilizers increase nutrient runoff into water bodies, enhancing aquatic ecosystems
 - c) Nano-fertilizers completely eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers
 - d) Nano-fertilizers reduce nutrient wastage and pollution, cutting fertilizer use by 50%
- 5) Consider the following statements regarding the use of green hydrogen in agriculture:
1. Green hydrogen can be used to produce carbon-free ammonia, reducing reliance on fossil fuels for fertilizer production.
 2. Green hydrogen-powered farm machinery, such as tractors and harvesters, can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the agriculture sector.
 3. Green ammonia produced from green hydrogen increases soil acidity, making it less efficient than traditional fertilizers.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
- 6) With reference to jute trade and production, consider the following statements:
1. Jute is known as the 'golden fibre' due to its high commercial value.
 2. Bangladesh has more acreage under jute cultivation than India.
 3. The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) is responsible for promoting jute cultivation in India.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
- 7) Consider the following statements regarding MSP determination:
1. "A2" costs include all cash and in-kind expenses incurred by the farmer.
 2. "A2 + FL" adds the imputed value of unpaid family labor to "A2" costs.
 3. "C2" costs exclude any interest on fixed capital assets like farm machinery.
- How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) Only one

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

10. Defence and Security

- 1) Which of the following best describes the primary objective of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)?
 - (a) To regulate the production and distribution of cluster munitions
 - (b) To impose financial penalties on countries that manufacture cluster bombs
 - (c) To prohibit the use, production, transfer, and stockpiling of cluster munitions due to their humanitarian impact
 - (d) To allow the use of cluster munitions only in defensive military operations

- 2) Which of the following statements best explains why INS Imphal is considered a significant advancement in India's naval capabilities?
 - (a) It is the first Indian warship to be powered entirely by nuclear propulsion.
 - (b) It is India's first warship to be capable of deploying supersonic cruise missiles.
 - (c) It has been designed with stealth features to reduce radar cross-section.
 - (d) It is India's first aircraft carrier capable of operating fifth-generation fighter jets.

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding protections and legal recourse for victims of Digital Arrest Scams in India:
 1. The Information Technology Act, 2000, punishes cheating by impersonation through electronic means.
 2. Victims can report incidents on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal or call the cybercrime helpline.
 3. Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) actively blocks accounts linked to digital arrest scams.
 4. Cyber awareness platforms like "Cyberdost" offer real-time legal aid to scam victims.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) Only three
 - d) All four

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- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Territorial Army (TA).
 1. The Territorial Army (TA) is a military reserve force composed of part-time volunteers who provide support services to the Indian Army.
 2. They are requested by ministries and state governments for various roles, including plantation drives, petroleum supply, oil exploration, and protection of critical infrastructure.
 3. They have participated in all of India's wars since the country's independence.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

- 5) Consider the following statements.
 1. The Dharma Guardian exercise is a joint military exercise between the armies of India and Japan.
 2. The Malabar exercise, which involves the navies of India and Japan, also includes other Quad nations.
 3. Veer Guardian is a military exercise conducted between the naval forces of India and Japan.
 How many of the above statements is/are correct?
 - (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

- 6) What is the primary advantage of the Astra Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) over conventional air-to-air missiles?
 - (a) It has an unlimited range due to satellite-based guidance.
 - (b) It can engage both aerial and ground targets using an advanced multi-mode seeker.
 - (c) It has a longer range and higher speed, reducing the risk to the launching aircraft.
 - (d) It is equipped with a nuclear warhead option, enhancing deterrence capabilities.

- 7) Match the following military exercises with their respective features:

Exercise	Feature
A. Bongosagar 2025	1. Aerial combat training between India and France
B. Khanjar-XII 2025	2. Enhancing Indo-Pacific military synergy

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Exercise	Feature
C. Dharma Guardian 2025	3. Strengthening maritime security in the Bay of Bengal
D. Exercise Garuda 2025	4. Urban warfare and counter-terrorism in Kyrgyzstan

Select the correct option:

- (a) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
 - (b) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
 - (c) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
 - (d) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
- 8) What makes the Pratibimb Module a significant tool in India's fight against cybercrime?
- (a) It allows real-time hacking of cybercriminal networks to prevent fraud.
 - (b) It integrates geospatial mapping and analytics to track cybercrime activities.
 - (c) It provides end-to-end encryption services for law enforcement communication.
 - (d) It operates independently without requiring coordination with other law enforcement agencies.
- 9) Which of the following best describes the strategic significance of the Tavasya stealth frigate?
- (a) It is India's first indigenous aircraft carrier designed for blue-water operations.
 - (b) It enhances India's coastal surveillance network through radar integration with satellites.
 - (c) It forms part of India's ballistic missile submarine fleet to deter nuclear threats.
 - (d) It strengthens India's surface and sub-surface maritime combat capability.

- (a) To estimate inflation trends by analyzing changes in household spending patterns.
- (b) To forecast GDP growth based on consumer sentiment analysis.
- (c) To track foreign direct investment (FDI) in consumer goods and its impact on household consumption.
- (d) To evaluate banking penetration in rural areas through household financial expenditures.

- 3) Which of the following indicators is NOT included in the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)?
- a) Access to clean drinking water
 - b) School attendance
 - c) Per capita income
 - d) Child mortality
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):
1. The National MPI uses data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS).
 2. The National MPI includes indicators such as health, education, and standard of living.
 3. The Global MPI is published by the World Bank in collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

11. Reports and Indices

- 1) Consider the following reports published by the National Statistics Office (NSO):
1. Index of Industrial Production (IIP)
 2. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)
 3. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)
 4. Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)
- Which of the above are published by the NSO?
- (a) 1 and 2
 - (b) 1, 2, and 3
 - (c) 1, 3, and 4
 - (d) All of the above
- 2) Which of the following is a major objective of the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2023-24

12. Maps / Places

- 1) Match the following key aspects of Djibouti with their respective characteristics and significance:

Aspect	Characteristic	Significance
A. Bab el Mandeb Strait	1. U.S. military base	i. Facilitates Ethiopian imports and exports
B. Camp Lemonnier	2. Trade route	ii. Counterterrorism operations in Africa
C. Djibouti-Ethiopia Corridor	3. Strategic chokepoint	iii. Controls access to the Red Sea

Which of the following is the correct match?

- a) A-1-i, B-2-ii, C-3-iii
 b) A-2-iii, B-1-i, C-3-ii
 c) A-3-iii, B-1-ii, C-2-i
 d) A-1-ii, B-3-i, C-2-iii

- 2) The North Sea is bordered by which of the following water bodies?

1. Norwegian Sea
 2. English Channel
 3. Baltic Sea
 4. Bay of Biscay

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

- (a) 1, 2, and 3
 (b) 1 and 3
 (c) 2 and 4
 (d) All of the above

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding the Strait of Gibraltar:

1. The Strait of Gibraltar connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.
 2. It lies between the southern tip of Spain and northern Morocco.
 3. It plays a key role in connecting the Black Sea with the Mediterranean Sea.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 4) Which country in the Middle East shares borders with the most seas and water bodies?

- a) Iran

- b) Turkey
 c) Saudi Arabia
 d) Egypt

- 5) Morocco shares its border with which of the following water bodies?

1. Mediterranean Sea
 2. Atlantic Ocean
 3. Caspian Sea

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

- 6) The Nagorno-Karabakh region is internationally recognized as a part of which country?

- (a) Armenia
 (b) Azerbaijan
 (c) Russia
 (d) An independent entity recognized by the United Nations

- 7) Armenia is a landlocked country located in which geographical region?

- (a) The Balkans
 (b) The Central Asian Steppe
 (c) The Levant
 (d) The South Caucasus

- 8) Azerbaijan is strategically located between which major bodies of water?

- (a) The Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea
 (b) The Caspian Sea and the Persian Gulf
 (c) The Caspian Sea and the Black Sea
 (d) The Red Sea and the Arabian Sea

- 9) Which of the following geographical features is unique to Balochistan compared to other regions of Pakistan?

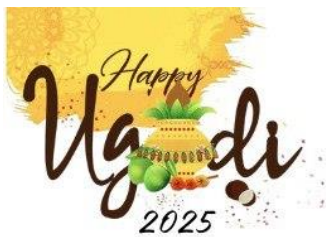
- (a) The Indus River Delta, supporting extensive mangrove forests
 (b) The Potwar Plateau, rich in fossil remains and oil reserves
 (c) The Salt Range, known for its vast rock salt deposits
 (d) The Bolan Pass, an ancient trade route connecting the Indian subcontinent to Central Asia

13. Miscellaneous

- 1) Which of the following statements correctly describes the significance of the Digital Transformation Award 2025?
- (a) It is exclusively awarded to central banks in developed countries for their digital innovation.
 - (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) won the 2025 award for its digital initiatives 'Saarathi' and 'Pravaah'.
 - (c) The award is presented by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for excellence in digital banking reforms.

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- (d) It is given annually to private financial institutions for their role in digital payment innovations.
- 2) Which of the following best defines subtle gender discrimination?
- a) Complete exclusion of women from decision-making roles
 - b) Legal restrictions placed on women's rights in society
 - c) Unspoken and indirect forms of bias that are difficult to detect
 - d) A clear and open bias against women in hiring processes



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