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1. Economy

- 1) Which of the following is an initiative of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) aimed at providing a fundraising platform for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups?
- NSE IX
 - Social Stock Exchange
 - NSE EMERGE
 - Nifty 50

- 2) With respect to The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025, which of the following provisions is/are correctly stated?

- The Act revises the definition of 'substantial interest' in a bank from ₹5 lakh to ₹2 crore.
- It mandates that Public Sector Banks must transfer all unclaimed assets to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF).
- The Act empowers Public Sector Banks to independently determine the remuneration for their statutory auditors.
- The tenure for directors in cooperative banks has been reduced to 8 years to align with the Companies Act, 2013.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 4 only
- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 3 and 4 only

- 3) Consider the following statements about the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE):

- Since its inception, the NSE has operated on a member-owned model, where a cartel of brokers controls access to the exchange.
- It was the first exchange in India to introduce screen-based, anonymous order-driven trading, which democratized market access.
- The Social Stock Exchange, launched by NSE in 2023, is a platform for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 4) Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 aims to modernize the regulatory framework of the Indian banking sector.

Statement II: The Act includes provisions for updating outdated financial thresholds.

Statement III: The Act aligns the governance norms of cooperative banks with constitutional mandates.

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

- Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

- 5) With reference to the recently revised UPI operational rules by NPCI, consider the following:

- A limit on the number of daily balance checks per application.
- Restriction on the execution time for auto-debit mandates.
- Display of the recipient's registered bank name before transaction confirmation.
- A mandatory 90-second cooling-off period between any two consecutive UPI transactions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

- 6) Which one of the following best describes the primary purpose of the reserve mechanism for a fiat-collateralised stablecoin (blockchain-based digital currency) like USDC?

- To generate speculative profits for the issuer.
- To ensure the stablecoin can be programmatically integrated into DeFi protocols.
- To fund the development of new blockchain technologies.

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(d) To maintain a one-to-one peg with the reference fiat currency by backing each digital unit with an equivalent real-world asset.

7) Which of the following sectors are permitted to raise funds through External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) under the Automatic Route in India?

- Agriculture, trading, and real estate investment trusts (REITs)
- Microfinance, start-ups, and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)
- Gambling, lottery, and real estate development
- Defense manufacturing, power distribution, and healthcare infrastructure

8) Consider the following statements about the Debt-to-GDP ratio:

- It measures the government's total fiscal deficit in a given year.
- It includes only external debt and excludes domestic borrowing.
- It is always considered a negative indicator for a country's economy.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

9) Consider the following statements about the Trickle-Down approach:

- It relies on tax cuts for corporations and wealthy individuals to drive economic growth.
- It assumes that increased private sector investment will lead to job creation and wage growth.
- It has led to universal income growth in countries that have fully implemented it.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

10) Consider the following statements regarding the Debt-to-GDP ratio and its implications:

- A higher ratio indicates a lower capacity to repay debts.
- Countries with higher Debt-to-GDP ratios always experience economic crises.
- A rising Debt-to-GDP ratio can increase interest payments on government bonds.

4. A country can have a high Debt-to-GDP ratio and still maintain financial stability.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 1, 3, and 4 only
- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

11) With reference to the Revised Income Tax Bill, 2025, which of the following statements is correct?

- The Bill introduces a new, higher tax slab for super-rich individuals.
- The Bill disallows refunds for Income Tax Returns (ITR) filed after the due date.
- The Bill replaces the concepts of "Previous Year" and "Assessment Year" with a single "Tax Year".
- The Bill proposes a new tax on agricultural income.

12) Consider the following statements about the Revised Income Tax Bill, 2025:

- It restores the deduction for inter-corporate dividends.
- It removes the notional rent on vacant property.
- It introduces an Alternate Minimum Tax on Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

13) With reference to S&P Global's recent upgrade of India's sovereign rating, consider the following statements:

- The upgrade to 'BBB' places India firmly within the investment-grade category, potentially reducing borrowing costs for Indian corporates.
- This is the first sovereign rating upgrade for India by S&P Global in the last five years.
- The upgrade in the transfer and convertibility assessment to 'A-' indicates improved confidence in the country's ability to meet its external financial obligations.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

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- 14) Consider the following statements regarding Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs) like S&P Global:
1. CRAs provide binding directives to investors on which securities to purchase or sell.
 2. They assess the willingness and ability of an entity to meet its financial obligations in a timely manner.
 3. By assigning ratings, they primarily aim to reduce information asymmetry in the financial markets.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 15) Consider the following actions:

1. Implementation of a predictable monetary policy framework.
2. Sustained increase in the public debt-to-GDP ratio.
3. Improvement in the quality of government capital expenditure.
4. Consistent path of fiscal consolidation.

According to S&P Global, how many of the above were considered as criteria for upgrading India's long-term sovereign rating?

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

- 16) Consider the following statements regarding the proposed GST Revamp:

1. The revamp aims to introduce a single GST rate of 18% for all goods and services to simplify the tax structure.
2. The proposed structure includes a special 40% rate for essential food items to generate higher revenue.
3. The GST Council has already approved the proposed changes, which are set to be implemented from the next financial year.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

- 17) Which of the following statements about the Revised Income Tax Bill, 2025 is incorrect?

- a) The bill aims to modernize the six-decade-old Income Tax Act, 1961.
- b) The bill aligns the definition of MSMEs with the MSME Act.
- c) The bill empowers the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for digital-era rule-making.
- d) The bill introduces stricter penalties for delayed ITR filing.

- 18) Consider the following statements regarding Middle-Income Trap.

1. Middle-income trap is a situation where a middle-income country struggles to become a high-income economy, mainly due to declining costs and rising competitiveness.

2. Since 1990, more than 100 middle-income countries (MICs) have transitioned to high-income status.

3. Rising Income Inequality is one of the factors for countries falling into the Middle-Income Trap.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 19) Consider the following statements regarding the

"regulated venue" for pre-listing companies proposed by SEBI:

1. It is an informal market that operates outside the purview of SEBI.
2. Its objective is to promote fair price discovery before an IPO.
3. It aims to formalize the trading of unlisted shares, which currently happens in the grey market.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 20) The establishment of a "regulated venue" for pre-listing companies by SEBI is significant because it is expected to:

1. Increase the volatility of IPOs.
2. Reduce tax leakages for the government.
3. Enhance investor protection.
4. Discourage companies from going public.

Select the correct answer code:

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

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

21) Consider the following statements regarding the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of India:

Statement I: The Monetary Policy Committee is statutorily empowered to determine the policy interest rate required to achieve the inflation target.

Statement II: The decisions of the MPC are binding on the Reserve Bank of India, ensuring institutional accountability in monetary policy formulation.

Statement III: All members of the MPC, including the three external members, hold office for a term of four years and are eligible for re-appointment.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Statement II is correct and it explains Statement I
- (d) Statement II is correct and it explains Statement I and Statement III is incorrect

22) Consider the following statements about Digital Services Taxes (DSTs):

1. DSTs are a form of corporate income tax levied on the global profits of large digital companies.
2. The tax liability under a DST is determined by the location of the company's headquarters.
3. India has aligned its policy with the OECD global tax framework by deciding to withdraw its Equalisation Levy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23) Which of the following best describes the rationale behind countries implementing Digital Services Taxes (DSTs)?

- a) To create a uniform global tax rate for all multinational corporations.
- b) To penalize US-based technology companies for anti-competitive practices.
- c) To tax the value created by user participation in a digital economy,

irrespective of a company's physical presence.

d) To replace corporate income tax with a simpler, revenue-based taxation system for all businesses.

24) Which of the following could help countries come out of Middle-Income Trap?

1. Implement Structural Reforms
2. Increase Capital Accumulation
3. Boost Private Investment
4. Accelerate Infrastructure Pipeline
5. Increase Labor Force Participation

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

25) Consider the following statements regarding Investment Models.

1. In the BOT model, the private partner is responsible for designing and building the infrastructure project and then transferring back the facility to the public sector.

2. In the EPC model, the cost is completely borne by the government, and government invites bids for engineering knowledge from the private players.

3. In the Hybrid Annuity Model, generally the funding by the government will be higher than the private player.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

26) Why might the internationalization of a currency create a dilemma for a country?

- a) It always leads to currency depreciation
- b) It guarantees economic growth
- c) It eliminates the need for foreign exchange reserves
- d) It requires balancing global currency supply with domestic monetary policies

27) Consider the following statements regarding the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES):

1. SCES was established by the Ministry of Finance.
2. The committee focuses primarily on advising survey methodology and finalizing survey tabulation plans.

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3. SCES is a permanent committee tasked with providing oversight on economic statistics.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

28) Consider the following statements regarding Revenue Expenditure in socio-economic spending:

1. It includes salaries, pensions, and subsidies.
2. It does not contribute to the creation of productive assets.
3. It has been declining as a percentage of GDP in India.
4. It includes capital investments in new projects.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

29) Consider the following statements regarding interest payments as part of socio-economic expenditure:

1. They form a small fraction of total government expenditure in India.
2. Their share has been increasing due to rising fiscal deficits.
3. High Interest payments reduce the amount of funds available for development spending.

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 regarding the effects of Rupee-Dollar Swap Auctions on liquidity:

1. Swap auctions completely eliminate the need for other monetary policy tools like repo rate changes.
2. They help inject rupee liquidity into the banking system when there is a shortfall.
3. Swap auctions can only be conducted for short-term liquidity management.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

(c) All three

(d) None

31) Match the following types of socio-economic expenditure with their key characteristics:

Type of Expenditure	Key Characteristic
A. Capital Expenditure	1. Day-to-day operational costs
B. Revenue Expenditure	2. Investment in infrastructure
C. Development Expenditure	3. Costs incurred due to borrowings
D. Interest Payments	4. Spending on health and education

Select the correct match:

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

32) Consider the following statements about the use of Dollar-Rupee Swap Auctions in India:

1. RBI always purchases dollars in these auctions to boost forex reserves.
2. These swaps permanently alter the money supply in the economy.
3. Swap auctions are conducted at a fixed exchange rate set by the RBI.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

2. Ecology and Environment

1) Consider the following statements about the "India Wetlands Resolution" adopted at Ramsar CoP15:

1. The resolution primarily focuses on mobilizing international funds for the physical restoration of degraded wetlands in developing countries.
2. It advocates for a whole-of-society approach that integrates pro-planet behavioural choices into national wetland conservation strategies.
3. The resolution is an extension of India's domestic initiatives

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like Mission LiFE and the Save Wetlands Campaign.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 2) The "India Wetlands Resolution" adopted at Ramsar CoP15 is significant primarily because it:
- (a) Establishes a legally binding framework for all member nations to halt wetland degradation by 2030.
 - (b) Secures a multi-billion dollar "Global Wetlands Fund" to be administered by India.
 - (c) Elevates India's soft power by translating its domestic environmental policy (Mission LiFE) into a global conservation paradigm.
 - (d) Mandates the transfer of eco-friendly technologies for wetland restoration from developed to developing countries.

3) With reference to the Asiatic Lion, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List.
- 2. A prominent longitudinal fold of skin running along its belly is a key distinguishing feature from its African counterpart.
- 3. The species is found exclusively within the protected boundaries of Gir National Park.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

4) Consider the following statements about the Mouse Deer (Chevrotain):

- 1. It is the world's smallest hoofed mammal and belongs to a primitive ruminant lineage distinct from both deer and mice.
- 2. Certain species of chevrotain exhibit an unusual dietary behaviour for ruminants by occasionally consuming animal matter.
- 3. The species is known for a unique defence mechanism where it drums its hooves at a high frequency to deter predators.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding Silver-backed Chevrotain:

Statement I: The recent rediscovery of the Silver-backed Chevrotain in Vietnam has generated significant global conservation optimism.

Statement II: The species was believed to be extinct for several decades, and its reappearance highlights the potential for other 'lost' species to persist undetected in underexplored habitats.

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) Consider the following statements regarding mangrove distribution in India:

- 1. The Sundarbans in West Bengal host the largest single block of mangrove forests in the country.
- 2. Mangrove cover is also found in the intertidal zones of the Godavari and Mahanadi deltas.
- 3. The state of Gujarat has a significant area of mangroves, particularly in the Gulf of Kutch.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Giant Tortoise:

- 1. It is listed as 'Endangered' in the IUCN Red List.
- 2. It is one of the few tortoise species that builds an above-ground nest.
- 3. In India, it is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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(d) None

- 8) With reference to 'Restitutionary Damages' in the context of Indian environmental law, which of the following statements is most accurate?
- They are punitive fines imposed on polluters after a lengthy judicial process.
 - They can only be imposed by the National Green Tribunal.
 - They are compensatory payments that can be imposed even before environmental damage occurs to prevent potential harm.
 - They are a form of tax collected by the central government to fund environmental projects.

- 9) Consider the following statements regarding the reintroduction of the Asian Giant Tortoise in Nagaland:

Statement I: The reintroduction program is a joint initiative of the Nagaland Forest Department and the India Turtle Conservation Programme (ITCP).

Statement II: The tortoises were reintroduced into a designated Community Reserve, highlighting the role of community-led conservation efforts.

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

- 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 and 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

- 10) Consider the following statements regarding the Nilgiri Tahr:

- It is endemic to the entire stretch of the Western Ghats, from Gujarat to Kerala.
- The animal is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- The males are distinguished by a prominent silver saddle patch on their backs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 11) With reference to the Sunflower Sea Star, consider the following statements:

- It is a slow-moving, herbivorous creature that primarily feeds on kelp and algae.
- The mass die-off of this species was caused by a viral pathogen that thrived in colder ocean temperatures.
- The decline of the Sunflower Sea Star has led to a trophic cascade, resulting in the collapse of kelp forests.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 12) Which of the following statements regarding the Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary, recently designated as a Ramsar site, is correct?

- It is part of the Western Ghats Biosphere Reserve.
- It was designated as a protected site primarily due to its population of the Lion-tailed Macaque.
- It is a wetland ecosystem supporting diverse flora and fauna, including migratory birds.
- It is located in Kerala and is known for its extensive mangrove forests.

- 13) Consider the following statements regarding global glacier meltdown:

- Glacier retreat leads to the expansion of high-altitude ecosystems, promoting biodiversity.
- The loss of glacial ice contributes to the reduction of Earth's albedo, accelerating global warming.
- Glacier melting is primarily influenced by volcanic activity rather than climate change.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 14) What is the major limitation of using bacteria for large-scale plastic degradation?

- No bacteria have been discovered that can degrade plastics.
- Plastic degradation by bacteria is extremely slow under natural conditions.
- Bacteria only degrade plastic in the presence of high oxygen levels.

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d) Bacteria cannot survive in landfill environments.

15) Consider the following statements about the Sea of Galilee:

1. It is a saltwater lake located entirely within Syrian territory.
2. The recent red coloration of the lake has been attributed to industrial chemical spills.
3. The lake is primarily fed by the Yarmouk River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding Nilgiri Tahr.

Statement-I: The synchronized bi-annual survey of the Nilgiri Tahr is conducted exclusively by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

Statement-II: The habitat of the Nilgiri Tahr is confined to the montane grasslands of the Anamalai Tiger Reserve and Mukurthi National Park.

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) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are incorrect

17) Consider the following statements regarding elephants:

Statement I: The population of Asian elephants is larger than that of African elephants.

Statement II: The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified the Asian Elephant as 'Endangered'.

Statement III: In Asian elephants, both males and females have tusks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) I and III only

d) II and III only

18) With reference to the conservation of elephants, consider the following statements:

1. The gestation period of an elephant is approximately 22 months.
2. Human-elephant conflict is primarily caused by poaching for ivory.
3. Project Elephant is a centrally sponsored scheme launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding Jellyfish:

1. They belong to the phylum Cnidaria and possess basic organs such as a heart and bones.
2. Jellyfish blooms are a phenomenon of rapid population explosion that can disrupt coastal industrial operations.
3. The scientific name for most common jellyfish species is *Aurelia aurita*.

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

20) With reference to the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the state of Karnataka and shares boundaries with the forests of Tamil Nadu.
2. The sanctuary is characterized by a semi-arid climate and receives rainfall from both the southwest and northeast monsoons.
3. It is home to several endangered species, including the grizzled giant squirrel and the smooth-coated otter.
4. The sanctuary's landscape is dominated by evergreen sholas, with very few deciduous forests.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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- 21) With reference to the Indian polyvalent antivenom, which of the following are considered the “Big Four” snakes?
- Indian cobra, Russell's viper, Saw-scaled viper, and King cobra
 - Indian cobra, Russell's viper, Saw-scaled viper, and Spectacled cobra
 - Monocled cobra, Common krait, Russell's viper, and Banded krait
 - Common krait, Indian cobra, Russell's viper, and Saw-scaled viper

- 22) Dibru–Saikhwa National Park is the only known habitat in India for which of the following animals?
- Pygmy hog
 - Hispid hare
 - Feral horses
 - Golden langur

- 23) Consider the following statements regarding the benefits of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF):
- It can reduce lifecycle carbon emissions by up to 80% compared to conventional jet fuel.
 - It requires significant modifications to existing aircraft engines for its use.
 - It helps airlines comply with international carbon offsetting schemes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 24) Consider the following statements about the ecological role of Arctic Reindeer:
- Their grazing habits contribute to the overgrowth of shrubs in the tundra.
 - They play a role in regulating the carbon cycle by influencing plant dominance.
 - Their presence has a negative impact on the biodiversity of other Arctic species.
 - They are a keystone species in the Arctic ecosystem.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

- 25) Match the following regarding the conservation status of elephants:

	Elephant Species		IUCN Status
A.	Asian Elephant	1.	Critically Endangered
B.	African Forest Elephant	2.	Endangered
C.	African Savanna Elephant	3.	Vulnerable

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A-2, B-1, C-2
- A-2, B-1, C-3
- A-3, B-1, C-2
- A-2, B-3, C-1

- 26) Consider the following statements about Ranthambore National Park:

- It is located at the confluence of the Aravalli and the Deccan Plateau.
- The park was one of the original reserves declared under Project Tiger in 1973.
- The entire area of the national park is designated as a core tiger habitat, with no buffer zones.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 27) Consider the following statements.

- Grasslands and savannahs cover nearly 10% of the Earth's landmass.
- Woody encroachment is the phenomenon where there is increased tree cover in areas like savannahs and grasslands.
- Higher atmospheric CO₂ levels due to climate change majorly inhibit the growth of deep-rooted woody plants.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 28) Consider the following statements regarding Sea Weeds.

- It is the common name for countless species of marine plants and algae.
- Sea weeds does not grow in flowing waters like rivers and streams.
- Seaweed cultivation is not part of aquaculture in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

29) The recent decision by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to limit the definition of tiger corridors is significant because:

- (a) it will lead to an increase in the number of protected corridors.
- (b) it may make it easier for industrial projects to get clearance in areas that were previously considered corridors.
- (c) it will result in increased funding for tiger conservation.
- (d) it is in line with the recommendations of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

30) Consider the following statements regarding the expansion of Sundarbans Tiger Reserve.

Statement-I: The recent expansion has made the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve the second-largest tiger reserve in India.

Statement-II: The expansion was approved by the National Board for Wildlife to increase the core habitat available for the unique mangrove-adapted tiger population.

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 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

31) Consider the following statements about the Great Nicobar Project:

1. The project is being implemented by NITI Aayog and primarily aims to enhance India's maritime trade and security in the Indian Ocean Region.
2. It involves the diversion of forest land that is part of a UNESCO designated Biosphere Reserve.
3. The Galathea Bay, the site for the proposed transshipment port, is also a significant nesting ground for the Leatherback sea turtle.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

32) Consider the following statements regarding Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme:

Statement-I: The Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme is primarily aimed at enhancing India's energy security and achieving environmental benefits.

Statement-II: The programme encourages the diversion of surplus foodgrains and sugarcane for ethanol production, which provides an assured market and income stability for 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

33) Which of the following most accurately describes the primary reason why Invasive Alien Species (IAS) pose a significant threat to India's biodiversity and economy, as highlighted by recent studies?

- (a) They primarily cause health hazards such as allergies, which increases public health expenditure.
- (b) Their management costs are transparently reported, revealing a massive drain on the national exchequer.
- (c) They are introduced mainly through illegal trade, making their management a law-and-order problem.
- (d) They thrive due to the absence of natural predators in new habitats, allowing them to outcompete and displace native species.

34) Consider the following characteristics related to Invasive Alien Species (IAS):

1. They often exhibit aggressive growth patterns and outcompete native species for essential resources.
2. Their proliferation is frequently aided by the absence of natural predators and diseases in the new ecosystem.

3. They can alter the chemical and physical properties of the ecosystems they invade, such as soil chemistry and hydrology.

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 the conservation challenges in Dibru–Saikhowa National Park:

1. The grassland ecosystem is expanding due to the decline of shrubland.
2. The park is free from anthropogenic pressures as there are no human settlements inside its boundaries.
3. The biodiversity of the park is threatened by both native and invasive plant species.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

36) Article 6 of the Paris Agreement is significant primarily because it:

- a) Makes it mandatory for all signatory nations to establish a domestic carbon tax.
- b) Establishes a global fund to finance climate adaptation projects in developing nations.
- c) Sets up a framework for the international transfer of emission reduction credits between countries.
- d) Requires developed countries to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

37) Consider the following statements regarding Keoladeo National Park:

1. It is located in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
2. Keoladeo National Park was declared the first Ramsar Site in India along with Vembanad Lake.
3. The Gambhir and Banganga rivers flow through the park, supporting its ecosystem.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

3. Geography

1) Which of the following most accurately describes the geographical and geological context of the Klyuchevskoy volcano?

- (a) It is a dormant shield volcano located on the Kuril Islands, known for its basaltic lava flows.
- (b) It is an active stratovolcano situated on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, forming part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- (c) It is the tallest active volcano in the Southern Hemisphere, located near the Bering Sea on a stable continental plate.
- (d) It is a caldera-type volcano in Eastern Siberia, listed as a UNESCO site for its unique geyser fields.

2) Consider the following statements regarding the coastal erosion in Chile:

1. The erosion is a localized phenomenon affecting only the tourist beaches in the capital city, Santiago.
2. The primary cause of this environmental issue is large-scale sand mining for construction purposes.
3. The ecological implications are limited to the loss of beachfront, with minimal impact on coastal biodiversity.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

3) With reference to the geography of Iran, consider the following statements:

1. Iran shares a land border with Turkey and Iraq.
2. The Lut Desert, a major geographical feature, dominates its northern region.
3. Mount Damavand, Iran's highest peak, is part of the Zagros Mountains.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

4) With reference to the geographical features of Slovenia, match List-I with List-II:

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List-I (Region)	List-II (Dominant Characteristic)
A. Slovene Littoral	1. Characterized by sinkholes, caves, and underground rivers
B. Alpine Highlands	2. Major agricultural zone with rich alluvial soils from the Sava and Drava rivers
C. Karst Plateau	3. Contains the nation's highest peak and notable glacial lakes like Bled and Bohinj
D. Subpannonian Plains	4. Provides coastal access to the Adriatic Sea via the Gulf of Venice

Select the correct answer code:

- (a) A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2
 (b) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
 (c) A-2, B-3, C-1, D-4
 (d) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
- 5) Slovenia, recently in the news, is a Central European nation. Which of the following countries does it NOT share a land border with it?
- (a) Austria
 (b) Croatia
 (c) Hungary
 (d) Serbia
- 6) Match the geographical feature with its location and characteristic.
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| Column I (Feature) | Column II (Location) |
| Column III (Characteristic) | |
| 1. Klyuchevskaya Sopka | A. Chile P. World's highest active volcano |
| 2. Ojos del Salado | B. Kamchatka Peninsula Q. Eurasia's tallest active volcano |
| 3. Atacama Desert | C. South America R. One of the driest places on Earth |
- Select the correct combination:
- (a) 1-A-Q, 2-B-P, 3-C-R
 (b) 1-B-Q, 2-A-P, 3-C-R
 (c) 1-B-P, 2-A-Q, 3-C-R
 (d) 1-A-Q, 2-C-P, 3-B-R
- 7) Consider the following statements:
- Statement-I:** Chile is experiencing accelerated and severe coastal erosion along its Pacific coastline.
- Statement-II:** The phenomenon stated in Statement I is driven exclusively by natural, climate-change-induced factors such as rising sea levels and more frequent storm swells.

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
- 8) With reference to the Mahanadi River, consider the following statements:
1. It originates in the Eastern Ghats in Odisha and flows westward into the Arabian Sea.
 2. The Hirakud Dam, located in Chhattisgarh, is the primary source of the water-sharing dispute with Odisha.
 3. The river forms a large delta, which it shares with the Brahmani river system.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
 (b) Only two
 (c) All three
 (d) None
- 9) Which of the following best describes the nature of Dacite?
- a) An intrusive igneous rock with low silica content, typically found in mid-ocean ridges.
 - b) A sedimentary rock formed from the cementation of volcanic ash and other fine-grained debris.
 - c) A metamorphic rock formed under high pressure, primarily composed of quartz and mica.
 - d) An extrusive igneous rock with high silica content, commonly associated with explosive eruptions in subduction zones.
- 10) With regard to the South China Sea, consider the following statements:
1. It is a marginal sea of the Indian Ocean.
 2. The Mekong River is one of the major rivers that drains into it.
 3. It is bordered by China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Brunei.
 4. The Strait of Hormuz connects it to the Indian Ocean.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 (b) Only two

- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

11) Consider the following statements regarding bomb cyclones:

1. They are a type of tropical cyclone that forms in equatorial waters.
2. They weaken rapidly once they reach the ocean surface due to cooling temperatures.
3. They are named based on wind speeds rather than changes in atmospheric pressure.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

12) Consider the following statements regarding Lake Victoria:

1. Lake Victoria is the second-largest freshwater lake by volume in the world.
2. The Kagera River is the longest tributary that drains into Lake Victoria.
3. Lake Victoria's outflow contributes to the formation of the Congo River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

13) Which of the following conditions is most critical in determining whether a cyclone undergoes bombogenesis?

- a) The presence of multiple storm systems merging over the ocean
- b) A rapid drop in temperature at the Earth's surface
- c) A sharp temperature contrast between cold and warm air masses
- d) The presence of a stationary high-pressure system nearby

14) Consider the following statements regarding cloudbursts and their contributing factors:

1. An increase in global atmospheric temperatures allows the atmosphere to hold more water vapour, potentially increasing the intensity of rainfall events.
2. Lightning activity within cumulonimbus clouds can inhibit the process of droplet coalescence, leading to a delay in rainfall

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and allowing more moisture to accumulate.

3. The presence of aerosols like black carbon in the Himalayas reduces cloud density, thereby decreasing the likelihood of cloudbursts.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15) The term 'Mud Waves' recently in the news, refers to:

- (a) A meteorological phenomenon causing dust storms in arid regions near large water bodies.
- (b) Surface patterns on Mars created by the seasonal flow of liquid brine.
- (c) A type of seismic wave that travels through the Earth's mantle, indicating volcanic activity.
- (d) Ancient, large sedimentary bedforms discovered on the ocean floor, created by deep-water currents.

16) With respect to the geography of Nepal, consider the following statements:

1. It is a landlocked nation that shares a border with the Tibet Autonomous Region of China to its north and India to its east, west, and south.
2. The country is home to eight of the world's ten highest mountains, including Mount Everest and Kanchenjunga.
3. Major river systems like the Karnali and the Kosi originate in its Himalayan region and flow southwards into India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

17) With reference to the geography of the Kishtwar district, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the Kashmir division of Jammu & Kashmir.
2. The district shares a border with the state of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The terrain is predominantly plain-like, similar to the Jammu region.
4. The Machail Mata shrine is located on the banks of the Jhelum river.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18) Nigeria is located on the western coast of Africa, bordering the Gulf of Guinea. Its economy is heavily reliant on the export of:

- (a) diamonds and gold.
- (b) uranium and bauxite.
- (c) cocoa and coffee.
- (d) petroleum and natural gas.

19) With reference to the geography of Nigeria, consider the following statements:

1. It is a landlocked country located in the Sahel region of West Africa.
2. The Niger River and its main tributary, the Benue River, converge within Nigeria and form the country's primary drainage system.
3. The Jos Plateau, located in the central part of the country, is a region characterized by high mountains and active volcanoes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

20) Consider the following statements about the geography of Uganda:

1. It is a coastal country with a long shoreline on the Indian Ocean.
2. It is home to the source of the White Nile.
3. The Rwenzori Mountains, located on its western border, are the highest mountains in Africa.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

21) Consider the following pairs:

	Geographical Feature	Location in Algeria
1.	Tell Atlas	Southern desert region
2.	Mount Tahat	Ahaggar Mountains
3.	M'zab Valley	Along the Mediterranean Coast

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

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

22) With reference to the geography of Algeria, consider the following statements:

1. It is a landlocked country located in the Maghreb region of North Africa.
2. The country's climate is uniformly arid desert type due to the dominance of the Sahara.
3. It shares land borders with Morocco, Mauritania, and Niger.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23) Consider the following statements about the geography and demography of Fiji:

1. Fiji is an archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean, belonging to the subregion of Polynesia.
2. The majority of Fiji's population resides on its two largest islands, Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.
3. The islands are primarily of coral atoll origin, with limited geothermal activity.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Tropical cyclones like Typhoon Kajiki derive their energy primarily from the latent heat released during the condensation of moist air.

Statement II: Unlike tropical cyclones, extra-tropical or synoptic cyclones are powered by the temperature contrast between different air masses along weather fronts.

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

25) With respect to the geography of Oman, consider the following statements:

1. It shares land borders with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Iran.
2. The country has a coastline on both the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman.
3. The Rub' al-Khali, or the Empty Quarter, is a vast desert region that covers part of Oman's interior.
4. The Dhofar region in southern Oman experiences a unique monsoon climate, known as the Khareef.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

26) Consider the following statements regarding tropical cyclones:

Statement I: The nomenclature of a revolving tropical storm as a 'Hurricane', 'Typhoon', or 'Cyclone' depends on its intensity and wind speed.

Statement II: Tropical storms are named based on a pre-decided list maintained by the World Meteorological Organization's regional bodies to facilitate clear communication and public warnings.

Statement III: The eye of a mature tropical cyclone is a region of calm weather with light winds and often clear skies.

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

- (a) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
(b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but neither of them explains Statement I
(c) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct
(d) Statement I is incorrect but both Statement II and Statement III are correct.

27) With reference to the National Designated Authority (NDA) for Carbon Markets in India, consider the following statements:

1. The formation of the NDA is a discretionary policy measure taken by India to boost its renewable energy sector.

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2. The NDA is chaired by the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. One of its key functions is to evaluate and authorize projects that can generate emission reduction units for international trading.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

28) Consider the following statements:

1. The East China Sea is a marginal sea of the Indian Ocean.
2. It is connected to the South China Sea through the Korea Strait.
3. The sea is generally deep, with an average depth exceeding 2000 meters.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

29) Regarding the Mercator Projection map, consider the following statements:

1. It is a conformal projection, which means it accurately preserves the relative sizes of landmasses at the expense of distorting their shapes.
2. A straight line drawn on a Mercator map represents a rhumb line, a path of constant compass bearing, which was invaluable for maritime navigation.
3. The spacing between parallels of latitude decreases as one moves from the Equator towards the poles, leading to the compression of polar regions.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

4. Government Schemes and Programmes

- 1) Which of the following best describes the primary mandate of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)?
- To regulate the functioning of cooperative banks in India.
 - To provide agricultural subsidies directly to farmers.
 - To plan, promote, and finance programs for the development of cooperatives.
 - To conduct elections for cooperative societies at the state level.
- 2) Consider the following statements:
- The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) was established under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
 - It is empowered to provide both grants and loans directly to eligible cooperative societies.
 - Its functions are restricted to financing agricultural production and do not include allied sectors like fisheries or textiles.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding the 'Apna Ghar' initiative:
- It is a central sector scheme launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to provide permanent housing to truck drivers.
 - The initiative is implemented exclusively by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at their retail outlets.
 - It integrates a mobile application to facilitate bookings and gather user feedback for service improvement.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

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- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP):

Statement I: The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) has significantly improved access to dialysis care across India, especially for economically weaker sections.

Statement II: The programme mandates a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for all states and offers services exclusively for Haemodialysis.

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

- 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 and 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

- 5) With respect to the FSSAI's initiative on 'Ayurveda Aahara', which of the following statements is incorrect?

- The regulations for Ayurveda Aahara were formulated exclusively by the Ministry of Ayush.
- The initiative provides a definitive list of products based on recipes from classical Ayurvedic texts.
- It aims to bridge traditional food wisdom with modern food safety standards.
- Food Business Operators can request the inclusion of new products if they provide valid scriptural references.

- 6) Consider the following statements related to the regulations for 'Ayurveda Aahara':
- The regulations permit the fortification of Ayurveda Aahara products with synthetic vitamins and minerals to enhance their nutritional value.
 - All food products, including staple items like rice and flour, are covered under these regulations by default.
 - Manufacturers are prohibited from making claims that their Ayurveda Aahara products can treat or cure any human disease.
 - The National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) is the designated nodal agency for validating the formulations.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

7) Consider the following statements regarding the 'Apna Ghar' initiative and the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP):

1. Both initiatives are implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Both initiatives primarily target the welfare of vulnerable sections of the population.
3. Both initiatives extensively leverage a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for implementation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

8) The "Haat on Wheels" initiative is significant primarily because it:

- (a) Provides subsidies to weavers for purchasing raw materials.
- (b) Focuses on exporting handloom products to international markets.
- (c) Aims to connect weavers directly with urban consumers, enhancing their livelihood.
- (d) Promotes the use of power looms over traditional handlooms for greater efficiency.

9) Consider the following statements regarding the practice of polyandry among the Hatti tribe and its legal standing in India:

1. Polyandry is a customary practice aimed at preventing the division of agricultural land holdings.
2. The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, explicitly validates customary practices like polyandry for all Hindu communities.
3. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) provides a specific exemption for Scheduled Tribes to practice bigamy or polyandry.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10) The 'Meri Panchayat' mobile application, which recently won the WSIS Champion Award 2025, primarily aims to:

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(a) Provide a platform for e-commerce for rural artisans.

(b) Facilitate direct cash transfers from the central government to Panchayat accounts.

(c) Enhance transparency and citizen participation in the governance of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

(d) Replace the functions of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) at the district level.

11) Which of the following initiatives is a key part of India's efforts to secure a supply of critical minerals from overseas?

a) Atal Innovation Mission

b) Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017

c) Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL)

d) National Mineral Policy 2019

12) 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

13) With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), which of the following statements is correct?

(a) The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) The scheme provides free LPG connections to all rural households.

(c) The identification of beneficiaries is primarily based on the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011 data.

(d) The scheme was launched in 2018.

14) Consider the following statements regarding the S.H.I.N.E. (Science, Health and Innovation for Nextgen Explorers) initiative:

1. It is a scholarship program for students pursuing postgraduate studies in biomedical research.

2. The initiative is a collaboration between the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Ministry of Education.

3. The program aims to inspire school students to pursue careers in health and biomedical research through outreach activities.

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How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme:

Statement-I: The SASCI scheme is an example of cooperative federalism in action.

Statement-II: Under the scheme, the central government provides financial assistance, while the state governments are empowered to propose, manage, and execute the tourism development projects.

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

16) Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK):

1. NCSK is a constitutional body established under Article 338 of the Indian Constitution.
2. The commission has a judicial wing that handles cases of human rights violations against sanitation workers.
3. The NCSK has the power to enforce penalties on municipalities that fail to implement the Prohibition of Manual Scavenging Act, 2013.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

17) With reference to the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), consider the following statements:

1. The mission only focuses on establishing new 'greenfield' semiconductor fabrication plants to attract foreign investment.
2. A key strategic goal of the mission is to develop a skilled workforce by training a

substantial number of professionals in the semiconductor domain.

3. The establishment of India's first commercial Silicon Carbide (SiC) compound semiconductor fab is one of the projects approved under this mission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements regarding the "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan" (NMBA):

Statement I: The NMBA is primarily a supply-reduction campaign, coordinated by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to intercept drug trafficking networks.

Statement II: The Abhiyaan adopts a targeted approach by focusing its interventions on districts identified as having a high prevalence of substance abuse.

Statement III: The implementation of the program relies solely on government agencies, without the involvement of community organizations or NGOs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) I and II only
- (c) II and III only
- (d) I, II and III

19) The CBSE will introduce Open-Book Assessments (OBE) in Class 9 from 2026–27. In this context, Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The primary objective of Open-Book Assessments (OBE) is to reduce the academic burden on students by allowing them to copy answers directly from textbooks.

Statement II: OBE is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's vision for competency-based learning.

Statement III: The format tests a student's ability to quickly locate information rather than their conceptual understanding.

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

- (a) Only Statement II is correct.
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement III are correct.
- (c) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct.
- (d) None of the statements are correct.

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20) With reference to the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to reduce India's heavy reliance on imported semiconductor chips.
2. The mission includes support for the design ecosystem, targeting startups and MSMEs.
3. Financial incentives under the ISM are available only to domestic companies.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

21) The 'SabhaSaar' tool, an initiative of the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj, is designed to enhance governance efficiency at the local level. Which of the following correctly describes its primary function?

- (a) It is a financial management software for tracking fund utilization in Gram Panchayats.
- (b) It is a GIS-based platform for mapping and managing Panchayat assets.
- (c) It is a grievance redressal portal for citizens to directly report issues to the Panchayat.
- (d) It is an AI-powered tool that automatically transcribes and generates structured minutes from Gram Sabha meeting recordings.

22) Consider the following statements regarding the new Export Promotion Mission announced by the Government of India:

1. The mission is an initiative of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. One of its core components, 'NIRYAT PROTSAHAN', is focused on exploring untapped international markets and product diversification.
3. The mission was developed partly in response to protectionist measures, such as high tariffs imposed by the United States on Indian goods.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23) Consider the following statements regarding the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI):

1. TRAI was established by an Act of Parliament, making it a statutory body.
2. The recommendations of TRAI led to the establishment of the Telecommunications Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).
3. TRAI's functions are limited to issuing regulations on tariffs and do not extend to ensuring quality of service.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding the Property Rating Framework for Digital Connectivity launched by TRAI:

1. This framework is a voluntary guide intended for use by Digital Connectivity Rating Agencies to evaluate properties.
2. It primarily assesses indoor network performance, addressing signal loss for high-frequency bands like 4G and 5G caused by building materials.
3. The framework was created under the direct executive authority of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

25) Which of the following statements best captures the primary significance of the Aarohan Programme?

- (a) It aims to provide vocational training and employment opportunities to tribal youth in metropolitan cities.
- (b) It is designed to promote indigenous sports and cultural festivals of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands on a national platform.
- (c) It serves as an instrument of national integration by exposing tribal youth from isolated regions to mainland India's heritage and development.
- (d) It is a scholarship program to fund the higher education of meritorious tribal students in central universities.

26) With respect to the National Deep Water Exploration Mission, consider the following statements:

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1. The mission is designed to operate in a mission mode to accelerate offshore exploration for oil and gas.
2. It is primarily focused on exploring the untapped hydrocarbon reserves in the Andaman-Nicobar basin and the deep waters off the Andhra coast.
3. The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) is the nodal agency for the implementation of this mission.
4. The mission is linked with the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) and aims to encourage public-private collaboration in the exploration sector.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

27) Regarding the National Deep Water Exploration Mission, which of the following statements are correct?

1. It aims to reduce India's dependence on crude oil and natural gas imports.
2. The mission will utilize advanced technologies like seismic surveys and AI-enabled exploration tools.
3. It is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
4. The mission is part of the broader 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in the energy sector.

Select the correct answer code:

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

28) The Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal (SYSM) is awarded for:

- a) Distinguished service of the most exceptional order during peacetime.
- b) Distinguished service of the most exceptional order during war, conflict, or hostilities.
- c) Gallantry in the face of the enemy during wartime.
- d) Acts of valor or self-sacrifice away from the battlefield.

29) Which of the following best describes the primary objective of establishing the Maritime

State Development Council (MSDC) under the Indian Ports Bill, 2025?

- (a) To privatize all major ports and encourage Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- (b) To create a centralized authority for setting tariffs across all Indian ports.
- (c) To act as an apex body for dispute resolution between port authorities and private operators.
- (d) To strengthen cooperative federalism and ensure integrated planning between the Centre and maritime States.

30) Consider the following statements.

Statement I: The long-term vision of India's crewed lunar mission is aligned with the national goal of 'Viksit Bharat by 2047'.

Statement II: The mission mentioned in Statement I emphasizes indigenous development of launch vehicles and life support systems to strengthen India's position in the global space economy.

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 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

31) With reference to the Online Gaming Regulation Bill, 2025, consider the following statements:

1. The Bill imposes a blanket ban on all forms of online gaming, including e-sports.
2. It prohibits any online game that involves a user depositing money with the expectation of monetary returns.
3. The Bill establishes a statutory authority tasked with both the promotion of e-sports and the regulation of safe gaming.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

32) The primary stated objective of the 130th Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025, is to

uphold constitutional morality and public trust by:

- (a) introducing educational qualifications for individuals holding the office of a Minister.
- (b) ensuring Ministers under prolonged detention for serious criminal charges vacate their office.
- (c) barring individuals with any pending criminal case from being appointed as a Minister.
- (d) creating a special judicial mechanism for the swift trial of Ministers accused of corruption.

33) Consider the following statements about the Fortified Rice Scheme:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme with cost-sharing between the Centre and the states.
2. The scheme aims to fortify rice with Iron, Folic Acid, and Vitamin B12.
3. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

34) With reference to the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body established under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994.
2. It functions under the administrative control of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
3. It is responsible for maintaining a national registry of organ donors and recipients.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

35) With reference to the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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2. It has the power to impose penalties on companies for misleading advertisements.
3. It is headed by a retired judge of the Supreme Court.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

36) Which of the following is/are the intended benefits of the Fortified Rice Scheme?

1. To combat hidden hunger and malnutrition.
2. To promote the cultivation of specific varieties of rice.
3. To reduce the fiscal burden of food subsidies on the central government.

Select the correct answer code:

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

37) Which of the following are the functions of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)?

1. To set up a national biomaterial centre for tissue banking.
2. To conduct research on xenotransplantation.
3. To monitor and prevent the commercial trade of human organs.
4. To provide financial assistance to patients undergoing organ transplantation.

Select the correct answer code.

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

38) Which of the following fall within the powers and functions of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)?

1. To conduct investigations into violations of consumer rights.
2. To issue advisories to consumers.
3. To initiate class action suits.
4. To set the maximum retail price (MRP) of products.

Select the correct answer code.

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

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

- 39) With reference to the NITI Aayog, consider the following statements:
1. It is a statutory body established through an Act of Parliament to promote cooperative federalism.
 2. The Governing Council of NITI Aayog comprises the Prime Minister of India, Chief Ministers of all the States and Union Territories with Legislatures, and Lieutenant Governors of other Union Territories.
 3. Its policy frameworks are binding on both the Central and State governments to ensure rapid economic transformation.

- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

- 40) Consider the following statements regarding the legal framework governing tribal rights in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands:
1. The Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, mandates the settlement of individual and community forest rights before any forest land is diverted for non-forest purposes.
 2. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, prohibits the acquisition of land in tribal areas by outsiders.

- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 41) Which one of the following is the most crucial and immediate objective behind the Government of India launching the "Veterinary Blood Transfusion Guidelines 2025"?
- (a) To promote the export of veterinary blood products to neighbouring countries.
 - (b) To establish a commercial market for animal blood and its components.
 - (c) To mandate blood transfusion for all domesticated animals as a preventive healthcare measure.

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- (d) To standardise protocols for animal blood donation and transfusion to ensure safety and animal welfare.

- 42) With reference to the Veterinary Blood Transfusion Guidelines 2025, consider the following statements:
1. The guidelines introduce a mandatory 'Donor Rights Charter' to protect the welfare of donor animals.
 2. One of the key features is the integration of the 'One Health' approach to mitigate risks of zoonotic diseases.
 3. The framework mandates the establishment of at least one state-regulated veterinary blood bank in every district of India by 2025.

- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None

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- 1) Consider the following statements about the ICAR's AI-Powered Agromet Advisory system:
1. It is a joint initiative of ICAR and ISRO to enhance crop yields.
 2. The system provides generalized weather advisories for entire states.
 3. A key feature is its delivery mechanism through a WhatsApp bot in regional languages.
 4. It is being implemented nationwide as part of the Monsoon Mission-III.

- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) Only three
 - (d) All four

- 2) The Human Outer Planetary Exploration (HOPE) station has been established in Ladakh's Tso Kar region. What is the primary reason for choosing this location?
- (a) Its proximity to ISRO's satellite launch facilities.
 - (b) Its geothermal springs which can be used to power the research station.
 - (c) Its status as a major astronomical observation site with clear skies.

(d) Its high-altitude, cold-desert terrain that simulates lunar and Martian environments.

3) Consider the following statements about India's first indigenously developed 1 MW green hydrogen plant:

1. It is located at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai.
2. The technology uses imported electrolyzers to produce green hydrogen.
3. The project is a collaboration between the Deendayal Port Authority and Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding Human Outer Planetary Exploration (HOPE) project:

Statement I: The Human Outer Planetary Exploration (HOPE) project is a critical step for India's future crewed interplanetary missions.

Statement II: The project is being conducted in an environment analogous to that of the Moon and Mars.

Statement III: The research focuses on the psychological and physiological adaptation of humans to extreme isolation.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I.
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I.
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I.
- (d) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct, but they are not the primary explanation for Statement I.

5) Consider the following statements about India's first 5G Captive Non-Public Network (CNPN):

1. It is being deployed in the telecom manufacturing sector to test new equipment.
2. The network infrastructure relies entirely on imported components from global 5G leaders.

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3. A key feature of this network is its operation in isolation from public networks, ensuring enhanced security.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

6) Consider the following statements regarding Captive Non-Public Networks (CNPNs):

1. A CNPN is a shared public network infrastructure that enterprises can lease for private use.
2. The only primary advantage of a CNPN is its ability to provide ultra-low latency, which is critical for real-time industrial automation.
3. Network slicing, a feature of public 5G, is not applicable to CNPNs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7) Which of the following is the primary objective of Dhruva Space's LEAP-1 Mission?

- a) To conduct a manned mission to the Moon.
- b) To deploy a constellation of communication satellites for rural India.
- c) To launch a space telescope to study distant galaxies.
- d) To demonstrate real-time geospatial AI processing in space and provide a platform for hosted payloads.

8) Regarding the BrahMos missile, which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) It is a subsonic cruise missile developed jointly by India and Israel.
- (b) The missile has a uniform flight trajectory, making it predictable for enemy air defence systems.
- (c) It can only be launched from land-based mobile launchers and naval warships.
- (d) The missile's high kinetic energy upon impact is a result of its supersonic speed throughout its flight.

9) Regarding the BrahMos missile system, consider the following statements:

1. It is a two-stage missile with a solid propellant booster and a liquid-fueled ramjet engine.
2. The name BrahMos is a portmanteau derived from the names of the Brahmaputra river of India and the Moskva river of Russia.
3. Its "fire-and-forget" capability means it can be remotely guided to a new target after launch.
4. The Indian Air Force has integrated the BrahMos missile exclusively with its Mirage 2000 fighter jets.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Amplitude Modulation (AM):

1. AM provides better sound quality than Frequency Modulation (FM).
2. AM changes the frequency of the carrier wave to encode signals.
3. AM is widely used for Wi-Fi and digital transmissions.

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 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.
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

12) With reference to India's planned Third Launch Pad (TLP) at Sriharikota, consider the following statements:

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1. The TLP is being developed primarily to support the operational continuity of the PSLV program.
2. One of the key objectives of the TLP is to provide strategic redundancy for launching heavy-lift and human spaceflight missions.
3. The development of the TLP involves the participation of private sector players and MSMEs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements about Bird Flu transmission in humans:

1. Human infection with Bird Flu occurs primarily through direct contact with infected birds, poultry products, or contaminated environments.
2. Bird Flu can be easily transmitted from human to human, increasing the risk of pandemics.
3. Infected humans often develop severe respiratory illness, multi-organ failure, and neurological complications.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding TRISO (TRI-structural ISOTropic) fuel:

1. It is a type of nuclear fuel designed for use in conventional pressurized water reactors (PWRs).
2. Each TRISO particle has a kernel of uranium, carbon, and oxygen, encased in a single protective layer of ceramic.
3. The primary advantage of TRISO fuel is its ability to operate at much higher temperatures than traditional nuclear fuels, enhancing safety and efficiency.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15) Which of the following is the most accurate description of Human African Trypanosomiasis?

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- (a) A water-borne bacterial infection primarily affecting urban populations in sub-Saharan Africa, causing severe dehydration.
- (b) A viral illness transmitted by mosquitoes that leads to chronic fatigue and muscle wastage, commonly known as "wasting sickness".
- (c) A vector-borne parasitic disease transmitted by the tsetse fly, which is fatal if untreated as it progresses to the central nervous system.
- (d) An airborne fungal infection endemic to Central Africa that causes respiratory distress and neurological symptoms in its advanced stages.

16) Consider the following statements regarding Rabies:

1. It is a Neglected Tropical Disease that is preventable through timely post-exposure prophylaxis.
2. The primary mode of transmission to humans is through the bite of infected bats.
3. The disease has a very short incubation period, with symptoms always appearing within one week of exposure.
4. Once clinical symptoms manifest, the disease has a high survival rate with intensive medical care.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

17) With reference to India's first private Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation under the PPP model, consider the following statements:

1. The project is a collaborative effort with the entire financial investment being provided by the Government of India to the private consortium.
2. PixxelSpace India, the lead partner of the consortium, specializes in building hyperspectral imaging satellites.
3. The data from this constellation is intended for diverse applications, including climate change monitoring, disaster management, and national security.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None

18) Consider the following statements regarding Bioactive Peptides:

Statement I: The consumption of fermented foods like yogurt and kimchi can contribute to enhanced immune-modulatory functions in the human body.

Statement II: Fermentation processes break down complex proteins in food into short protein fragments known as bioactive peptides, which possess properties like antimicrobial and antioxidant effects.

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

19) With reference to Bioactive Peptides, consider the following statements:

1. They are naturally occurring long-chain protein molecules found in unfermented dairy products.
2. Their formation is a result of enzymatic hydrolysis during food processing or gastrointestinal digestion.
3. All bioactive peptides exhibit both antihypertensive and antioxidant properties simultaneously.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Statement II alone is correct.
- (c) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct.
- (d) Neither Statement I, II nor III is correct.

20) With reference to the Golden Dome Missile Defense System, which of the following statements is correct?

- a) It is a joint initiative between the United States and Israel to upgrade the existing Iron Dome system.
- b) The system is designed to primarily counter threats from hypersonic and cruise

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missiles, with a limited capability against Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs).
 c) The architecture of the Golden Dome system relies exclusively on a space-based intercept layer for missile destruction.
 d) It represents a multi-layered defense strategy, integrating space-based, ground-based, and advanced sensor networks to neutralize a wide range of missile threats.

- 21) The recently discovered new type of supernova is significant because:
- It demonstrated a new mechanism of stellar death, where a black hole companion triggers the supernova by siphoning material from a massive star.
 - It was caused by the merger of two neutron stars, leading to an exceptionally bright explosion.
 - It was the first supernova to be detected using artificial intelligence algorithms.
 - It occurred in our own Milky Way galaxy, providing an unprecedented opportunity for close-up observation.

- 22) How does the E. coli based mercury sensor convert the presence of mercury into a readable signal?
- The bacteria change color in the presence of mercury.
 - The bacteria emit a fluorescent light when they detect mercury.
 - The bacteria produce an electrical current in response to mercury.
 - The bacteria release a specific enzyme that can be detected by a chemical test.

- 23) Consider the following statements about India's space program milestones:
- The 'Bharat Antariksh Station' is planned to be a collaborative project with an advanced space agency for technology sharing.
 - The Gaganyaan Mission will be India's first mission to place an astronaut on the lunar surface.
 - The Vyommitra Mission involves sending a humanoid robot into space to test life support and control systems before the crewed mission.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 24) With reference to the removable solar panel system launched by Indian Railways, consider the following statements:
- The system is designed to be installed on the roofs of railway coaches to generate power during transit.
 - The primary objective of this initiative is to utilize vacant land parcels owned by the railways for large-scale solar farms.
 - The panels are designed to be removable to facilitate track maintenance and to handle emergencies without disrupting the power generation system.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

- 25) Consider the following statements regarding Genetic screening.
- Genetic screening is a tool used to identify individuals at higher risk for developing certain disorders or carrying specific genes for these disorders.
 - It offers insights into personal traits like food allergies, vitamin and mineral needs of a person.
 - Genetic screening can help in increasing the performance of athletes.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

- 26) Match the Agni missile with its correct range category and a distinguishing feature.

List-I (Missile)	List-II (Range Category)	List-III (Key Feature)
1. Agni-I	A. Intermediate-Range	X. Three-stage, solid-fuelled, canister-based launch
2. Agni-III	B. Short-Range	Y. Two-stage missile designed for deeper penetration
3. Agni-V	C. Intercontinental-Range	Z. Single-stage, solid-fuel missile

Select the correct answer code:
 (a) 1-B-Z, 2-A-Y, 3-C-X

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- (b) 1-A-Y, 2-C-X, 3-B-Z
- (c) 1-B-X, 2-A-Z, 3-C-Y
- (d) 1-C-Z, 2-B-Y, 3-A-X

27) The primary reason for the widespread adoption of the Mercator projection in the Age of Exploration was its ability to:

- (a) represent the true size of continents, aiding in resource estimation.
- (b) depict polar regions with high accuracy for Arctic and Antarctic voyages.
- (c) allow navigators to plot a course of constant compass bearing as a straight line.
- (d) minimize distortion of distances uniformly across the entire map.

28) Consider the following statements about the Agni-V missile:

- 1. It is a three-stage missile that exclusively uses liquid fuel for higher thrust.
- 2. The missile's range of over 5,000 km covers the entirety of Asia and parts of Africa.
- 3. Its canister-launch system enhances its shelf life and reduces the time required for launch.
- 4. Agni-V has been successfully tested with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

29) Consider the following statements regarding the limitations of India's polyvalent antivenom:

- 1. It shows limited efficacy in Northeast India due to the prevalence of different venomous snake species.
- 2. The one-size-fits-all approach of the polyvalent antivenom addresses the regional diversity of snakes in India.
- 3. The use of polyvalent antivenom can lead to delayed recovery and long-term complications in some cases.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

30) Consider the following statements regarding the applications of the genetically engineered E. coli mercury sensor:

- 1. It can be used for real-time detection of heavy metals in drinking water.
- 2. It can monitor pollution in rivers, lakes, and industrial effluents.
- 3. It serves as an early warning system for communities exposed to contaminated water.
- 4. It can be integrated with portable electronic devices for on-site analysis.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

31) Match the following ISRO launch vehicles with their key characteristic or mission:

Launch Vehicle	Characteristic / Mission
1. SLV-3	Placed the first Rohini satellite in orbit
2. PSLV	Launched the Mangalyaan mission
3. LVM-3	Introduced indigenous cryogenic engines to ISRO
4. LMLV	Designed for a payload capacity of ~80 tonnes to GTO

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

32) With reference to Wastewater-Based Epidemiology (WBE), consider the following statements:

- 1. WBE serves as a predictive tool, capable of providing community-level insights into disease prevalence before clinical diagnoses become widespread.
- 2. The methodology involves testing treated sewage water for pathogens, as the treatment process concentrates viral RNA.
- 3. The planned expansion of this surveillance in India includes tracking pathogens responsible for acute encephalitis syndrome.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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33) The most significant public health advantage of employing Wastewater Surveillance as an epidemiological tool is its ability to:

- Identify the exact individuals who are infected within a community.
- Exclusively track novel viruses for which no clinical tests have been developed.
- Replace the need for clinical testing and individual diagnosis entirely.
- Provide a cost-effective, non-invasive, and near real-time snapshot of community-wide disease trends.

34) Consider the following statements regarding the Project 17A Nilgiri-class frigates:

- These are the first major Indian warships to be built using an integrated construction methodology.
- The propulsion system used is Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG), which allows for selection between diesel engines for cruising and gas turbines for high-speed transit.
- The primary long-range air defence for these ships is provided by the indigenously developed Akash missile system.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

35) Consider the following statements regarding brown dwarfs and red dwarfs:

- Brown dwarfs are considered "failed stars" because they cannot sustain the fusion of hydrogen into helium in their cores.
- Red dwarfs are the most common type of star in the Milky Way and have extremely long lifespans.
- Both brown dwarfs and red dwarfs are similar in size to the planet Jupiter.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

36) A Study finds that dark patterns exist in the online space. Which of the following are kinds of dark patters?

- False urgency
- Deliberate misdirection

- Drip pricing
- Interface interference
- Privacy deception

How many of the above options is/are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- All five

37) Consider the following statements regarding Quantum Theory and General Relativity:

- Quantum Theory explains the behavior of matter and energy at small scales, such as subatomic particles.
- General Relativity describes the motion of large objects in gravitational fields, such as planets and stars.
- Quantum Theory and General Relativity are fully compatible and have been unified under a single theory of quantum gravity.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

38) Consider the following statements about blockchain technology:

- Each block in the blockchain contains encrypted data, which makes it tamper-proof.
- Blockchain operates on a decentralized network, which means no single entity controls the data.
- Smart contracts are used in blockchain to enable self-executing contracts, which automatically enforce agreements.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

39) Why is helium considered a non-renewable resource on Earth?

- It is only found in meteorites
- It is continuously consumed in nuclear fusion on Earth
- Once released into the atmosphere, it escapes into space
- It is chemically reactive and bonds with other elements easily

40) Consider the following statements regarding Silicon Carbide (SiC):

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1. SiC is known for its excellent thermal conductivity and mechanical strength.
2. It is commonly used in semiconductor devices, heat exchangers, and ballistic armor.
3. SiC is a natural crystalline compound found in Earth's crust.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

41) Consider the following statements about Industrial Biotechnology:

1. It focuses solely on producing pharmaceutical products.
2. It has no role in environmental sustainability.
3. It does not involve biofuel production.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

42) Consider the following statements regarding Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attacks:

1. A DDoS attack is characterized by overwhelming a server with traffic from multiple sources, making it difficult for legitimate users to access the service.
2. DDoS attacks are typically easier to counter than traditional Denial-of-Service (DoS) attacks because they originate from a single source.
3. DDoS attacks can result in slow loading times or complete inaccessibility of online services.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

1) Consider the following statements regarding the 25% tariff on Indian imports announced by the U.S. President:

1. The tariff exclusively targets India's textile, pharma, and engineering sectors to protect American industries.
2. The tariff is linked to the proposed Russia Sanctions Act 2025, which primarily aims to penalize nations trading defence equipment with Russia.
3. The action was taken unilaterally by the U.S. administration without any preceding bilateral trade negotiations with India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding the 1st-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival:

1. The festival was hosted in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
2. The theme of the festival was "SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody".
3. The festival was organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
4. The festival is a follow-up to a commitment made at the BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements about the 1st-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival:

1. All seven BIMSTEC member countries participated in the festival.
2. The festival was held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of BIMSTEC's foundation.
3. The event was a ticketed concert to raise funds for future cultural initiatives.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding the consequences of French colonization in Africa.
1. Suppression of traditional African governance structures.
 2. Introduction of French language and culture in the colonies.
 3. Development of industrial hubs in African territories.
 4. Extensive resource extraction and forced labor practices.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding the International Criminal Court (ICC):
1. The ICC was established by the Rome Statute.
 2. The United Nations Security Council has the authority to dismiss cases before the ICC.
 3. The ICC can prosecute crimes committed before its establishment in 2002 if they are of significant international concern.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 6) Which of the following statements best describes the role of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in global economic development?
- a) USAID's role is limited to emergency humanitarian aid and disaster response.
 - b) USAID works exclusively with governments and does not engage with private sector organizations or NGOs.
 - c) USAID focuses on development programs aimed at promoting economic growth, governance, health, and climate resilience.
 - d) USAID primarily provides military aid to strengthen U.S. strategic partnerships in developing countries.

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding India's role in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR):

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1. The SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) Initiative was launched by India to strengthen its leadership in the IOR.

2. The Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) is a military alliance between India, Sri Lanka, and China for Indian Ocean security.

3. India is a founding member of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), an intergovernmental organization promoting regional cooperation.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

- 8) Consider the following statements about the geopolitical significance of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR):

1. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is primarily a security alliance.

2. The Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) is an agreement between China and African nations for military cooperation.

3. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is an economic trade bloc in the Indian Ocean.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 9) With reference to the Falepili Union Treaty, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral agreement between Tuvalu and New Zealand for climate-related migration.
2. The treaty provides a pathway for the entire population of Tuvalu to migrate to Australia immediately.

Which of the above statements 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 18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA):

1. It is a competition specifically for university-level students pursuing degrees in astrophysics.

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- The event is being organized solely by an international body with no collaboration from Indian institutions.
- The Olympiad's scope is limited to theoretical examinations and does not include practical or observational tasks.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

11) In a recent trade policy measure, India has restricted the import of certain jute products from Bangladesh through land routes. What is the stated primary reason for allowing their entry only through the Nhava Sheva Seaport?

- To reduce logistical costs and transit time.
- To centralize customs duty collection at a single port.
- To promote maritime trade as per a bilateral agreement.
- To ensure quality control and safeguard the domestic industry.

12) The Sakura Science Programme is implemented by which of the following agencies?

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

13) Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

- The UNHCR was established by a binding resolution of the UN Security Council.
- Its mandate is strictly limited to protecting refugees who have crossed international borders and does not extend to internally displaced people.
- The organization is funded entirely through mandatory contributions from UN member states.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

14) Consider the following statements regarding the International Criminal Court (ICC):

- The ICC can conduct trials in absentia if an accused individual refuses to appear.
- The ICC's rulings are legally binding on all UN member states.
- The ICC can prosecute individuals accused of crimes even if their national government refuses to cooperate.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

15) Consider the following statements regarding World Trade Organization (WTO).

- World Trade Organization (WTO) is a member-driven, consensus-based intergovernmental organisation.
- It officially began operations on January 1, 1995, in accordance with the 1994 Marrakesh Agreement.
- Governments use the organization to establish, revise, and enforce the rules that govern international trade in cooperation with the United Nations System.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

16) Consider the following statements regarding Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.

- The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a non-profit foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It collaborates with governments, businesses, and civil society to improve nutrition outcomes, particularly for vulnerable populations.
- GAIN has offices in all countries with high levels of malnutrition.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

17) Consider the following statements regarding the declaration of a famine:

- A famine is declared by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) when the mortality rate exceeds 2 deaths per 1,000 people per day.

2. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is an independent body managed exclusively by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
3. A famine declaration legally obligates member states of the United Nations to provide humanitarian aid.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements about the Sakura Science Programme:

1. The primary objective of the programme is to provide long-term scholarships for higher education in Japan.
2. The programme is exclusively for students from Asian countries.
3. The programme aims to promote scientific curiosity and cultural understanding among young learners.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding the dispute in the East China Sea:

1. The dispute primarily involves overlapping claims to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) between China and Japan.
2. Japan adheres to the 'continental shelf' principle to define its maritime boundary.
3. China advocates for the 'median line' principle in the delimitation of the sea.
4. The Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands, administered by China, are claimed by Japan and Taiwan.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

20) Which of the following functions falls under the primary mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?

1. Prosecuting individuals responsible for war crimes leading to displacement.

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2. Ensuring the principle of non-refoulement is respected by states.
3. Providing long-term development loans to countries hosting large refugee populations.
4. Leading global efforts to eliminate statelessness.

Select the correct answer code:

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

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1) With reference to President's Rule in India, consider the following statements:

1. A proclamation of President's Rule must be approved by both Houses of Parliament by a special majority.
2. Once approved, the rule can be extended for a maximum period of one year with parliamentary approval.
3. The S.R. Bommai case judgement by the Supreme Court has limited the scope of judicial review over the imposition of Article 356.
4. The State Assembly is either dissolved or kept in suspended animation upon the imposition of President's Rule.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding the legal and constitutional framework of President's Rule:

1. Article 365 of the Constitution authorizes the President to impose direct rule if a state's elected government loses its majority in the assembly.
2. A proclamation of President's Rule ceases to operate after two months if not approved by the Rajya Sabha, even if the Lok Sabha has approved it.
3. The President can revoke the proclamation of President's Rule at any time without the need for parliamentary approval.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 3) With reference to the resignation of the Vice President of India, consider the following statements:
1. The Vice President must address the resignation letter in writing to the Chief Justice of India.
 2. The resignation becomes effective once submitted, and no formal acceptance process is needed.
 3. V.V. Giri is a historical example of a Vice President who resigned mid-term to contest the Presidential election.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 4) Consider the following statements about the Election Commission of India (ECI):
1. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) enjoys a tenure of five years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier.
 2. The Election Commission functions as a quasi-judicial body in resolving electoral disputes.
 3. The appointment process of Election Commissioners changed after the 2023 Supreme Court ruling.
 4. ECI has the power to remove a political party's recognition for violating electoral laws.

Which of the above statements 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

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding the significance of the State Emblem of India:
1. The emblem was designed by Nandalal Bose, a renowned Indian artist.
 2. It is mandatory for all government buildings, passports, and currency notes to display the emblem.
 3. The Dharma Chakra in the emblem has 24 spokes, representing the 24 hours of the day.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 3 only

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

- 6) Which one of the following statements is correct regarding Article 85 and Article 174 of the Indian Constitution?
- a) The Governor has the discretionary power to refuse the convening of a legislative session in the state.
 - b) It states that the President can dissolve the House of People only on the advice of the Chief Justice of India.
 - c) It specifies that the gap between two parliamentary sessions must not exceed six months.
 - d) It mandates that the Parliament must meet at least thrice a year.

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding the constitutional provisions related to the office of the Vice President of India:

1. Article 63 mandates the office of the Vice President.
2. Article 64 states that the Vice President is the ex-officio Chairman of the Lok Sabha.
3. Article 65 allows the Vice President to act as President during a casual vacancy.
4. Article 68 prescribes that the Vice President shall continue in office until a successor assumes charge, even after the expiration of the five-year term.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 8) Consider the following statements.
- Statement-I:** The imposition of President's Rule in a state can be extended beyond one year only if a National Emergency is in operation.
- Statement-II:** The 44th Amendment Act of 1978 introduced safeguards to prevent the misuse of Article 356 for political purposes.

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)'s relationship with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG):

1. The CAG acts as the advisor to the PAC, providing reports on government expenditure.
2. The PAC has the power to summon government officials but not ministers.
3. The PAC can recommend penalties and criminal action against officials violating financial norms.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements regarding the demand for the inclusion of Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution:

1. The Sixth Schedule is applicable to all Union Territories in India.
2. The primary rationale for this demand is to safeguard the cultural and environmental heritage of the region.
3. The Governor has no role in the administration of areas under the Sixth Schedule.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

11) Consider the following statements.

Statement-I: The establishment of the Union Public Service Commission in 1950 marked the beginning of merit-based recruitment for civil services in India.

Statement-II: The Macaulay Reforms introduced the system of open competitive examinations for entry into the Indian Civil Service.

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

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- (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

12) Consider the following statements regarding the Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Scheme:

1. OCI cardholders possess the same economic and educational rights as Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), including the right to acquire agricultural land.
2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is the nodal ministry responsible for the administration of the OCI scheme.
3. As per the recent amendments, an OCI registration can be cancelled if the cardholder is charge-sheeted for an offence punishable with imprisonment of seven years or more, irrespective of the jurisdiction where the charge sheet is filed.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding the removal process of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India:

1. The CEC can be removed from office on the grounds of 'proved misbehaviour or incapacity', which are explicitly defined in the Constitution of India.
2. The procedure for the removal of the CEC is identical to the procedure for the removal of a judge of the Supreme Court.
3. An Election Commissioner (EC) can be removed from office by the President without the recommendation of the CEC.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

14) With reference to the nominations to Union Territory (UT) Assemblies, consider the following statements:

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(d) 4-3-1-2

Statement I: The legislative power of Union Territory Assemblies is derived from statutes enacted by the Parliament of India.

Statement II: The President of India or the Lieutenant Governor, in certain UTs, can nominate members to the legislative assembly without the aid and advice of the elected Council of Ministers.

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 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

15) Consider the following statements regarding nominations in legislative bodies in India:

- 1. The provision for nominating Anglo-Indian members to Parliament and State Legislatures was discontinued in 2020.
- 2. In State Legislative Councils, the Governor nominates members based on the direct recommendation of the President of India.
- 3. The legislative assembly of every Union Territory in India has a provision for nominated members.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

16) Consider the following actions:

- 1. Introduction of a motion supported by at least 50 MPs in either House of Parliament.
- 2. Presidential order for removal.
- 3. Passing of the motion by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting in both Houses.
- 4. Examination of charges by a judicial inquiry committee.

What is the correct sequence of the above actions for the removal of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India?

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

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

- 1. The PAC mainly examines cases of financial mismanagement in public sector enterprises (PSUs).
- 2. The PAC's recommendations are binding on the government.
- 3. The PAC submits its reports to the President of India.
- 4. PAC members are elected annually by proportional representation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements regarding the Gram Sabha:

- 1. Gram Sabha elects the members of the State Legislative Assembly directly.
- 2. Gram Sabha meetings are chaired by the District Collector.
- 3. The Governor of the state is responsible for approving Gram Sabha resolutions.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

19) Consider the following statements regarding the role of Constitutional Morality in India:

- 1. It strengthens constitutional governance by upholding fundamental rights over customs or traditions.
- 2. It was explicitly mentioned in the original Constitution as a guiding principle.
- 3. It has been invoked in cases related to personal liberty, gender justice, and equality.
- 4. It allows judicial activism in cases where constitutional values are threatened.

Which of the above statements 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) The Election Commission of India's primary justification for discontinuing the provision of machine-readable electoral rolls is rooted in concerns regarding:

- (a) the high cost and technical complexity of generating text-based files.
- (b) the inaccuracy of data generated through Optical Character Recognition.
- (c) the lack of a legal framework under the Representation of the People Act.
- (d) the potential for data privacy violations and misuse of voters' personal information.

21) In the context of electoral rolls in India, consider the following statements:

1. Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology can be used to convert machine-readable rolls into image-only formats for security.
2. The Supreme Court, in the Kamal Nath v. EC case, directed the Election Commission to provide electoral rolls in a text-searchable format to political parties.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

22) Which of the following constitutional or statutory provisions grants a higher degree of security of tenure to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) as compared to the other Election Commissioners (ECs)?

- (a) The CEC's salary and emoluments are charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India, unlike those of the ECs.
- (b) The CEC can only be removed through a process of impeachment similar to that of a Supreme Court Judge, whereas ECs can be removed on the CEC's recommendation.
- (c) The CEC is appointed by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India, while ECs are appointed solely on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- (d) The grounds for the removal of the CEC ('proved misbehaviour or incapacity') are explicitly defined in the Constitution, while no such grounds are specified for the ECs.

23) Consider the following statements about delimitation powers of the State Election Commissions (SECs):

1. SECs are responsible for delimiting constituencies for local elections every five years.
2. Delimitation powers of the SEC extend to state assembly constituencies.

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3. SECs rely on the voter list prepared by the Election Commission of India for delimitation purposes.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

24) Consider the following statements regarding the powers and functions of Lokpal:

1. Lokpal has the power to order prosecution directly without reference to any other authority.
2. Lokpal can attach and confiscate assets acquired through corrupt practices.
3. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) functions under the direct supervision of Lokpal.
4. Lokpal has the power to recommend disciplinary action against public officials.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

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1) Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Indian harmonium can produce sound with varying dynamics, such as accents and fades, without the need for an external power source.

Statement-II: The instrument's sound is generated by electrically powered bellows that push air through metal reeds, and the volume is controlled by an electronic amplifier.

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

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2) Consider the following statements regarding Bal Gangadhar Tilak:

1. He was a proponent of moderate methods of political agitation, focusing on prayer and petition.
2. He launched the Home Rule Movement in collaboration with Annie Besant.
3. He authored the book 'Arctic Home in the Vedas'.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

Statement-I: Bal Gangadhar Tilak was referred to as the "Father of Indian Unrest" by British authorities.

Statement-II: Tilak advocated for constitutional reforms through petitions and appeals to the British Parliament.

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

4) With reference to the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), consider the following statements:

1. The SGPC was founded as a result of the Gurdwara Reform Movement and was subsequently given statutory recognition by the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925.
2. Its jurisdiction is limited to the management of historical Gurdwaras located within the states of Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh.
3. The SGPC functions as the supreme temporal authority in Sikhism, with its decisions being binding on all Sikhs globally.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

(d) None

5) Consider the following statements about the Satavahana dynasty's contribution to the Sanchi Stupa:

1. The Satavahana dynasty is credited with adding the toranas (gateways) around the Great Stupa.
2. The Satavahana kings constructed new stupas at Sanchi as a sign of their devotion to Buddhism.
3. The carvings on the Satavahana-built toranas feature scenes of royal conquests and battles.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6) The Chola dynasty, particularly under Rajendra I, used the Andaman Islands for which purpose?

- a) As a penal colony
- b) As a trading post
- c) For naval expeditions against the Srivijaya Empire
- d) To spread Buddhism

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7) Consider the following statements regarding Tamil megalithic culture:

1. Megalithic burial sites in Tamil Nadu contain inscriptions in Sanskrit.
2. The typical burial types include rock-cut chambers and urn burials.
3. The Tamil Megalithic period is contemporaneous with the Harappan Civilization.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

8) Which of the following are eligible to be considered for the National Anubhav Awards?

1. Retired employees of Central Government ministries.
2. Serving employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) with more than 10 years of service.
3. Retired employees of Public Sector Banks.
4. Central Government Employees who have retired more than 5 years ago.

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Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding the National Anubhav Awards:

Statement I: The awards were launched to preserve the institutional memory of retiring Central Government employees.

Statement II: The "Anubhav Awardees' Speak" webinar series is a platform for awardees to share their experiences with their peers.

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 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

10) Consider the following statements regarding Mahatma Jyotiba Phule:

1. He founded the Satyashodhak Samaj to promote social justice and oppose Brahmanical dominance.
2. His literary work, 'Gulamgiri', drew a parallel between the caste system in India and racial slavery in America.
3. He opened a school for girls in India and was assisted by his wife, Savitribai Phule, who became the country's first female teacher.

How many of the above statements are incorrect?

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

11) Which of the following statements about Sri Aurobindo is correct?

- a) His concept of 'Integral Yoga' emphasizes the spiritual transformation of life on Earth, integrating the material and the spiritual.
- b) His philosophical works primarily focused on the synthesis of Western and Eastern spiritual traditions, with a focus on Advaita Vedanta.

- c) He was a proponent of moderate politics and advocated for constitutional reforms within the British framework.
- d) He founded the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda to promote spiritual nationalism.

12) Which of the following statements correctly reflects the political ideology of Sri Aurobindo during his involvement in the freedom struggle?

- a) He was a firm believer in the Gokhale school of moderate politics.
- b) He advocated for complete independence from British rule through direct action and was associated with revolutionary societies.
- c) He believed in achieving independence through a gradual process of constitutional reforms and dialogue with the British.
- d) His political activities were primarily focused on social reforms and the upliftment of the depressed classes.

13) Consider the following statements regarding the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI):

Statement I: The ASI operates as the apex government body for the protection of cultural heritage, exercising regulatory powers over activities near protected sites.

Statement II: It functions under the mandate of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

Statement III: The present organisational structure of ASI, with its headquarters in New Delhi and regional circles, was established by its founder, Alexander Cunningham.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only Statement II is correct and it explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

14) With reference to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, consider the following statements:

1. He earned the title 'Sardar' from the women of Bardoli during the Kheda Satyagraha.

2. He presided over the Karachi Session of the Indian National Congress in 1931, which endorsed the Gandhi-Irwin Pact.
3. He was the chief architect behind the creation of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) from the erstwhile Indian Civil Service (ICS).
4. His birthday is celebrated as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements regarding Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel:

Statement I: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is often called the 'Iron Man of India' for his determined and uncompromising approach to national integration.

Statement II: He successfully persuaded and, where necessary, compelled the rulers of over 500 princely states to accede to the newly independent Indian Union.

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

9. States

1) Consider the following statements regarding the 'Framework Agreement' signed in 2015:

1. It was signed between the Government of India and a united front of all Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs).
2. The agreement definitively settled the issue of a separate Naga flag and constitution.
3. It acknowledges the unique history of the Nagas and proposes a model of shared sovereignty.

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4. The agreement's implementation has been stalled due to disagreements over the interpretation of 'shared sovereignty' and other core issues.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

10. Agriculture

1) Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Ganga-Brahmaputra delta region is the most significant jute-producing area in India.

Statement-II: Jute cultivation thrives in a warm, humid climate with heavy rainfall and requires alluvial soil, which are the predominant geographical conditions of the Ganga-Brahmaputra delta.

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding the apricot fruit, recently in the news for its export from Ladakh:

1. It is a temperate fruit belonging to the Rosaceae family, exclusively grown in the Himalayan states of India.
2. The trees are known for their high drought resistance and are generally short-lived, with a lifespan of around 20-30 years.
3. High iron content and natural sugars make dried apricots a significant nutritional product.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Agricultural Biotechnology:
1. It enables the development of genetically modified crops with higher yields.
 2. It includes techniques such as CRISPR-based genome editing.
 3. It has led to the development of drought-resistant and pest-resistant crops.
 4. It is exclusively used for increasing the shelf life of fruits and vegetables.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

11. Defence and Security

- 1) Regarding the Airbus C-295 aircraft deal, consider the following statements:

Statement I: The induction of the C-295 aircraft is a significant step towards the modernization of the Indian Air Force's tactical airlift capabilities.

Statement II: The entire fleet of C-295 aircraft will be manufactured in Spain and delivered to India, ensuring rapid replacement of the ageing Avro fleet.

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

- 2) Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The first-ever India-Philippines joint naval drill in the South China Sea is a direct implementation of the 'Necklace of Diamonds' strategy.

Statement II: The 'Necklace of Diamonds' strategy involves India building a network of alliances and naval bases in the Indo-Pacific to counter China's strategic influence.

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

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- 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

- 3) Which of the following correctly describes deportation?

- a) It is a policy to provide work permits to illegal migrants under international human rights law.
- b) It is the legal process of granting asylum to refugees.
- c) It is the forced removal of a foreign national due to visa violations or threats to public safety.
- d) It is the voluntary departure of an immigrant from a country.

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Operation Falcon:

1. It is a joint initiative of the Indian Army and the Border Security Force.
2. The operation focuses on eliminating rhino poaching networks in Assam.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 5) With respect to 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra', consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint defence initiative between India and Israel, adapting the technology of the 'Iron Dome' for Indian conditions.
2. The mission's primary nodal agency is the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is responsible for the protection of civilian and religious sites.
3. Its scope is limited to providing a shield against aerial threats such as missiles and drones.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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6) Consider the following statements regarding India's Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS):

- The system integrates kinetic interceptors like Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) with non-kinetic weapons such as Directed Energy Weapons (DEW).
- Project Sudarshan Chakra, under which IADWS is developed, is a collaborative effort between DRDO and an Israeli defence firm.
- The Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) component is primarily designed to engage high-altitude, high-speed fighter jets.
- The system's Command and Control Centre can track and engage multiple targets simultaneously.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

7) Consider the following military exercises and participants:

Column A (Exercise)	Column B (Core Hosts)	Column C (Geographic Focus)
1. Super Garuda Shield	A. Indonesia and USA	X. Indo-Pacific Region
2. Malabar	B. India and France	Y. South China Sea
3. Varuna	C. Quad Nations	Z. Arabian Sea

How many of the above combinations are correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

12. Reports and Indices

1) Consider the following statements regarding the Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index 2025:

- The index is published by the World Economic Forum.
- Bengaluru is the only Indian city to be ranked in the top 30.

3. The index evaluates cities on their capacity, investment, and innovation in AI.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

2) Consider the following statements about the FAO Food Price Index (FFPI):

- It is a monthly measure of changes in the domestic retail prices of a basket of food commodities.
- The index tracks five commodity groups: cereals, vegetable oils, dairy, meat, and sugar.
- The weights used in the composite index are based on average export shares from the period 2014–2016.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

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1) Consider the following strategic maritime chokepoints in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR):

- Mozambique Channel
- Lombok Strait
- Sunda Strait
- Strait of Hormuz

How many of the above are considered critical chokepoints in the IOR?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

2) Match the following straits with the seas they connect:

	Straits		Seas Connected
A.	Dardanelles Strait	1.	Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea
B.	Bab-el-Mandeb Strait	2.	Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara
C.	Strait of Hormuz	3.	Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding the Dardanelles Strait:

1. It connects the Aegean Sea to the Black Sea.
2. It separates the Gallipoli Peninsula from Asia Minor.
3. The strait lies entirely within the territorial waters of Greece.
4. It has been historically significant, featuring in events like the Gallipoli Campaign of WWI.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

4) Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe, is located in which mountain range?

- a) The Alps
- b) The Pyrenees
- c) The Caucasus Mountains
- d) The Ural Mountains

5) Match List-I with List-II:

List-I (Peak)	List-II (Continent)
A. Mount Everest	1. Africa
B. Aconcagua	2. Antarctica
C. Denali	3. North America
D. Mount Kilimanjaro	4. Asia
E. Vinson Massif	5. South America

Select the correct answer code:

- A B C D E
- a) 4 5 3 1 2
- b) 4 3 5 1 2
- c) 5 4 3 2 1
- d) 4 5 3 2 1

14. Miscellaneous

1) Consider the following statements:

Statement I: India's fossil heritage is vulnerable partly because trade in such items is not regulated under any domestic law.

Statement II: Fossils are not covered under the definition of "antiquity" in the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972.

Statement III: The lack of a national repository system leads to the degradation or illegal export of significant fossil discoveries.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

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